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The Current racks up state awards

RENAISSANCE HOTEL — Hosting the 1998 annual conference of the Missouri College Media Association, **The Current** was recognized with 12 awards in 10 categories for design, writing, editing, photography and advertising.

- Individual winners were:
- Doug Harrison: first place, news writing; second place, in-depth news reporting; second place and editorial page design.
 - Bill Rolfe: first place, sports page design; second place, in-depth news reporting.
 - Brian Wall: first place, advertising.
 - Tom Wombacher: second place, advertising.
 - Daniel Hazelton: third place, feature photography.
 - Ashley Cook: honorable mention, news photography.
 - Amy Lombardo: honorable mention, feature writing.
 - Jill Barrett: honorable mention, regular column.

The editorial board, edited by managing editor Rolfe won first place in state for editorial writing.

The **Current** staff and editor Doug Harrison, who served as president of the convention this year, were named the third place best overall college newspaper in Missouri.

Judi Linville, faculty adviser, served as adviser for the convention.

The convention included an awards banquet Saturday with remarks from Ray Hartmann, publisher of the **Riverfront Times**. □

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Hopkins withdraws from SGA race

Leader of UPB, ABC supports incumbent for presidency of Student Government

BY DOUG HARRISON
staff writer

Citing "no particular reason," Sharone Hopkins, president of the University Program Board and the Associated Black Collegians as well as candidate for Student Government Association president, bowed out of the race Friday. "After considering this, I believe I would have a chance to win and wouldn't want to have to split my time between [the other organization's I lead] and SGA," Hopkins said in a telephone interview.

The evening before in a presidential debate, Hopkins made no mention of his plans to withdraw, calling his experience with UPB

and ABC his strongest points as a candidate.

Friday, Hopkins said he may consider making another bid for the UPB presidency and remain active on campus.

"I support Jim Avery and his campaign," Hopkins said. "He's doing an awesome job."

Avery said he was surprised by the news.

"He called me and told me and I thought he was joking at first," Avery said. "But this certainly takes a lot of stress off me."

With Hopkins' withdrawal from the race, Avery is opposed by Todd Appel, a junior Honors College student and president of Pierre Laclède Honors College Student Association. □



Stephanie Platt/The Current

And then there were two (but not in this picture): Incumbent SGA President Jim Avery, left, Sharone Hopkins, who dropped out of the race, center, and Todd Appel respond to questions at a presidential debate Thursday.

Bomb threat forces Clark Hall evacuation

Search comes up with nothing but 'hoax'

BY DAVID BAUGHER
staff writer

Clark Hall was evacuated briefly Tuesday morning after police received a bomb threat.

According to Robert Roeseler, director of institutional safety, University police received an anonymous call around 9 a.m.

"The gist of it was that there was a bomb inside Clark Hall that was going to go off at 10 o'clock," Roeseler said.

Roeseler said that several officers were immediately dispatched to the building.

"We did a search of the building," Roeseler said. "There were no devices found."

After an initial search turned up nothing, police decided to set off the fire alarms and clear Clark Hall as a precaution.

If we're going to make a mistake then we'd much rather have people out of the building then leave them in the building," Roeseler said.

Roeseler said faculty were

informed of the evacuation in advance but many students were not.

"We tried to inform as many people as we could why, but we didn't want to disrupt classes any more than we had to," Roeseler said. "We didn't want to scare them so we just told them to leave the building and they did."

Roeseler said the evacuation only lasted about 20 to 25 minutes.

"After we had everybody out of the building, after 10 o'clock we again searched the building and nothing was found and we again allowed people to go back in," Roeseler said.

Roeseler said "one or two" similar threats had been received last year but last week's incident was the first such hoax this year.

"We have to look at each one individually. It depends on what's said on the tape," Roeseler said.

Roeseler said making a bomb threat is a class C felony.

The incident is still under investigation. □

Groups' poor attendance at SGA meetings could endanger, freeze funds next year

BY MARY LINDSLEY
staff writer

Several campus organizations may have jeopardized their standing in the Student Government Association for failure to attend the required number of meetings.

According to the SGA's 1986 bylaws, representatives of organizations that are members of SGA are not allowed to miss more than three meetings, to have more than three absentee proxies or to have a total of four or more absences or proxies in one term.

The bylaws further state that those who violate the attendance policy are to be "automatically expelled from the assembly."

Attendance records provided by SGA last week indicate that four organizations have missed four or more of the six meetings between August 1997 and February 1998, attendance records were not available for March.

The four organizations are listed with the Office of Student Activities as being currently active

and as receiving funding from the Student Activities budget. SGA President Jim Avery said letters are to be sent to organizations who have violated or who are in danger of violating the policy.

"When an organization is in jeopardy, letters are sent out to the president or to the representative after two meetings, so it's not a surprise," Avery said. He also noted that the violations will probably not have an immediate effect on the organizations' funding.

"It's late in the academic year," Avery said. "It won't do any good to freeze funds at this point."

Avery indicated, however, that the absences may be taken into consideration for next year's funding. Representatives from the Chinese Student Association and the Panhellenic Association declined to comment on the issue; representatives from the Political Science Graduate Student Association and the Sisterhood Exchange did not return phone calls from *The Current*. □

Buildings dominate candidates' debate

Avery: Buildings are what students are. **Appel:** My main focus is students, not buildings.

BY MARY LINDSLEY
staff writer

Candidates competing for the office of Student Government Association president addressed their priorities and highlighted their qualifications in a debate at the Pierre Laclède Honors College last Thursday night.

Incumbent SGA President Jim Avery, along with challengers Todd Appel and Sharone Hopkins, each made statements before taking questions from the audience and a panel consisting of *The Current* editor Doug Harrison and Physics Club President Tina Fanetti.

The debate occurred prior to Hopkins' withdrawal from the race on Friday morning.

In his opening statement, Avery spoke of the actions he and his running mates have taken over the past year, including the BookSwap and teacher evaluation pages on the Internet, and getting students involved with Homecoming and the University Senate. He said that if re-elected, he plans to establish a South Campus council and to allow student use of the present

University Center once the replacement facility has been built.

"To me, that says that since the students paid for it, it's the students' building," Avery said.

Hopkins cited his tenure as president of both the Associated Black Collegians and the University Program Board as accomplishments, saying that UPB has participated in over 70 events since last fall. He said that one of his goals as SGA president would be to create a students' rights pamphlet. "Students are blinded by what rights they have to this campus."

Appel, president of the Pierre Laclède Honors College Association, stressed student involvement, pointing to his efforts to achieve a high level of participation in Honors College events. He said he hoped to improve communication between students and the University's administration, as well as the workings of SGA. "I'd like to streamline SGA and have fewer committees," Appel said. "I think a lot more will get done."

