



Autumn is here and a variety of activities await students looking for off-campus fun.

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U-Wire News

Students might not be huge credit risks after all

BY AMANDA ZAMORA
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Contrary to claims that college students are credit risks, some banks say students are not the delinquent credit holders they are made out to be.

Nellie Mae Corp., a national student loan financing organization, released a report last month indicating that average undergraduate student credit card debt has decreased by \$36 from 1998's high of \$1,879. Nellie Mae compiled credit history data from students who applied for private loans through their program.

Nellie Mae also reported that 60 percent of their undergraduate applicants own credit cards.

Despite the number of cardholders, Bank of America officials said 69 percent of college students are getting credit cards with the intention of establishing good credit history.

"We view the student population as responsible users of consumer credit," said Connie St. John, spokesperson for Bank of America. "There are a lot of myths about students being irresponsible -- we have not found that to be true."

Referring to a 1998 credit card survey conducted by the Institution for Higher Education Policy, St. John said 59 percent of all college students reported paying their balances in full each month, whereas only 40 percent of the general population reported the same.

An even greater number of students -- 81 percent -- reported paying more than the minimum balance each month.

"I called the credit card company and lowered my limit from \$2,500 to \$500," Sean O'Driscoll, a senior public relations student, said. "I didn't want to have to worry about huge balances accruing."

But some student finance institutions, such as Nellie Mae, find that debt among college students is alarmingly high.

"With credit card debt nearing \$2,000, it is clear that we must continue to educate students about credit card use," said Lawrence W. O'Toole, president of Nellie Mae.

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Senate makes changes

Vote allows faculty, staff to use student parking spaces

BY SUE BRITT
staff editor

A dispute was resolved last Tuesday in the University Senate when a vote allowing faculty and staff to park in spaces designated for students was passed.

The resolution read, "The Senate recommends that the University administration reinstate the following policy which was previously in effect and was recently changed without consultation with the Senate: Faculty and staff may park in student parking areas."

William Connett, chair of the Senate Committee on Physical Facilities said that until the fall of 1998 faculty had not been ticketed for using student spaces. He said that when a new parking resolution had been adopted in 1992, with less specific parking assignments, it was assumed that faculty would be allowed to park in student spaces. He said the 1992 resolution created a situation wherein faculty lots would sometimes be full.

"It was realized when the change



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Faculty and staff can now park in student spaces when their own lots, like this section of Garage C, are full.

was made that there would not be enough faculty parking spaces in the faculty lot at all times when faculty needed to be here," Connett said. "I went to Reinhard Schuster and I said, 'Why are you beginning to ticket people?'"

Connett said the explanation he was given that was because of parking set aside for the Metrolink station and the loss of much of Lot E due to

construction of the new student center, parking was becoming more of an issue.

Reinhard Schuster, vice-chancellor of Administrative Services, said that the Senate resolution from 1992 had been open-ended in regard to faculty using student parking spaces.

"The effect of the rules were never

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Committee presents draft proposal on restructuring council, senate

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
of The Current staff

In an effort to streamline the workings of the University Senate and strengthen faculty governance, an ad-hoc conference committee presented a draft to the Senate which outlined a proposal to change the legislative structure of UM-St. Louis.

The draft was presented at Tuesday's Senate meeting by Mark Burkholder, chairperson of the conference committee on governance, a body composed of members from the Senate and Faculty Council.

The draft proposed replacing the current University Senate with two legislative bodies: a faculty senate and a university council. The faculty senate would deal with issues of faculty interest, including the committees of appointment, tenure, and promotion, curriculum and instruction, and research. Campus-wide concerns would be addressed by the university council, which would include such committees as budget and planning and physical facilities.

Burkholder said the rationale for the proposal was to strengthen the role of faculty in governance. "Right now the faculty is represented in two bodies with two different presiding officers or chairs and there's often some confusion about who's speaking for the faculty, what does the faculty really

think about something," Burkholder said. "The proposal that we have drafted eliminates that by having one group of faculty with one chair or presiding officer who will then speak for that body."

Under the proposal, student representation would proportionally remain almost the same in the university council. Percentages cited in the draft show a slight increase in the student portion of the council. Burkholder said he did not think that the composition of the various committees would be

changed, and that committees which currently allowed students to be members would not exclude them under the new government.

"I can't guarantee that but I'll be going into our commit-

tee discussion of this with the presumption that the basic composition of the committees will represent the constituencies that are presently represented," Burkholder said.

Under the proposal, the faculty senate would meet monthly; the university council would meet twice a semester. Burkholder said the reason for this was that many issues currently handled in the university senate would be handled by the faculty senate.

"We think that the size of the remaining agenda will be such that two meetings a semester will be

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Read the text of the Conference Committee on Governance draft proposal online!

UPB forced to revamp 'Midnight Madness' basketball fan event

BY JOE HARRIS
senior editor

Neither the UM-St. Louis men's nor women's basketball teams will participate in the traditional midnight madness event to kick off the season on Oct. 15.

Jackie Anderson, University Program Board president, said UPB was informed that both teams would not be participating because of a strict curfew imposed on Rivermen players by new coach Mark Bensen. Anderson said that by participating in the event, the team would be in violation of their curfew.

"It kind of took us back because we were preparing for this for quite some time," Anderson said. "We've already got prizes for the giveaways. We've already got a DJ so when we heard about it... we did not know what to do about it."

UPB will still have midnight madness, Anderson said, and they will still have a scrimmage between two basketball teams. Anderson said the two teams will be a surprise.

Bensen said that he has not set a curfew on his players, but that class conflicts have made it necessary to pull out of the traditional midnight madness event.

"I haven't imposed anything on anybody yet," Bensen said. "We have some guidelines that we would like to adhere to as far as getting enough sleep and enough rest for not

only basketball, but getting up and taking care of your academics."

Bensen said that several of his players have 8 a.m. classes that morning and by participating in midnight madness, they would not be able to get enough sleep.

Athletic Director Pat Dolan said the move was not intended to be anti-student.

"I want everyone to know that coach Bensen and myself are very pro-student," Dolan said. "I think the unfortunate part was there was a change in coaching and the fact that it happens on a Thursday night is a little bit tougher on coach Bensen's program in that he has his fellows up working at 6 a.m., so staying out until 2 or 3 in the morning becomes a real detriment. Plus, there's classes to get to by 8 a.m."

A substitute event has been planned for later that day to let fans get a glimpse of the team's first practice, Bensen said. It will be held at 7 p.m. and will still have many of the activities midnight madness would have had, including intersquad scrimmages for both the men's and women's teams.

Bensen and Dolan said the event will be highly publicized. Bensen said he hopes that having it earlier in the day might attract more fans.

"I think that at the 7-11 o'clock timeframe where we will be having that practice and the introductions,"

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Former classical music critic kicks off Monday Noon Series

BY CORY BLACKWOOD
staff editor

The Monday Noon Series started its fall run this year with Tim Page speaking on Sept. 13.

"The Other Side of the Fence: From Music Critic to Administrator" was the name of the lecture.

Page, the artistic advisor and creative chair for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and professor of music at UM-St. Louis, spoke of his career as a music critic, and what he planned to do as the creative chair for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Page is the 1997 Pulitzer Prize winner for classical criticism, and has won five Dean's Taylor's awards. He has written about 3,000 articles, reviews, and books in his career, as well.

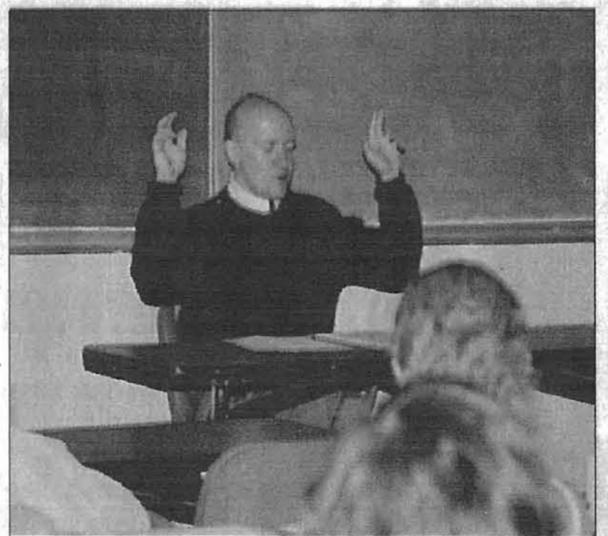
After working at a smaller, independent paper called the Soho News, Page began working for the New York Times as the classical music critic.

