

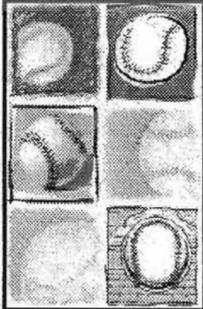
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## News From All Over

### UNH administrator dies in skiing accident

**DURHMA, N.H. (U-WIRE)** — The UNH community is mourning the death of a well-respected university administrator.

Neil Lubow, associate provost for academic affairs, died after a skiing accident at Sunday River in Bethel, Maine on Wednesday.

Few details are currently available, but Maine State Police said Lubow was treated on the scene around 3 p.m. by Sunday River emergency personnel. He was taken to Stevens Memorial Hospital in Norway, Maine where he died in surgery around 6 p.m.

Candace Corvey, vice president for finance and administration, described Lubo as a "fabulous, fabulous guy."

Corvey said his loss will impact the community greatly.

"At the moment, everyone is focused on the personal loss, but eventually we have to come to grips with the professional loss," she said. "He contributed so much."

Lubow's death is the fifth university death since January.

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# Student seats on senate will be full

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS  
special to The Current

Twenty-five students were elected to the University Senate last week, according to unofficial election results. Those results indicated, at press time, that all 25 student seats were filled. Last year, in an uncontested election, only 13 of the student seats were filled. This year there were 42 student candidates vying for the 25 positions.

Richard Wright, a member of the senate's election subcommittee, attributed the increased interest in this year's election to the efforts of many people and the presence of visible issues.

According to unofficial results released by Bruce

Wilking, chairman of the Senate Student Affairs Committee, most of the 224 valid ballots were cast at the North Campus polls; only 20 ballots were cast on South Campus. Candidates needed approximately 46 votes to be elected. Wilking said he felt the low turnout at the polls might be attributed to the timing of the elections.

"We got squeezed by spring break," Wilking said.

Wilking said that with the election taking place after spring break, and the senate requiring the results by March 15, the candidates did not have much time to run their campaigns. Wilking said with only one vote separating the 25th place candidate from the 26th and 27th, there is the possibility that some candidates may request a recount. □

## It's Almost Official

### Unofficial results of senate elections\*

Thomas Albrecht	Mary Lindsley	Stephen Thompson
Gail Babcock	Ryan Metcalf	David Watson II
David Baugher	Jimmie Parr III	Jennifer Wientge
Gloria Ebert	Svetlana Podokshik	Steven Wolfe
Michael Foster	Paul Puricelli	Paul Wydra
Thomas Holt	Dennis Rauscher	Holly Zell
Tonya Hutchinson	Matthew Schaeffer	Sarah Zimmerman
Terri Kettenbrink	Angela Schmitt	
Jacqueline Klump	Ted Seebeck	

\*results from Bruce Wilking, chair, Senate Student Affairs Committee

## When Love Hurts:

Photojournalist documents one family's dissent into abuse and violence

BY DAVID BAUGHER  
staff writer

An award-winning photojournalist and author gave a multimedia presentation on domestic violence to about 100 people in the J.C. Penney Auditorium, Thursday.

Donna Ferrato, author of *Living with the Enemy* and founder of Domestic Abuse Awareness, Inc., spoke and presented photos during the program "When Love Hurts: A Visual Journey Into Violence and Relationships," sponsored by the University Program Board and the Women's Center. She said she had never intended to become interested in violent relationships but instead set out to document the happy, successful relationship of Lisa and Garth, a couple that she lived with for several months.

"I asked them if I could do a story on their life and kind of show how their family life meshed with their social life," Ferrato said. "I really was more interested in showing successful couples in love."

Eventually however, Ferrato said Garth became abusive. Drug use also became increasingly prevalent in the household.

"The longer I stayed with this family, the more I began to see there were cracks in the facade of this happy, successful family life," Ferrato said. "A few months after I had started photographing there I began to see how much their life revolved around cocaine."

Ferrato said Garth became more controlling and violent, even setting up video cameras in their home to watch his family.

"This guy was really the closest I had ever come to being face-to-face with the devil," Ferrato said.

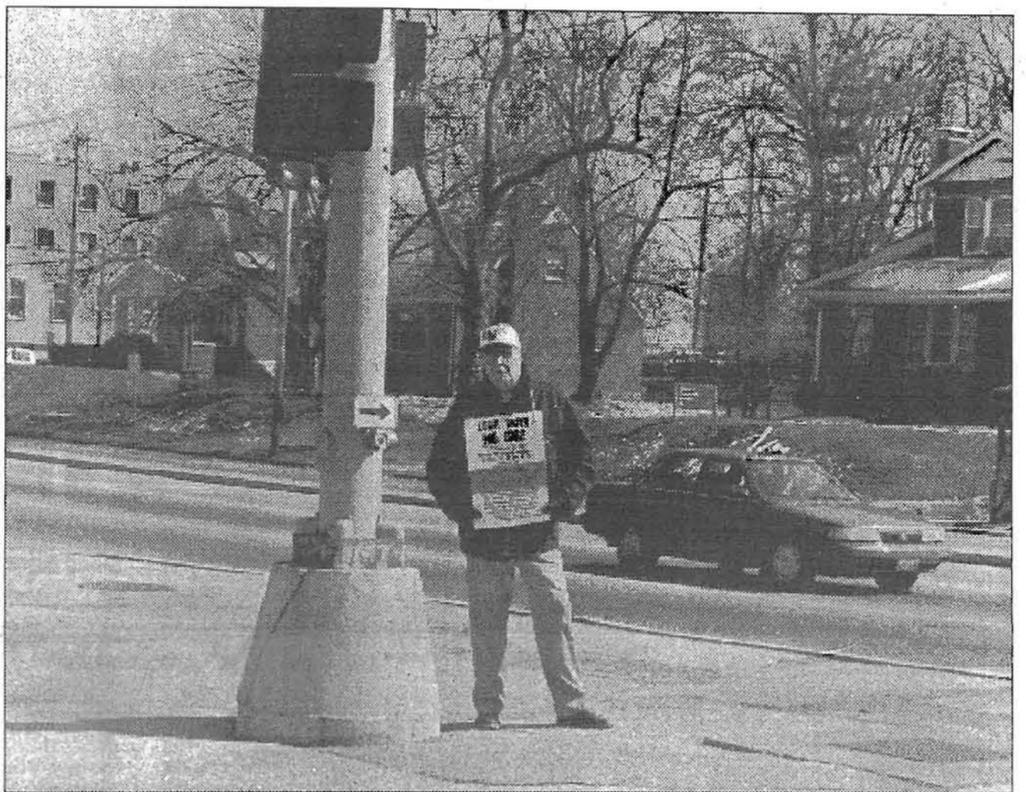
Ferrato also presented pictures she had taken of other battered women and their abusers, while living in battered

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-Donna Ferrato  
photojournalist

see ABUSE, page 3

## It's About Awareness



Daniel Hazelton/The Current

On two separate days last week, through bitter cold, left, and a crisp March morning, top, members of the Local Union 562 occupied the island at the main entrance to North Campus. Both men refused to give their names or discuss the nature of their appearances on campus. Each said they were on campus "promoting awareness" and one referred to work in progress "near the library."

Construction is currently underway on a new garage and on renovation within Thomas Jefferson Library, unrelated projects. Attorneys for Local 562 said they knew nothing about the walkers or the nature of their visits. Neither would confirm or deny or that the walkers were protesting alleged hiring of non-union contractors for University construction projects.

## Barnes College of Nursing launches search for tenure track professor

Selection process comes on heels of major cuts in non-regular faculty

BY DOUG HARRISON  
staff writer

A national search is on in the Barnes College of Nursing for a tenure track professor, less than a month after the college chose to not to renew the contracts of nine instructors for budgetary reasons.

Roberta Lee, Moog endowed professor of nursing and chairperson of the search committee, said Thursday that the position her committee is trying to fill became vacant in January when Sue Pazarine, professor of nursing, resigned.

A classified advertisement in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, March 21, invited "applicants for a full-time tenure track position (nine months) effective Fall 1998."

Lee said the advertisement is also running in other professional publications around the

country but that "of course" instructors or professors within the University are welcome to apply.

In February, Jerry Durham, dean of the College of Nursing since August, announced cuts that would eliminate nine so-called non-regular faculty - instructors with professional experience and some post-graduate work but, in most cases, without a Ph.D. Such instructors work with year-to-year contracts renewable at the college's discretion.

Later that same month, Durham told two different groups of nursing students with whom he met to discuss the cuts that he would consider hiring any of the nine if positions for which they were qualified became available.

"We want as many Ph.D.s in the college as possible because they can teach across all lines: undergraduate and graduate," Durham said.

Only one of the nine faculty cut held a Ph.D.

Durham told students then that "several" of the faculty who were "not reassigned" had already either found jobs "that pay better" or had leads on jobs in the industry.

"There are jobs out there," Durham said.

Durham has insisted since the cuts became public that they won't dilute the degree programs' quality since, he says, reductions in faculty match reductions in enrollments.

"We had to make tough decisions," Durham said. "These are serious budget issues."

Lee said the salary for the professorship currently vacant is paid for by rate dollars - stable money allocated by the state legislature. This is opposed to the cost dollars that pay for non-regular instructors' salaries. Cost dollars fluctuate with the enrollment of the college because they come from tuition and educational fees.

Filing deadline for the position is April 21. □

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-Jerry Durham  
dean, College of Nursing

### Faculty Position

Barnes College of Nursing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis invites applicants for a full-time tenure track position (nine months) effective Fall 1998. This NLNAC accredited college offers baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degree programs as well as an active outreach program.

Qualified candidates need to hold an earned doctorate in nursing or related field, master's degree in nursing specialty, established funded program of research, and be eligible for professional licensure in Missouri. Teaching experience at the graduate level and postdoctoral training are strongly preferred. Candidates holding nurse practitioner certification are encouraged to apply. Persons from underrepresented groups in nursing are also encouraged to apply.

Application deadline: April 15, 1998 or until position is filled. Send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the references and salary history to:

If you have any questions that may lead to a job with these qualifications, call 516-5316.

### Iron Lung

Service technician for small iron lung company in Clarksville, Tennessee. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: setting gears, load number gauges, pressure and making ABCD CERTAIN the pressure gauges are accurate.