Most of the audience's questions were directed at Avery, who

responded to queries about his involvement with the University's computer labs and his bypassing opportunities to address the University Senate at its meetings. Avery attributed his absence at the senate to a personality conflict with former senate chairperson Lawrence Friedman and said he was unsure of how many meetings he had addressed. He also said he felt he had played a role in the upgrading of the computer labs.

"Was I a direct result of the computer labs? No. Was it a needed change? Definitely. Did it get done? Yes, it did, while I was in office," Avery said. The only issue of major disagreement among the candidates was the degree to which each emphasized the future use of the current University Center. Appel maintained that the focus on the issue was misplaced, opposing Avery's insistence that student organizations or other student services remain in the building after the completion of a new U Center. □

Log on for more in-depth coverage of the debates
On the Web

Awareness Week spotlights abilities of disabled on campus

BY SUE BRITT
special to The Current

UM-St. Louis' 18th annual Awareness Week will kick off Monday, April 6th, at the U Center lounge with a three movie marathon, free of charge. *Mr. Holland's Opus*, *Awakenings* and *Man Without A Face*, will be shown with start times of 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively. This is just the beginning of a week long series of events to help promote a greater awareness of persons with disabilities.

Events will take place daily throughout the week on both the North and South Campuses. In addition to the movies there will be activities including a wheelchair race, informative sessions and disability simulations. These can help people without disabilities to gain a better understanding of what it may be like to live with these disabilities.

Awareness Week was formerly known as Disabled Awareness Week until about five years ago. Marilyn Ditto, director of Disability Access Services at UM-St. Louis, commented that the change had to do with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Ditto points out the very title of the act shows the progress that has been made in how we think of the disabled. That it begins with the word "Americans" rather than "disabled" remarks on the changing sociology.

"The person comes first, not the disability," Ditto said.

During the Meritorious Services Awards ceremony on Friday, Jim Russell will discuss this topic. Russell is a graduate of UM-St. Louis' Counseling Department and has Attention Deficit Disorder.

Coming next week: coverage of Awareness Week activities.

Funding Freeze?

Attended two meetings

Representatives from the Mainland Chinese Student Association and the Political Science Graduate Student Organization

Attended one meeting

Representatives from the Panhellenic Association

Attended no meetings

Representatives from the Sisterhood Exchange

source: office of SGA, attendance records

Bulletin Board

Put it on the Board: The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all submissions be posted at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Todd Appel, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63121 or fax 516-6811. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

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Monday, Apr. 6
 • **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change Meeting** at 4 p.m. in 441 Stadler Hall. Contact: Ethel, 5013.

• **Institute for Women's and Gender Studies Colloquium/Brief Board Meeting** "Relationships and Personal Change in the Women's Studies Classroom"—Craig Malkin, Psychology Doctoral Candidate from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 1312 Tower. Contact: Nan Sweet, 6383 or Deborah Bowman, 5581.

• **Studio in St. Louis—Poetry Readings.** Nan Sweet, assistant professor of English and director of the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, and Carol Niederlander, professor of English, St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, read some of their recent poems at 12 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

• **"Pompeii Revisited,"** a photographic exhibit will have an opening reception with a light luncheon at 12 p.m. and a Lecture "How Private Efforts Revitalize the City" at 12:30 p.m. by Professor Dennis Judd in 362 SSB. Contact: 5273.

• **Library Research Assistance Clinic** begins today and runs Monday-Friday until April 10. Sign up at the TJL Reference Desk for help with research papers or projects. Contact: 5060.

• **Biological Society Meeting** at 1:30 p.m. in Benton 115. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.

Tuesday, Apr. 7
 • **Taize Prayer** from 12:25 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. in 75 J.C. Penney. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

• **"Some Recent Trends in Fiber Optics,"** Professor Ajoy Ghatak of the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi

will discuss this topic at 3:00 p.m. in 328 Benton Hall with Coffee at 2:45 p.m. in 516 Benton Hall.

• **Biological Society Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in Benton 115. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.

• **Introduction to Weight Training** class on Tuesdays for the next three weeks. Class meets from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Wednesday, Apr. 8
 • **Assertiveness Training.** Katherine Welch, LCSW, a counselor at the Counseling Service, will teach us all effective techniques we can use to be assertive in our daily lives from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center 211/212 Clark Hall. Contact: 5380.

• **What's Love Got To Do With It** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 8 p.m. in the U-Meadows Clubhouse. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

• **International Seminar "Sacred Space and Promised Land: Aboriginal and European Attitudes to Country and Landscape."** Frank Clarke, Associate Professor of History and author, Macquarie University in New South Wales, Australia will give a seminar. The Seminar will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the McDonnell Conference Room 331 SSB. Contact: Center for International Studies, 5753.

• **Psi-Chi Colloquium Series**—Dr. Ellen Tetlow will speak on Feminist Therapy at 1 p.m. in 120 Research Building. Refreshments served and Peer Educators will be recruiting. There will be employment opportunities for Psych Majors. Anyone can attend. Contact: Lyn Patton, 7214 or 381-6326.

• There will be a panel discussion enti-

led "Learn about Careers in Technical Writing" at 10 a.m. in SSB 224. The panel will include three technical writers: Pat Dorsey from Solution Consultants, Sharon Gamboro from A.G. Edwards, and Marty Schuster from Mastercard. Contact: Susan Mueller, 5637.

Thursday, Apr. 9
 • **What's Love Got To Do With It** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 10 a.m. in the U-Center Lounge. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

• **Student Social Work Association Meeting** in the Lucas Hall Evening College Conference Room at 4 p.m. on the third floor. Contact: Barb Collaso, 5105.

Friday, Apr. 10
 • **Good Friday Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service** at 3 p.m. in the South Campus Residence Chapel. Contact: Newman House, 385-3455.

Monday, Apr. 13
 • **"Reinventing Coeducation: The Case of the Change Colleges."** Frances L. Hoffman, associate professor of Sociology and of the women's studies, will compare the outcomes of the transition to coeducation of formerly men's and formerly women's colleges, examining how they met this unique opportunity to reinvent coeducation. This event will be at 12 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

• **Wallyball Doubles Tournament** in the Mark Twain Building. Teams should consist of two same or opposite sex players. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **"Why Black Folks Sing the Blues and Coloured People Don't: Race and State in the United States and South Africa.** This presentation will be given by John Edwin Mason, from the Department of

History at the University of Virginia, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the McDonnell Conference Room 331 SSB. Contact: International Studies, 5753.

Tuesday, Apr. 14
 • **"Frogs and snakes: The texture of biodiversity,"** this lecture will be given by Dr. Harry W. Greene as part of the Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture Series. This event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Living World at the St. Louis Zoo. Contact: 5789 for reservations.

• **A Disc Golf Tournament** will be run until April 17 in the Mark Twain Building. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **A One Hour Golf Clinic** For Beginners at 12 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **A Protection and Personal Safety** class will be instructed by St. Louis City Police Officer Brian Vickers from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Films: Perfect Image and Your Name Is Cellulite** will be shown from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center. Contact: The Women's Center, 5380.