"There's really no place like the New York Times," Page said. "I say that with complete awe, respect, and the knowledge that I will never return."

After the New York Times, Page went to The Washington Post to work as their classical music critic, where he stayed until he came to St. Louis this year.

Page explained his love for classical music, and cited pop music as something less musically relevant.

"Pop music is a bunch of people that get together and say, Here's another song that will make us rich, who cares if it is music or not," Page said.



Gay Norris/The Current

Tim Page, a professor of music at UM-St. Louis, discusses his career as a music critic and his plans as creative chair of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Page's lecture was part of the Monday Noon Series last week.

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Bulletin Board

Tuesday, Sept. 21

- Prayer Group sponsored by the Catholic Newman Center will begin at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- Left Bank Books will be having a reading by award-winning author, Chang-rae Lee at 7 p.m. He will read from and sign his new novel, *A Gesture Life*. Located at 399 N. Euclid at McPherson in the Central West End, the event will be free and open to the public.
- Career Resource Center Open House located in room 427 SSB is running, for the last day, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

- Chancellor's Award for Excellence presentations and State of the University Address will be taking place, this year, in the J.C. Penney Auditorium at 3 p.m. A reception will follow in the lobby.

- Soup and Soul Food, a simple free meal and a time for prayer and devotion, 12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m., Normandy United Methodist Church (Terrace Room), 8000 Natural Bridge Rd. Sponsored by Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. All are welcome. For more information, on this weekly event, call Roger Jespersen at 385-3000.

Thursday, Sept. 23

- Student Council for Exceptional Children meeting at 3:30 p.m. in south campus classroom 111. New members invited to attend. For more information contact Pat Gallagher, the UMSL Chapter Secretary, at 155 Marillac Hall.
- Student Social Work Association will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Evening College Conference Room on the third floor of Lucas Hall. Any student can still become

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a member and participate in this semester's projects. For more information contact either Beverly Sporleder at 6387 or Patricia Rosenthal at 6506.

Friday, Sept. 24

- Sigma Tau Gamma presents Boogie Nights. All UM-St. Louis students are welcome but women must be 18 or older.

Sunday, Sept. 26

- Catholic Newman Center will be holding their Pot-Luck Picnic at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. We'll have volleyball, washers, ping-pong, frisbies, LOTS OF REALLY GREAT FREE FOOD AND DRINK. For more information, on this event, contact Betty Chitwood at 385-3455.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

- Soup and Soul Food, a simple free meal and a time for prayer and devotion, from 12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. at the Normandy United Methodist Church. Sponsored by Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. All are welcome.
- Catholic Students—The Newman Center will be sponsoring a lunch at 8200 Natural Bridge. All are welcome to attend. For more information, on this weekly event, contact Betty Chitwood at 385-3455.
- University Health Services will be having an open house from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join them and Jill Arnold, Nurse Practitioner, for refreshments and information about women's health issues and the new women's health clinic! For further information call UHS at 5671.

THE CAMPUS CRIMELINE

September 8, 1999

A student reported that between 5:45 p.m. and 9:50 p.m., the passenger door glass was broken on her car while it was parked on lot "Q". Taken from the vehicle was an Ameritech cell phone, an Adidas gym bag containing a Sony Walkman, a pair of Nike tennis shoes and running apparel.

September 9, 1999

A staff person at Thomas Jefferson Library reported that at 9:40 a.m., her wallet was stolen from her purse which was stored in a desk drawer. The wallet contained cash, credit cards, bank book and identification. The desk drawer

was not locked at the time of the theft.

September 10, 1999

A student reported that between Sept. 8, 1999, and Sept. 10, 1999, her parking permit was stolen from her vehicle which was parked at garage "H," fourth floor.

Staff at the Campus Mailroom reported that between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., a Nokia cell phone was stolen from the office area. The phone was the property of the University.

September 13 1999

A student residing at University Meadows reported that the license plate tabs were stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in the Apartment parking area.

A student reported receiving numerous harassing telephone calls from a fellow student whom she had initially given her phone number to for study reasons.

A student reported that his bookbag and contents were stolen between 1:40 p.m. and 3 p.m., from 448 Stadler Hall. The room was not locked.

UPDATE: Contents of the bookbag (credit cards and personal papers) were found on the first floor of garage "C".

A student residing at Honors Hall reported that a Nokia cell phone, carrying case and three batteries were stolen from his dormitory room. The room was left unlocked.

September 15, 1999

A student reported that on Sept. 14, 1999, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., her parking permit was stolen while her vehicle was parked on the second level of parking garage "D". The doors were not locked.

The Campus CrimeLine is a free service provided by the UM-St. Louis Police Department to promote safety through awareness.

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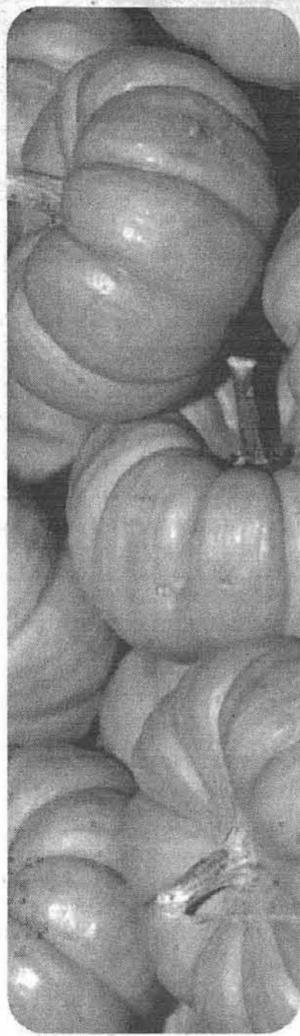
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Fall In!

Autumn is here and a variety of activities await students looking for off-campus fun

BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

The green leaves of summer transform into orange, brick-red, russet-brown, and maize-yellow, but the hues are not the only things changing this autumn. Fall into fun this autumn with a variety of new activities that cater to the festive outdoor atmosphere.

Quite possibly the best way to see Mother Nature's fall fireworks is motoring down the Great River Road from Alton, Ill. to Grafton, Ill. to Pere Marquette State Park. The Mississippi River from dawn to 9 a.m. appears a peaceful blue shade on sunny days.

For hikers or bicyclists, local parks such as Forest Park and Lone Elk Park lend outdoor beauty and entertainment.

Matt Shickles, a junior majoring in engineering, recently moved to the St. Louis area.

"In the fall, it's perfect weather to ride local trails. Fall is the best time to ride a bicycle," Shickles said.

Hayrides on chilly evenings pro-

vide comfortable closeness with family and friends. Take along warm apple cider to heat any cold hands. For a more sinister twist around Halloween time, try a haunted hayride.

Haunted houses may scare the faint of heart, but they also tempt the strongest of wills to enter. The usual plethora of locations surface every year from the House on the Hill to the Lemp Mansion. As a precaution however, be sure to bring your wallet because haunted houses have been known to break a college student's budget.

Dae Soto, a senior majoring on communications, knows where to find the outdoor excitement in fall.

"Definitely I go to haunted houses and wineries," Soto said.

Wineries, especially those along the river and in scenic locations, make a pleasant afternoon gorgeous. Some local wineries include Mount Pleasant, St. James, Les Bourgeois, and Stone Hill.

Returning home to stock trick-or-treaters' bags not only will make your parents proud, it also may

include some fringe benefits like free laundry service—for an evening, anyway. Seeing all the candy-toting children may also bring some remembrances of Halloweens past.

Who can resist diving into a pile freshly raked leaves? Raking leaves is not only an effective upper-body workout, but also in the completion of the chore lies more fun than any dollar amount.