### Looking for

Long term nursing facility is looking for a candidate with 25+ in District of Columbia. MA or RN license and 2 years experience in a setting or a similar. Pay will be commensurate with experience and ability to present. Send resume to: Scott Lee, The Current, 516-5316.

# 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.

## Monday, Mar. 16

- **Men's and Women's Table Tennis Tournament** starts today in the Mark Twain-Rec Center. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **It's Time to End the Economic War Between the States.** Kenneth Thomas, assistant professor of political science and fellow in the Center for International Studies, reports on the research from his forthcoming book and argues that we have lessons to learn from the European Union and Canada on ways of controlling competition for investment among states and localities. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- **Institute For Women's and Gender Studies governing board meeting** from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 1312 Tower. Contact: Nan Sweet, 6383 or Deborah Bowman, 5581.
- **"Bis(amido) Substituted Cyclodisilazane and Cyclodiphosphazane Complexes: Syntheses, Molecular Structures and Applications in Polyolefin Catalysis"** is a seminar given by Lothar Stahl, of the University of North Dakota, at 4 p.m. in 451 Benton Hall. Contact: 5311.
- **"Becoming a Master Teacher: Creating the Future of Student Success Courses"** is a teleconference, featuring David Ellis, that will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Instructional Technology Center in 117 Lucas Hall. Contact: 5194.

## Tuesday, Mar. 17

- **Taize Prayer** from 12:25 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. in 75 J.C. Penney. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.
- **A panel discussion: Successful Women in the Male Dominated Work Environment** from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. 222 in J.C. Penney. Contact: Office of Equal Opportunity, 5695.

## Wednesday, Mar. 18

- **The Last Emperor** 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.
- **Cosmetic faceovers by Jennifer Bartley** of Estee Lauder from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 222 J.C. Penney. Contact: Office of Equal Opportunity, 5695.
- **A Menstrual Journey: Raising Face**, a documentary by graduate student Wendy Surinsky from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Women's Center (211 Clark Hall). Contact: Office of Equal Opportunity, 5380.
- **A student recital** will be held at 12 p.m. in room 205 of the Music Building. Contact: 5980.
- **The Percussion Ensemble** will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Contact: 5980.
- **The Last Emperor** 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.
- **"The Role of the Media in European Integration,"** a seminar given by Peter A. Vorderer, Professor of Media Studies, University of Music and Theatre in Hanover Germany. This seminar will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: 5798.
- **Reception for "Colleagues,"** an exhibit of artwork by faculty from three campuses of St. Louis Community College will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. Contact: 6967.

## Friday, Mar. 20

- **Session 2 Introduction to Weight Training:** Learn how to use the Fitness

Center and weight room to achieve the goals you desire. Fridays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Fee \$5.00. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

## Monday, Mar. 23

- **Did Women Have a Renaissance? The Self-Image of the Creative Woman.** Yael Even, associate professor of art and art history, UM-St. Louis, and Deborah Aldrich Larson, associate professor of English, UM-St. Louis, discuss women artists and writers of the Renaissance. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change Meeting** at 8 p.m. in 441 Stadler Hall. Contact: Ethel, 5013.
- **Biological Society Meeting** at 1:30 p.m. in Benton 115. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.

## Tuesday, Mar. 24

- **Positive Strategies for Healthy Relationships.** Ms. Jolene Understall of the Women's Self-Help Center will discuss the true meaning of a healthy relationship between two adults from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center 211/212 Clark Hall. Contact: The Women's Center, 5380.
- **Childhood Illness and Injury Prevention:** This program is designed specifically for the care and treatment of infants and children and will be held from 5:40 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. in 203 Mark Twain. This program is an overview of the skills and information necessary to be prepared for emergency situations. There is a \$5.00 fee. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **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.
- **Biological Society Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in Benton 115. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.

• **1998 Trailblazer Ceremony** from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Summit Lounge followed by a reception. Contact: Office of Equal Opportunity, 5695.

## Wednesday, Mar. 25

- **The Office of Multicultural Relations/Academic Affairs will have the Student Dialogue Brown Bag Series IV** with UM-St. Louis Administration and Faculty from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 72 J.C. Penney. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.
- **The Wild Bunch** 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, Mar. 26

- **The Wild Bunch** 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.
- **"The Political Economy of Economic and Monetary Union,"** is a seminar given by Jeffrey A. Frieden, Professor of Government, Harvard University. This event will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: The Center for International Studies, 5798.

## Friday, Mar. 27

- **Session 2 Introduction to Weight Training:** Learn how to use the Fitness Center and weight room to achieve the goals you desire. Fridays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Fee \$5.00. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **Multicultural Awareness Reception** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 78 J.C. Penney. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.
- **Multicultural Awareness Program** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

## Saturday, Mar. 28

- **Multicultural Awareness Program** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

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## What is Your Career "I. Q.?"

Answer the following questions as honestly as possible by circling the appropriate number, from "Strongly disagree" (1) to "Strongly agree" (4).

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	
1	2	3	4	I currently do not have a clear career goal.
1	2	3	4	I feel obligated to choose a career goal that will meet with others' expectations.
1	2	3	4	My fantasy is that there is one perfect career for me, if I can find it.
1	2	3	4	I know there exists a test that can tell me exactly which career I should choose.
1	2	3	4	I do not feel confident that I know in which areas my true interests lie.
1	2	3	4	I have lots of interests, but I do not know how to narrow them down.
1	2	3	4	I lack knowledge about myself and what I have to offer the world of work.
1	2	3	4	I am not clear about my priorities and work values.
1	2	3	4	I think I know what I want my career to be, but it may not be a realistic goal.
1	2	3	4	I have great difficulty making most decisions about my life.
1	2	3	4	The best career for me is the one with the most job openings and that pays the most.
1	2	3	4	I do not know how to use my life and work experiences to aide my career choice.
1	2	3	4	I lack knowledge about the world of work and what it has to offer me.
1	2	3	4	I do not see a connection between my course work or major and my future career.
1	2	3	4	I would not know where to find the <u>Occupation Outlook Handbook</u> , nor how to use it.
1	2	3	4	I would not know where to find information and books about my career field.
1	2	3	4	I have never talked extensively with anyone who works in the field I hope to go into.
1	2	3	4	I do not understand the difference between the career information given by Counseling Services and that given by Career Services.
1	2	3	4	I have never used Counseling Services' Career Resource Center to obtain career information.
1	2	3	4	I have never spoken with a faculty member about careers in my chosen field.

**Scoring:** Three or more responses at the "agree" (3) or "strongly agree" (4) level indicate that you should sign up for, "Choose a Major, Find a Career," or make appointment with a career counselor.

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Call now to sign up for:

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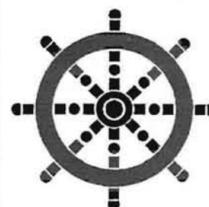


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Apply now in Student Activities Office  
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Positions available are: President, Vice President Comptroller, and Representatives. Deadline for applications is March 20th, 5:00 p.m.

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# Hunger Pains: Ministry focuses on world hunger in special emphasis this week

## Weekness for food

BY KRIS NORMAN  
special to The Current

**All week**  
Donations accepted at marked containers on campus & T-Shirts on sale call 385-3455

**Wednesday**  
"Soupbowl" or "Bowl and Roll" Underground 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. cost: \$2

**Thursday**  
Hunger Banquet Hawthorne Rm noon to 5 p.m.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
All proceeds go to Oxfam America Operation Food Search

UM-St. Louis will celebrate Hunger Awareness Week beginning today. "The emphasis of this special week is to educate the students of those [that] are without food, all around the world," said Betty Chitwood, Newman House representative.

Hunger Awareness Week, which runs through Friday, was first observed three years ago here at UM-St. Louis.

Newman House has been collecting donations to give to the St. Jane Center.

The first year, Newman House was able to donate \$500 to the center by way of Oxfam America. With the help of the UM-St. Louis faculty and staff.

The second year, Newman House was able to donate \$700 with the help of the Riverettes, the faculty and staff and the Student Government Association.

This year Newman House is hosting three events for this special week. Litmag and the Greeks will sponsor several tables in the U Center lobby today. They will be selling T-shirts and accepting donations. The Riverettes will also do a special cheer.

There will be a "Soup Line" on Wednesday with bread donated from the St. Louis Bread Company.

The last event will be the annual "Hunger Banquet" on March 19. There will be two different banquet times, one at noon and one at 5 p.m., both will be in the Hawthorne Room of the University Center. There is no cost.

"It will be a distribution of the world's food," Chitwood said.

"I hope the students will walk away and remember those who go hungry in the first world, second world, and third world countries," Chitwood said.

Newman House has the help of the Riverettes, Social Work 210, Lutheran Ministries, Wesley Foundation and the Greeks here on Campus.

Newman House asks those that would like to help with hunger awareness week contact Terry Kettenbrike at 240-5749. □

# He's outta this world

## Astronaut and scientist addresses African-American Alumni chapter

BY DAVID BAUGHER  
staff writer

The first African-American astronaut to travel to the Russian space station Mir addressed a large crowd at the Airport Marriott March 7.

"My talk tonight is really directed towards the young people, and the reason I'm directing it towards the young people is that young people are our future," said Maj. Michael P. Anderson.

Anderson, who has a master's degree in physics from Creighton University, was selected by NASA in 1994 as a mission specialist. This January he traveled to Mir during an eight-

day space flight aboard the shuttle Endeavor, logging over 211 hours in space.

Anderson's presentation, which was a part of the African-American Alumni Chapter's 11th annual scholarship dinner, was preceded by a silent auction which raised about \$1,200 for the African-American Book Stipend Scholarship Fund, said Linda Stewart, coordinator of alumni chapters. The program included a performance by the Afro-Cuban Ensemble.

Stewart said 187 tickets had been sold for the event. Anderson said many important scientific advancements were taking place in space including the growth of protein crystals for experimentation.

"When we try to grow protein crystals here on earth they collapse under their own weight," Anderson said. "But in the microgravity of space we've been able to grow very large, full molecular chains of protein crystals."

Anderson said these experiments may eventually lead to new medical treatments.

"As a matter of fact some of the drugs designed from the protein crystals grown in space are currently undergoing their clinical trials," Anderson said.

