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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

New Hampshire student senators caught drinking

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.H. — In an attempt to begin repairing the shattered reputation of the student senate, the administration has issued three sanctions, which they said they hope will educate senators while holding them accountable for their mistakes.

An investigation of senate in the last weeks of January ended with two senators admitting to drinking during a senate meeting. One of those senators is underage.

The fate of the two guilty senators, who were forced to resign from the organization, lies in the hands of the judicial board.

The rest of senate is being forced by the administration to participate in a morals and ethics workshop, an alcohol awareness workshop and a community service activity.

Molly McCarthy, speaker of the senate, said the sanctions will mark the beginning of many changes in the senate.

"Student senate owes the university community an enormous apology," she said. "These sanctions are the first in a series of steps we will be taking to make amends for our transgressions and to reevaluate our organization and its function."

Student Body President Keith Levitsky said he felt the sanctions were necessary to maintain the integrity of senate.

Other senators said that they resented the sanctions and felt they were being punished for the mistakes of people who weren't even a part of the senate anymore.

Brian Trojan, co-Lord senator, said he felt he had done nothing wrong.

"When we were at that meeting, we had no idea what was going on," he said. "I feel like I'm being punished. The individuals involved should be punished."

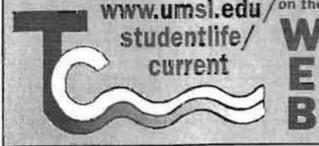
The administration emphasized that the sanctions should not be viewed simply as a punishment.

"I call on the membership of senate to use this episode as an opportunity to redirect its considerable energies and talents into focusing exclusively on what is best for the student body at UNH," said Anne Lawing, director of student life.

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Former Polish president Lech Walensa receives the Global Citizen Award from Chancellor Blanche Touhill Thursday night in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

Walensa visits campus, speaks to packed house at J. C. Penney

BY GENE MARSHALL

Lech Walensa, the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner, founder of the Polish Solidarity movement, and first democratically elected leader of Poland, spoke at the J. C. Penney auditorium Thursday before a capacity crowd. His lecture was titled, "Europe in the 21st Century."

The former Polish president began, through a translator, by commending the young people in attendance.

In comparing Europe of the past to that of the present, he said, "In the old days, it was profitable to deprive others of good land. Now nations cannot be exterminated because they constitute a good market."

He emphasized the importance of a competitive yet regulated global market.

"We have to level the differences in standards of living between countries and open borders," he said. "The question is not whether we should establish a global unity but how we should establish a good unity."

He felt that the United States should take a special leadership role in the formulation of this regulated global society.

"New regulations are needed for the UN and NATO because the political situation in the world is different now from when they were formed," he said.

He pointed to a desire to avoid confrontation as being behind the original UN and NATO, due to the Cold War. Now, he said we need confrontation to enforce the UN's resolutions and improve our world.

"Right now you can compare the United States to a policeman . . . I don't think this is a good role," he said. "The role of the U. S. today is to help others organize peace," Walensa said. "We should all be more active, we should participate . . . Democracy allows for this. Whoever is well organized and gets elected runs the country."

He also emphasized the importance of young people. "The young generation has a mission to fulfill, especially in the U. S. If we don't deal with the present situation, those who are much less educated than us . . . will do it for you. It is up to you to work it out."

After his lecture and the question and answer session, Chancellor Blanche Touhill presented Walensa with the University's Global Citizen Award.

Impeachment discussed, rejected at SGA meeting

BY JOSH RENAUD

A UM-St. Louis student read an open letter to Student Government Association President Jim Avery at Thursday's SGA meeting, setting off a heated discussion of his presidency.

Rosalind Harris said she was trying to raise awareness of the issue of Avery's absence from senate and chancellor's cabinet meetings. These absences have damaged the relationship between students and the UM-St. Louis administration, she said, since he represents the students to the administration. Avery was not present at the meeting.

Avery said an emergency delayed his arrival until after the meeting had adjourned.

" . . . You are taking too much for granted and you are doing the students an injustice in the process," Harris read at the meeting. "Mr. Avery, your recalcitrance has contributed to the debasement of the student-administration relationship. We are paying for your apathy. . . ."

After Harris finished reading the letter, representatives began to applaud. The floor was opened for questions and comments, and many students voiced agreement with Harris' letter. Some said they were uncomfortable talking about Avery without his presence at the meeting.

SGA Vice President Michael Rankins responded to some of the comments by saying he thought Avery's presidency started off well, but deteriorated after miscommunications with the administration and other student leaders.

"I know one turning point for Jim was when he tried to get the 'Barenaked Ladies' here," Rankins said. "He had worked on that for about four months very diligently, and unfortunately he couldn't get them here to the campus because no one would

reschedule the volleyball game.

"That was very frustrating to him, and that combined with a few other things kind of burned him out. Now that's not an appropriate response, but what I'm saying is that it's an understandable response."

Comptroller Benjamin Ash apologized for some of the mistakes he and the other SGA officers had made during the year.

"I've seen student governments be very, very good and I've seen student governments be not quite so good," Ash said. "This one is probably among the bottom that I've seen so far. It's unfortunate, but as with any organization you have some high points and you have some low points."

Sarah Welch, UM student curator, said she felt the assembly should approach Avery directly and address the problems of his absences and his alleged failure to post office hours or return phone calls.

"You can impeach [Avery] if you don't like what he's doing or if you feel like he's breaking the rules," she said. "You pay him over five-thousand dollars a year, [so] you should expect something in return. If you aren't getting what you want, then you should bring it to him."

Some discussed impeachment but Ash recommended against it, saying it was too late to begin the procedure. If an impeachment resolution was brought forward at the March meeting, he said, Avery would have one month to respond to the Student Court, so it would be April before the Court could reach a decision. The winter semester ends in May.

"Speaking from a realistic timeline, an impeachment at this point would more or less just be a slap on the wrist," Ash said. "Jim waited until the second

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Student senate seats hit with vacancies, shortage of applicants

BY SUE BRITT

staff associate

While 25 student senate seats are open for next year, several seats have become vacant this semester as some students were found to be ineligible by Student Affairs last week.

"There were . . . students who were on senate committees that had to be replaced," Gail Babcock, a student senator, said. "A number of them graduated so they're no longer eligible."

Eight students were replaced on seven senate committees, which can have both senate members and non-members. Six of the ineligible students were senators, according to the senate ballot. Replacement students were elected last week at the senate meeting for these committee positions.

Babcock, who is chair of the student election committee, said that there are 10 firm commitments to run for the 25 open seats so far in the upcoming election and it is hoped that all of the seats will be filled. Babcock said she is only encouraging those students who plan to be active in the senate to apply.

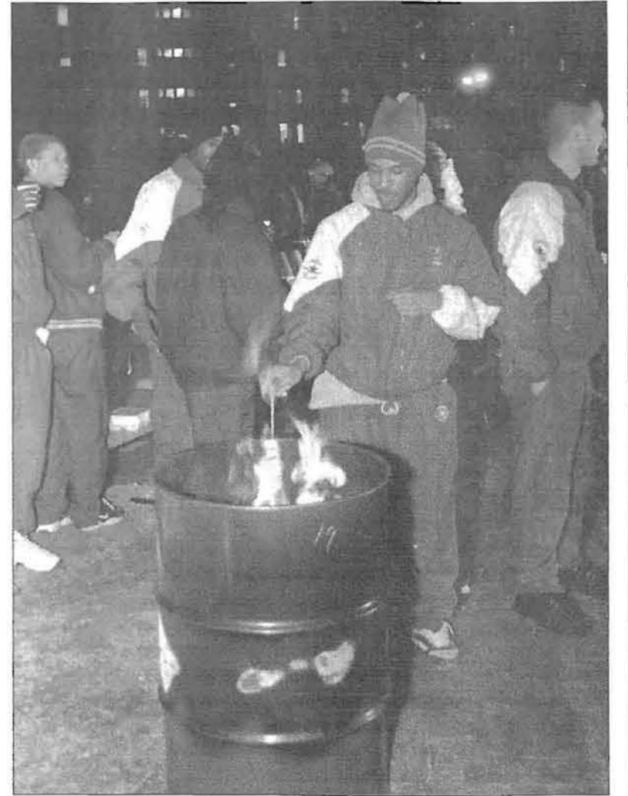
"There have been numerous phone calls," Babcock said. "I'm confident that we'll have 25, maybe more."