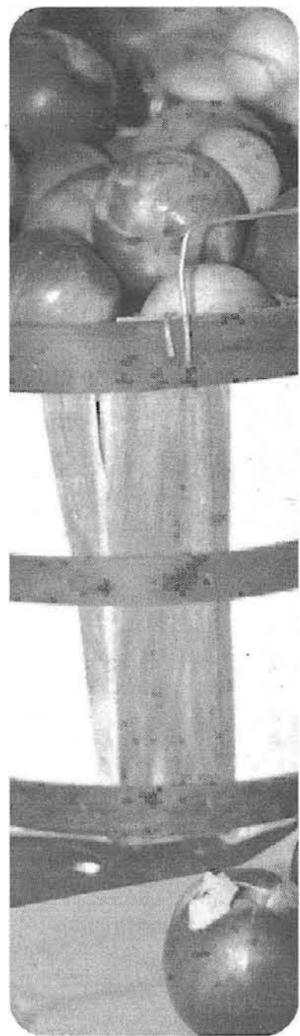
For the sports enthusiasts, football defines the season. Whether their favorite team is the St. Louis Rams, the Mizzou Tigers, or their own mismatched amateur teams; fans equate the pigskin to unbeatable outdoor fun.

Lynn Waldmann, a senior majoring in communications, enjoys the cooler weather of autumn.

"Haunted houses and St. Louis Rams and college football—I like it when the weather gets cool and these are my favorite things to do," Waldmann said.

Why would any outdoor-minded

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New certificate program offered

H.P.I. will transition students to work world

BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

Corporate America often voices the concern that many graduates today do not have the skills to actively participate in the business environment. The Continuing Education and Outreach program at UM-St. Louis aims to enable college graduates to work successfully in the business world through the Human Performance Improvement Certificate Program (H.P.I.).

The American Society of Training and Development (A.S.T.D.) works through the school of education and business to offer the class for the first time this semester.

Joe Williams, senior continuing education coordinator in the School of Education, worked with the A.S.T.D. to make the program available to students.

"This is one way to continuously upgrade and professionally develop people. There's really a need to get in here and improve the people who are doing the training. [The A.S.T.D.] is contemplating offering some more [courses] in different areas as it relates to human performance improvement," Williams said.

Thirteen students registered for the Human Performance Improvement in the Workplace class. This many students interested in the program makes it cost-effective, which is necessary for its existence.

"As fast as technology is changing [with] the computer, the Internet, [and] the downsizing, there is a need for everybody to keep training. We exist literally for life-long learning," Williams said.

John Henschke, associate professor in the division of teaching and learning, is working to put a graduate seminar together.

Henschke "is an outstanding individual. He's in the International Hall of Fame for Adult Educators . . . [and] has taught in 30 or 40 countries. He's a tremendous guy in the field of adult education," Williams said.

"It's a program we've been work-

ing for nine years to try to put in place to prepare . . . corporations of one kind or another in the area of human resource departments," Henschke said.

Donald H. Weiss, who teaches Human Performance Improvement in the Workplace, owns his own business called Self-Management Communications.

The goal of this H.P.I. Certificate includes training to become a performance improvement consultant, which involves a larger role than just the training. A consultant facilitates people to learn what they need to learn to improve their work habits.

"I think it's very important that corporate America recognizes that performance problems are not always because of lack of skills," Weiss said.

Weiss noted that sometimes it's the failure of the organization to provide proper structure or perhaps the inaccurate production of manufacturing and services.

The method to creating consultants includes the imperative first step of analysis in which the problem is identified. Intervention to solve the concern follows discovering its basis. After the intervention, the consultant evaluates the outcome to determine if the concern was solved successfully.

"Almost everybody in the group are human resource professionals. These people have had experience in the traditional way of doing things. They are very highly professional people that are very eager to learn new ways of doing something," Weiss said.

Clark Hickman, director of the Continuing Education and Outreach Program at UM-St. Louis, co-sponsors the H.P.I. Certificate.

The A.S.T.D. "approached us to see if we were interested in helping them put on a program in terms of identifying speakers, marketing the program, and giving it some academic credibility," Hickman said.

For more information on the H.P.I. Certificate, please call Joe Williams at (314) 516-5961.



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Students attend Wednesday's Brown Bag Series event, "Finances and Financial Aid."

Brown Bag event focuses on student financial crunch

Speakers outline keys to success, achievement

BY CHARMANE MALONE
special to The Current

Anyone attending college can relate to dealing with a tight budget. College students today seem to be entering into debt at an alarming rate. On Wednesday, the Office of Multicultural Relations sponsored the first of their Student Dialogue Brown Bag Series - "Finances and Financial Aid: Tips to Prevent Financial Crisis." The seminar was facilitated by Darryl and Veta Moore, regional vice-presidents of Primerica.

The presenters spoke of adopting a proactive attitude about your finances. Most counselors and consolidation firms help people after their debt is overwhelming and who may be on the verge of bankruptcy.

The Moores differ by talking about obtaining habits that would prevent many students from opening the door to revolving debt at all.

"Pay yourself first" was the theme heard throughout the seminar. Many may wonder, how is this accomplished? Moore says it is as simple as ridding yourself of these five paralyzing financial attitudes: fear of the unknown, doubt, bad habits, laziness and arrogance. Moore said knowledge is the best way to conquer these attitudes. Quoting Robert T. Kiyosaki Rich's book *Rich Dad, Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Their Kids about Money—That the Poor and Middle Class Do Not!*, "... poor dad tell[s] you to go to school so you can get hired by a good corporation, rich dad tells you to go to school, get grades so you can hire good people in your company."

Veta Moore, an alumni of UM-St. Louis, took over the second half of the seminar, breaking down and elaborating on steps one can take on achieving a sound financial future. There are six steps necessary to achieve success: 1) You must have specific goals. 2) Set a

specific time to achieve your goal. 3) Write it down. 4) Develop a plan to achieve your goal. 5) Decide what price you are willing to pay. 6) Think about your goal. This seems simple enough. After all of this, it is crucial to take control the situation. Moore says this can be done once you begin solving your financial problems. She then went on to explain the three solutions for the future.

First, you begin a strategy to reach your goal; next, earn more than your investment and last, create a new source of income to invest for your goals. Since Primerica is a life insurance company, the Moores shared advice on their area of expertise and stressed the importance of investing in mutual funds and life insurance.

The Office of Multicultural Relations' next Student Dialogue Brown Bag Series will be held on November 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 126 J.C. Penney. For more details call 516-6807.

FEATURES

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Thoughts for Today

"God made everything out of nothing, but the nothingness shows through."

-Paul Valery
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Ever Said

"Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent."

-Jean Kerr
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Ever Said

"I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy - but that could change."

-Dan Quayle
Credit: The Official alt.fan.Dan-Quayle Home Page

"I guess one person can make a difference, but most of the time they probably shouldn't."

-Marge Simpson
Credit: The Simpsons

Life after college: Some tips from beyond the walls of UMSL



OUTSIDE IN!

BECKY RICKARD

Life after college is hard. However, I'm not knocking the difficulty of life during college. College and life after college is a "grass is greener" situation.

Like most of you, I am a UM-St. Louis student. However, I don't really have a "class" to which I belong. There isn't a neat little category for people like me. I graduated from UM-St. Louis with a BA in English, but I did not return as a graduate student. I'm way past the "senior" classification, but I'm not in the "continuing education" category, although I am continuing my education. It's challenging to describe my status on those

index cards they hand out on the first day of class.

Like most of you, I just wanted out. I worked as hard as you are working to get that leather-bound diploma holder, which is supposed to contain the key to the locked door, otherwise known as your future. To this day, that piece of paper proving my successful completion of higher education is my biggest accomplishment. Of course, I'm only a 24 year-old, unmarried, childless, boomerang member of society.

While in college, I lead a typical college student's life. I studied hard, partied hard, worked hard, and consumed enough caffeine and nicotine to

keep Mountain Dew and Joe Camel around for a very long time. However, I dreamed of the day when corporate lunches, office memos, and happy hours were weekly occurrences in my life. Now . . . I've learned that corporate lunches are not glamorous, office memos are just busy work for the administrative assistant, and I can't afford to attend a happy hour as a result of my student loans.

This column is not intended to be the *Office Space* or *MTV's The Real World* of columns. All I want to give you is a realistic, yet humorous look at what really happens when you graduate from college. Lesson #1, "How To

Find A Job - Really": Many of you will have had internships by the time you graduate. That's good. On the other hand, I did not have internship experience because I couldn't afford to work for free with two jobs, a full class load, a car payment, and outrageous credit card bills. That's bad. I learned this the hard way after about 10 interviews. Simply put, COLLEGE + INTERNSHIP = JOB. You can have the best GPA and the most awards, but that is not going to mean squat if you are competing with someone with "experience."