Anderson said microgravity also allows scientists to explore

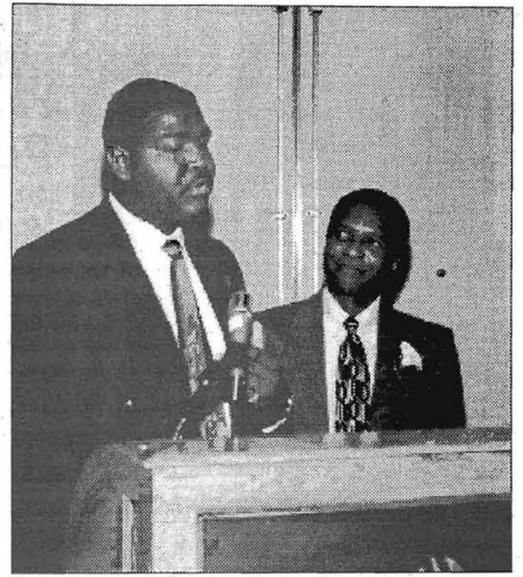
other areas of science. "Last year we flew a space lab in which we spent 16 days studying the combustion process," Anderson said. "As it turns out, when things burn in space they burn a little bit differently than on earth."

He said that more research may eventually save billions of dollars in energy consumption.

"Eighty-five percent of the power generated on Earth is a result of the combustion process, and also a lot of our pollution comes from that process," Anderson said. "Anything we can do to improve the efficiency of combustion will have some really great benefits."

Anderson also urged the audience to get involved in the next step in space exploration, construction of an international space station.

"We can't do it alone," Anderson said. "We need your help. We need your talent. We need your ideas." □



U Communications  
UM-St. Louis grad and former SGA vice president Kel Ward, left, introduces Major Michael Anderson March 7 at the Marriot Hotel, where Anderson spoke about his time on the Mir spacestation.

**I'm directing [my remarks] towards the young people [because] young people are our future.**

-Michael Anderson  
astronaut and scientist

## ABUSE, from page 1

women's shelters and riding with police on domestic violence calls.

"A lot of the women who have been educating the country for the last 20 years have been focusing primarily on the police," Ferrato said, "and although we still have a lot of problems with the police... the police have been doing some of the most important work on the front lines in recent years."

Ferrato said the judicial system still presented many obstacles to battered women because the courts often refuse to understand the problems

these women face.

"Judges are so arrogant," Ferrato said. "They are the biggest problem in this country as far as condoning what the perpetrators of violence do."

She said action at the ballot box may be the best way to fight unreasonable judges.

"We need to hold them accountable, and if they don't practice the kind of law that makes us feel safe then we need to get rid of them," Ferrato said.

Ferrato also lamented the lack of treatment programs for batterers. She stressed that the way to stop abuse is to treat abusers as well as their victims.

"The majority of men who are violent, they were beaten; they saw their moms being beaten," Ferrato said. "They haven't gotten the kind of help [they need], and that's what I've seen over and over

again." Ferrato said the worst effects of abuse are on children who often grow up to be abusers themselves.

"These children are powerful little receptors," she said. "They imitate everything they see."

Ferrato said that despite the difficulties, some progress was being made in recognizing the problem.

"That's something that has happened in the '90s, domestic violence has become known as a crime," Ferrato said. "Before that it was just a family matter." □

# SUMMER SESSION, 1998 NEW PRE-REGISTRATION DATE

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**ON OR AFTER MARCH 23, 1998.**



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### OUR OPINION

## Guidelines for next SGA president

### The Issue:

The time is fast approaching to elect the next Student Government Association president from hopefully a number of candidates.

### We Suggest:

The next president should have experience, a realistic vision of power and the will to labor for policies that will benefit future students.

### So what do you think?

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

It's that time of year again when the UM-St. Louis student political machine stirs from the depths of winter slumber and lumbers to half-life: elections are next month.

We have yet to learn of the complete ballot; the filing deadline is next week. But even now we can assert with confidence who, or rather what the next Student Government Association president should be:

First, the next president should be a seasoned student with at least some experience at some level of student leadership. Though political savvy wouldn't hurt, what's important here is someone who knows how to organize an office of politicians into a functioning, directed and productive group of leaders. And it almost goes without saying that a ratified constitution should not be optional for the next president. As we've said before, if the next president is to be remotely effective or at least prevent SGA from slipping even deeper into a lethargic funk, he or she should understand why political systems derive strength from documents like constitutions and bylaws.

Second, the ideal candidate should be a realistic visionary. If this year's administration has taught us anything, it's that the student body's elected representatives can thoroughly undermine their own legitimacy with University officials and dilute their ability to represent their electorate effectively by grandstanding and claiming political success for policies or actions thoroughly beyond

their control.

Who would blame Jerrold Siegel and Campus Computing if they refused to listen to SGA leaders' concerns after president Jim Avery ridiculously claimed that he, Avery, had been largely responsible for the upgrades in campus computer labs over the summer? To unpack this ludicrous notion is to find fundamental weaknesses: one, Mr. Avery has no realistic perception of how things work in bureaucracy; a multimillion dollar technological upgrade implemented in August could not have been planned, budgeted, shopped around the system and completed in the four months between Mr. Avery's election in May and the upgrades in August. Second, we find that Mr. Avery's visions were not especially visionary. They more resembled a punch list of complaints extracted from a gripe-off with friends.

Third and finally, the next SGA president must be willing to do grunt work on the front lines of campus administration - inglorious labor that may go largely unnoticed for several years, and must be willing to lay the ground work for policies that will benefit students for several years to come, not satiate the restless rabble here and now.

Whoever waits for thousands to line up at polling venues on SGA presidential election day is in for a long wait: cold days in hell come to mind. But the students who do care and will vote should hold their next leader to a standard from which all students, active, passive and ungrateful ones alike, can be represented fairly. □

## Evaluations would benefit students

Jim Avery, Student Government Association president, has mentioned throughout the year that he wants to initiate a program for students to evaluate their instructors and professors. These evaluations would then be made available to the entire student body.

The professor and instructor evaluations are a good idea and are something every student should take advantage of. We all complete evaluations at the end of every semester, but only faculty members see them.

This is an opportunity for students to help each other. Students' opinions about their professors and instructors will soon have a voice to the entire campus, rather than a few fellow classmates.

Students will have the opportunity to recommend instructors and professors who are interesting or to warn about those who lack the ability to hold a class' attention. This will be especially useful for classes that have multiple sections and, consequently, multiple instructors.

Hopefully the evaluations will not draw complaints only. It is just as important, if not more important, to let students know about exceptional professors and instructors. Hopefully this program will be useful to students who are registering for next semester, and will grow into a regular publication for every semester that follows. □

## Bad timing confuses a reasonable man

Timing may not be everything, but bad timing can really make folks look bad. Take a recent classified in the Post-Dispatch a couple of weeks ago.

Here's an otherwise straightforward piece of advertisement: Local land-grant university's accredited college of nursing seeks candidates for tenure track position blah blah blah. Nothing in the ad would seem untoward to a reasonable man unfamiliar with the University. But for the reasonable man who just witnessed the Monday Massacre in the Barnes College of Nursing, whereupon nine instructors were summarily sent packing to make the books balance, well, that same classified ad just got a lot more complicated.

Complicated, because the College of Nursing has done everything but take out billboards on I-70 to make it clear that the college is broke: not enough tuition money, not nearly enough state money, not enough money in the piggy bank.

And for the reasonable man, he logically asks "but if you're so broke, how can you afford to hire a tenure track professor whose salary will likely equal that of two instructors?"

After all, when the reasonable man's checkbook is nearing the big doughnut, he usually doesn't switch from Pepsi to Sweet Valley Mist cola (at 15 cents a can I'll have you know) only to eat Peking Duck and imported caviar every night.

More than that, the reasonable man suspects that bad timing is running like a virus through the College of Nursing. Just before the college cut those nine instructors, its administrative offices were remodeled: new furniture, new carpet. The works. Some administrators got new printers "to help them be more efficient."

Don't get me wrong. Reasonable men like new carpet and nice furniture and fast printers, but the reasonable man might think the college may be suffering budgetary woes in part because it has administrators afflicted with a big case of poor judgment and bad timing. What's more, reasonable men have trouble figuring out which side of administrators' mouths to listen to on this issue: the side that says "these are purely financial decisions" or the other side that says "our educational mission comes first."

So which is it, the reasonable man asks?

The reasonable man is willing to at least entertain this theory of triangulation whereby a new laser jet printer contributes to the educational mission of the college, but the reasonable man finds it especially unreasonable to see how new carpet and nice furniture fit into training qualified nurses. The reasonable man understands what the college's dean means when he says "large deficits cannot be compensated for by small measures." But he might wonder why the dean would leave such a gaping hole in the college's defenses by giving the appearance of fiscal malfeasance.

If the dean didn't know these cuts were coming, that is, if he got his marching orders from on high and was merely a conduit for those nine pink slips, then the reasonable man may have good cause to worry about the "educational mission of the University."

After all, it wasn't so long ago that the reasonable man recalls another infamous case of bad timing: the dean of the College of Arts and Science faced a similarly bleak financial picture, and he "played the hand" he was dealt: in his case, it meant across the board



DOUG HARRISON  
editor in chief

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### GUEST COMMENTARY

## Credit where credit is due

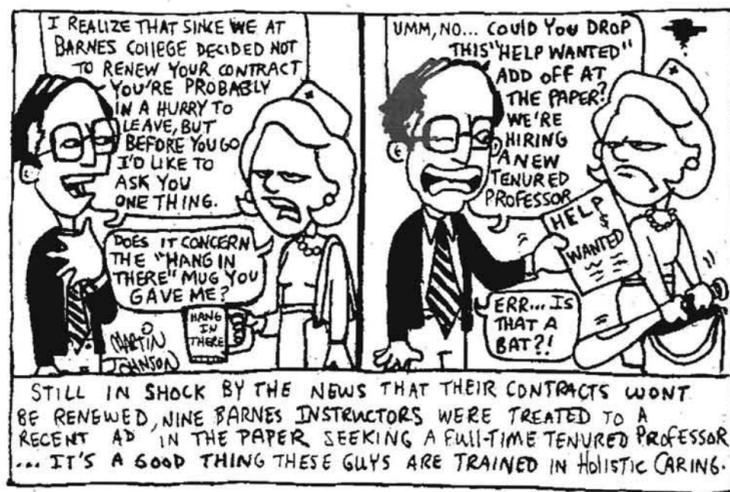
March is quite honestly one of my favorite months. Now, I hate the snow, rain and ice as much as anyone, but I always look forward to the plethora of Women's History events during this month. Which is why I find myself deeply troubled by those who say that in an ideal world there would be no need for Women's History Month.