Student senators are elected to serve a term of one year, are expected to attend senate meetings once a month, be attentive to the business of the senate and vote on the issues brought forth at the meetings. The senate meets on one Tuesday of each month. Time obligations for students who also choose to serve on committees of the senate would vary depending on the committee.

Election days for the student senate are Mar. 4 and 5. Babcock said that volunteers are needed to work the polling places that will be located around campus those two days. Only six volunteers have applied at this time. There is a need for 35 to 40 volunteers.

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Comin' Home



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Kechan Johnson, Rivermen basketball forward, roasts marshmallows during The Bonfire event near garages C and D, Wednesday. The Bonfire was only one of a series of events to celebrate Homecoming Week which was highlighted by Friday's dance. For the full story on Homecoming Week, see page 3.

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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, Feb. 22

• **African-American History Month Event "I Am A Man"** will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Center for the Humanities, 5699.

• **BASIC FITNESS AND WEIGHT LOSS CLASS** meets from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Walking Clinic** from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Poetry and Short Story Reading Series.** Award winning author Jaimee Wriston Colbert will give a reading of her works at 7 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: 5699.

• **Chemistry Colloquia.** Mary Rodgers, assistant professor of chemistry at Wayne State University, will discuss "Threshold Collision-Induced Dissociation from Dynamics to DNA Bases" at 4 p.m. in B451 of Benton Hall. Contact: 5311.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

• **Greek Culture Lecture "Byzantium and the Orient"** will be discussed by Speros Vryonis Jr., director of the Speros Basil Vryonis Center, at 7 p.m. in the Summit Lounge. Contact: 5753.

• **Student Social Work Association Meeting** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Evening College Conference Room on the third floor of Lucas Hall. Contact: Terri Kettenbrink, 924-6402.

• **Open Meeting for Public Policy Candidate Professor Mark Rosentraub of Indiana University.** Open meeting for academic officers, department chairs and the Academic Council will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in 411 Woods Hall. Contact: 5372.

• **Biology Seminar.** Robert Pruitt, associate professor of biology at Harvard University, will discuss "Regulation Cellular Interactions by

Modifying Extracellular Properties" at 4 p.m. in B451 Benton Hall. Contact: 6204.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

• **SPINNING CLASS** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Introduction to Weight Training** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Teleconference celebrating "50 Years of Sharing"** through the UM Committee on Relief from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in 222 J.C. Penney. All are welcome. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3455 (office) or 391-0747 (home).

• **Taize Prayer,** a quiet, meditative time for scripture, music and prayer sponsored by campus ministries. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

• **Open Meeting for Public Policy Candidate Professor Mark Rosentraub of Indiana University.** Open meeting for academic officers, department chairs and the Academic Council will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in 411 Woods Hall. There will be an open meeting for faculty from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: 5372.

• **Colloquium on the Nixon Impeachment.** Former U.S. Rep. William L. Hungate will discuss "Impeaching a President: In Song and Verse" at 12 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: 5521.

Thursday, Feb. 25

• **One-Night Coed 4-on-4 Basketball Tournament** in the Mark Twain Gym. Teams consist of 2 guys and 2 gals (students, faculty, and/or staff). Special coed rules are used. Team and individual sign-ups are welcomed. Sign up by Feb. 18. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Biology Seminar.** Iris Meier of the

Dupont Experimental Station will discuss "Plant Nuclear Matrix Proteins: Components in Chromatin Organization?" at 4 p.m. in B451 Benton Hall. Contact: 6204.

Friday, Feb. 26

• **African-American History Month Culminating Event "Slave Narrative"** performed by the St. Louis Black Repertory Company. The UM-St. Louis Gospel Choir and Jazz Ensemble will also perform. This event will be at 7:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Contact: Office of Equal Opportunity, 5695.

• **Scholarship Reception** to celebrate Lawrence Barton's nearly two decades of leadership in the chemistry department from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Alumni Center. RSVP required. Contact: Joann Jolly, 5311.

Monday, Mar. 1

• **Monday Noon Series: Indigo Ink—Prose Readings.** Members of Indigo Ink, the St. Louis Association of African-American Writers, present readings of some of their recent works in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: 5699.

Tuesday, Mar. 2

• **Spring Break Alternative Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. at the Newman House for all those interested in working with the poor in cooperation with other UM-St. Louis Students. Contact: Betty Chitwood, 385-3455.

Wednesday, Mar. 3

• **Taize Prayer,** a quiet, meditative time for scripture, music and prayer sponsored by campus ministries. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

• **SPINNING CLASS** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Thursday, Mar. 4

• **Men's and Women's Recreational Weightlifting Contest** for students,

faculty and staff at 1 p.m. in the Mark Twain Weight Room. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Student Senate Elections** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers still needed. Contact: Senate Office, 6769.

• **"Patterns of Nature: Biology"** will be shown at 2 p.m. in 132 SSB as part of the MathClub Film Series.

Friday, Mar. 5

• **Student Senate Elections** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers still needed. Contact: Senate Office, 6769.

• **FUN & GAMES at the gym.** All Residential Life, University Meadows, & International Students are invited to use the gym from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and eat free pizza. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **International Seminar "United Germany Today: America's European Partner"** given by Dr. Harald W. Braun, Minister for Political Affairs at the German Embassy in Washington D.C. from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the McDonnell Conference Room 331 SSB. Contact: 6620.

Saturday, Mar. 6

• **Third Annual Japanese Dinner** at 6:30 p.m. in the South Campus Residence Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased in the International Student Services Office in SSB 304. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 26. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact: Yoshiko Shimizu, 7045 or Christopher Follis, 8676.

Monday, Mar. 8

• **Monday Noon Series: An Introduction to the Sitar.** Allyn Miner, lecturer in Indian music, South Asia Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, performs on the sitar and discusses its history in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

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HOW TO LAND YOUR DREAM INTERNSHIP (Even the one YOU didn't know existed)

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If you're starting to think about your career, even just an inkling, it may be time to focus on finding a summer internship. Following are some "insider" insights about how to land your dream internship in some of today's fast-forward industries like media, entertainment, fashion and high-tech, that likely don't recruit on campus.

WHAT TURNS YOU ON?

Not the typical first question you might think of when plotting your first career experience, but you really should think about it. The best places to work are often the places that make or do things that already interest you. And who wrote the rule that work shouldn't be fun? "It helps to start by thinking about which classroom topics interest you the most and what hobbies get you excited," says Samer Hamadeh, President of Vaultreports.com and the co-author of "America's Top Internships" and "The Internship Bible," two of the most useful books on the subject. Take his advice and ask yourself some questions. Do you spend a lot of time listening to music and going to concerts? Maybe you should check out working for a local radio station, a record label or a music publishing company. Are you a devoted athlete? Try contacting a fun sporting goods company, a fitness magazine, or a sports talent agency.

CHECK IT OUT.

Below are key resources for your internship hunt, including specific listings for openings by company, industry and location.

BOOKS:

• **America's Top Internships** - Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadeh

• **The Internship Bible** - Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadeh

WEB SITES:

• **www.internships.com** - Comprehensive city and regional guides to internship opportunities nationwide.

• **www.emmys.org/eps/index.html** - If you're interested in the television world, check out this site, which posts internships available through the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

• **www.aaf.org** - For aspiring advertising and marketing execs, this is the site for The American Advertising Federation. It offers a comprehensive directory of internship opportunities in the advertising and media industries.

• **www.review.com/career/find/intern.cfm** - This is the "Princeton Review's" on-line database of internships. You can search for openings on a city-by-city basis, and by industry. Listings are highly descriptive, and candid.

• **www.interns.org** - Ideal for budding politicians, civil advocates and lawyers. The Washington Intern Foundation posts internship available both on and off Capitol Hill.