Wednesday, Apr. 15
 • **Braveheart** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 8 p.m. in the U-Meadows Clubhouse. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Thursday, Apr. 16
 • **Braveheart** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 10 a.m. in the U-Center Lounge. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Friday, Apr. 17
 • **Team Trivia Night** from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

It's Time To Cast Your Vote

For SGA President, Vice President, and Comptroller

Where?

- *Lucas Hall
- *SSB
- *Mark Twain
- *University Center
- *Research Building
- *Marillac Hall

When?

10:30 - 2:30 and again from 4:30 - 8:30
 Wednesday April 8th, and
 Thursday April 9th

Who?

President:

James Avery
Todd Appel

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column
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JILL BARRETT
staff columnist

Only 35 more shopping days until the end of the semester and that means that I have a little over a month of formal grad-student-loser status left. And you know what that means. Yup, a real job. I will no longer have the luxury of watching mid-morning talk shows because I am neurotically incapable of doing any of my grad-school duties, such as reading books on the industrial revolution in Russia during the early years of the Communist regime. Maybe I'm not neurotic; I just have good taste. But then what am I doing watching talk shows?

Of course, getting a "real" job (as opposed to all those fake jobs) is a problem for me because I have little idea what a real job is. I was under the impression that if you were paid and you'd really rather be doing something else when you were there, then-bingo!-you were the proud possessor of a job. From what I can figure out, "real" jobs carry with them the illusion that you can actually make a career out of them and only poor, deluded fools take this seriously.

I may be a poor, deluded fool, but at least I require that my jobs carry a high entertainment potential with them before I will work there. One job that I had about two years ago measured quite high on the entertainment factor. I was a psychiatric technician at a local hospital. During the first week on the job, I was in orientation and I wasn't quite sure that I wanted to take it. I wasn't sure — that is — until the end of orientation when we learned that the hospital was the site of the exorcism that took place in the 1940s; the exorcism on which the movie *The Exorcist* was based.

The exorcism took place on the psychiatric unit of the old hospital, which was demolished in the 1970s. Apparently, it was during the demolition that some of the notes taken by one of the priests involved in the exorcism were found. According to the staff, the boy who was exorcised is now a successful businessman. Still has a bit of the devil in him, I guess. Anyway, after hearing the story, I decided that this place might be an interesting place to work, and damned if it wasn't.

One of the downfalls of the job was that it has made every other job I've had since to appear totally unstressful. When I hear my bosses bitch about paperwork, or comment on how stressed they are, I can't really see where the crisis is. I mean, come on, when you're used to a "crisis" meaning that someone is trying to kill himself, paperwork deadlines seem pretty benign in comparison.

I do miss it, though. I miss going to the nurse's station for some gloves or something and finding a butcher knife in one of the drawers (something every well-equipped psych unit needs.) Another fun thing was to see the expression on cops' faces when we told them they couldn't bring their guns on the unit. (I told them not to worry; I'd cover them with the unit Uzi.)

I guess I just can't get around it. I'm going to have to work for a living. □

Jill Barrett's column appears every other week. You can call her at 516-5174, e-mail her at current@jinx.umsl.edu or fax her at 516-6811

STDs

by Kenneth Winfrey • special to *The Current*

"Jane" is a 21-year-old UM-St. Louis student whose real name will not be used. She's made the Dean's List almost every semester and she is quite active with extra-curricular activities at the University. Jane is attractive, intelligent and well-liked by her peers. She's never touched an illegal drug, cigarette or alcohol. She is what many might call "the girl next door" or maybe even "the perfect girl." However, Jane is HIV positive.

Jane, like many younger women, went through a period of fascination with males.

"I loved guys and I loved sex. For me it was like a drug," Jane admitted. "It's something how a couple of years of wild behavior can have consequences that extend into the rest of your life."

Jane is not alone. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 500 college students have tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Based on these figures, approximately 30 UM-St. Louis students could be included in the 8 to 10 million people world-wide who are HIV positive.

April is Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month, but HIV is not the focus in 1998. Another STD, a very common but not well known Human Papillomavirus, also known as genital warts, is also now getting the attention of health officials at the American Social Health Administration.

According to ASHA, of the estimated 20 to 40 million people infected with the incurable HPV. Many people infected with HPV are between the ages 18 and 25, the age of the typical college student. College students and their peers are at particular risk as a result of these statistics.

The symptoms of HPV, like those of HIV, are not always preva-

lent in the early stages of infection. When symptoms do emerge, however, they appear in the form of warts on the genital region, hands, or feet, usually in a cauliflower pattern. According to ASHA, HPV is especially dangerous for women because it can cause cervical cancer.

There is also concern among local officials about the syphilis epidemic that began in St. Louis in 1991. Syphilis is a bacterial infection mainly spread from partner to partner during sex. Painless sores, known as chancres, are the first symptoms of the disease. They usually form 10 to 90 days after contact with an infected person and will heal in one to five weeks. One to six months after infection, a rash may appear over the entire body or on the soles of the feet or on the palms of the hand. Some people with syphilis do not get these second signs of infection, or the signs are so slight that they go unnoticed.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, St. Louis ranked third only to Baltimore and Memphis in the number of syphilis cases in 1996. For every 100,000 people, Baltimore had 80 cases of syphilis; Memphis had 45.9 and St. Louis had 39.6. Syphilis is among the 10 most frequently reported infectious diseases in the United States as reported by the CDC.

Of the 12 million new victims of STDs that are reported in the United States, two-thirds are people less than 25 years old and one-fourth are teenagers. Despite this, Diane Moody-Mitchell, staff nurse at UM-St. Louis Health Services believes that many still have a non-

chalant view regarding the prevention of STDs and safer sex.

"Some people still do not believe that it will happen to them. They believe they are being careful because they know the person. They sometimes think that everything's okay and let their guards down but they don't consider whether or not that person has always practiced safe sex," Moody-Mitchell said.

Because of the danger of STDs, every sexually active person will have to make the choices that prevent the spread of

STDs. The most reliable protection is abstinence. For many abstinence means a lot of discipline and a loss of freedom but its the most effective way to protect yourself against STDs. Avoid drugs or alcohol because these products make sexual activity seem easier since they impair decision-making ability. There are other ways of expressing intimacy such as mutual masturbation, massages and sharing erotic fantasies.

Using latex condoms is an alternative. With a 90 percent success rate, they are the next best protection according to St. Louis Metro Aids. Female condoms are also becoming a popular form of barrier method protection but the success rate is not as high as the male condom.

For now, only a cure can save "Jane" and people like her. For others, abstinence is the only guaranteed prevention from STDs. If you must have sex, use a condom — male or female — because anyone can catch an STD. Kevin White, service coordinator for St. Louis Metro Aids, stresses the impor-



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Who is your role model?

"James Primm, the master of history, and Lao-Tze, the master of life."