Sure, in a utopian society the names of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Betty Freidan and others would roll off of tongues as easily as those of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Sigmund Freud. However, our goal should not be the elimination of Women's History Month but rather the creation of year-round events that carry through the mission of a single month.

National Women's History Month currently serves a variety of functions. It is an unfortunate fact that we are vastly undereducated about the achievements and struggles of females. And often, living in the relative security of the 1990s, we are oblivious to the risks taken by early trailblazing women. We forget how few generations separate us from women medical school graduates making headlines, women authors condemned to a lifetime of anonymity and women voters being arrested.

We frequently underestimate the impact of those women who dared to buck the system. It is often difficult for our generation to realize that Margaret Sanger, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Blackwell and Harriet Beecher Stowe, along with the thousands of other women, sacrificed everything so that we might enjoy the relative equality of today. We owe these women a time of recognition and honor.

This is why I love the posters that the National Women's History Project puts out and that many businesses and schools display, and the special programs that proliferate in March. They force us to remember these great women and they also moti-



### READER RESPONSE

## Student urges representation in SGA assembly

Do you want to make UM-St. Louis a better campus? Then, you can have a chance by becoming an elected representative in the Student Government Association assembly. You are a part of the problem if you do not get involved and help make this campus a better place.

The SGA assembly consists of the president, vice president and comptroller as well as both elected representatives and organizational representatives. The organizations are required to send representatives in order to receive funding. These representatives primarily represent the interests of their members. Members of student organizations are only a minority of the students who go to school here.

However, the position of elected representative is the biggest secret on campus about the SGA. Why? While there are approximately 25 seats allocated to the various colleges and schools, these seats are rarely filled or contested in elections.

Here is your chance to make a difference in the life of your campus. Go up to the Student Activities Office 267 University Center and fill out an application to become a member of the Assembly by March 20.

The benefits? By serving as an elected representative, you will have a chance to make a difference on

campus. Besides, extracurricular activities such as the SGA are a boost to your resume when you are looking for a job.

The future of UM-St. Louis depends upon the involvement of its students. Don't be a part of the problem, be a part of the solution. Get involved in the SGA and help make UM-St. Louis a better place. If you can't run for office, don't forget to vote on April 8 and 9.

—Steven M. Wolfe

## Response was out of line

I want to commend M. Ethel Myers for her much-needed grievance concerning the insolent Professor J. Martin Rochester and his unacceptable comments toward the unimportance of "Queer History" as well as Mr. Bill Rolfe. It is absolutely intolerable when a "learned" man openly insults an individual of a much lower rank than himself.

This, to me, was Professor Rochester's obvious attempt at self-glorification at the expense of an individual who was merely utilizing his first amendment by asserting his opinion. In his article, Mr. Rolfe did not demean the concept of education, rather, he mused on a possible reality for all students leaving any university

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## Mapping the future

Graduation is eight weeks and five days away (but who's counting) and it has come time to start looking for a job. Luckily, I'm pretty sure I know what field I want to go into.

A year ago I didn't know what I wanted to be when I grew up - all I knew was that English was the only subject that interested me. At that time I probably could have used the help of the Career Services office and its "Career Mapper."

The Career Mapper was developed by studying a cross section of about 5,000 multicultural men and women who were not only currently employed, but were considered to be high performers in their occupations.

The Career Mapper measures an individual's general abilities, motivation, interests and personality characteristics. This is the only test available anywhere that has been validated for all three areas (abilities, motivation/interests and personality).

A printout lists about 200 careers in order by which the individual would be best fit, according to how he or she answered the questions.

Debbie Kettler, director of Career Services, said there are many tests that measure personality, "which is the first step to choosing a career." However, she added, the Career Mapper has the "tools" to match the personality with the job.

For example, all of the top performing accountants that were studied seemed to have certain types of abilities, interests and personalities that were different from those of, say, an interior designer. If a student takes the test and answers the same as most accountants did, then he or she would probably be fit for a career as an accountant, rather than an interior designer.

Kettler said that someone from Career Services will then sit down with the individual who took the test and discuss the report and possible careers.

The test is taken in timed sections and takes two hours. Since Career Services can scan in the tests on site, they can generate results in the same day.

It costs enrolled students \$75, and is \$95 for alumni and non-students. At first I thought this seemed a bit pricey, but it is cheaper than taking a bunch of different classes and hoping to find your niche from there. Furthermore, if you go to the actual Career Mapper dealer, you would have to pay over \$100 to take it.

Career Services has had the Career Mapper for about six to eight months, and Kettler said about a hundred people have used the Career Mapper. I would encourage all undecided majors and students who are unhappy with their current majors to consider taking the Career Mapper. Maybe there's an interesting career out there that you haven't considered. □



BILL ROLFE  
managing editor



BETH CUNNINGHAM  
guest commentator

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with a piece of paper and a dream. Not everyone is as haughty, as Professor Rochester obviously is, in terms of their futures' security. It is a big, uncertain world out there - one in which even the supposed security of a degree can be obliterated with the blink of an eye.

We are all at this University because we want to better ourselves and achieve a higher state of life. Yet, no one knows what securities lie beyond UM-St. Louis' seemingly nurtured sidewalks. For Professor Rochester to blatantly ignore this reality so that he may have his day in the sun, is to completely degrade their ability to teach us how to value differing opinions without undue censure, and then what would be the purpose of education? Obviously there is at least one professor on this campus who doesn't know the answer to that question.

**Stefanie Ellis**

**Refuting Professor Rochester's comments**

Bill brought forth questions many students worry about as they are completing their higher education - can I get a job? With the influx of youth out of school and into the dwindling job market, I believe Bill has a legitimate fear. Traditional majors no longer guarantee a job once you exit school. In fact, computer programming may be the only profession in which there is a demand for more people at the moment. I don't know about the rest of the UM-St. Louis student populous, but since I'm no good at running Windows 95, I don't think computer programming is in my future.

Now let me go to Professor Rochester's remarks. I'm usually not one to respond publicly to remarks, but something he wrote caught my attention. In his rebuttal against Bill, he cited so-called majors and fluff classes that contribute to this fear. He never addresses Bill's real arguments. I'm sure Bill is intelligent enough to realize the seriousness of his education.

Second, I'd like to address the correlation Professor Rochester made between ludicrous majors like Beavis and Butthead, and such majors as "Queer History." What has this University come to? I thought we were on the road to ethnic understanding? Obviously not when comments like this can go without any protest. I'm supposed to believe African-American and Native-American studies are legitimate areas of study and that gay studies are simply fluff. I was appalled at the comparison. I'm currently taking Psychology 214, The Psychology of Sexual Orientation. I believe that class is educating people that would not have otherwise learned about the gay culture.

These so-called litter classes are eliminating stereotypes and educating us on gay figures of the past, such as Walt Whitman. So the next time you decide to make a few slurs in your opinion statements in trying to defend student education, keep in mind that some of us are pursuing that line of education. We don't appreciate regression from the small progress we have achieved as a community.

**-Tim Peacock**

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vate us to create history of our own. This is much in the same way that Columbus Day, the various presidents' birthdays, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the Fourth of July encourage us to reflect on other aspects of our nation's history.

Women's History Month also gives organizations a chance to offer a wide variety of programs highlighting the current issues facing women. This month encourages the recognition of modern women who are making a difference and offers a chance for these authors, activists and teachers to showcase their talents.

In fact, in my own version of the ideal world, these events are interspersed throughout the year so that we are not forced to pick and choose between worthy causes. But, I still do not see the need for the elimination of Women's History Month. As we all await the arrival of spring, March is a wonderful time for us as a society to regroup and realize just how far we have come, and how much further we have yet to go. □

**Adviser credits coaches and team leaders**

First off, I would like to thank both University Relations and —The Current— for continually reporting the results of the UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate team. While flattered at the opening statement "led by Tom Preston," I would like to add, with this letter, some recognition to those who really have led the team and made it work well.

Jason Shaw, an alumnus of Southwest Baptist University who now lives and works in St. Louis, has been an invaluable volunteer coach—for no pay—for our individual events students. In the last two weekends, UM-St. Louis has won five individual events titles, including most recently a first place in duo interpretation by Joy Nash and Dawne Nasiruddin, and a first place in dramatic interpretation by Nash at a Feb. 21 tournament at Truman State. By giving of his time, Shaw, along with his hard-working students, have enhanced greatly UM-St. Louis' recent reputation in debate and forensics. As well, Doug Dennis, a student a UM-Rolla, has formed the backbone of our policy debate coaching. On the whole, the students should be proud of their accomplishments, with Shaw and Dennis taking the bulk

of the coaching credit this year. Kenneth Winfrey, the club president, has taken the lead in managing the day to day affairs of the squad, and Robert Dempsey, our SGA representative, has been like a third coach both at and between tournaments in terms of making sure the team represents both the University and the student body well.

I continue to write books and articles, make reservations, order supplies and trophies for our tournaments, make (and drink) coffee, visit high schools, write grants, drive vans and help club president Winfrey and secretary/treasurer Veronica Morrow-Reel with the essential paperwork—but Shaw and Dennis deserve the lion's share of the coaching credit for this year's success and the students deserve all of the credit for their fine efforts and performance—and that includes all 55 who have represented their university in at least one tournament for this year. From there, the creativity necessary for success has come.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your fine coverage. 90 awards thus far for 1997-98—on to 100!

**-C. Thomas Preston, Jr.**

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reductions in everything from office supplies to instructors. The chancellor fired him three months later.

The dean of the College of Nursing said he was worried about working with borrowed money were he to have asked the chancel-

lor "for a loan." Given deans' tormented relationships with the chancellor (Fred Fausz, forced out by all appearances; David Loshin, gone after a matter of weeks; Terry Jones, canned out right), the reasonable man wonders if the dean of nursing should forget about working with borrowed money and start worrying about working on borrowed time. □

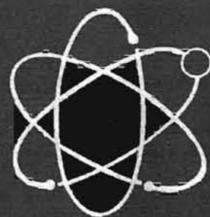
**What the . . . ?**



Daniel Hazelton/The Current

Artist Ronnie Barber stands next to one of his creations, recently part of an exhibition in front of the UM-St. Louis Police Station.