• **www.inroadsinc.org** - Tells about national corporate-sponsored internship programs that give preferred placement to talented African-American, Hispanic and Native American students.

• **www.vaultreports.com** - An invaluable way to learn more about specific companies where you may want to explore possible opportunities.

• **www.collegehire.com** - An awesome site for anyone who wants to work in the high-tech industry. Submit your resume and a detailed form describing your background and interests. Collegehire will e-mail you with opportunities that match your qualifications and interests.

CREATE YOUR OWN JOB

After you've asked yourself what you like, and thought of some of your favorite products and activities, you may find that many of your choices lead to smaller or less structured companies that likely don't recruit on campus, or that don't have a formal internship program. Don't get discouraged!! In fact, think of it as a huge opportunity because you can potentially create your own job! There's nothing wrong with calling or writing a company out of the blue and letting them know who you are and what you're interested in. Many of the smaller companies will be thrilled to have been approached and more than likely can use the extra hands for the summer. One of Hamadeh's favorite stories is about a college student who was interested in sports law. The guy figured that Michael Jordan's lawyer must be pretty good at it, so he read a bunch of newspaper articles until he found the guy's name, then he wrote him a letter explaining why he wanted to work for him. "The

lawyer had never received a letter like that from anyone before," Hamadeh says. "So he brought him in for an interview and was so impressed that he hired him for the summer."

SELL YOURSELF, NOT YOUR NUMBERS

Just because you may not graduate *cum laude* doesn't mean you won't qualify for some of the most selective internship programs. "You have to make yourself sound interesting," says Price Hicks, who hooks students up with summer jobs at places like Warner Brothers as part of her work with the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. "The guy who wrote about growing up on a dairy farm is the one we remember best." The people, who may have the best grades, but drone on and on about why they want to be television directors all tend to blend together, she says.

SCIENTISTS CAN BE JOURNALISTS

Remember that the purpose of an internship is to gain experience. The idea is to "test drive" career options that you think might interest you for your future. And what interests you for a career may have nothing to do with what interests you in school (How many psych majors actually become psychologists? How many history majors become historians? You get the point.) You never really know what someone might be looking for, so don't feel intimidated by internships that aren't directly in your field of study. Case in point, a biology major beat out a slew of journalism majors for one of three highly coveted internships at the Center for Investigative Reporting. Out of approximately 90 applicants, she was among those with the least direct experience. "It just so happened we were working on a project about chemicals in the environment, so her skills came in handy and she ended up playing a big role in the reporting," said Maryann Sargent, who is the internship coordinator at the Center.

REMEMBER THAT SMALL CAN BE BIG

Sometimes, you really may be better off going to work for a company where the duties of an intern aren't well defined. In small but super fast-growing internet companies, for instance, there's always a lot going on, so interns can often show up on day one and pick the things that interest them the most. "Our interns will always be working on several different projects," says Jeff Daniel, who runs a cool new service called CollegeHire.com that helps match up undergrads with high-tech and internet-related internships and entry-level jobs. "We look for people who can adapt well to the culture of fast-moving companies and can excel in an environment that's changing rapidly." Big change means new opportunities, and that's where a hungry intern can step into new, exciting areas and make a big contribution.



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FEATURES

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GET THIS

'Senioritis': Are you showing its awful symptoms?

It's not quite mid-semester, and already I have been plagued with that horrific syndrome dreaded and feared by students of all kinds.

Less serious cases may be referred to as "burnout", more severe strains are known as a "complete mental breakdown." In my particular scenario, the illness has been diagnosed as "senioritis."

The term "senioritis" comes from the word "senior," referring to the most common student level it affects, and "itis," which can be added to virtually any word to make it sound like an illness.

Symptoms may vary in each individual circumstance. In the specific area of senioritis, the victim is usually in their last semester of college (although studies have shown that there can be significant development in juniors and, more rarely, sophomores).

Scientists have discovered that the problem arises most frequently in people who suddenly become painfully aware that they are about to graduate and will soon be expected to get a job. This may seem like an obvious chain of events, but the actuality of it all does not hit everyone at the same time. If the person is not prepared to deal with the reality of upcoming responsibility, they become vulnerable to the elements.

The early warning signs can include relatively common overtiredness, boredom and lack of interest. Since these feelings overcome all of us at one time or another, it is easy to overlook them. But beware — if these initial problems continue for extensive periods of time, it could be dangerous. The long term damage can be devastating. Eventually, the sufferers experience an intense desire to avoid work and find fun, a possible increase in the intake of alcoholic beverages (usually in a social atmosphere) and eventually total apathy to their collegiate career.

If you think you may have senioritis, ask yourself a few simple questions.

Do you find it hard to concentrate during classes, even in your fields of interest?

Do you fall asleep during lectures?

Do you turn off your alarm in the morning, roll over and go back to sleep on repetitive basis? Do you skip or oversleep for afternoon or evening classes?

Is it difficult to meet deadlines or turn in assignments at all?

Do you ignore your scholastic responsibilities in general?

Do you do any or all of these things and not feel any guilt or remorse about it?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be infected.

There is not yet a cure or vaccination for the disease, but there are ways to control it. Unfortunately, it takes a lot of will power and determination. Tragically, these are the very things that senioritis sucks out of the human being.

Do not panic, there is hope. The first step to overcoming these obstacles is admitting you have a problem. Once you realize that your slacker attitude is not your fault, the inner you can fight it.

One of the main things to keep in mind is that, although being a dead-beat-loser has its good points, it's really not the most attractive way to live life. It will get old rather rapidly.

In many cases, the problem dissolves by itself without any prompting from the student. One day, the patient will awake to find her body full of energy and the desire to succeed.

So, if you are a fellow senioritis sufferer, do not fret, my friends. You are not alone. You are not abnormal. You're gonna make it after all.



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BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff editor

Last week, UM-St. Louis celebrated Homecoming 1999. The festivities began on Tuesday, Feb. 16,

with the kick-off of the Ping Pong Tourney in the Mark Twain Building. Students and faculty signed up to catch a little *Forrest Gump* glory.

On Wednesday, Rec Sports Day was held in the J. C. Penney Building. The event included games like darts, hockey and golf putting greens. Later that evening, a blazing bonfire provided a pep rally atmosphere to show spirit for the men's and women's basketball teams. The pep band and members of both teams were in attendance, along with about 30-40 others. Ryan Metcalf, a senior majoring in economics and MIS, said that the band would later be honored at Friday's dance for their performance.

"They truly bring a lot of life to these events," Metcalf said. Carrie Mowen, one of Homecoming 1999's Court members, attended the bonfire. She is a UM-St. Louis senior majoring in anthropology and Spanish. She said that everyone who showed up had a good time, but attendance was low.

"Unfortunately, I don't think that many students knew about it," Mowen said. "I was kind of disappointed at the turnout, but, hopefully, it will become a tradition at the University."

The Homecoming basketball games took place Thursday night, starting with the women's, crushing 91-60, victory over Indianapolis. The men followed with a close defeat of 74-79. The games also featured a contest for three lucky students who got a shot at winning \$1,000 if they could make three three-point shots in a row. No one got the loot however. Metcalf said only one of the participants was able to make even a single basket.

Meanwhile, across campus in the J. C. Penney Building,

Homecoming '99

Lech Walesa was speaking to a sold-out auditorium on "Europe in the 21st Century." Walesa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 and became the first democratically elected president of Poland in 1990.

Arresting Day wrapped up the weekdays by collecting almost \$800 for student scholarships by conducting mock arrests of notable campus figures. On Friday night, approximately 350 students and alumni joined together at the America's Center to crown the new king and queen, and party the night away.

Metcalf, who was chair of the Homecoming Committee, won the balloting for Homecoming king-by just one vote. He called the experience "incredible."

"I was very, very surprised it was me," Metcalf said. "It's a privilege to be recognized and honored by your peers."

Kim Schweiss, a sophomore psychology major, is now the queen. Metcalf is involved in SGA, the student senate, and the UM-St. Louis Budget and Planning Committee. Schweiss is an Alpha Xi Delta and a delegate for the Panhellenic Association.