-Jim Orlopp
graduate student



"My cousin, Bonita Taggart."

-Latasha Harvey
second year/marketing

"My father: he always told me that if I put my mind to it, I could accomplish anything."

-Sabrina Melvin
third year/early childhood



"George Clooney in his role as Dr. Doug Ross on ER."

-Pat Rauscher
senior/nursing and pre-med



"My mother."

-Lisa Huttegger
junior/education



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The *Current's* own features editor will be in the *Underground* at 12:30 tomorrow with free passes to a new release. Find her and the passes are yours. This week's movie is brought to you by TCI Cable and its entertainment show, *EQ*, hosted by FM 101.1 The River's Ken Williams and Dave Doerre, on TCI Channel 3 and Charter Cable channel 8.

April is STDs Awareness month, focusing on more than just HIV

For your health

Telephone Numbers

CDC National STD Hotline

1-800-227-8922

CDC National AIDS Hotline

1-800-342-2437

The Will Rogers Institute

914-761-5550

Herpes Hotline

in St. Louis

314-781-2700

UM-St. Louis

Health Services

314-516-5671

Literature

"The New Our Bodies

Ourselves" by the

Boston Women's Health

Book Collection, 1992,

Touchstone. \$20

"Your Sexual Health"

by Jenny

McCloskey, M.D., Halo

Books, 1993. \$15.95

"The Male Body: A

Physician's Guide to

What Every Man

Should Know About

His Sexual Health," by

Abraham Morgentaler,

M.D., Fireside, 1993.

\$10

Events

University Health

Services is sponsoring a

STD Awareness

Program, "Know the

ABCs to Help Prevent

STDs" on April 21 in

Seton Hall Lobby from

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

tance of awareness.

"We must focus on prevention and education. It is also the inhibition that we have about sex that keeps us from discussing the issues, White said. "We must demystify STDs." □

Bally's has nothin' on us

U fitness center has equipment of professional gym, convenience of on-campus facilities

BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff writer

People are taking their health more seriously these days. There is plenty of medical research being done on the hazards of eating too much red meat or fatty foods, and the potential dangers of cigarettes and alcohol. But in order to stay fit, physical exercise is a key element in any plan.

It is apparent, through the recent explosion of gyms and health facilities across the United States, that exercising is not only beneficial to the body, but profitable to the purse. Fees for joining these organizations can be expensive, especially to the average college student.

Fortunately for UM-St. Louis students, there is another option. Like most universities, UM-St. Louis has a fitness center open to all students, faculty and staff. The road to fitness begins conveniently in the Mark Twain Building on the North Campus.

Pam Steinmetz, intramural coordinator for UM-St. Louis, knows the benefits of the fitness center to students. The equipment is the same as in most expensive gyms, with other advantages that may cost extra or not be available at all.

"[The fitness center] has all of the Nautilus equipment, quite a few cardiovascular machines, and we also have Universal weight machines," Steinmetz said. "There's a whole separate room for free-weights."

Along with the fitness center and free-weight room, the indoor facilities include a 25-yard swimming pool; four racquetball/handball courts, two of which can be converted to wallyball; a running track; the gymnasium, with eight basketball areas, three volleyball courts, and six badminton/pickleball courts; an aerobics room; and an equipment room.

"[Students] can check equipment out of the fitness center," Steinmetz said. "There is a variety of equipment available: volleyballs, basketballs..."

There are also six outdoor tennis courts, two outdoor racquetball courts, and a large multipurpose sports field. The only thing necessary to use any of these facilities is a valid student ID.

Due to some unavoidable conflicts with sports teams and events, the hours that the gymnasium, swimming pool and racquetball courts are available may be limited or subject to change. Small yellow pamphlets can be found across campus listing the hours of operation and general information for 1998 winter semester.

There is also a monthly calendar published by the Recreational Sports Department that can be picked up in the Mark Twain Building, and is also distributed by mailing list.

Although teams and events may take precedent in some areas, Steinmetz points out that is not true for the fitness center.

"The athletes use both the free-weights and fitness center. They can

use the free-weights room as a team," Steinmetz said, "but the fitness center is kept open for the student body."

There are a variety of leagues, tournaments and events in recreational sports that give students the opportunity for more interaction with others. Upcoming events include sand volleyball, paintball, coed softball, frisbee golf, golf, tennis and a new addition of trivia night. Most events are free for students, although paintball and sand volleyball require a \$10 deposit (not refundable for no-shows and cancellations without 48 hours notice), and golf tournaments charge for greens fees.

There is one last thing for those people serious about staying fit, and willing to part with a little bit of cash. The UM-St. Louis Wellness Classes are available through the Recreational Sports Department in the Mark Twain Building.

Part of the program is a complete fitness consultation, for a fee of \$30 for students and \$35 for faculty, staff and alumni. It includes a body fat analysis, nutritional analysis and an individualized exercise regimen tailored to fit individual goals. For the body fat analysis only, the charge is \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty, staff and alumni.

There are also personal training and fitness instructions, with a nationally certified trainer, that show how to make work-out time more effective. The fees are \$30 per hour for students, and \$35 per hour for staff, faculty and alumni. □

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OUR OPINION

Absentees should be put on ice

The Issue:

The bylaws of the Student Government Association state that organizations are not allowed to miss more than three meetings.

We Suggest:

The SGA should not only expel the four organizations who have missed too many meetings, but it should freeze their funds for next year, also.

So what do you think?

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

The Student Government Association bylaws of the constitution state that organizations that fail to be represented at more than three meetings will be expelled from the assembly. Though we are not sure exactly which bylaws — either the November 1993 or the December 1986 bylaws — are valid, both state basically the same consequences, which do not seem stringent enough, for missing more than three meetings.

The 1986 bylaws state that an organization will be expelled and will lose recognition for the rest of the academic year. Loss of recognition means the SGA will freeze the organization's funding until the first SGA meeting of the fall semester.

The 1993 bylaws are not as specific. They simply state that if an organization misses more than three meetings, it is expelled from the assembly. They don't say anything about losing recognition. Furthermore, they don't state for how long the organization is expelled.

Both constitutions state that if representatives leave meetings early, they should be considered absent. The executive committee failed to take attendance at the end of at least the first two meetings — on days when representatives left early. Jim Avery, SGA president, assured the assembly during the first meeting that the representa-

tives who were leaving early would be considered absent. Unfortunately for the students who remained for the entire meeting, attendance was not taken at the end of that meeting.

So far, four organizations that receive Student Activity funding have missed more than four SGA meetings. Hopefully, their funds have been frozen. If not, it is unfair to those organizations that do show up to all of the meetings. This also gives organizations no incentive for attending meetings, if they know they will not have to face the music.

The consequences for missing more than three meetings are also not harsh enough: An organization that attends the four meetings in the fall semester is not punished for long if it misses the four meetings in the winter semester. Its funds would be frozen after the April meeting — less than three weeks before the last day of class. Of course the funds would be frozen all summer, but the Student Activities Budget Committee would have already approved the organization's allocation for the next year, allowing it to receive funding in September.