You've probably heard the term "networking" about as many times as

an Alanis Morissette song. What is networking, really? You've also heard the phrase, "It's not what you know, but who you know" as many times as you've heard the term ".com." Networking is the ability to utilize the people you know to get you ahead in the rat race. To network, one must perfect the handshake. It's a fine art; any salesperson will tell you the correct procedure. After a good introduction and handshake, you need to have a conversation that will gather pertinent information like what company they

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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

Newly passed resolution on parking not fair to students

The issue:

Last week the University Senate passed a resolution to allow faculty to park in student spaces.

We suggest:

Open parking would allow students and faculty to park in either lot.

So what do you think?

Write a letter to the editor about this issue or anything else.

Student parking became a major issue last week. The University Senate voted in favor of a measure that allows faculty and staff to park in student spots. With parking a premium for all at U-M-St. Louis, the issue's alarming. With the recent loss of several lots and garage D spots have become scarce during busy class hours. The measure allows faculty to park in "student only" spots even when the faculty lots are not full. If faculty is allowed to park in the already packed student lots, where will the overflow of students park?

Leaving the matter alone until the new parking garage is opened would

have been the best idea.

If measures were to be taken, parking spots should be opened to all. No longer would any section of the U-M-St. Louis community have a select area to park. This measure was brought up during the meeting. It was soundly thrown out by the faculty-heavy Senate. The problem lies in the ratio of students to faculty on the senate. Allowing the faculty to vote on this issue is just plain silly. Faculty and administrators make up 75 percent of the senate. The matter was too close to home for both sides of the senate. It was a matter of pure numbers.

LETTERS

Responsibility of all to check candidates

In previous years, compulsory background checks have not been a part of SGA elections. Certainly, I would agree that in light of recent revelations, the next Election Committee would do well to reconsider this stance. However, the responsibility of providing information to our students on this campus does not fall upon the shoulders of the Election Committee alone.

If last year's Committee failed the students by not digging deeper, so too were the students failed by opposing candidates, myself included. Had this past election been a national, state, or even local one, Darwin Butler's opposing ticket would have gained and publicized his criminal record, regardless of its relevance, in order to make easy work for him. In this case, such action would hardly have been mudslinging, and since the campaigns had already turned hostile early on, I

do wish that someone would have done something more appropriate than refuse to share weenies with him.

Let *The Current* recognize its own shortcomings in this matter as well. An excellent paper often awarded for its journalism has even less excuse than student leadership to fail in providing relevant information to the campus which it serves. Can a newspaper lounge about and wait for information to be delivered in a purloined letter served on a silver platter? A paper of the quality and resource as *The Current* should hardly have to wait for information of this magnitude to be volunteered; they, too, snoozed through this one.

Even after four years in Student Government, I also failed to do my homework. Like most students, I was too wrapped up in my own little world of classes, work, family, and socializing. Harried, we all rushed to and fro

while this slipped by right under our collective nose. Few tried to inform themselves, fewer still voted in an informed manner, and the majority of votes which were cast fell along lines sadly drawn not by wisdom or informed choice, but by racial tension. Ultimately, in this instance we the students failed ourselves.

My point here is not to criticize Darwin. Rather, I am addressing the matter of informed choice, which requires effort. No one bothered to inform the students, but we didn't try very hard to inform ourselves either. Darwin didn't tell us he stole that credit card, but who bothered to ask? Maybe you don't like what you're now finding out about your SGA President, but face it people, we were all caught asleep at the wheel.

-Michael Rankins

Media is not to blame for history checks

I have read, over the last couple of issues, a lot of different opinions about who is responsible for background checks. I agree that this is an embarrassment to this school. It is important, though, that we do not over react. Often when struck with a situation like this, history shows that we do

over react. I for one do not feel that the media should do the background checks. This could lead to a witch hunt against future candidates. I hope this situation will not occur again, but I suggest we use caution. Also keep in mind that through history a number of people that we now consider heroes

were at one time considered criminals. I for one do feel that an apology is owed to this institution and the student body as a whole. Do not judge all by the actions of one.

-Tom Armstrong

GUEST COMMENTARY

Trying to be careful with what you say

School Conference. Late night party. Telling embarrassing stories. Can anything serious come out of all that? I guess one person thought so. I'll call her Ms. J because who she is is not as important to me as who she is.

I don't drink. I don't smoke. I'm not looking for a man. I'm not trying to prove that I'm cool. So why do I go to late night parties with kids that I'm old enough to be their momma (well okay, their older sister)? I get to know people, and the things they do and talk about are silly, and I just have a silly good time.

Well, not Ms. J. She thought that the telephone game was serious.

Just as I remember, the game started with a silly sentence. By the time the sentence got to me in the circle, I assumed that it had not been changed. At half past midnight, my task was to either try to remember the phrase or make up something totally outrageous. I chose the latter and passed it on.

Finally, the last person was reached, Ms. J. "This is so silly!" she remarked. "What did it start off as?"

The person who started the game repeated the original phrase.

"Who did that?" Ms. J squealed.

The people to the left and right of me leaned away from me and pointed to me. I didn't care, I thought it's just a silly game. I lifted my hands up and raised the roof.

The night (or should I say morning) continued with more silly fun. I'm sure some were hoping that things they had said would be forgotten.

The next morning, everyone piled in at the tables to get ready for the meeting. Once again, Ms. J asked about the phrase from the previous night.

The phrase maker obliged Ms. J with the sentence once again.

"That is so dumb!" Ms. J replied.

As I sat at the table, I thought, should I say something? I decided that there were more pressing issues at that time, and I would deal with that issue at a later date. I also knew that neither who I was nor what I was about was "dumb."

On the contrary, I know that education is important two-fold, I homeschooled my three children and after transferring from the community college to U-M-St. Louis, I continue to remain on the Dean's List.

Ms. J also doesn't know that I have been called dumb and stupid and disowned by the people who were suppose to be the most significant influence in my life, my parents. So sticks and stones will break my bones, but those words will never hurt me. My self-esteem is in tact. Thank you very much. However, it's not me that I worried about. I'm concerned about those potential members who will take personally Ms. J's ignorance and inappropriate behavior. Some might read into it "racist." I didn't because I've been there, done that. Furthermore, the people who invited me were very gracious and kind, and went out of their way to talk to me and explain to me what was going on. But what

about those who don't have those connections? Well, I have come to the conclusion that some people are just ignorant and need a lesson in Relations 101, starting with an introductory course in "Be careful what you say."

Later, Ms. J talked about bringing Reggae to her campus. I guess Ms. J thought that that would somehow heal the wound that could have possibly been opened and help race relations, subsidizing the possible claim of racism. However, my advice to Ms. J and all of the other Ms. J's and Mr. J's out there is to take the time to meet potential members and work on getting to know people and "Be careful what you say" because it might backfire in your face one day.



LISA M. PETTIS
guest commentator

How to behave at sporting events

Most of you who are familiar with me, either personally or through my work at *The Current*, know that I am a huge sports fan. I started out as a sportswriter here, and still most of my columns pertain to sports in some way.

So it's not surprising that I go to sporting events whenever I have free time. This summer I have gone to about 10 Cardinals games (even though they suck), last year I went to a couple of Blues games (breaking my bank account in the process), and I went to two Missouri Tigers football games (it's not like U-M-St. Louis has a team).

I didn't go to any Rams games last year because I'd rather stay home and watch better football games on TV.

While attending a Cardinals game last week with my girlfriend, J.D. Drew let a ball go through his legs allowing the other team to score an extra run. Several taunts and expletives were thrown his direction from both myself and my bleacher companions.

Some of the comments were in good taste, but others weren't. The following is a guide to stadium etiquette while attending a sporting event:

1.) Do not do the wave. This is the most annoying act ever performed by fans. Instead of watching the game, fans begin to watch the wave so they can be sure to catch it when it comes around again. The wave should have died right next to the New Kids on the Block when the '80s came to an end.