Stephanie Snider, a sophomore majoring in special education, noticed that the mingling seemed a little lacking at the dance.

"I noticed that everybody stayed in their little cliques, just like on campus," Snider said. "No one really represented the school, they were only representing their own groups."

Metcalf said that although the dance did not sell out, he still considered it a success because so many people attended.

"We had looked for 375, so we came close," he said.

The UM-St. Louis campus completed the festivities by hosting Alumni Family Day on Saturday.

Metcalf also said that he felt this year's expanded set of Homecoming events was

only the first of what he hopes will be many future Homecoming successes.

"It's important to note that our campus has not had a week long series of events [celebrating Homecoming] since the 1980's," he said. "This is a beginning."



UNDER CURRENT

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What is your favorite dish?

"Double cheeseburger extra value meal with no onions at McDonalds."

-Julee Swift
Junior/Communications

"I love broccoli-n-cheese casserole."

-Brienne Overton
Freshman/Undecided

"Chicken enchiladas."

-Kim Silver
Junior/Engineering

"Burger King Whoppers are the best."

-Chris Dutton
Freshman/Undeclared

"I have a fairly diverse palette, so I don't really have a favorite dish."

-Michael Scherer
Junior/Architecture

'Witty City' shows comic legacy of funny pages

BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

The comic section of the paper compiles many comics to create the finished product that many people consider to be the real comics. The real comics, in their original form, before duplication and the production process are currently on exhibit in the "Witty City: A Celebration of the Fine Art of Humor."

The idea of "Witty City" was the concept of Ed Dyson. Dyson, the former director of art from Ralston Purina, now teaches design at UM-St. Louis and is a freelance designer as well. Bob Staake, best known for his illustrations in *Forbes*, had previously worked with Dyson. Through this connection, Dyson knew of Staake's original humorous art collection. Dyson and Staake then worked together with Dan Younger, the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Coordinator at UM-St. Louis, to create the "Witty City" exhibit.

Matt Drucker, known for his *MAD Magazine*, has included in the "Witty City" a six-page parody of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" video that was featured in *MAD Magazine*, issue #254. The episode in the original form shows the blue marking lines and the paste marks, which provides a genuine opportunity for students to learn from "Witty City."

Staake, a cartoonist based in St. Louis, is known for his 1950-era style work that has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and for television such as *Nickelodeon*, and *Hanna-Barbara*.

"['Witty City'] shows the entire process," Staake said. "[What] students learn there is more than one

road to take in cartoon and illustrating." Younger is the coordinator of the BFA program at UM-St. Louis.

"For anyone interested in cartooning, this is a show designed for them because it is an education," Younger said. "The original art work is the real value."

By placing the comics in an exhibit, it shows the value that they have as real art and not just "funnies." "Artwork not serious, is not taken seriously," Younger said.

By placing the comics in an exhibit form, however, the comics are credited with the same seriousness with which other forms of art already have been credited.

In "Witty City," many comics are on display for the first time. There is an original of "Mother Goose and Grimm" by Mike Peters and an editorial cartoon by Jim Borgman, who has won a Pulitzer Prize for his work. In total, there are over 50 original comics on display in "Witty City."

Some other extraordinary pieces are a group caricature of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis, Jr. for *Playboy* magazine, circa 1965, by Bill Utterback. There is also a caricature of Elvis Presley for *Entertainment Weekly* by David Cowles.

The "Witty City" exhibit is on display until Mar. 5, at the FAB Gallery in the Fine Arts Building at UM-St. Louis. The gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the "Witty City" exhibit, call (314)516-6967.

Movie Review

Drama, style save 'Hi Lo' from plot

"Hi Lo Country" (rated R)
Running Time: 115 minutes

In this film, director Stephen Frears effectively evokes the classic Western world of two cowboys in the desert Southwest in the period after World War II. The look and feel of the film is exactly right, with authentic sets, costumes, and music of the time, and the classical Western look in the stark dramatic desert Southwest locale, so that the result is a film that has realism while retaining the expected elements of the genre.

The classical Western film plot elements are here too: two cowboys, independent and tough, struggling to maintain their individualistic life in the face of change, embodied by the wealthy and powerful big ranch owner who is poised to control the entire local area. Add in the

friendship of the two cowboys, Big Boy (Woody Harrelson) and Pete, and when they fall for the same woman, you have all the dramatic elements you need. The director skillfully builds tension and suspense in developing the story, and this, along with its authentic look and feel, is the strength of the film. Unfortunately, other interesting elements of the story are left unexplored, and the resolution of the plot is not as effective or stylish as the parts leading up to it; I found it disappointing. Since I'm not a great fan of Western movies, I'm not sure how much a real fan of the genre would like this film, but I thought it was a worthy if flawed effort, and at least a welcome break from the predictability of most Hollywood films.

-Catherine Marquis-Homeyer

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OUR OPINION

New low in student interest in senate

The Issue:

Campus student senate elections are nearing and there are an embarrassingly low number of applicants.

We Suggest:

Students should take an interest in the University and show some participation.

So what do you think?

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

The student involvement (or lack thereof) in the upcoming senate election campaign serves to painfully illustrate the condition of student apathy at UM-St. Louis.

Unofficially, as of press time there are only ten students running for 25 seats in the senate. With deadline for running being this Thursday, this marks an alarming trend in student participation.

Unfortunately, this is just giving ammunition to those opposed to student participation in the senate. Already there is talk among faculty senate members to cut out student participation totally or at the very least reduce the number of student seats in the senate. Faculty senate members point to the low attendance record of student senate members and the overall lack of involvement by the students regarding senate proceedings.

UM-St. Louis students, for their part, seem to be doing their very best to live up to these low expectations. By taking for granted their place in the senate, students are silencing their voice.

UM-St. Louis is in the minority when it comes to student participation in the senate. Many other universities have no student representation at all. If the lack of student participation continues, UM-St. Louis will fall into this latter category very soon.

The result of this happening could be a painful lesson to UM-St. Louis students. Having a voice in the senate means having a voice in the most powerful policy-making organization on campus. It provides a liaison to bridge the growing rift between the faculty and students. It insures that the student's interests are always taken into consideration.

However, as long as UM-St. Louis students continue to mute their voices, student representation will cease to continue. Remember, in this case, students are not having their freedoms taken from them. Sadly, it is the students handing back their freedoms to the University.

Get involved before it is too late.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student apathy may cause reduced representation

I am writing in response to the recent turn of events in the campus senate. I am disgusted with talk of reducing student senate seats, but I don't know who to blame. I am upset that the students face losing seats because quite a few of them have been absent from meetings. The reason I am upset is because I would be happy to serve and attend every meeting to ensure that all of my fellow students get fair representation, and I am sure there are other students out there who feel the same way.

I am further upset, however, because even if I was on the sen-

ate, I probably would not be heard. I think it is time for some changes. We need to find student senators who will attend all of the meetings they can. If we can find students who will be committed, maybe the faculty senators will take the student senators seriously. Maybe then the student body will get the fair representation we currently lack.

-Matt Lauer

GUEST COMMENTARY

Waiting for Tony: the search for a campus friend

There's a famous play entitled *Waiting for Godot*, and the whole story stems around two individuals waiting for Godot (God), who never comes. They never give up hope and feel that one day their dream will become a reality, but perhaps the reality is meant to be the absence of it.

My life isn't a famous play, but strangely enough follows the same premise. I'm waiting endlessly and frustratingly for something that has never come — a friend from the UM-St. Louis campus. I was inspired to write this when I met a wonderfully kind fellow UM-St. Louis student named Tony. I found it fitting to name this article after him because he represents all that I'm waiting for and have never found. I met him at the "Experience St. Louis" event, *Bring in Da' Noise, Bring in Da' Funk* at the Fox. I was with my boyfriend and we saw Tony and introduced ourselves. I liked him right away. It was just one of those first impressions when you meet someone and just click. Luckily, his seat turned out to be right next to ours. All evening I kept thinking how I'd like to be friends with him and I decided to ask him out with my boyfriend and me some time. When we said our good-byes I had the perfect opportunity, but I chickened out. I know it sounds like no big deal, but it is for me. I've failed at so many attempts to make friends at this school. I guess part of me is too scared to keep trying.