If an organization fails to meet the requirements outlined in the SGA constitution and bylaws, it should lose recognition for the rest of the term and for the following academic year. After all, how difficult is it to attend five meetings a year? □

Everybody needs to be aware

As the 18th annual Awareness Week sponsored by Students with disabilities unfolds over the next few days, the entire UM-St. Louis community should consider how to make life easier for students who must overcome significant physical and/or mental obstacles to attend college.

This evaluation should proceed on both an institutional and a personal level.

As the University plans a number of major construction projects, such as the new University Center and the Performing Arts Center, the special needs of persons with disabilities should be considered in every phase of building design, ensuring that new facilities not only meet, but also exceed the standards for disabled access proscribed by law.

Moreover, as various renovation projects continue, such as that in the Thomas Jefferson Library, planners should take care not to lessen existing access to resources and seriously consider developing new services to better aid patrons with unique needs.

Individual students should likewise evaluate their ability to aid peers who might need assistance by offering to take notes or help with library research when asked. Students should respond to queries on bulletin boards and in the classifieds placed by individuals with disabilities who require assistance.

In the same way, faculty should give the needs of students with disabilities special consideration.

If everyone on campus does his or her part, every week can be disabled awareness week. □

Where cool waters flow, white people go

I have joined the countless thousands who have fled like so many wallabies to the cool waters of the West. My choice was not as intentional as most; that is, I landed in the far flung reaches of Lincoln County by happenstance — a forced migration of necessity that had more to do with which aunt and uncle would take in a dirt-poor college student than it did any convoluted notion of white flight or urban sprawl.

But after only a week or two, it's clear to me why so many are chucking sometimes years of genealogical or familial connections to the city and county and making a mad dash for the first postage stamp plot of land they can afford. It's not about what they think they'll find when they get to there: better schools and higher property values and better infrastructure. These are all important. But it's about what they're fleeing, what's been left behind when the U-Haul pulls away.

It is, alas, about fear: fear that "those people" or "their kind" will move in next door, that the widow Goldberg's house will be taken over by drug lords when she dies. Xenophobes bristle at the suggestion that they are scared of integration or that the land over there, across the Missouri is so appealing because it is white and so affluent. But their actions suggest that hostility is little more than a defense mechanism.

White, former North Countians are fond of pointing to Berkeley and Kinloch, and increasingly, Jennings, as irrefutable citations that the more diverse the population becomes (and I am phrasing this trend in much more palatable tones than it has been "observed" to me) the more trashy, run-down, poor, trailer-parkesque those communities have become.

Yet these people, many of them educated and otherwise rational thinkers, make no mention or apparent notice of two major socioeconomic factors of the last decade: the intentional reduction in the work force of large industrial employers in North County and buyouts from noise mitigation of the early '80s.

Berkeley, to take one example, was virtually reduced by half when the government mandated buyouts around Lambert. In one fell swoop, almost 10,000 Berkeleians were displaced. At the same time, then-McDonnell Douglas, Ford and others were reducing their work force, and many of the Wonder Years families of Berkeley who moved there precisely because of its proximity to their unskilled laboring jobs, were left to relocate or revise their standard of living for one unavoidable reason or another.

But these complex factors (only crudely mentioned here) are rarely ever brought to bear on a discussion of white flight and urban decay. Instead, the potentially rewarding conversation degenerates into a dogmatic, classist, often racist argument over whose suffering has been or will be greater.

I must admit; it's nice to live in a close-knit community where people don't roll up their windows or lock their doors at night. But I wonder every day if this wasn't the same feel, the same storybook appeal that, say, Ferguson or Bridgeton or Normandy once had for scared white folks looking for a place to run.

The consequences of such inescapable fear are enormous, because one can never run far enough, put enough distance between that most feared thing and oneself. The short drive to work becomes a commute; becomes cultural, social and debilitating isolationism. □



DOUG HARRISON
editor in chief

GUEST COMMENTARY

Communication lacking at U

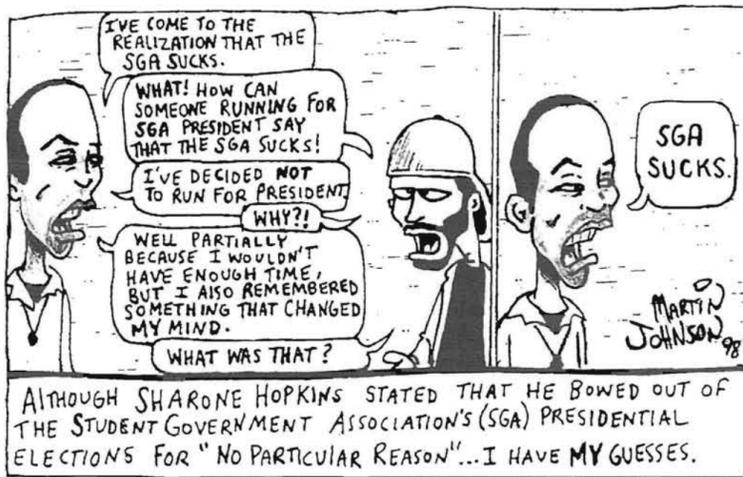
Well, it happened again. I opened up my mailbox (which, since I live here in the residence halls on campus, is located on campus) and I found an envelope from a department here on campus, postmarked and stamped for 52 cents. When requesting this particular piece of mail from its office of origination, I made it quite clear, as I always do, that since I live right here on campus, they could simply send it in one of those cute little pink Campus Dispatch envelopes. That way, I would receive it a day or so earlier, and they would save the postage. But no, I guess that in order to be more efficient, they went ahead and spent 52 cents of my tuition and taxes to mail an envelope from 8001 Natural Bridge Road to 8001 Natural Bridge Road.

I don't suppose I'd mind too much if this was just a one-time occurrence. Unfortunately, however, this kind of thing is just one more example of the lack of communication that exists on this campus, a consequence of its massive bureaucracy. In addition to the aforementioned waste, a lot of my mail is still sent from this campus to my parent's house in Kirkwood. If a department here at UM-St. Louis doesn't have my current address as "Honors Hall" then there is a communications breakdown, and I've lived here almost two years now. Worse, a fellow resident here on exchange from Virginia receives her UM-St. Louis mail at her home in Virginia. No one ever stops to think that if she's a student here, maybe she lives in the same time zone.