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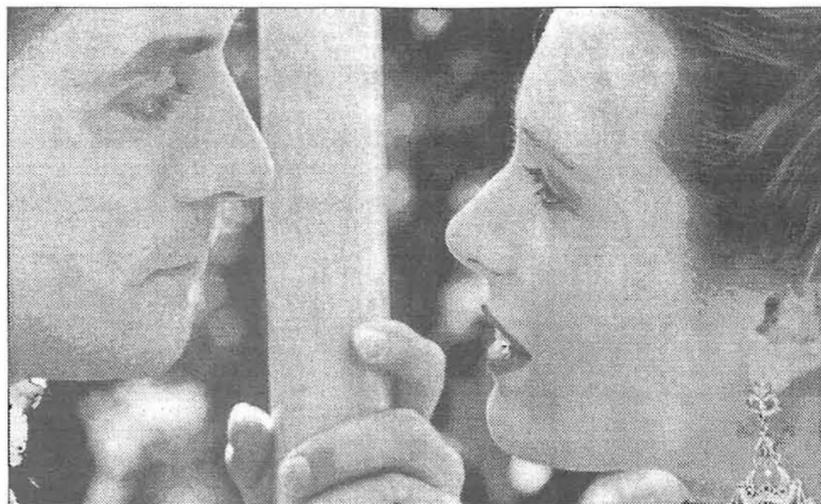
# Moving performance makes Beauty okay

*Dangerous Beauty*  
Rated: R  
Running Time: 115 minutes  
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Occasionally, a movie comes along and drags you into the story and makes you feel the love, the pain, the anger and all of the other human emotions; *Dangerous Beauty* is one of them.

*Dangerous Beauty* tells the true tale of a love that was not to be. Set in Venice in the late 1500s, Veronica Franco (Catherine McCormack) and Marco Venier (Rufus Sewell) fall into love but are unable to marry because of their social status. She is of a poor family with no fortune and he is from an extremely wealthy family. He is required to marry someone to benefit his family or the state of Venice.



Rufus Sewell as Marco and Catherine McCormack as Veronic Regency in *Dangerous Beauty*.

In order to be with her love, Veronica's mother educates her in the ways of being a courtesan.

Becoming a courtesan, Veronica becomes powerful by manipulating her way with the rich clients. She uses this power to create a life for her that otherwise she would have never experienced.

The scenery in this movie is beautiful. The movie is well shot.

The acting, which for a change, is actually quite good. McCormack, Sewell and Oliver Platt provide memorial performances. The poetic confrontations between McCormack and Platt are

entertaining. However, some of the dialogue leaves a little to be desired. At times, it was well written and at other times, it was horrible. This movie was supposed to be in the 16th century, in Venice no less, and they use out of place, contemporary words.

Over all, I enjoyed this flick. It definitely wasn't a blockbuster, Oscar winning movie but it was entertaining. The performance by McCormack was particularly moving.

-Matthew Regensburger

### Crossword Companion

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# Fastball delivers combination project of many styles

**Fastball**  
*All the Pain Money Can Buy*  
Hollywood Records



I really hate writing reviews of bands that do not fit into one genre or another. I think I should create a new genre of music... say, different rock. Fastball would definitely fit into it. Fastball's sophomore release, *All the Pain Money Can Buy*, will turn the band into a household name (of course, probably not in every household, just those who pay attention to modern rock).

With classic cuts such as "The Way," "G.O.D." and "Which Way to the Top?," this CD follows the same trend as their debut album, *Make Your Mama Proud*. Fastball is a combination of funky alternative with catchy pop hooks. The whole album is full of these poppy, yet complete-

Fastball members from-l-r Joey Shuffield, Miles Zuniga and Tony Scalzo, promoting their new release *All the Pain Money Can Buy*.

ly unmistakably rock-n-roll tunes.

Fastball reminds me of Elvis Costello and even to an extent Matthew Sweet; though they are a little more pop orientated than Sweet. Fastball is a unique band that does not fit well into one genre or another. They cross types with every song and sometimes even within the song. *All the Pain Money Can Buy* is a catchy album that deserves a listen.

-Matthew Regensburger

Coming next week:

**Wild Things with Neve Campbell**

and

a look at the website **Ultimate Band List**

See you on page 6.

# SGA Meeting

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# Odds & Ends

## Spring Break '98

It's a long tradition of parties, la playa and just plain fun

BY AMY LOMBARDO  
staff writer

There's a sacred rule among college students that states, "Thou must party hard and long for the duration of one week in the spring." It is such accepted tradition that universities have established Spring Break, a week free of classes and school responsibilities, to escape from the winter blahs and blissfully bask in the sun. (Don't believe the hype that it's designed to provide "study time" for midterms.) Many UM-St. Louis students left town to escape from it all.

Julie Wachter, senior communications major, decided to take a ski and sun vacation. She spent the first few days of her spring break in Vail, Col. then jetted southwest to Phoenix, Ariz. to visit a friend and bask in the sun. Although Wachter felt that spring break came too early this year, she still enjoyed her "time off."

"It was fun to get away. To see new places and meet new people," Wachter said. "It relieved me from school, but not really, since I had three test the week I got back."

Kevin Helmsing, junior com-

munications major, decided to hit Las Vegas, Nev. with a group of friends from other St. Louis colleges. However, Helmsing admits that he wouldn't have left St. Louis for any other destination.

"I just wanted to go to Vegas," Helmsing said.

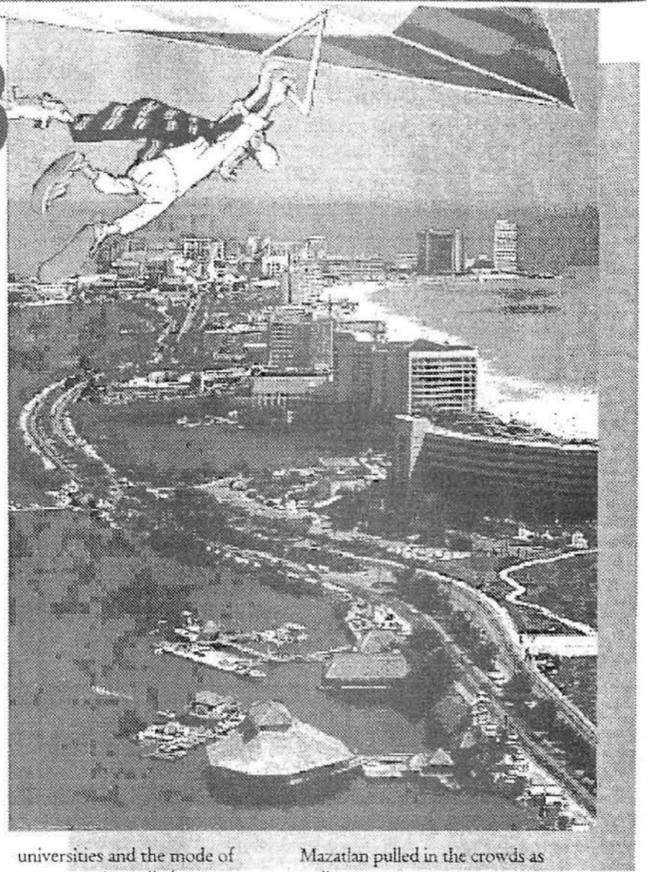
Spring break has become a cliché event, often thought of as nothing more than an excuse to get drunk, act stupid and spend money. Although these may be key factors in the spring break experience, it goes much deeper than that.

Believe it or not, people have been celebrating the return of warm weather and blue skies since history began. In ancient Greece and Rome, it was the season of fertility. Young adults being at the most "fertile" age of their life were the age group that

enjoyed this time to the fullest extent. Rituals targeted the Roman legend Bacchus, known as Dionysus in Greece, the god of wine. Men and women would drink and dance continuously, until all rational thought had abandoned them, and they gave in to the sins of the flesh. Sound familiar?

The rise of Christianity soon called the cops on that party. It is still thought by many that the ritual of letting loose in the spring is part of human nature, almost instinctual.

American college students of the 19th century revived the ancient traditions. Back then it was the upper-class and wealthy youths who would venture to coastal regions to relax and recharge. The 20th century introduced the new concept of coed



universities and the mode of transportation called an automobile. Out of these two radical changes, the "road trip" was born.

In the 1960s, movies created an ideal image for college students sick of cramming and cold weather. Florida and Myrtle Beach became the immediate hot spots for the masses, complete with sun, surf and turf.

The sexual revolution of the '60s and '70s brought about a larger emphasis on alcohol and other mind-altering substances than ever before. The idea of being bombed for seven consecutive days (although still appealing to some) began to die down in the '80s. The '90s participants began to choose more diverse locations. Cancun, South Padre Island, Palm Springs and

Mazatlan pulled in the crowds as well.

Kevin's vacation seemed in synch with the stereotypical partying that occurs on spring break, including nights that last way past sunrise and very little sleep.

"Every morning, after breakfast, at 10:30, we got two 18 packs and started drinking," he said.

Everyone who has gone somewhere for Spring Break has a story. There are infamous tales that circulate around the nation. A tale from South Padre tells of a spring breaker who parked his car somewhere around Louie's Backyard, a local bar. The car vanished without a clue. A couple of years later, the car resurfaced... literally. The moral of this legend? Setting your parking brake may prevent your car from taking a swim in the ocean. □

Staff writer Becky Rickard contributed information for this story.

### Stick It In The Fridge



BECKY RICKARD  
features editor

On Tuesday (St. Patrick's Day for those who are holiday impaired) most people will be drinking green beer, wearing green clothing and sporting stupid buttons that read "Kiss Me I'm Irish" — even if they aren't Irish. St. Patrick's Day is just an excuse for Americans to drink like the legendary Irish and it is a day when the Irish-Americans become truly proud of their beer guzzling heritage (excluding those who drink, or used to drink like it's St. Patrick's Day everyday).

I think it's funny that a Catholic holiday celebrating a saint (Patrick, not Patty — in case you forgot), who led a bunch of snakes out of Ireland, causes millions of Americans to celebrate this one country. It's not the snakes that people remember on St. Patrick's Day but rather "Erin Go Bragh" (Ireland Forever — for those of you who are Gaelic impaired) Since I know very little about my biological heritage, I feel left out.