I came from a small liberal arts school where I lived on campus. I was so lucky to meet my best friends within the first week of classes. It was a group of six of us and we were attached at the hip all year long. When I left, I was still in the mindset that I could make a new group of friends at UM-St. Louis. I've been here over two years now and have only acquaintances and study buddies to show for it. I have tried really hard to make attempts. I've even gone so far as to write to one of my former classmates who I didn't think I'd ever see again. I didn't want ours to be only a classroom friendship — I thought it had a lot of potential for more. Needless to say, he never responded. It made me really sad. I was confused at the fact that people are so nice in class but

don't really want any contact outside of it.

I'm not sure if I'm the only one who has this problem, but I had a conversation about this very fact with Tony. It was funny because he agreed with me — he said he had the same problem. So of course I had a perfect match, but didn't take advantage of it. My boyfriend is my best friend, but it's not the same thing. I want a different kind of friend. One I can talk with about him! I want someone to go for coffee with and watch movies and go to dinner. I want someone to call on the phone just to see how they're doing and talk about nothing in particular. I want pretty much what everyone wants, and I'm really jealous of others who have it. I wonder, how did they do it differently? I think I'm a nice person. I am patient and understanding. I have good arms for hugging and I never judge others. I have a really good life.

Everything is in place, but there's always been this one thing missing. I have always felt that you can't complain about something unless you make an attempt to change it and it fails. I figured that now was as good a time as any to give this a try for the last time. I'm not embarrassed. I don't feel like a loner or an outcast of any sort. I have a lot of confidence in myself. I'm happy with the way things are, but I'd be happier if they were a little better! I email my two best friends in Indiana and Florida, but it's not the same as having them here. I know there's bound to be some people on this campus who feel the same as I do.

I hope Tony reads this because I want him to know that I think he's a really sweet person and would love for him to contact me. That goes for anyone else who's interested. I'm totally serious. I would appreciate only sincere responses. I'm not looking for a boyfriend. Just a friend. I don't care what age, race, gender, sexual orientation, political preference or religion you are. Life is too short not to go after what you want. That's why I'm going after a good job, a great life and some great friends with which to share it! I hope one of them is you. You can contact me via email: s1019636@admiral.umsl.edu. If you don't have email, I'm listed in the student directory.



STEFANIE ELLIS
Guest Commentary

SGA's problems show crumbling student life

The front page of this publication contains yet another SGA story, which I guess explains why you probably did not pick up a copy. I once heard a reporter say that newspapers try to have as little to do with real life as possible and it often seems that in the view of most students, SGA, or most any student activity or organization on this campus, has very little to do with their lives.

I have been attending meetings of the student government for about a year and a half now and have seen debates, arguments, confusion, posturing, and the general disarray of an organization that only recently discovered it had spent the last four years or so operating under parts of a constitution that, as far as anyone can tell, doesn't officially exist. This is an organization that, when attacked last February for not following its own rules in approving members of the Student Activities Budget Committee, actually defended its actions by pointing out that it had never followed the rules in approving the rules that it didn't follow so everything was okay. This is the organization who's meeting I attended Thursday and in all my time as an SGA reporter I can honestly say I never saw any legislative body gather under a thicker pall of doom and gloom.

One agenda item was a representative from the campus senate, who pleaded for participants to fill the 25 seats allocated to students. They had ten applicants so far. (Last year, the senate did produce 25 students - only a handful of which actually bothered to attend meetings.) She also said they needed about 40 volunteers to staff polls. They had six takers - this on a campus of nearly 16,000 students.

The SGA also elected (there was only one candidate) a new chair. The old one had resigned forcing Comptroller Ben Ash, one of only two SGA officers able to attend the entire meeting, to act briefly as speaker during which he announced that about 40 or so of the assembly's organizations, almost half of the SGA, had meeting attendance records so poor that they may be punished financially for their absences. (Ash, you'll remember is the fellow who announced he'd have nothing more to do with the constitutional revision since in two separate attempts to hold a revision meeting he'd gotten only five of SGA's 84 organizations to show up, an impressive 94 percent absentee rate.) Ash then said that out of all the SGAs he'd seen this one ranked among the bottom.

A few at the meeting attacked *The Current* for criticizing President Jim Avery, which was odd since we hadn't. But ripping *The Current* is standard fare at SGA get-togethers. During periods of great division sometimes the only thing that the entire assembly can agree on is a joint disgust for the campus paper. I used to be

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Politics in hockey

Boys will be boys, or so the saying is told. This is especially true in the world of hockey, where physical play and good old testosterone seem to dominate.

Sometimes this machismo spreads to the coaches as well. This is what seems to have happened to both UM-St. Louis Head Coach Greg Gevers, and St. Louis University Head Coach John Bosch.

Both teams are in the Division II hockey league. In this league only the top four ranked teams in each region go to the national tournament.

SLU was ranked co-number one in the region, while UM-St. Louis was not even ranked in the top ten. Gevers had a problem with that considering his team tied SLU, beat the seventh and ninth ranked teams, and beat the tenth ranked team three out of four games. The Rivermen finished 16-7-3 overall, and only lost one game since Nov. 21.

Gevers understandably considered it a slap in the face to his program and brought up the fact that Bosch is in charge of the ranking selection committee. Gevers called KFNS, all sports radio, and questioned the rankings process.

Furthermore, Gevers challenged Bosch's Billikens to a game anytime, anywhere, anyplace to see who's better.

Bosch said that he never received most of the UM-St. Louis scores and that the Rivermen had a 6-4-3 record when their last score was turned in.

Bosch has tried to take the high road, pointing out that a game this year between UM-St. Louis and SLU would be unfeasible since his team has the national tournament to prepare for. Bosch also mentioned that some of Gevers statements would have to be retracted and an understanding between the two would have to be in place before a game could even be considered.

Gevers, though, doesn't plan to make the first move.

"[Calling Bosch] would not be probable at this point. He should come to me with an answer. So far, I've made all the phone calls," Gevers said.

The sad thing is that both sides speak sense when not talking about each other.

Gevers, for his part, believes his Rivermen shouldn't go to the national tournament and would've been satisfied with a sixth or seventh ranking. Bosch, when told of the Rivermen's actual record, said he thought they would've been ranked either sixth or seventh.

So while both coaches are acting like little kids fighting over a toy, a potentially great hockey game is not going to be played.

The players actually make the most sense. Rivermen team captain Jason Hessel suggested the game be played for charity. Tickets would be sold for \$5 or \$6 and a cause would be agreed upon by both teams.

Bosch recently said, "This is about building up club hockey in St. Louis, not tearing it down. We are finally getting away from the organized beer league reputation."

Then it would make sense to have an annual charity game between these two crosstown rivals. Families could afford to go, and a great deal of positive publicity would be thrust upon the St. Louis club hockey scene.

Unfortunately, the pride of these two coaches seems to be getting in the way. Gevers and Bosch need to bury the ax.

Someone needs to be the grown up.



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SPORTS

Women finish at 14-12; make GLVC Tourney

Homecoming rout puts Riverwomen back on track

BY KEN DUNKIN
 staff editor

It took two tough losses for the Riverwomen to get back on track. Thursday they showed they were back as they rolled over Indianapolis 91-60.

The Riverwomen made it a point to end on a strong note in conference play. They had lost their previous two games by double-digit differences.

A major key for the Riverwomen against Indianapolis was the strong defensive play by UM-St. Louis. Indianapolis turned the ball over 21 times. The Greyhounds were also held to a dismal 32 percent shooting percentage, and were held to 19 percent from 3-point range. The Riverwomen shot 42 percent from the field and 43 percent from 3-point range. The difference in team shooting was the difference in the game.

Lindsay Brefeld lit up the net for the Riverwomen coming off the bench. She had a game high 26 points which she scored mostly from going 6-for-12 from the 3-point arch. She also tied Tawanda Daniel for the team high with seven rebounds.

Spreading the wealth of points wasn't a problem for the Riverwomen. Twelve players scored in the rout.