Lack of communication stretches beyond the mail of course. Last semester I registered for a course for which I did not have the prerequisites. These prerequisites were not listed in the schedule of classes, my adviser didn't know about and it wasn't until I had bought the books and attended two of the classes that the instructor told me I wasn't supposed to take the class. Of course, the fact that I had chosen this class and registered for it is better than the situation at the Honors College currently, where students have been kept waiting an extra week for next semester's course descriptions, because the instructors (who probably get upset when our assignments are late) are too lazy to get them in on time. □



D. MIKE BAUER
guest commentator



READER RESPONSE

Negative column and cartoon confuses student senator

I am writing in response to Bill Rolfes' comments in the March 30 issue, "Questioning Validity of SGA Committees." Bill mentioned in the article that there was talk of a student advisory board meeting as a result of Tonya Hutchinson and me "riling up" students over fee increases and the Performing Arts Center. What was actually proposed at the SGA meeting was a town hall forum where students could meet to discuss viable means of including their voices in decisions impacting our educations and wallets. Although I admit that no e-mails were sent, the time and proposed location of that town hall meeting was published in your paper. I'm sorry that Bill missed it. The turnout at the meeting was shockingly poor, a result that was also reported in your paper.

I am somewhat confused by the intent of both your article and the cartoon describing the new student members of the Senate (to which both Tonya and I were elected) as "Blanche's robots with battery packs." If the intent of the paper is to encourage the participation of more students in campus organizations and issues, I find it hard to believe that any students considering such a future move would be encouraged by the implication that anyone attempting to affect campus politics is a mere robot. Given that the new student members of the Senate have only attended one meeting, I would think

judgment might be withheld until we have at least had an opportunity to participate.

-Gail Babcock

Election volunteers needed

I am writing to commend *The Current* on doing a great job on covering all of the candidates running for student government (at least those who responded). The last couple of years, presidential candidates only have been covered. I think you have given the students a better informed opinion of who to vote for this year, which should improve voter turnout.

I am also writing because we still need many volunteers to operate the election polls. I encourage anyone who has time on April 8 and 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., to please sign up for an hour or two. You can do so by calling the SGA at 516-5105. We have many locations throughout campus that need your help to make this a successful election.

And lastly, a comment in response to Mr. Wolfe's comments last week, and to anyone in general. I suggest that when there is a reason to file a grievance, then that would be the appropriate time to talk about it, and to do it. And may I also say that if you have any input into how the elections are run, you come and talk to me directly. I am always open to suggestions, and will take them with serious consideration.

-Jason Brazeal

This shy guy likes to go unnoticed

I've always been kind of a quiet, shy guy. My teachers in grade school and high school liked me because I would sit there quietly and do my work without bothering anybody (most of the time). I'm still kind of quiet in my classes — although I did raise my hand in one of my classes two days in a row last week.

A lot of people would probably say I'm an introvert, because I don't talk a whole lot. I'm not the type of guy to start up a conversation with a complete stranger; I'm not exactly the life of every party; and I can't B.S. as salesperson can.

As a basketball official, it is probably best that I'm an introvert. When I talk to players and coaches during the pre-game conference, I don't get buddy buddy with them. I shake their hands and smile when I introduce myself, but then we discuss a few basic rules and that's it. Everything is kept professional, and after pre-game is over the coaches are neither my friends nor my enemies... yet.

For the most part, an official wants to remain invisible. If I do a good job, no one notices I'm there, but if I stink up the joint, I become part of the game and, consequently, the center of attention.

I take journalism in the same manner, as every journalist should. A journalist should report the news, not be a part of it. This poses somewhat of a problem because *The Current* is a publication and a student organization, just like every other group that receives Student Activity funding. In order for us to get funding from the University, I must attend Student Government Association meetings (I wouldn't want my organization's allocation to get frozen).

Even though I attend the SGA meetings as a representative, not as a reporter, I like to keep silent and out of the bickering.

When I report on an event, many times I go unnoticed, except when I approach someone for an interview before the event starts or after it's over. I don't want people to act or speak differently just because someone is reporting on them.

Take a so-called "town hall forum" that a pair of students called earlier this semester to discuss different issues like the Performing Arts Center and fee increases for the new U Center. It was difficult to stay out of the news when I reported on it, since I made up 10 percent of the crowd, but I think I was successful at remaining incognito — one of the two students who called the forum didn't even realize I was there. That's how I want it to be.

Maybe it's sad that I'm shy, but some people in this world have got to be. If everyone were an extrovert, we would have about five town hall forums on campus every day. And that would be just too much news for my fellow reporters and me to cover. □



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Sports

Baseball team wins again

BY JOE HARRIS
staff writer

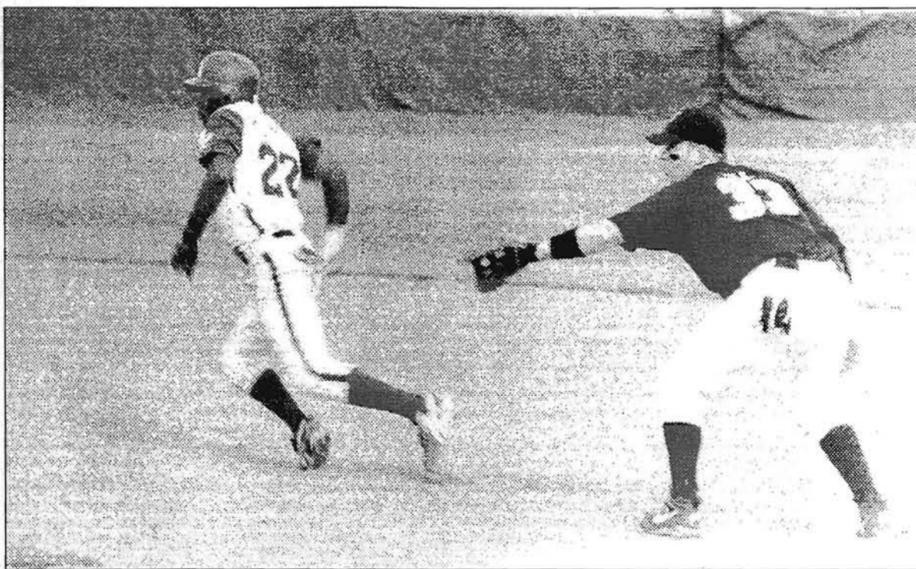
Levar Dillard drove in three runs and Shane Brannan pitched a complete game as the Rivermen baseball team beat SIU-Edwardsville 4-1 Wednesday.

The Rivermen were paced by Brannan's complete game, as he gave up only one run on five hits. He also recorded eight strikeouts and only one walk.

"The pitching of Shane Brannan was clearly the reason we won that game," said head coach Jim Brady.

The victory evened Brannan's record to 2-2 for the season. He's appeared in five games this year and has a 4.20 earned run average. In the 30 innings he has pitched, he has given up 30 hits with 24 strikeouts and only 8 walks. His 3-1 strikeout to walk ratio is the best on the team, plus don't let his ERA fool you, he's one of the most consistent pitchers on the team.

"He had an outing against Southeast Missouri where they knocked him around a bit," Brady said. "But that's misleading because they're [SEMO] a division one team. He pitched really well, but they still hit him."