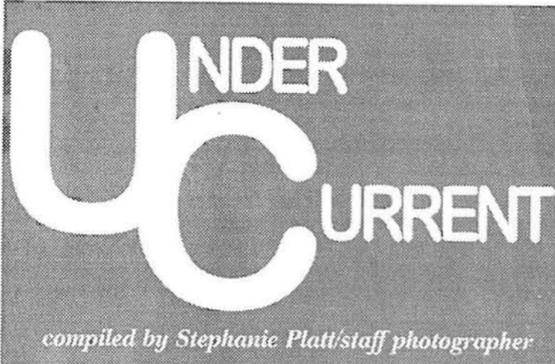
My mom is Italian, my dad is Irish and my brother and I are nationality mutts, however, neither my brother nor I are genetically Italian or Irish (we were adopted — for the common sense impaired). I am mostly Scandinavian, but from which country is the question. I don't have any cool stories about the old country or how my great, great ancestors came over on the boat and couldn't speak the language. Maybe I'm wrong here but... if a person is a citizen of the United States then aren't they officially considered an American? In the same respect, I stand firm on the belief that French Canadians are just French-speaking Canadians. It just kills me how many people in the United States talk about their nationalities, as if being American isn't definitive or characteristic enough.

Many people came to the United States because they believed life would be better. Once they got to this American "melting pot," most were defined by the country from which they came. It's ironic that this "melting pot" has so many partitions. Not only are there partitions but there are stereotype spices that seem to flavor each partition.

For instance, not every Italian-American has a cousin Vito or Guido who will "take care of a situation" for them. There are many German-Americans that don't even know what the word stoic means. Many Asian-Americans don't require a bow after an introduction. Finally, most African-Americans have to go to the local zoo to see a lion or gazelle in its semi-natural habitat.

When somebody asks me that stupid question, "So, Becky what nationality are you?" I tell them that I am American. You wouldn't believe the looks I get for that response! I don't like to tell people that I am Scandinavian because I've never lived there, I don't speak the language and the only sense of heritage I have is in the United States. In fact, my heritage is more Irish and Italian than it is Scandinavian. However, above and beyond that, I am American. I'm not ashamed to admit that I have thoroughly melted in the pot.

So, to all Italian-Americans, Greek-Americans, French-Americans, German-Americans, Mexican-Americans, African-Americans, Paraguayan-Americans, etc., — I'm calling you on it. If you are a citizen of the United States of America, you too are just an American like me — well, except on St. Patrick's Day, when everybody is Irish for a day. □



compiled by Stephanie Platt/staff photographer

### What's your favorite aspect of St. Patrick's Day?

"It's the only day I can get away with green lipstick."

-Devon Jones  
freshman/criminal justice



"Green popcorn!"

-Harmony Wade  
freshman/criminal justice

"The St. Pat's Day parade."

-Christopher C. Taylor  
freshman/biology and vocal performance



"Pinching people who don't wear green."

-Lakimya Jefferson  
senior/electrical engineering

"Traditional Irish music."

-Gail Savliier  
graduate student/gerontology

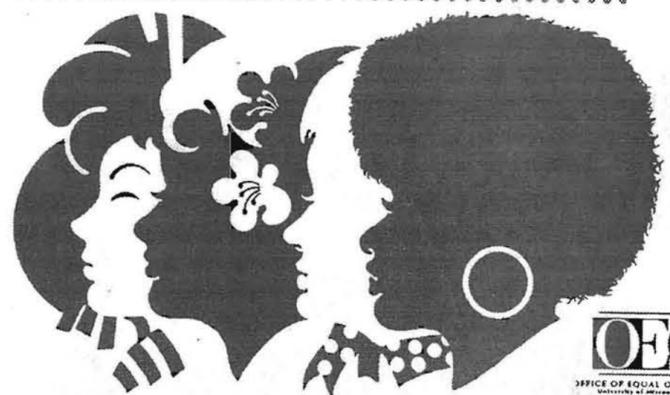


"Because we get to wear a pin saying 'Kiss me; I'm Irish' and being a bartender, I get lots of them."

-Gena Yount  
senior/biology

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The Current's own features editor will be in the Quad Monday with FREE movie passes. Find her and the passes are yours. This week's movies are *My Little Giant*, starring Billy Crystal and some tall guy, and *Primary Colors*, starring John Travolta (despite what you've heard, it probably is about Bill Clinton). Tickets are courtesy of TCI Cable and its new half-hour 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.



## Women of Stature

BY BECKY RICKARD  
staff writer

Women's History month began a few days early this year, on Feb. 25. In accordance with the recognition of women in history, the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) has narrowed the pool of 25 applicants for the UM-St. Louis Trailblazer awards to seven award recipients. The Trailblazer Award is open to women students, faculty, staff and alumnae who were the first to occupy positions traditionally held by men. The criteria also includes areas for women who have created new paths for other women and have made an "outstanding contribution" to UM-St. Louis. According to Norman Seay, director of the OEO, the standards and criteria for the Trailblazers are being revised from previous years.

"We are working on the criteria because we are evolving," Seay said.

The Trailblazer Awards were introduced to UM-St. Louis in 1995, whereupon all the applicants received the award. However, with recipients like Chancellor Blanche Touhill, the first female faculty member to receive tenure, and Brenda Smith Lofin, the first alumna to become a St. Louis County Judge and Marguerite Ross Barnett, the first female chancellor, the standards for the award are evident.

"We are looking for women who are making

a crack in the glass ceiling," Seay added. "However, there are several other types of recognition such as leadership and academic achievement in her department, in addition to other things on campus."

Because the award is limited to women connected with UM-St. Louis, the OEO originally asked the four students in the Fall 97 Graphic Design 4 class, Nicole Challan, Natalie George, Lindy Ackerman and Conception Robinson, to compete with each other in designing the logo for the award. None of the four designs were used because the lecturer of the class, Cynthia Wrobel, unexpectedly left her teaching position.

According to Seay, there wasn't enough time to fully develop the students' designs for the award ceremony. However, the OEO plans to incorporate and monetarily compensate each student's design in publicity for Women's History Month.

Seay admitted that students aren't as likely as faculty, staff and alumnae to receive the award.

"It is easier for an employee to get in because the avenues are greater. Students worry about grades and studies," Seay said.

The award ceremony will be held on March 24 in the Summit Lounge from noon to 3 p.m. and will feature Rose Kemp, the Regional Administrator of the Women's Bureau as the keynote speaker. □



# The Current Newswire

**Burton Kaufman, candidate for dean of the College of Arts & Sciences**, will hold two open meetings with students on March 25 from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 in 200 Lucas and 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 in 206 Lucas.

**Hunger Awareness Week observances begin today** and will last through the end of this week. A "Soup Line" featuring a "bowl and roll" or a "soupbowl" for \$2 will be offered in the Underground on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. The "Hunger Banquet" will be held in the Hawthorn Room at noon and 5 p.m. on Thursday. Throughout the week, containers will be placed on campus for donations of non-perishable food for Operation Food Search or cash donations for Oxfam America; T-shirts will also be on sale. Call Betty Chitwood at 385-3455.

**Gregory P. Ames has been named curator of the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library**; the collection is part of the St. Louis Mercantile Library that is currently being moved on campus. Ames has served as library director of the Kalmbach Memorial Library of the National Model Railroad Association in Chattanooga, Tenn. and at the Rush Rhees Library at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

**Steven C. Knorr, recently appointed special assistant to the president ( of the UM System) for Federal Relations**, will be at an open faculty forum from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in Room 121 of the Research Building. Call 5898 for details.

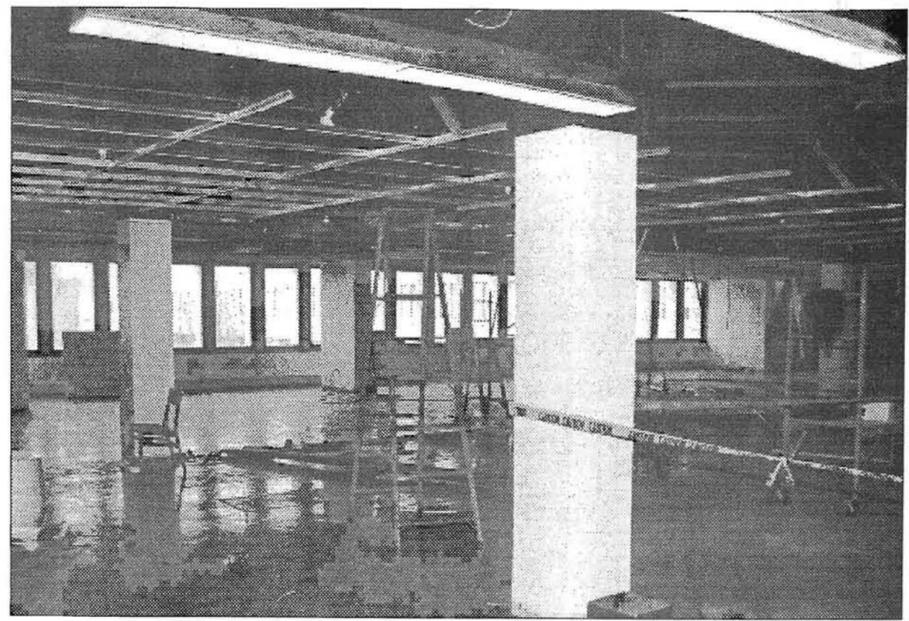
**Priscilla-Hill Ardoin, president of the Missouri Division of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company**, will discuss "Business Success: The Never Ending Story" Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Southwestern Bell Telecommunity Center. RSVP by calling 6460.

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

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The construction marathon at the TJ Library continues: above, renovations related to the Mercantile Library collection are still underway on the fourth floor. Of course, no day would be complete without the unexpected repairs, like, say, an elevator breaking down, left.



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# Sports

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## THE LATEST SCOOP



**DAVE KINWORTHY**  
 sports associate

The best time of year in sports is now. March Madness is in full-swing and basketball lovers are glued to the television sets. The odds in Las Vegas and side-wages and bets have already been made.

From a spectator's point of view, the no. 1 seeds in each bracket seem to be a lock and destined for the Final Four in San Antonio. The only problem is, there is always an upset brewing in the distance. Some Cinderella team comes from nowhere and ends up in the spotlight.

Though I do not consider myself to be an expert on this tournament, I do have a few words of advice for those looking to win a few dollars.