2.) Do not yell and tell a kid under 10 years old that he's a bandwagon jumper for wearing an Atlanta Braves hat. The kid wasn't alive when they were baseball's laughing-stock. Instead, yell at the 20-year-olds wearing a Braves hat, because they were alive when they were bad and they probably are a bandwagon jumper. (The same can

be done towards fans wearing Seattle Mariners or Cleveland Indians attire).

3.) Tip the beer man. Hey, the guy is bringing you a beer—what else is there to say?

4.) Do not leave or retake your seats during play. This is especially crucial during hockey games when the action is fast and goals can be scored within seconds. It is bad enough that you have to take out a second mortgage on your home to buy the tickets, but it is worse if you miss an important play because the guy next to you drank too much beer and couldn't hold his bladder until the whistle.

5.) Do not use foul language if there are children around. This does not include the bleachers at Busch. Come on parents, what do you expect when you sit in the bleachers?

6.) The bleachers are the best seats for a Cardinals game.

They are relatively inexpensive, close to the field, and the fans there generally have a lot of knowledge about the game of baseball.

7.) Keep chants to a minimum. The most effective chants are short and to the point (i.e. Barry Bonds, you're mom is a wonderful woman). Chants lose their effectiveness when they get too long and intellectual (i.e. Barry Bonds, you are an overpaid, uneducated menace to society who couldn't flip burgers at McDonald's). You can see how the first one would be more effective. It is simple and to the point (also for the best player reaction, say things about their mothers).

8.) Have fun. That's what sports are all about. If you aren't much of a screamer, that's fine, but just respect the person in the next row who is. However, if you are a screamer, still respect the non-screamers by thinking about what you are saying.



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Heartfelt loss of Saturday cartoons

The fall always meant a lot to me as a kid. It was the season that I looked forward to all summer. It wasn't because of school. I could have gone without the torture that was grade school. For me, the new Saturday cartoon line-up was something that I looked forward to all year.

Saturday mornings in the '80s were filled with cartoons. It was something I could look forward to all week. It didn't matter if it was "The 13 Ghosts of Scooby Doo" or the short lived "Rubik's Cube Show." I could watch almost anything.

Some of my favorite memories are starting off a Saturday morning with a big bowl of Cap'n Crunch while watching "Superfriends" with all the superheroes from DC Comics. It was a great way to start a day watching Superman, Green Lantern and friends take on Bizarro, Lex Luthor and all the other villains that wanted to take on the world. The perfect end to the Saturday morning lineup was "Fat Albert and Friends" hosted by Bill Cosby. While the show was one of the goofiest shows ever made, it was funny. And unlike

many cartoons of today, a lesson was always learned.

Cosby always wrapped up the show talking about how Rudy shouldn't have taken Mushmouth's wallet. And their show wasn't complete until the guys sang a song.

Some of those shows have survived in syndication. Scooby and Shaggy are on WTBS every morning and The Flintstones every afternoon. Too many of the shows have been discarded, "The Adventures of Plastic Man" and "Tales from the Crypt" haven't seen

the light of day since their cancellations. Saturdays don't mean much to kids today.

Cartoons are on all the time. The Cartoon Network fills that void left by the networks bailing on the Saturday kid's line-ups. It really bothers me to see CNN news shows shown in a time slot that only 10 years before was filled by "The Adventure of The Mario Brothers".

Times change and traditions change. It's a shame that something as fun as cartoons had to suffer.



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If you cut class,
where would you go?

I would be laying on the beach sipping a margarita

Go home and go to bed.

Go to a strip club after using the ATM or course

Go to Best Buy and buy a C.D.

R-men look to stop losing streak

Schedule does not get easier with the start of GLVC play

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
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The Rivermen soccer team has hit a bump in the road as their team sits with a 2-3 record. However, with conference play beginning, UM-St. Louis is focusing in on what could be a stand-out year.

Previously, the Rivermen lost at Rockhurst 3-0 with a stellar crowd of 501 in attendance.

The Rivermen got down 3-0 in the first half and were unable to counter the goals.

"It was a very disappointing loss," Redmond said. "We attacked well, but it seemed every time they came down the field, they put one in on us. It was a very strange game. When you hear 3-0, you think of a regular whipping. We outshot them, out corner-kicked them, and out-played them. It was just one of those games."

UM-St. Louis then traveled to Lindenwood College and lost 1-0.

"We did not create enough chances to put it away," Redmond said. "It was kind of a stale mate."

The Rivermen have a tough road schedule ahead of them as they face three Great Lakes Valley Conference teams in Northern Kentucky, IUPUI-Fort Wayne, and Southern Indiana in consecutive games.

"These are going to be hard games," Redmond said. "I think we might be playing three in a row against three teams that will be the most

improved. Southern Indiana will be like night and day and Fort Wayne played a New Hampshire college out East who was in the top five in the Northeast and beat them 2-0. That is a kind of a result that gets your attention. Northern Kentucky against us has always been a one-goal battle. It will be a hard weekend ahead."

As the tough time in the Rivermen's schedule approaches, Redmond believes that his players, especially his younger ones, will be ready for the challenge.

"They have handled themselves well in the first five games," Redmond said. "They are very competitive. You will not find a more competitive group than Mike Kirchoff, Jeff Stegman, Chris Stockman, and Ryan Smith. They are starting to learn from the seniors how important each game is. They will be ready."

As the Rivermen head into this crucial week of play, Redmond believes his players are capable of doing the job, but it all depends on timing.

"We keep waiting for ourselves to gel, and I hope that this is the weekend," Redmond said. "I think we are really close to putting our best game together. This is the season starting [tomorrow]. I can't wait, and I know the players cannot wait. The attitude is great on this team, and it is just like two separate seasons now."

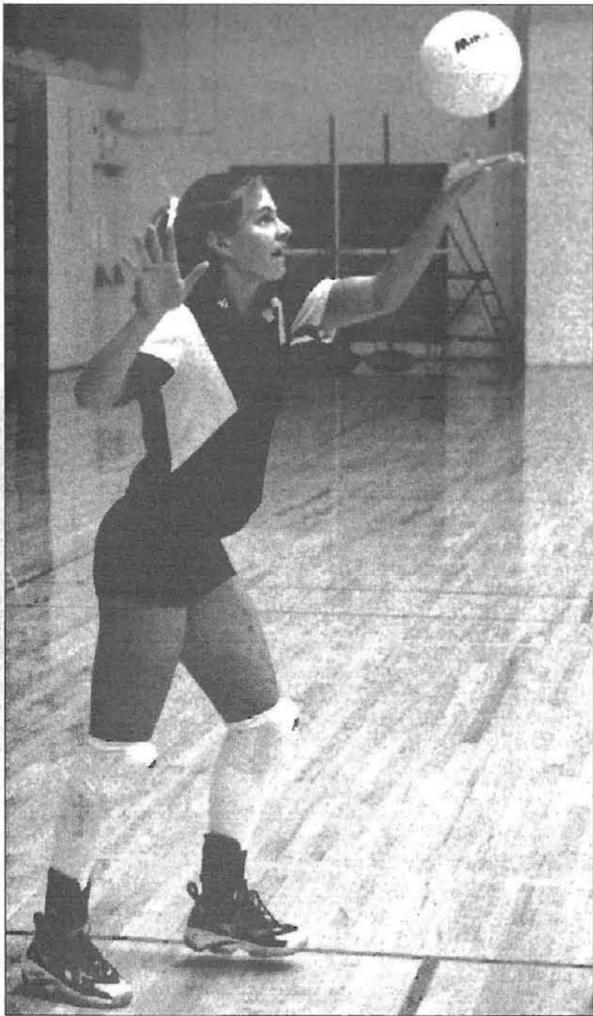
UM-St. Louis will eventually venture home for their first home conference game of the year against Quincy on Sept. 26.



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Rivermen midfielder Ryan Inkley (10) chases a William Woods player in an exhibition game Aug. 21.

Volleyball's early conference matches prove to be crucial



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Freshman Janae Paas (7) serves the ball in a match during the Red and Gold Classic on Sept. 10.

BY SCOTT HOWZE
special to The Current

The UM-St. Louis women's volleyball team set off to begin conference play on the road this weekend against Northern Kentucky. This match-up is important because it sets the stage for a very promising season.

After a strong performance in the Missouri-St. Louis Red and Gold Classic, the Riverwomen hope to continue to play with the same intensity that they have had thus far.