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Outfielder Levar Dillard takes off to steal second base in a game against UM-Rolla earlier

this season. Coach Jim Brady said the team has had problems on the base paths.

The Rivermen fell behind 1-0 in the third inning but scored three in the seventh and one in the ninth for the 4-1 victory. The win moves the Rivermen to 13-6 overall and 3-2 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

Along with Brannan, Bob Hlousek also has come through for

the Rivermen. As of press time, Hlousek is batting .354 with two home runs and 20 RBIs. He has 11 stolen bases in 13 attempts and has drawn 7 walks.

"Bob Hlousek is our catalyst and is our most consistent player," Brady said. "His defense reflects off his

offense."

Aside from the victory and the winning record, Brady believes the Rivermen are still far from achieving their goals for the season. One of the areas that needs most improvement is base running.

"Our base running has been atro-

ciuous," Brady said. "We have an inability to read pitchers. There's no excuse for outs on the base paths unless you're being aggressive. But we're getting picked off. We need more focus and concentration on the bases."

Brady also wants the team to be more consistent offensively. They have yet to attack the breaking ball consistently in back to back days. Brady wants his players to let their natural abilities to take center stage.

"Right now, we're playing like we're afraid to make mistakes," Brady said. "When you play that way, mistakes happen."

Brady also is concerned with the Rivermen's mental focus. "It starts in practice," Brady said. "Then it goes into games, as well as on and off field preparation. We have to make a commitment."

Whether or not the commitment is made remains to be seen. With the meat part of the conference schedule starting for the Rivermen, Brady wants to see some improvement.

"We have to mature and play together as a unit," Brady said. "There can't be any crying or pouting if you're not in the lineup. Players have to accept their roles if we are to be successful." □

OFF THE WALL



KEN DUNKIN
sports editor

The baseball season is only four games old and I am already tired of the Mark McGwire home run chase hype.

Will the hype please stop? I have been hearing on every radio call in show about how Mac is on a pace to hit 162 home runs and around 350 RBIs. Are these people really serious or just really stupid? I think it's both.

The hype is everywhere. Mac is on the cover of every baseball magazine, the front of the *Post*, *St. Louis Magazine*, and even in columns in *The Current*. Every baseball show has profiles on him and enough graphs to make even *USA Today* seem like *The New York Times*. It is maddening.

Don't get me wrong, I love Mac. He was my childhood idol. A big strong home run hitter that hits moonshots? How could he not be a kids idol? He is a terrific player and his long distance home runs are infamous. He is one of the best in the game.

Early in his career he hit tons of homers but injuries here and there kept him from playing a full season.

But the hype must cease. Four homers in four games is great. But the press is driving me insane. I'm as guilty as the next person. I have anticipated his chase for Roger Maris' 61 home run record for years. Not that the actual streak is starting here in good ole St. Louis it is getting a little old.

I know people want to talk about it. I know people want him to make 61. There are over 155 games left in the season. Give the hype a rest, please. As long as reporters harp on him about what he is going to do, it is only going to make it tougher. The stress will set in sooner or later. After every game he gets hit with tons of questions. One of these days the man is going to snap. All the stress is going to get to him.

How will McGwire finish the season? If he stays healthy he has every opportunity to hit 61. He hit 58 last year, a season in which he had to adjust to a new league and being in the middle of a horrible lineup. This year the team is better and Mac is seeing better pitches, so he has a great shot of doing it. The thing is I don't think that he can stay healthy. Last season was his first full season since 1990. Lady Luck will likely run out soon on Cinderella Mac.

The ball will end and the talk of Maris' streak ending will be over. Do I want that to happen? Not really, but I do want the talk of the streak to end.

If the streak continues, then it is only going to get worse and I will have to hide out. □

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Tennis team drops two of three

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff writer

The men's tennis team has lost two out of their last three matches as their record decreased to 3-8 overall.

The first match the Rivermen played was against Lewis University in which the men lost 5-4.

Coach Rick Gyllenborg believes that it was a match the Rivermen could have won.

"We won at number two and three doubles and at number five and six singles," Gyllenborg said. "The top of my team are the ones who did not come through."

The men had to play in horrible weather conditions, but Gyllenborg does not want to make excuses.

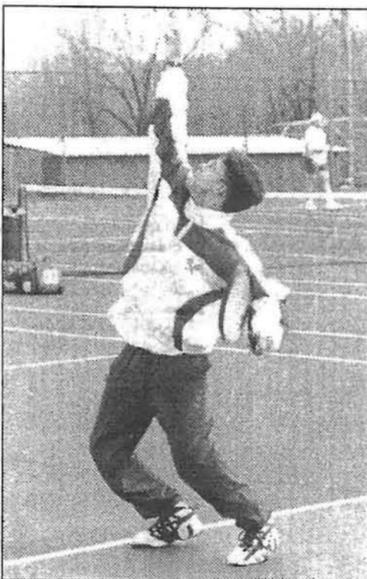
"We played in 30 mph winds. We had the option of playing in doors, but both coaches decided to play outdoors," Gyllenborg said.

"We played outside because it was a sunny day and when you play indoors, it costs money. Neither coach wanted to spend money out of their budget when you play outdoors." Gyllenborg also commented that he was impressed with particular players on the team.

-Rick Gyllenborg
tennis coach

"Stein Rottegard lost in a three-set tiebreaker. It was an outstanding college tennis match," Gyllenborg said. "It was four all in the match, and these guys fought to the death. It was a shame that someone had to lose that match."

The Rivermen then took on St. Joseph's



Stephanie Platt/The Current

A UM-St. Louis tennis player works on his serve in practice last week.

indoors and won 6-1.

Gyllenborg spoke highly of David Crowell. "David Crowell moved up to number one doubles with Scott Goodyear and won 8-5. He is playing better and back at that number one spot where he should be," Gyllenborg said. "He also moved up to number four singles and won 6-2, 6-2."

The team then took on Washington University and lost 9-0.

"We got beat bad," Gyllenborg said. "Wash. U is 11-3 and they lost to Emory College the Division III top ranked team, 5-2."

Gyllenborg also said that he was quite disappointed in his players.

"I hoped for more out of my guys as we prepare for Saturday against," Gyllenborg said. "I hoped they would have fought a little harder as a team in mental preparation for upcoming Indianapolis and IPFW." □

Riverwomen have nearly solid week

BY JOE HARRIS
staff writer

The Riverwomen softball team hit on all cylinders last week. The Riverwomen went 7-3, including going 6-0 March 28 and 29 against some Great Lakes Valley Conference foes.

U.M.-St. Louis' solid play began at a GLVC cluster. The team played six games in two days, winning all six.

Senior Nicki Kocis started the winning streak that Saturday by pitching a no-hitter against Northern Kentucky. Behind Kocis, the Riverwomen clung to a 1-0 victory.

"We played great defensively," head coach Charlie Kennedy said, "and Nicki kept them [Northern Kentucky] totally off balance."