To start things off, this year the NCAA expects all of the no. 1 seeds to be in the Final Four for the first time in nearly 30 years. Kansas, North Carolina, Duke and defending champion Arizona are teams with a surplus of talent. They have dominated the NCAA and they should not be bet against.

With the depth and coaching experience that these teams possess, these teams are virtually unbeatable.

Kansas and Arizona are led by the talent of two All-Americans, while Duke has an abundance of talent and youth due to an extremely gifted freshmen class. North Carolina is the last, but do not over look this powerful team. The will make an impact with their inside-outside touch.

The second bit of advise I have to offer: look into teams before you jump into the polls. Sure there are All-Americans like Paul Pierce of Kansas and guard Mike Bibby of Arizona who will dominate play, but underdog teams should never be counted out of contention. Go with your instinct on any pick that puzzles your brain cells.

Do not pick a team because of their previous experience in the tournament.

The usual teams like Temple, South Carolina and Xavier will lose in the first round because of their lack of discipline and principles that their coaches have instilled in their teams.

The NCAA selection committee always chooses those teams who have made an impact in previous years, but now their dominance is over. The domination they once had over other teams is now extinct.

Those teams do not deserve to be in this tournament.

The problem here is that the committee will not choose teams that they have not heard of. The only team that got an at-large bid to the tournament was Detroit University. Their dominance finally caught somebody's attention.

The third and final comment I wish to make is a simple reminder — have fun. This time in March is a basketball lover's paradise.

There is no telling what might happen in this exclusive tournament. Season records are thrown out and each team has the same chance to be crowned the 1998 NCAA champion.

So sit back, relax and prepare yourself for the true madness of March. □

Dave Kinworthy's column appears every other week. Contact him by phone at 516-5174; fax at 516-6811; e-mail at s1019874@admiral.umsl.edu; or by mail at 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121.

# Rivermen go 8-1 in Florida

BY KEN DUNKIN  
 staff writer

The Rivermen's baseball season started off on a strong note as it went 8-1 on its trip through Florida.

The trip started with a sound 12-5 performance over Salem-Teikyo. It was all in the Rivermen's favor as the team defeated four ranked teams during their trip.

"We beat every team's ace," said head coach Jim Brady. "That is an added feather in our cap. They also faced some tough pitching from us too."

The pitching on the trip was dominating at times. The team has a combined ERA of 3.11. Their opposition has a average of 10.86.

The Rivermen dominated in several games, bombarding 12th ranked Mercyhurst 25-4. The team gave the message that it is a team to compete with. The Rivermen also beat 28th ranked Winona St. 3-2 and 5th ranked Mansfield 3-2.

"We've moved to a point where being average is not acceptable," Brady said. "It is tough to consider it a successful season if we don't get to regionals. We need to put ourselves in a position to get there. If we play to our ability we will give a lot of our opposition anxiety."

The hitting over the trip gave the opponents headaches. The team had a combined .326 batting average. They were led by Marc Masesso with a .467 average. Steve Johnson, Scott Luczak and Joe Christian each have batting averages over .400.

"We seem to have the offense again this season," Brady said. "We seem to be up to par with past teams."

The team has also been running rampant on the infield, with 22 stolen bases led by Bob Hlousek.

"Bob can make things happen. He really brings a lot to this team and makes quite a bit of difference at the top of the lineup," Brady



Sports Information

Former Riverman Dan Chinnici slides into second base in a game against SIU Edwardsville last year. Despite losing

Chinnici's hitting power to graduation, the team started its 1998 season with a bang.

said.

After the great Florida trip the players have set some high expectations for themselves, but so has Brady. He isn't shy about telling people how good he thinks this team can be.

"I compare this team to my 1993 and 1996 squads that went to the College World Series," Brady said. "This team is better. The question is whether [this team] has the heart and determination of those squads. They have all the other tools. They have pitching, defense and hitting." □

### Scoreboard

<b>Feb. 28</b>	UM-St. Louis 12, Salem-Teikyo 5	<b>March 4</b>	UM-St. Louis 4, (27) St. Rose 1
<b>March 2</b>	UM-St. Louis 12, Grand Valley State 5	<b>March 5</b>	UM-St. Louis 24, Bryant 6
<b>March 3</b>	UM-St. Louis 6, Grand Valley State 2	<b>March 6</b>	UM-St. Louis 3, (5) Mansfield 2
<b>March 3</b>	UM-St. Louis 3, (28) Winona State 2	<b>March 7</b>	Rose-Hulman 4, UM-St. Louis 3
<b>March 4</b>	UM-St. Louis 25, (16) Mercyhurst 4		

# Riverwomen off to sluggish start

Softball team returns 3-6 after tour of southeastern states



Sports Information

Key members of the Riverwomen softball team, from l-r, Amy Costanza, Audrey Kramme, Diana Mooney, Nichol Kocis and Christina Ponto.

BY JOE HARRIS  
 staff writer

The Riverwomen's softball season got off to an ominous start by going 3-6 on a season opening road trip.

The trip took the team to the warmer climates of the southeast where they battled five different schools in the span of six days.

Alabama-Huntsville greeted the

Riverwomen coldly to start the trip with two victories over UM-St. Louis. The Riverwomen were shut out in the first game and Nicki Kocis took the loss. The offense picked up in the second game, but it was not enough as six errors victimized the Riverwomen.

The next stop was a doubleheader against Georgia Southern. In the first game, the Riverwomen improved, with a convincing 8-0 vic-

tory. Kocis earned the win while only allowing two hits. The nightcap would be different though. Georgia Southern capitalized on UM-St. Louis' fielding mistakes by scoring eight runs on eight hits and seven errors. UM-St. Louis did not have enough punch to overcome the mistakes and fell 8-6.

Thomas College became the next destination for UM-St. Louis and the team's next victim. The Riverwomen exploded in the second inning for nine runs, and it would be more than the team needed for the 9-2 win. In the nightcap, the Riverwomen's fortunes would not change as they had against Georgia Southern. Instead, the women went out to thrash Thomas College 9-0 with three-run first and third innings.

Unfortunately for the Riverwomen, that would be the high point of the trip. The finale came two days after the Thomas College triumph, at the Valdosta State tournament with three games, in a row, against Columbus State, Valdosta

see SOFTBALL, page 10

### Riverwomen Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
March 1	Alabama-Huntsville	4 p.m.
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March 2	Georgia Southwestern	6 p.m.
March 2	Georgia Southwestern	6 p.m.
March 3	Thomas College	3 p.m.
March 3	Thomas College	3 p.m.
March 6	Columbus St.	TBA
March 7	Valdosta St.	TBA
March 6-8	Valdosta St. Tourney	TBA
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Mckeendree(2)</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
March 13-14	Missouri Southern Tourney	TBA
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Quincy(2)*</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
March 21-22	GLVC Cluster (at Evansville, Ind.)	TBA
March 24	Mesa State	1 p.m.
March 24	Central Missouri	3 p.m.
<b>March 25</b>	<b>SIU-Edwardsville(2)*</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
March 28-29	GLVC Cluster (at Evansville, Ind.)	TBA
April 1	Quincy(2)*	3 p.m.
<b>April 4-5</b>	<b>GLVC Cluster</b>	<b>TBA</b>
April 7	SIU-Edwardsville(2)*	5 p.m.
April 10-11	GLVCCluster (at Romeoville, Ill.)	TBA
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Lindenwood(2)</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
April 17-19	GLVC Tourney (at Kenosha, Wis.)	TBA
April 22	McKendree	3 p.m.
April 25-26	GLVCvsGLIAC Tourney (at Romeoville, Ill.)	TBA

Home games in bold  
 \*GLVC conference games

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Contact the Athletic Department for information about these and other events.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
	17	18	21	22
Men		vs Westminster 2:30 p.m.	vs Lewis (2) noon	vs Quincy (2) noon
Women	vs Quincy (2) 3:00 p.m.		GLVC Cluster at Evansville, Ind. TBA	GLVC Cluster at Evansville, Ind. TBA
Men			vs Southern Ind. 9:00 a.m. vs Ky. Wesleyan 2:00 p.m.	

# Tennis team drops 3 of 4

BY DAVE KINWORTHY  
 staff writer

The men's tennis team recently returned from its prestigious Hilton Head trip with a 1-3 record.

The Rivermen lost to Grand Valley College 5-4, Grand Rapids Community College 5-4, Technical College of the Low Country 6-3 and posted its sole win over Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science 7-2.

Although the record may not show it, the men learned about themselves as a team according to head coach Rick Gyllenberg.

"As an evaluation, we gained maturity and experience. It was a great trip for us," Gyllenberg said. "It should have been good preparation for conference play. The competition is as good as we will see in our conference."

The Rivermen were supposed to face Lake Superior, but members of their opponent's team were kicked out of Hilton Head for alcohol rules violations. UM-St. Louis was then forced to play Grand Rapids C.C.

Two of the matches in which UM-St. Louis participated were decided by one point. Gyllenberg felt that these matches could have gone either way and prepped the kids for tight matches to come.

"These matches prepped us very well," Gyllenberg said. "The tight matches were good for us because it makes you find out what you are made of."

Gyllenberg also mentioned a few key players who impressed him at

see TENNIS, page 10

# Baseball coach optimistic about team's performance

Rivermen lose hitting leaders to graduation, strengthen pitching staff

BY KEN DUNKIN  
staff writer

Get the Rivermen baseball team mad and they will get even. Mercyhurst found this out first hand during the squad's trip to Florida.

On the Rivermen caravan to Florida the team played several ranked teams. Mercyhurst was ranked 12th in Division II. While at dinner several Mercyhurst players were video taping the team. "These are the guys we are going to beat tomorrow," a player said to the Rivermen. The glove had been dropped.

This gave the Rivermen something to play for. Not that they needed it. They finished 8-1 on the road trip. The Mercyhurst game was different though — they had been challenged. They pounded Mercyhurst 25-4.

"The guys were fired up," Rivermen head coach Jim Brady said. "We weren't going to let them [beat us]. They were going to be exposed."

That is the attitude of the 1998 Rivermen. They have something to show the entire nation. The winning tradition is back.



Scott Luczak



Steve Johnson

"They have an attitude," Brady said. "They have something to prove."

That is something that comes from winning. The baseball team has made trips to the College World Series in 1993 and 1996. They have their sights set on returning this season.

"The program has reached a point where we don't go out and want to win, we expect it," Brady said. "If we play up to our potential and stay healthy we will keep winning."