In the Red and Gold Classic, the Riverwomen lost their first match against Southwest Baptist in a close five-set heartbreaker 15-7, 15-11, 11-15, 13-15, and 15-12.

In the second match against Christian Brothers University, UM-St. Louis soundly defeated CBU in three sets 16-14, 15-7, and 15-3.

The third match was against Rockhurst and UM-St. Louis lost in three sets 15-9, 15-11, and 15-4.

Although injuries have plagued the Riverwomen all season, this past week has provided the time needed to rest their injured players.

With the return of starter Yorhena Panama and the improved strength of Michelle Hochstatter, who has been playing hurt all season, UM-St. Louis is starting to gain the confidence needed to contend in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

One player that Head Coach Denise Silvester is quick to praise is Cristen Clark, a transfer student from Wabash Valley Community College.

"She's our defensive specialist," Silvester said. "She is working to learn our defensive system, and it has been quite a challenge for her."

UM-St. Louis began their conference play Friday and return for their first home conference match Sept. 24 against Southern Indiana. The next day they host Kentucky-Wesleyan.

Women drop two at home

BY RACHAEL QUIGLEY
special to The Current

Large student crowds, extraordinary depth, and a senior player close to an astonishing record could not help the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team overcome sluggish first halves as they fell to Central Missouri State, 2-1, and Truman State, 1-0, in a weekend home stretch.

"We just weren't ready," said Head Coach Beth Goetz on the game against Central Missouri State. "We came out and played horrible defense the first 20 minutes of the game. Second half, we came out and played very well. We had tons of chances on goal, hit the crossbar a few times, and missed a penalty kick. We just could not put the ball in the net."

Sunday's game against Truman State was not much better for the Riverwomen.

"We definitely weren't playing very well," Goetz said. "We gave up a goal in the first half again, and that's how the game ended, 1-0. We were playing a lot of long ball instead of trying to get the ball to feet, which really wasn't working."

The losses have given the Riverwomen plenty to think about before beginning conference play in the coming weeks, and Goetz knows exactly what needs to happen for her team to be competitive.

"We're not capitalizing on our shots," Goetz said. "We still need to create more scoring opportunities but, above all, we need to take advantage of the chances we do create."

The focus and ability to correct problems is evident in talking with players.

"We'd like to blame the losses on bad luck, but obviously we can't," Junior Cara Carothers said. "We know the things that we need to work on for our upcoming games, so we've put it behind us to move on to the rest of our conference games."

In working to improve the team,

Goetz stressed the importance of being ready before even taking the field.

"It's all mental," Goetz said. "We've talked a lot about visualizing and preparing. We've encouraged the players that they need to develop some sort of routine before the game starts."

Even with the losses, confidence is not a problem for the team and their coach.

"We definitely have confidence in that we can turn things around and that we're a good team," Goetz said. "We aren't getting killed by any means. There's a lot of positives."

Positives for the UM-St. Louis soccer women include senior star Carrie Marino, for whom Goetz has much praise.

"Carrie, just by the way she plays and the type of person she is, has earned a lot of respect from the other players," Goetz said.

Another player high on Goetz's outstanding list is promising Sophomore Alaina O'Donnell.

"She's definitely stepped up and done her job and even more so that it's been contagious to other players," Goetz said. "So, not only is she focusing on herself, but she's trying to pull everybody else in to be able to have that same focus."

A big surprise this weekend came not from the players but the students who turned out in big numbers to support the team.

"That was so encouraging," Goetz said. "We've never had that kind of support, ever, and we just hope that they enjoyed it, regardless of the outcome of our game. Our girls were really excited, and we hope the fans come back."

The Riverwomen now stand at 2-3 overall, having yet to play a conference game. With nationally ranked opponents and a potential record breaking player, the next few weeks will be an exciting time for soccer fans.

SPORTS

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Upcoming Games

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at Southern Indiana
3:00 p.m., Sat., Sept. 25

vs. Quincy
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Volleyball

vs. Southern Indiana
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at Southern Indiana
12:30 p.m., Sat. Sept. 25

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12:30 p.m., Sun. Sept. 26

Next Week In Sports

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Kinworthy's Column

UM-St. Louis' Division II program should not have Division II fans

Sports attendance is a large part of what allows the home team to strive towards victory and to put on a good show.

We do not have large turnouts at UM-St. Louis athletic events this year. Certain games have had a large capacity, but still do not compare to the great Antlers from the University of Missouri or even the crazy Duke University fans during March Madness.

I do not expect great things to occur from this column, but I do want everyone to realize that we are a DIVISION II program.

It should not be used as an excuse for the turnouts in the previous years, but it makes sense. With

UM-St. Louis being a commuter campus and a Division II school, the crowds will not be large as the athletic department intends.

This is not a knock against the athletic department, but something needs to be done.

The women's soccer team recently distributed flyers around campus to promote their game against Central Missouri State, and it actually drew a noisy crowd.

The Greek programs showed up with noisemakers and signs to urge the Riverwomen on during the contest. Although the Riverwomen lost the game, the crowd was into the game.

The Greek organizations on

campus are in abundance and should be in attendance at every home game that any UM-St. Louis athletic program has. The Greeks at any other campus are always large athletic supporters, and now is not the time to get lazy.

My plea is to every fraternity to come out and cheer as loud as you can for the Rivermen and Riverwomen. Your support is needed.

The UM-St. Louis sports teams are not used to hearing vocal supporters on the sidelines, and student involvement is necessary. Whether it be the Math Club, the UM-St. Louis faculty, or even other organizations that do not come to mind

right now, you need to start showing up to these events.

By the women's soccer team actually publicizing their game themselves (besides *The Current's* publicity), people came to watch.

Whether it be making flyers or having signs posted on each and every building at UM-St. Louis, the athletic department needs to do more to get the students involved in the athletic programs at UM-St. Louis.

Let's face it, by being enrolled at UM-St. Louis, you have initiated the part of being a student, so now act the part.

Being a student is not just coming to school, going to class, and

then either going home or going to work.

To feel welcomed at UM-St. Louis, you have to get involved in some sort of organization or you will dwindle your college years away and regret it in the long-run. Do you want to look back at your college years and say they were boring, or do you want to get involved and make friends and have memories that last a lifetime?

The key is involvement, and that is what I urge each and every faculty member and student at UM-St. Louis to do.

The athletic programs need you and your support.



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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Breakaway Cafe does it right by focusing on their food

Nearby restaurant is great place for students to find good cuisine at affordable prices

BY CORY BLACKWOOD
staff editor

Restaurants pop up every month, all heralding some hip new concept or cuisine. These restaurants feature Spanish/French food, German/Irish, or some other mix that doesn't coincide with anything at all. These restaurants are generally expensive with servers that have egos larger than their professions should allow, and lighting so dark as to make reading the menu virtually impossible. These are all minor drawbacks once the diner realizes that they are paying for the decor (that remains unseen, due to the darkness of the room) and not the food.

Luckily, Breakaway Cafe never fell into that all-too-common trap. The prints on the walls are popular ones, and the splash paint on the borders hasn't been updated since the 80's, but diners don't go to Breakaway for the decor.

Food is the focus of Breakaway Cafe, as it should be. Servers are very casual and don't waste any time trying to upsell (a plague of chains like Applebee's and Chili's), but rather let the diner decide. No foreign cuisines or tacky foreign names are associated with the meals; this is straight Americana. Granted there is pasta, but chili mac is included in the pasta section, balancing everything out.

The food at Breakaway is not only great, but affordable. Pastas, the most expensive meals on the menu, range from about \$7 to almost \$9. The vermicelli is wonderful without being overly meaty, and the chicken alfredo has fried chicken instead of the more popular grilled sort. Breakaway's

alfredo sauce is tasty without being too salty, a common error in affordable pasta dishes. The tortellini is wonderful, and the cacciatore is a perfect choice for any vegetable lover. Expect to get a to-go box with a pasta dish. The servings are huge.

Sandwiches are a huge part of the menu, ranging from the \$4 burger to the nearly \$7 rib-eye sandwich. The sprouts chicken, my personal favorite, uses a uniquely flavored charbroiled breast on a croissant with melted monterey jack cheese, ranch dressing, bean sprouts, lettuce, and tomato. Breakaway's signature sandwich is the roast beef, served on cheese garlic bread with gravy and onions.