Season marks team's first GLVC tourney birth in five years

BY KEN DUNKIN
 staff editor

This season marks the first time the Riverwomen basketball team has qualified for their conference tournament in five years.

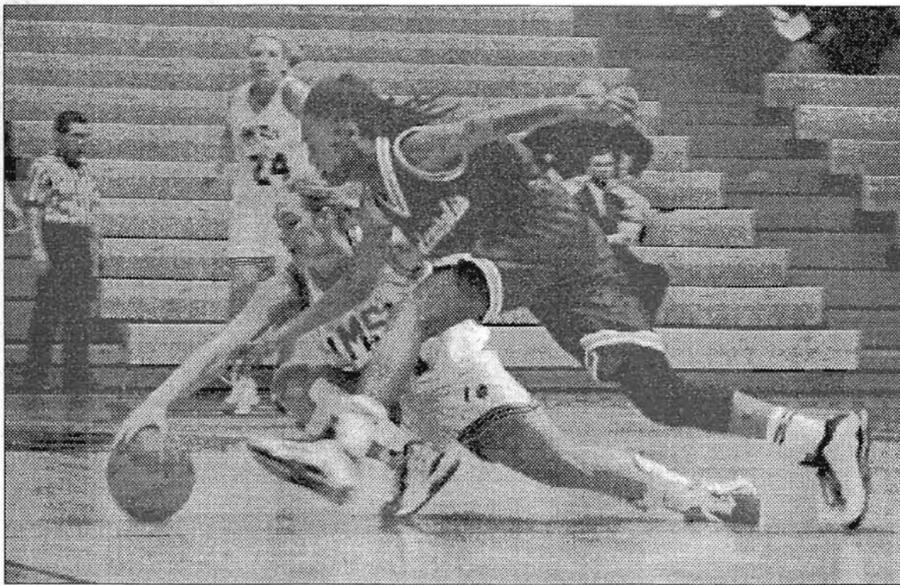
After missing last year's Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, Head Coach Shelly Ethridge said it was the team's goal to make it this season.

The last time the Riverwomen had made the tournament was in the 1993-94 season. They were then in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association and were coached by Jim Coen.

Many things have changed since then. The team has posted two consecutive winning seasons and all the faces are new.

Winning is something that Ethridge hopes continues for the program.

She said she has high hopes for both the present GLVC tournament and for future tournaments as well.



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LEFT: Pauline Harris (14) dives for a loose ball while teammate Krystal Logan (24) follows in the background in their game against Indianapolis Thursday night. BOTTOM LEFT: Amanda Wentzel (11) puts up a shot between two Greyhound defenders. The Riverwomen trounced the Greyhounds 91-60 in the Homecoming game. Lindsay Brefeld led the team with 26 points, while Melanie Marcy and Tawanda Daniel each added 14 in the winning effort. The win sets up a first round showdown with SIU-Edwardsville in the GLVC Tournament on Wednesday.



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The Riverwomen, the sixth seed, will play SIU-Edwardsville, the third seed, in their first round game at noon on Wednesday in Evansville, IN.

The winner of that game will face the winner of the Bellarmine Saint Joseph's game on Friday. The finals will be held on Saturday.

GLVC Women's Tournament Breakdown

All games will be played at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Indiana.

First round matchups, Wednesday, Feb. 24:

#3 SIU-Edwardsville vs. #6 UM-St. Louis, Noon

#2 Bellarmine vs. #7 Saint Joseph's, 2:30 p.m.

#4 Southern Indiana vs #5 Lewis, 6:00 p.m.

#1 Northern Kentucky vs. #8 Kentucky-Weslyan, 8:30 p.m.

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•UM-St. Louis qualifies for the GLVC Tournament for the first time in school history.

•SIU-Edwardsville swept the Riverwomen in both regular season games winning 60-47 at UM-St. Louis on Jan. 11, and 73-53 at Edwardsville on Feb. 11.

•SIU-Edwardsville has beaten the Riverwomen by an average of 16.5 points this season.

•UM-St. Louis has not beaten SIU-Edwardsville since joining the GLVC.

Rivermen finish season with hope for the future

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
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The men's basketball team lost their final game of the year against Northern Kentucky, but the team has good promise and looks to be headed in the right direction with its abundance of youth.

Dwon Kelly and Jason Frillman will both spark the Rivermen next season. The two of them, minus their injury plagued past few seasons, have been assets to the Rivermen.

The Rivermen had some positive things come out of this season. Although UM-St. Louis played below .500, certain players have showed heart and dedication to the team throughout the year.

Guard Greg Ross became a true leader on

the floor this season. He was vocal to his teammates and showed his leadership abilities. He was the Rivermen's go-to guy in the clutch and showed that by totaling numerous double-digit scoring nights.

Forward Kechan Johnson played with great athleticism this season. He was a force in the middle for the Rivermen and led the team in overall rebounds. He also totaled many double-double nights.

The Rivermen's squad may not look like its old form of winning ways, but the team and their courageous efforts on the court cannot be overlooked.

The Rivermen may be a sub .500 team this season, but the future holds well for UM-St. Louis.

GLVC Basketball Standings

Men			Women		
	GLVC	Overall		GLVC	Overall
Kent. Westl.	20-2	27-2	N. Kentucky	20-2	24-2
S. Indiana	18-4	22-4	Bellarmino	17-5	19-7
Lewis	17-5	20-6	SIUE	16-6	18-7
Indianapolis	15-7	17-9	S. Indiana	16-6	18-11
N. Kentucky	12-10	15-11	Lewis	14-8	17-9
SIUE	12-10	13-13	UM-St. Louis	13-9	14-12
Quincy	10-12	12-14	St. Joseph's	12-10	15-11
St. Joseph's	8-14	9-17	Kent. Westl.	11-11	15-11
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	7-15	10-16	Wisc.-Parkside	4-18	5-21
Bellarmino	7-15	10-18	Quincy	4-18	5-21
UM-St. Louis	5-17	7-19	Indianapolis	3-19	7-20
Wisc.-Parkside	1-21	2-24	IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	2-20	2-24

Sports Opinion

Baseball gears up for another exciting season

The baseball preseason is about to begin and certain teams have caught my eye in what they have done over this offseason.

The Cardinals have made drastic improvements in the middle of their defense, securing spots at shortstop and at second base. The additions of Edgar Renteria and Carlos Baerga will only help solidify the Cardinals' defense. With Eric Davis giving the Cardinals another home-run hitter, Mark McGwire will see more at-bats this season.

The Braves have acquired former Cardinal Brian Jordan to help a primarily left handed hitting team. Their pitching staff minus Denny Neagle, will still rank in the top two in the league.

Look for the Houston Astros to battle the Cardinals in the Central Division due to their addition of third basemen Ken Caminiti. He will only bolster one of the most potent offenses in the National League.

The best offseason acquisition was none of these though. The Los Angeles Dodgers got a steal when they signed manager Davey Johnson. This man has "winner" written all over him. He helped to revitalize the Mets in the late 80's and early 90's and will only prove to the media why his winning percentage is no fluke.

As far as the American League is concerned, the Yankees only continue to get

better. Their addition of Roger Clemens, a certain 20 game winner, will shore up the starting pitching and will put a good leader in the clubhouse. Although the Yankees gave up David Wells, the sacrifice to get Clemens will be well worth it in the long run.

The Cleveland Indians and the Baltimore Orioles will both be decent teams, but with the Yankees offensive power, look for them to destroy the American League.

The Mariners, Yankees and the Indians will all make postseason runs in the American League while in the National League, look for the Dodgers, Braves and Cardinals/Astros to emerge as division winners.

-Dave Kinworthy

Kinworthy's Picks:

National League
 East champion: Braves
 Central champion: Astros/Cardinals
 West champion: Dodgers
 Wild Card: Astros/Cardinals

American League
 East champion: Yankees
 Central champion: Indians
 West Champion: Mariners
 Wild Card: Orioles

OFF THE WALL

Time will tell about Rams' latest moves

The St. Louis Rams welcomed their next scapegoat when Trent Green was signed last Monday. Now you won't have Tony Banks to kick around anymore.