The key to winning has been Brady's recruiting. Last season the

team lacked success on the pitching mound. This is something Brady rectified. Coming from the Florida trip the team had only one pitcher with an earned run average above 4.00. That player, Joe Radeke, was the most successful pitcher on the squad last season.

"We have some good arms," Brady said. "We have four or five guys who could be our ace, we have so many good arms. John Buckingham has the poise and maturity of an older player. Shane Brannan is a junior college All-America pitcher."

The bullpen is also greatly

improved with Chad Thomas finally recovered from arm injuries. Cory Sivumaki and Curt Salata are both back after a year away from the program. They both add great depth to the pitching staff.

"Chad has been dominating," Brady said. "Cory has been throwing the ball well. It is nice to have a guy with his experience on the team. Curt is a great asset. He can pitch and play great at shortstop. He is our trump card in the bullpen."

The great hitting that marked last years squad is back. The team lost hitting leaders Todd Schmidt and Dan Chinnici. Due to the loss several players have taken a great deal of the hitting burden on themselves. Scott Luczak, Joe Christian and Steve Johnson have stepped up already. It has shown in their stats.

"Joe is finally coming into his own," Brady said. "Steve is finally playing up to his potential. These guys are ready."

The team also has something to prove in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They were picked to finish in 5th place. Much lower than the team felt it deserved.

"I feel we have so much to prove and the players feel the same way," Brady said. □

## Rivermen Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 28	Salem-Teikyo	6 p.m.
March 2	Grand Valley State	2 p.m.
March 2	Grand Valley State	4 p.m.
March 3	Winona State	6 p.m.
March 4	Mercyhurst	10 a.m.
March 4	College of St. Rose	2 p.m.
March 5	Bryant	7 p.m.
March 6	Mansfield	10 a.m.
March 7	Rose-Hulman	10 a.m.
March 11	Missouri-Rolla	2:30 p.m.
March 13-15	Missouri Southern Tourney	TBA
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Westminster</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Lewis(2)*</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Quincy(2)*</b>	<b>noon</b>
March 24	Southeast Missouri	5:00 p.m.
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Missouri-Rolla</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
March 28	Kentucky Wesleyan(2)*	noon
March 29	Kentucky Wesleyan*	noon
April 1	SIU-Edwardsville(2)*	1 p.m.
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Northern Kentucky(2)*</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Northern Kentucky*</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Harris-Stowe</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
April 10	St. Joseph's(2)	noon
April 11	Wisconsin-Parkside(2)*	noon
April 14	Lincoln(2)	TBA
<b>April 15</b>	<b>SIU-Edwardsville*</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Southern Indiana(2)*</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Southern Indiana*</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
April 22	Truman State(2)	TBA
April 25	Bellarmine(2)*	noon
April 26	Bellarmine*	noon
April 28	Missouri	7:30 p.m.
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Missouri Baptist</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
May 2	IUPUI-Fort Wayne(2)	noon
May 3	Indianapolis(2)*	noon
May 8-10	Conference Tourney	TBA

Home games in bold  
\*GLVC conference games

### Sports Analysis

## Cardinals fan predicts wins in ball club's future

I drove by Busch Stadium the other day and to my surprise it still holds the same mystic qualities that entranced me as a small boy.

Its size is imposing—a castle, home of several baseball gods, Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Ozzie Smith to name a few. The sunlight gleaming off the arches at the top gave the whole scene a surreal quality.

Then I went home and turned on the 5 o'clock news, paying special attention to the sports and the latest spring training developments.

This is a special time of year for baseball fans. Spring training has begun. Every team has a chance (except the Marlins). Every team thinks they can win (except the Marlins). Every team is a contender (except the Marlins).

As a die hard Cardinal fan, I have dreams of a "Red October." Dreams of hearing Jack Buck's famous, "That's a winner! Go crazy folks!" after the Cards wrap up the World Series title. Dreams of a massive

parade downtown celebrating the triumph.

This year, as with every other year, I believe the Cards can win the World Series. They have power, speed, and a good defense. They have a nice blend of veterans and rookies. This could be the year.

Realistically, the Cardinals have an unproven, young pitching staff coming off of some major injuries. They lost their top starter and they have a new closer who struggled all last year. Plus their offense failed to produce runs last year even after the addition of mighty Mark McGwire.

However, the irrational fan in me makes it impossible for me to truly believe that there are any major problems with the Cardinals. As a fan, I believe the pitching staff will come together and do the job. I believe the Cardinals will score at will and beat any team that stands in their way.

I know McGwire will hit 60 home runs, Alan Benes will win 20 games, and Jeff Brantley will record

35 saves. I know Brian Jordan will return from his back injuries to have a career year, that Donovan Osborne can stay away from injuries and finally cash in on the potential he came up from the minors with. I know Ray Lankford will expand on the incredible numbers he put up last year.

This irrationality is what makes being a fan great. It's the ultimate drug. You fly high when your team is going good and you're low when your team is in a slump.

This irrationality allows me to be a kid again. It allows me to put aside the criminal records of half the players. It allows me to forget about the outrageous salaries the players get, and to forget about the rising ticket costs. It allows me to sit in the bleachers on a warm summer day without a care in the world except whether or not my Cardinals win.

It's what sports are all about.

-Joe Harris

## TENNIS, from page 9

Hilton Head.

"Scott Goodyear won two three-set matches, the last two in singles," Gyllenberg said. "Townsend Morris jumped from no. 5 last year to no. 3 this year in singles. Also, Brad Tinnon, at

no. 4 in singles, really got better in his last two matches."

UM-St. Louis was scheduled to play UM-Rolla on March 12, but due to weather conditions, Gyllenberg decided to cancel the match. Gyllenberg said that the contest has not been rescheduled at this time.

The Rivermen will face Southern Indiana and Kentucky-Wesylan on

March 21. Gyllenberg knows that getting off to a quick start in the GLVC may be just what the team needs.

"If we start off the conference season with a win, it would be huge," Gyllenberg said. "Southern Indiana will really be a test for us. The match could go either way. My guys know if they are going to step up, they need to do it here." □

## SOFTBALL, from page 9

State and Northern Florida.

The Riverwomen would drop all three games while only scoring three runs total. Valdosta State hammered out five singles and six doubles in its 6-1 win and Northern Florida scored six earned runs and two unearned runs, to beat the Riverwomen 8-0.

Despite the disappointing finish, the team looks to rebound with a doubleheader at home against Quincy on March 17, starting at 3 p.m. □

### Riverwomen Softball Roster

Player	Pos.	B-T	Year
Andrea Wirkus	RF	L-L	Fr
Jani Bonenberger	2B	R-R	Jr
Jeanee' Buda	C	R-R	So
Megan Kuebler	P	R-R	Fr
Melissa Shumate	CF	B-R	Fr
Sarah Priest	DH	R-R	So
Christina Ponto	CF	B-R	Sr
Andrea Sczurko	2B	R-R	Jr
Nichol Kocis	P-DH	R-R	Sr
Jill Nowakowski	3B	R-R	Fr
Diana Mooney	P-1B	R-R	Sr
Amy Costanza	3B-DH	R-R	Sr
Jamie Boeving	LF	L-R	Fr
Audrey Kramme	C	R-R	Sr

Head Coach: Charlie Kennedy  
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#### March 1

Alabama-Huntsville 3, UM-St. Louis 0

Alabama-Huntsville 16, UM-St. Louis 4

#### March 2

UM-St. Louis 9, Georgia Southwestern 0

Georgia Southwestern 9, UM-St. Louis 6

#### March 3

UM-St. Louis 9, Thomas College 1

UM-St. Louis 9, Thomas College 0

#### March 6

Columbus State 3, UM-St. Louis 2

#### March 7

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#### March 8

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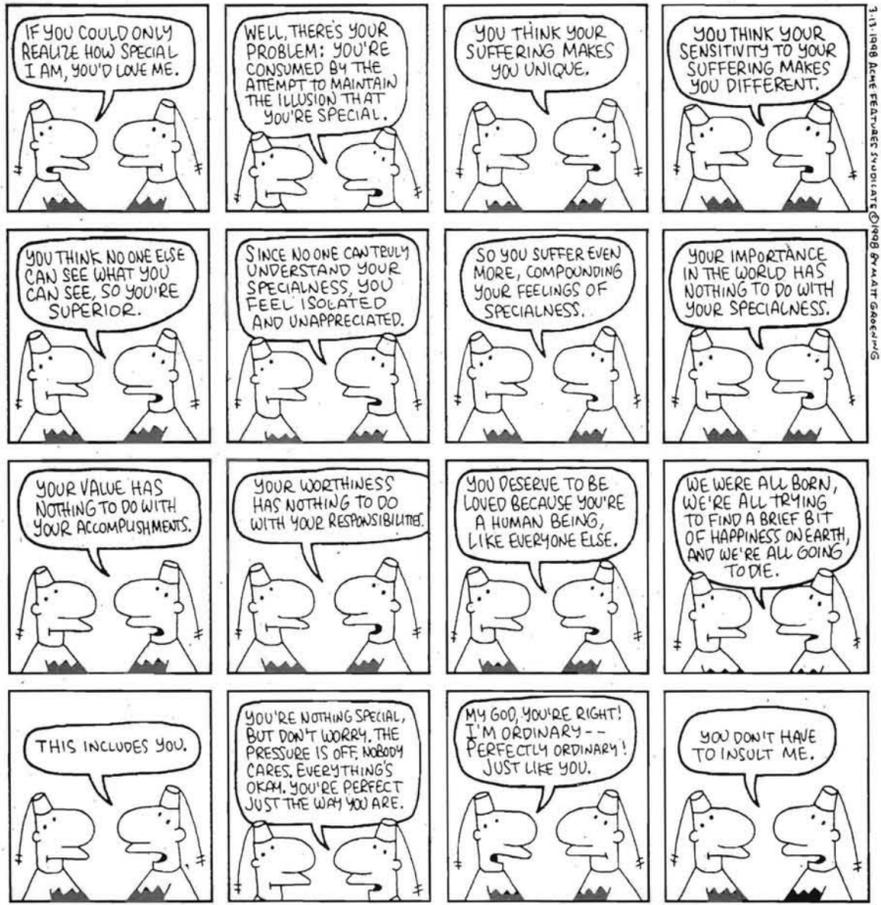
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