Pizzas are of the St. Louis persuasion, with crusts as thin and flavorful as a saltine minus the salt. The toppings on the veggie pizza were fresh and tasty, but the pizza itself lacked enough sauce for the dry crust. Cheese also seemed to be a bit lacking, but as an active cheese addict, I may be a biased judge.

Salads were very good, and the Italian house dressing boasted a rich flavor, but was not overdone on the salad. Once again, I felt the cheese was too sparse.

Breakaway Cafe is frequented by local regulars who know the value of a good, affordable meal. At any given time, UM-St. Louis faculty members, students, and local business owners and employees will be caught chatting with their server, and getting their "regular" meal.

Breakaway is located at 8418 Natural Bridge Road, one block from UM-St. Louis and is open every day but Sunday.



Photos by Stephanie Platt/The Current

The Breakaway Cafe is located one block from UM-St. Louis, and features popular American-style entrees, as well as several different types of pasta.



Amy Floyd (right) serves the lunch crowd at the Breakaway Cafe. Floyd has worked as a server at the Breakaway Cafe for four years.

FILM REVIEW

Holocaust comedy affirms power of hope during tragedy

BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER
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Comedy about the Holocaust? Actually, this isn't a new idea—last year's big Oscar winner "Life is Beautiful" was a comedy that dealt with the Holocaust (part of it takes place in a concentration camp). "Jakob the Liar" is also a comedy about Jewish people during World War II, but this one takes place entirely within a ghetto in Poland. Lest anyone take offense at humor connected with such a tragic time, I have to say that this story is told rather in the manner of a fairy tale or folk tale (which often deal with horrible events), allowing it a distance from reality without diminishing the real events. If you are familiar with Jewish folk tales, you know that many of them are humorous even when they take place in terrible circumstances, so this film takes on the tone of one of those tales.

The cast is wonderful, with Robin Williams as Jakob, a former cafe owner who through a misunderstanding becomes the focus of the entire ghetto when a rumor spreads



Robin Williams stars as Jakob, a cafe owner who becomes the focus of a Polish ghetto when rumors spread that he owns a radio.

that he has a forbidden radio and therefore access to news beyond the ghetto walls. The comedy focuses on misunderstandings, human foibles and flaws, and ultimately, on the power of hope in hopeless circumstances.

The sets and lighting are often similar to that for the stage, so that the effect is sometimes a rather surreal combination of

"Fiddler on the Roof" and "Edward Scissorhands." At other times, they are realistic, as the costumes are throughout. This unevenness in tone, moving from realistic to surreal, was reflected in the story as well. Some scenes required more than a little suspension of disbelief, and that is probably the major flaw of the film. Overall, it was a good, but not great, film, presenting a warm-hearted, funny story with a message about the power of hope and humor in dark times.

'Jakob the Liar'

Length: 114 min.
Rated: PG-13
Our opinion: ★★★★★

MUSIC REVIEW

Coal Chamber comes into its own on latest album

BY CORY BLACKWOOD
staff editor

Coal Chamber burst onto the scene in 1997 along with a list of other new metal bands. These bands all followed on the heels of Korn's success, and many were considered to be cheap knock-offs of the original. Coal Chamber did not escape this criticism, and their album did sound a lot like Korn.

Coal Chamber comes into their own on their sophomore effort, Chamber Music. No longer following Korn's footsteps, Coal Chamber ditches the rap aspect of their music and shoots for straight metal. The music is heavy, hard and fast, but there is an exception to the metal rule in Coal Chamber's music — their lyrics have meaning.

On "Tyler's song," an ode to Dez's son, Dez tells his son that he loves him and would do anything for him. Then he sings, "Respect your mom and always think of her first." This may not sound too out-of-the-ordinary, but Dez and his girlfriend had a very bad breakup (the lyrics of their first album deals prominently with this) and they are

'Chamber Music'
Label: Roadrunner
Our opinion: ★★★★★

hardly on speaking terms.

Coal Chamber takes pride in their positive message that shines through even on the heaviest of guitar riffs.

The obligatory '80s synth-rock cover is not absent on this album, and comes in the form of Peter Gabriel's "Shock the Monkey." Ozzy Osbourne adds vocals to the track, and the song does take a new twist, (unlike Gary Numan's "Cars" by Fear Factory and New Order's "Blue Monday" by Orgy) but the listener is still left wondering why every band needs to cover an '80s song on their album.

Aside from the seemingly necessary '80s cover, which takes up space more than displays the band's talent, Chamber Music is a good album. Not only does it let Coal Chamber come into their own as a band, but it is also a good metal CD with some depth behind the music.

Believe it or not, comic books are much more than zap, pow, and boom

Do you read comics? Let me clarify that: Do you read comic books? I'm not talking about the Sunday funnies (those are comic strips) or comic books like Spider Man or GI Joe or anything you grew up with. The comic books I am talking about are gritty, violent, not for children, and just about everything your parents told you to avoid.

Let me guess. Comics are immature, right? They are for kids, OK. I have heard all of these comments before, and not once by a person that actually took the time to READ a real comic book. They were more inclined to partake in "mature" endeavors, like the swimsuit issue of Sports Illustrated.

I have always read comics, from the time when I rode my bike seven miles to the local comic shop in St. Charles virtually every day until now. My visits are much less frequent, and I drive now (much farther than seven miles, I might add), but I still buy comics.

The comics I buy are odd ones—some believable, with very real to life stories, and some so off the wall that it is surprising to find such stories even in a comic book. "Preacher," one of my personal favorites, is a tale of a man who gets infused with power rivaling that of God, and his quest to find out why God disappeared. Did I mention that he is traveling with his ex-assassin

girlfriend and an Irish vampire?

"Preacher" is a great comic for someone to pick up as a first step into understanding the maturity of comics. "Gone to Texas" is a collection of issues one-to-eight and is as funny as it is disturbing.

Another option would be to pick up anything by Alan Moore. That is a little broad, so I will only talk about "V For Vendetta." "V" is a story along the lines of George Orwell's "1984," but focuses on one vigilante determined to destroy all the things that are keeping people from being free. This includes, but is not limited to, crimes of arson, treason, murder and conspiracy.

David Lloyd, the artist of the

book, sums up "V For Vendetta" best by saying, "There aren't many cheeky, cheery characters in 'V For Vendetta'; it's for people who don't switch off the news."

Jhonen Vasquez is probably the most brainsick of all comic authors/artists, with creations like "Johnny the Homicidal Maniac," "JTHM Squee," and "I Feel Sick." Johnny is exactly what his title describes him as - homicidal. Johnny kills people, and without any regret. Before you doubt the intellectual rewards of this seven-part series, let me defend it. It is more a social commentary on how stupid our society can be, and a great opportunity for Vasquez to get back at the types of

people that undoubtedly made fun of him in high school. "JTHM" has segues throughout the issues, one of the more prominent ones being Happy Noodle Boy. Happy Noodle Boy is a crudely-drawn stick figure who yells at police officers, passers-by, animals, and pretty much anything that moves (or doesn't, if you include his bagel.) Happy Noodle Boy is not simply offensive potty humor, but points out many flaws in our society and the people that inhabit it.

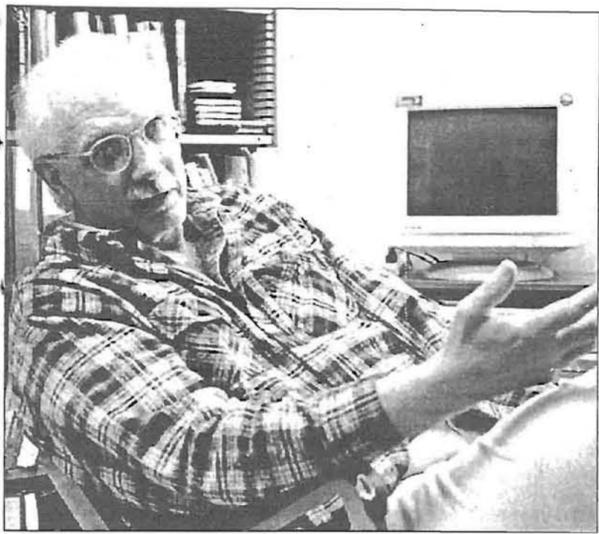
Besides, what isn't mature about a stick figure that stands on a box and screams, "Bow Down!!! Or I will unleash my zoinky army of surly crack babies!!!"