The Rams may have dug themselves into an even deeper hole with this signing, though. Green hasn't proven much to anyone in the NFL.

Sure his numbers last year are somewhat impressive when you consider he played for the lowly Washington Redskins but what did he really do for them?

His statistics of last year, 3,441 passing yards, 23 passing touchdowns, and a 55 percent completion percentage, are good.

Improving on these numbers with the Rams is going to be tough. In Washington, Green had better receivers to throw at.



KEN DUNKIN
 sports editor

Michael Westbrook, Leslie Shepherd, and Brian Mitchell are much better receivers than the Rams trio of Issac Bruce, Ricky Proehl and Amp Lee.

Last year was Green's first season as a full-time QB. In the previous seasons he had been the third string quarterback. Could the second time around the league spell trouble for Green?

I think so. In the past there have been many quarterbacks who have had one great season and fall on their faces. Elvis Grbac, Kerry Collins, Gus Frerotte, and Heath Schuler just to name a few. Green will likely face the second season breakdown of these other QB's.

If he does follow through and have a solid season, the Rams may have a shot at the playoffs. I know it is a long shot but weirder things have happened.

The Rams are making moves to win back St. Louis. The fans were with them through their first few disappointing seasons. The fans in St. Louis get fickle in the offseason though.

We're used to the Blues and their big-dollar signings or the Cardinals making big moves. When a team in this town doesn't come through, the results can be devastating as the Rams found out with their attendance figures last season. People didn't show up and the organization got the picture.

A second rate team isn't an option and a lacadasical attitude will not win fans in this town. Teams must at least show an attempt to win by signing free agents.

In the past the Rams made no attempts to sign any significant free agents. They preferred to build from the free agent draft which is fine to do if you have a decent team. That wasn't the case.

The 90's have been horrible for the boys in blue. By a large margin they are the worst team of the decade.

The moves they have made may not lead them to their first super bowl win in team history, but it may bring them closer to the playoffs. However, if the signings prove to be a major bust, they will still finish in the bottom of the standings.

Only time will tell, but who knows if the fans will wait that long.

Senate approves resolution on tenure

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
of the Current staff

The University senate passed a resolution last week intended to promote faculty involvement in future decisions about policy affecting tenure.

Rocco Cottone, chairperson of the senate committee on appointments, tenure, and promotion, and professor of the division of counseling, said the resolution was intended to prevent a repeat of the situation which arose over Executive Order 6A.

That order, which dealt with tenure policy, was implemented by George Russell, the former UM system president. It has been the system policy since 1992, but according to William Connett, senate member and professor of mathematics and computer science, it had only been implemented on the UM-Columbia campus. Connett said the discrepancy between system and University policies had been discovered when the Nursing Department, in preparing their cases for tenure and promotion, consulted the system rules posted on the World Wide Web.

Connett said there are concerns about the order itself and the way in which it was passed. He said one major change the order made in tenure policy was permitting candidates who had been rejected by their department to still be put forward for potential promotion. Under the former UM-St. Louis policy, if a department rejected a candidate, the person had the option of appealing on the basis of procedural grounds, such as racism or other bias, but the opinions of the faculty members about the quality of the candi-

Document asks system to respect faculty input, addresses concerns about executive order 6A

date's work would not be questioned. If that appeal failed, the candidate would not be promoted. Under the system's policy, candidates may be promoted without the positive recommendation of their department.

Connett said he disagreed with the idea of promoting someone against the recommendation of their own department.

"You have a situation where potentially a department could vote against a person unanimously and still they would have to prepare a document to send forward for this person to be promoted," Connett said.

Connett said he supported the idea of the resolution but wished to see the policy issues as set forth in Order 6A re-examined with an opportunity for faculty input.

"I'm somewhat disappointed that we don't address the fact that we have this executive order in place in which we are unable to find faculty involvement. There may have been some on some campuses, but not here," Connett said at the senate meeting.

Cottone said the order had been discussed in the appointments, tenure, and promotion committee and that a subcommittee had been formed to examine 6A and all matters of appointment, tenure, and procedure policy. He said he thought it would have been premature for the committee to make suggestions at this

time.

"We wanted to give this year a trial run . . ." Cottone said. "At the end of the year we're going to come back with recommendations."

Cottone said he expected the subcommittee would do most of its work over the summer and would likely report to the senate early during the next academic year.

Connett said he was also very concerned about the process by which Order 6A was passed. He said that decisions about tenure policy should not be made without consulting the faculty, and criticized last Tuesday's resolution as being too weak.

The resolution notes that the system regulations governing tenure recognize matters of faculty status as primarily a faculty responsibility, that Executive Order 6A was passed without adequate input from UM-St. Louis faculty, and that the affected policies have great impact on the University.

It goes on to resolve "that the Senate asks the University of Missouri Intercampus Faculty Council to request that the University of Missouri system administration will fully consult with the faculty and seek the approval of the faculty of the University of Missouri (through its representative bodies) regarding any proposed changes of regulations, policy, or proce-

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You have a situation where potentially a department could vote against a person unanimously and still they would have to prepare a document to send forward for this person to be promoted.
”

-William Connett,
professor of mathematics and computer science

dures pertaining to appointments, tenure, and/or promotion of faculty members.”

Connett said the language of the resolution needed to be stronger.

“ . . . it sort of pules: it goes on saying would you please ask this person to maybe ask that person to please not kick us again, which I find demeaning and silly . . . ” Connett said.

Connett said he viewed faculty input on tenure policy decisions as a right, not something to be begged for.

Cottone said he felt the resolution was strong and had been worded very appropriately.

“I'm not so sure how it could be worded any stronger than that,” Cottone said.

BAUGHER, FROM PAGE 4

offended by this but now I'm simply glad we can at least bring people together.

So how do we cure SGA? Several at the meeting vaguely suggested impeaching the president might do the trick. Tempting, but no. First, as the SGA officers pointed out, by the time the impeachment had run its course Jim Avery's term would be virtually over, and second, and perhaps more importantly, Avery hasn't done anything bad enough to be impeached. Avery hasn't done much of anything, if you listen to his detractors. But that's not true. He did spearhead a successful campaign to fill the senate. The computer labs did get upgraded. He did try and promote student involvement. Jim Avery is far from perfect but his failure to attend a few chancellor's cabinet meetings is not what is causing SGA to deteriorate at its foundation. In fact, I have met all of SGA's leaders and while I have not always agreed with them I can tell you they are basically good people, committed students who love their organization as I love mine.

Most involved students who I've talked to are like that. Again and again, all over campus I've seen it, tiny islands of dedicated individuals drowning in a sea of apathy, eager leaders befuddled by a lack of eager people to lead. So they do all the work themselves - or they get frustrated, give up and quit trying.

In the end leaders are only a reflection of their environment and while it would be easy to criticize SGA's foibles, what ails the student government is only an advanced case of what active leaders of every organization on this campus know all too well. *The Current* is no exception. My co-workers at this paper are the finest, most hard-working, most dedicated group of students I know. The fact that so few other members of the campus community have elected to join them is a shame.

So pity the SGA as it sinks further into the fathomless depths of student indifference. But don't laugh. The rest of us are only keeping our heads above water.