Kocis' performance brought her up to 31 and two-thirds scoreless innings pitched in a row.

The next victim was Indianapolis. Freshman Megan Kuebler four hit the Greyhounds in route to a 3-0 victory.

"The pitching was not dominant," Kennedy said, "but we played good defensively."

Saturday's final game pitted Indiana-Ft. Wayne against the Riverwomen. U.M.-St. Louis jumped out to a lead, but Ft. Wayne came back to tie it against starter Diana Mooney.

"Diana really deserved to get that victory, it would've been her first of the season," Kennedy said. "But by the third game of the day, our defense flattened out and we made some mistakes."

With the Ft. Wayne coming back, Kocis came in and preserved the 3-3 tie. The Riverwomen came back for a 5-3 victory,

with Kocis earning her second win of the day.

U.M.-St. Louis continued their hot play on Sunday, this time cruising by Northern Kentucky 6-0. Remarkably, Kocis earned her third victory of the weekend.

"We had some good offensive production," Kennedy said. "We missed some opportunities but we still put them away early."

In the next game, the Riverwomen showed some heart. They fell behind 3-0 to Indianapolis. They also faced an uphill battle especially going against the Greyhound's pitching ace.

However, Kuebler kept the damage to only three runs setting the stage for U.M.-St. Louis' dramatic six run fifth inning comeback.

"To come back like that against their ace is something special," Kennedy said.

Kuebler earned the win in the 6-3 victory.

In the weekend finale, the Riverwomen continued their winning ways with a 10-1 thrashing of Ft. Wayne. Mooney earned her first victory of the season as the Riverwomen were swept in a doubleheader by SIU-Edwardsville.

However, they would rebound in their first game of their doubleheader Thursday against Quincy. The 1-0 win broke Quincy's 14 game winning streak.

Kocis earned the victory with a complete game shutout. She only allowed three hits the entire game.

Quincy rebounded in the second game, though, with a 4-1 victory. Kuebler took the loss, allowing all four of Quincy's runs in the second inning.

The Riverwomen are now 15-13 overall and 10-5 in GLVC play. □

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
	6	7	8	10	11
Men		vs Harris-Stowe 7:30 p.m.		at St. Joseph's noon (DH)	at Wiscon-Parkside noon (DH)
Women		at SIUE 5:00 p.m. (DH)		GLVC Cluster at Romeoville, Ill. TBA	GLVC Cluster at Romeoville, Ill. TBA
Men	at Ill.-Springfield 3:00 p.m.	vs Mckendree 3:00 p.m.	at Quincy 3:30 p.m.	at Bellarmine 4:00 p.m. (EST)	at Northern Ky. TBA

The Champs win intermural hoops

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff writer

It may not be a major upset, but The Champs defeated the Bulls, minus Michael Jordan 74-67.

The game appeared a close one at halftime as The Champs lead was only 34-32. But The Champs went on a 6-0 run to open the second half and ultimately put away the game.

The Champs were paced by the play of both guard Terrell Randolph and swing man Bret Cariveau.

The team was forced to play without Randolph during the last 3:42 of the game due to receiving two technical fouls. The first technical was due to a delay of game call in the first half and the second occurred in the second half when he disputed a five-second call by the

referee. According to Randolph, the referees were just doing their jobs.

"They were just doing what they had to and making the calls," Randolph said. "I should have just let the call not get to me but it did."

Cariveau also put in an impressive performance as he converted on a three-point play with 49 seconds left. He dominated the offensive and defensive boards while maintaining excellent composure in the clutch.

Cariveau thought that The Champs played well in the second half.

"We played well as a team defensively in the second half," Cariveau said. "The Bulls have good individual players but they turned the ball over in the second half a few times and that cost them the game." □

Web Site Review

Calling all tunes

Web site is great resource for music info

Ultimate Band List
www.ubl.com

Have you ever been interested in a small, not necessarily mainstream band which no one seems to know about? Well, I have, and The Rugburns are that band. I first saw them play at the American Theater opening up for Jewel (I have to admit, I took my little sister). They captivated me and to make matters worse, no one knew who they were. The Ultimate Band List came to the rescue.

This site is amazing, they have info on just about any band you can think of. With just a click of the mouse, I found out about The

Rugburns. It included many links to fans' homepages and also to the official homepage of the band. It was a great resource in the search for info on The Rugburns; and UBL came through.

Without UBL, I would have been left out. I would have not been able to find too much information on The Rugburns and I would have been denied the music of one of my favorite bands.

The Ultimate Band List is a great resource for those looking for information on that one small band or even that one large band you want to look up.

-Matthew Regensburger

Corrections

In issue 918, Student Government Association controller candidate Steven Wolfe's comment about what he would like to do for the SGA was left out in the election special. It is as follows: "I want to make the SGA look out for the needs of the whole student body, instead of just particular organizations."

In last week's parody issue, *The Stagnant*, pages 2 and 7 were blank due to production difficulties.

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

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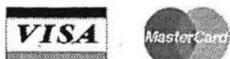
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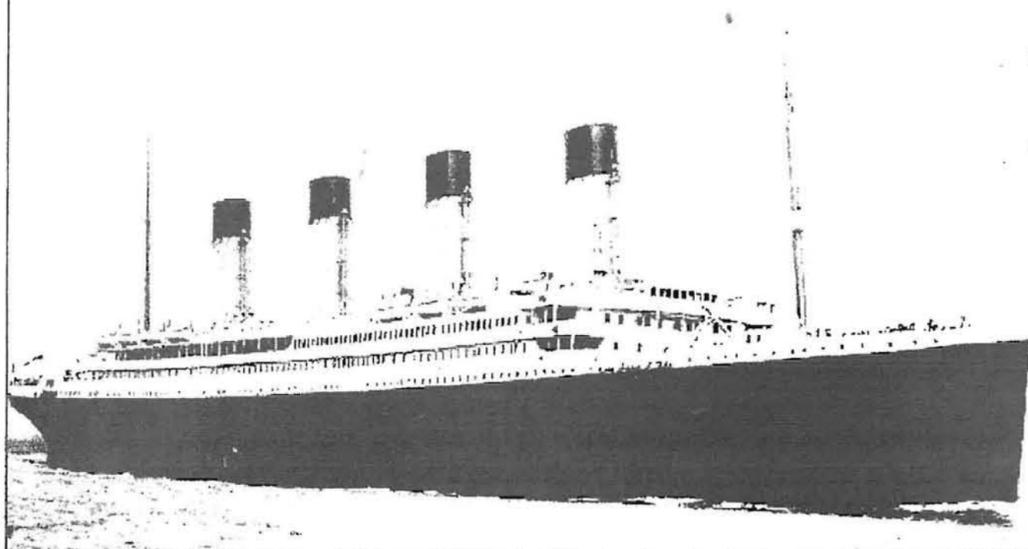
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