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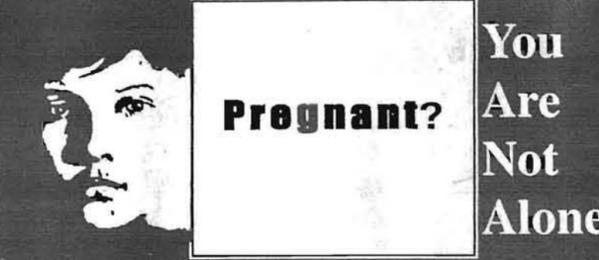
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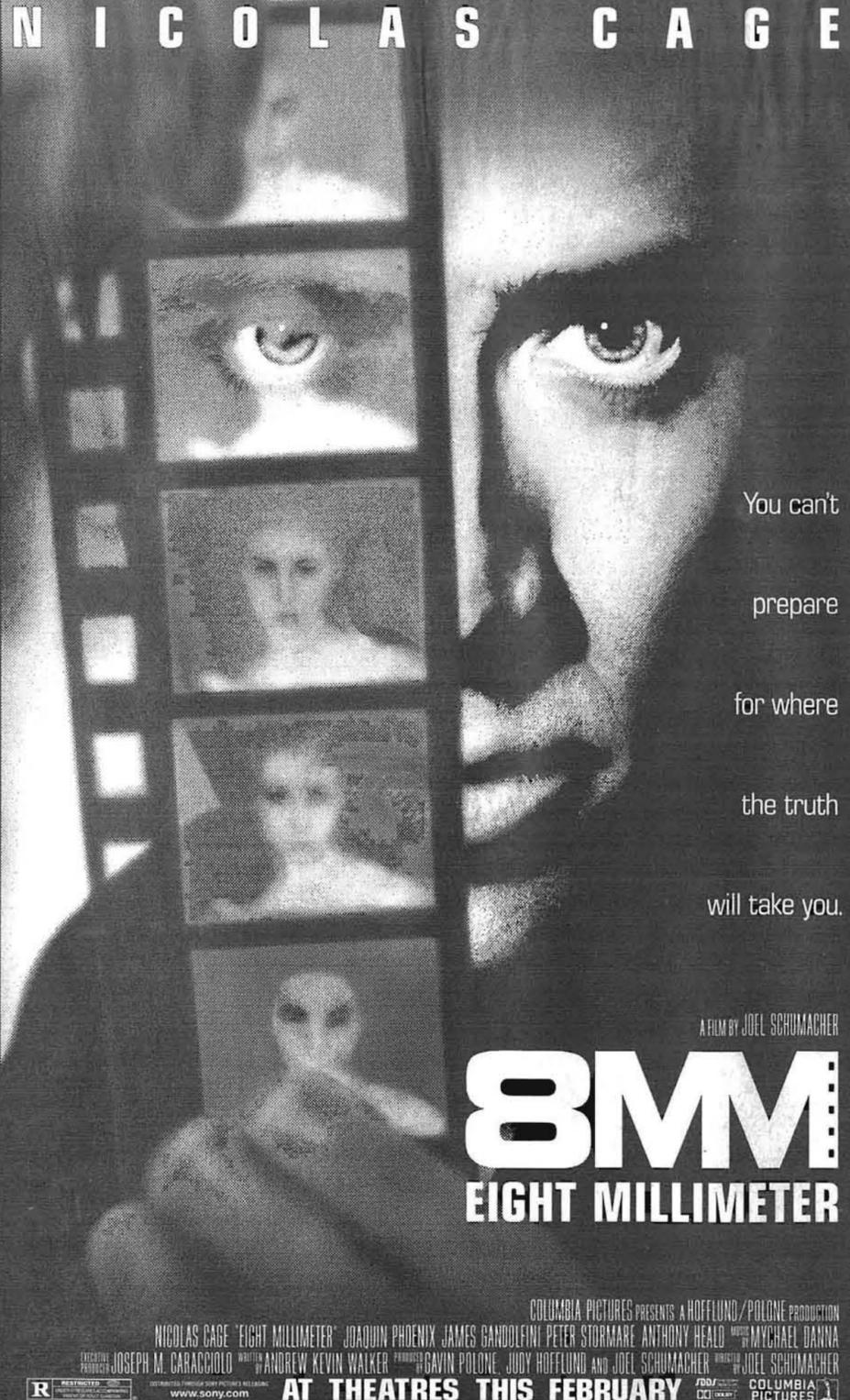
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BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

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The dinner begins with an appetizer of tomatoes stuffed with peas and artichokes and the soup of curried cauliflower follows to warm the taste buds. The dinner cuisine consists of sauteed chicken breast accented by an apple cider sauce that is accompanied by crushed parsley potatoes with bacon and mushrooms. French rolls and sweet butter complete the sauteed chicken.

For dessert, there is the temptation of Bretegne's prune tart and Seattle roast coffee with cream and sugar.

This magnificent dinner is complete with live entertainment, such as "The Poor of Paris," which is a duo that performs Parisian music.

Before this extravaganza of food excellence, the guest may mingle with the great artists like Picasso and Leger. All this sounds delightful. What it is, is "Gourmet in the Galleries" at the St. Louis Art Museum.

The tour begins at 6 p.m. and lasts until about 7

p.m. After the tour, dinner is served and the entertainment begins at the same time. This dinner described previously will be served tomorrow at the Art Museum. The tour that will accompany the fine cuisine will be the Beckmann and Paris exhibit—complete with the audio tour.

Debbie Boyer is the community relations assistant for the St. Louis Art Museum.

"Gourmet in the Galleries" is a gentle introduction for people who don't normally come," she said.

It is a brief tour combined with excellent food. What more could someone ask for to have a great time on the town. All the dinners are reflective of the tour and give a variety of food from around the world.

The cost of this evening is \$36.95 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Reservations are required.

For more information on "Gourmet in the Galleries" or to make reservations, call Brian Adkisson in the Community Relations office at (314) 721-0072 ext. 204.

Another aspect of great interest at the Art Museum is the audio tours. The original audio tour was a tape that described 12 objects for adults and

six objects for children. The disadvantages of the tape were that the listener had to remain in the order of the tour to make sense of the objects on the tour; none of the objects could be moved or sent on tour in exhibits.

The most recent upgrade had been to a CD with descriptions of 70 objects.

Elizabeth (Beau) Vallance is the director of education at the St. Louis Art Museum.

"[The CD audio tour] allows random access in [the] order you want," Vallance said. "It has wonderful design and music."

By July, descriptions of 230 objects will be combined on the audio tour. About one minute is spent to tell the story of the object, whether it be a statue, sculpture, or a painting.

"There is a general narrator, but we also hear curators and a variety of voices," Vallance said.

Some of the objects described on the general audio tour are the Beckmann collection, the painting of the sinking of the Titanic, and the ever-famous "Mummy." By July, all major pieces will be included in the tour with stops for children and families. The audio tour is \$2 for adults and free to members. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (314) 721-0072.

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semester before it really started to go downhill."

Some at the meeting like student Sharone Hopkins defended Avery saying that he had done much to promote student involvement during his first term. Hopkins felt students upset with the president should express their concerns to Avery, rather than impeach him.

No impeachment resolution was brought.

After the meeting, Harris said Avery should address the students and resolve to repair the damage he has done to the relationship between the students and the administration.

"The next one or two SGA presidents are going to have to face the reputation that Jim Avery has established when they go on to deal with the administration," she said. "You cannot deny that what he has done will have an effect on the future."

Avery said that the relationship between himself and the administration was not damaged, even though he had missed some chan-

cellor's cabinet and senate meetings.

"It's hard to get into the rhythm of going to a meeting if they don't have them on a regular basis," Avery said. "I just had dinner with Gary Grace [vice chancellor for Student Affairs] and he understood a lot about what is going on. There don't seem to be any problems."

Harris said she had met other concerned students after the meeting and they would be researching what options were available for taking action against Avery.

"I don't believe it is fair for Jim Avery to be able to use the SGA

presidency as one of his credentials for the rest of his life if he didn't meet the constitutional requirements for being president," she said.

The constitution doesn't say anything about going to senate meetings, Avery responded. He said he had done only an average job this year, after having a great year last year, and that people were probably concerned because they couldn't see him doing anything.

He went on to say he had been overcommitted lately, working as a biology teacher assistant, coaching high school basketball, mentoring

young men, and preparing to enter law school.

"If people aren't happy with what I've been doing, I just ask them to give me a second chance," Avery said. "I just ask them to give me a couple weeks to cut out some of those commitments I had, now that I know there are these concerns."

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Corrections

In Issue 944, Guest Commentator Owais Karamat's name was misspelled.

In Issue 946, letter writer Rosalind Harris' name was misspelled. In the same issue, a caption misidentified the location of artwork hanging in the offices of the Center for Human Origins and Cultural Diversity. Also in the same issue, Robert Ray's name was misspelled.

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