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PARKING, from page 1



Dr. William Connett, seen here during an interview last year, is the chair of the Senate Committee on Physical Facilities, which wrote the parking resolution passed last week.

Stephanie Platt/The Current

changed," Schuster said. "The parking rules that accompany the annual permit were always specific. It said students park in student lots, faculty/staff park in their designated lots."

In response to the vote in the Senate, the Student Government Association passed a resolution on Friday to send a letter opposing the Senate resolution to Robert Roeseler, director of the UM-St. Louis Police Department, Schuster, the Senate Committee on Physical Facilities and to Chancellor Blanche Touhill.

The SGA resolution declared the vote in the senate was taken "with little regard to student concerns," and that, "The student parking problem on this campus is as prevalent, if not more, than the faculty problem," and suggested, "all parking areas on campus currently designated 'Faculty/Staff Only' be redesignated 'Student Only' as such lots will be used by faculty regardless."

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adequate to conduct the business in. This is of course a starting point. If it turns out that two meetings aren't adequate the body can certainly meet more frequently..." Burkholder said.

Burkholder said he does not feel that student participation would suffer from the proposed new structure.

"In many ways it ought to facilitate student attendance because they don't have half as many meetings to attend," Burkholder said.

Bob Samples, director of university communications, described the draft as a senate and faculty council proposal on faculty governance, and said the administration did not have a position on the matter.

"I know of no one that philosophically opposes it," Samples said.

Ryan Metcalf, president of the student senators organization, supported the proposal.

"I think it's a good idea," Metcalf said.

Metcalf said the current senate is too large and contains too much bureaucracy, making it difficult to get

things done. He was however concerned about the level of administrative participation.

"I don't think that there is enough administration on this council as compared with how it is now," Metcalf said.

Metcalf said it was important to have administrators on the council to ensure a direct line of communication with them.

Darwin Butler, president of the student government association, initially supported the proposal but changed his mind when he learned of the senate's vote to allow faculty members to park in student spaces.

"Being that the faculty has dictated that they can use our parking spaces, I am against the faculty separating itself or forming any other entity other than the faculty and student [university] senate because it seems like they're alienating themselves to take more control over things..." Butler said.

Butler expressed suspicion of the motives behind the proposal.

"I feel that this may be an entity created by the faculty so that they can leverage whatever kind of control they have on any other situation..." Butler said.

Butler said he was "totally against minimizing the university senate... and putting it up under any other entity."

Burkholder said the next step towards the proposal becoming a reality was the holding of two open hearings on the draft presented to the senate. The first of those meetings is scheduled for Wednesday from 1:15 to 2:45 in room 208 Lucas hall. The second meeting will take place on September 30 from 2:00 to 4:00, also in room 208 Lucas hall. Burkholder said that the draft would then be revised as necessary and various details would be filled in. He said the details included matters of committee composition, terms, and procedure for choosing the council chairperson.

Under the present draft of the proposal, the chairperson of the faculty senate would automatically be the chairperson of the university council.

House, Senate override veto of partial-birth abortion ban

BY SHAYON PERKINS
of The Current staff

By a vote of 127-34 the Missouri House of Representatives voted on Sept. 15 to override Governor Mel Carnahan's veto on the partial-birth abortion ban. The bill was debated on the Senate floor needing a 2/3 majority to make partial-birth abortions illegal in the state of Missouri. The Senate overrode the governor's veto with 27 votes.

The bill was first passed in May and vetoed by Carnahan in July. Ellie Dillon, president of the East Region of Missouri Right to Life said, "If it was right in May, then it's still right in September." Dillon went on to say, "The legislators heard all of the medical and legal facts and made an informed and correct decision."

Jeannette Sanchez-Wallace, a senior at U.M. St. Louis does not agree. Wallace is president of U.M. St. Louis' chapter of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Wallace said, "Even if it passes now, this bill will still fail in court because it is unconstitutional. We will continue to support people who are pro-choice. We will go on doing the same thing, but it is the doctors who will hesitate if this gets tied up in court."

To inform students on campus in preparation for the vote, the foundation staffed a booth at UM-St. Louis' Expo event and invited representatives from the National Organization of Women, and the National Abortion Rights Action League to attend. The foundation has also had guest speakers from Planned Parenthood at recent meetings. They have had an ongoing writing campaign to state and national legislators to express their concerns.

"We are concerned with a clause that could legalize violence against women and doctors," Wallace said. "Because of the vague nature of the bill, it could possibly outlaw some of the safest and most common abor-

tions used in early pregnancies. Whether it's right or wrong, legal or not, women will still have abortions. If they are desperate, the politics are not going to affect the women who have to deal with the reality of an unwanted pregnancy."

Dillon said "The bill does not outlaw legal abortions. That is just a smoke screen. This bill outlaws infanticide, meaning that the baby is delivered and then killed. Women who feel that they need an abortion for medical reasons or not can still get a legal abortion. We have to remember that pro-choicers have a multi-million dollar industry to protect. We are just trying to protect human life."

In response to the concern that the bill will be tied up in court if passed by the Senate, Dillon said, "We will cross that bridge when we come to it."

Planned Parenthood filed a lawsuit and was awarded a temporary injunction stopping the law from being enforced.

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Bernsen said, "I think that a lot of people, not only students, but fans will come out more so than maybe at a Thursday-night midnight type of setting."

Midnight Madness is a traditional event on college campuses across the country. It begins at 12:01 a.m. the day the NCAA allows the first day of basketball practice. This year it falls on Oct. 15 which is on a Friday.

Dolan said the athletic department would be willing to work with UPB in the future for Midnight Madness if it falls on more agreeable days. The Rivermen have their first exhibition game against Team Reebok on Saturday, Nov. 20 and their season home opener on Tuesday, Nov. 23 against Harris-Stowe.

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Kincaid decision worries journalists

BY JEREMY W. PETERS
Michigan Daily

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich.—The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, with jurisdiction over the state of Michigan, delivered a ruling last Wednesday that upheld the 1997 decision by a federal district court that sided with Kentucky State University after the administration confiscated 2,000 student yearbooks.

Controversy ensued and a discussion began regarding the decision's possible infringement upon First Amendment rights.

"A very dangerous precedent has been set for student journalists," said Bruce Orwin, attorney for the plaintiff students. "We believe the court was wrong in its decision," he added.

But Kentucky State University officials do not see it that way.

Hinfred McDuffe, vice president for university advancement at Kentucky State, said in a written state-

ment, that Kentucky State "is pleased with the decision ... Our student press enjoys the same journalistic freedom enjoyed by other university students."

At the heart of the sixth circuit's decision was the determination that a yearbook is not a public forum, a distinction that would have allowed the publication's protection under the First Amendment.

Orwin says he feels that the court's not granting the yearbook public forum status threatens it and similar student publications.

"They're trying to make it like a picture book of volleyball and sorority functions rather than a journal of current events at the university," said Orwin.

The decision in Kincaid vs. Gibson was upheld primarily due to the 1988 Supreme Court decision, concerning a Missouri school district, Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeier, which declared the constitutionality of a high school principal's decision to censor

student publications. The Kincaid case erupted in 1994 after officials at Kentucky State confiscated nearly 2,000 copies of the university's yearbook - "The Thorobred." The administration maintains they acted because the purple cover of the yearbook was not consistent with the school's official colors of green and yellow and, they also claim, the current events section was of poor quality.

By siding with Kentucky State, the Sixth Circuit has possibly opened the floodgates for further censorship of student publications.

Prof. Jo-Ann Albers, director of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting at Western Kentucky University, fears that because the Hazelwood decision was applied for the first time to college publications, journalism at the university level could be in danger.

"After the Hazelwood decision high school principals censored material just because they could," Albers

said, adding that the Kincaid decision "is a significant impairment to college journalism."

Though Albers sees many forms of student publications as vulnerable under the Kincaid decision, she does not see university newspapers being subject to censorship.

Since the Sixth Circuit Court has jurisdiction over colleges throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Michigan, student publications throughout the region could be directly affected.

"I believe the biggest effects will be felt by other student publications, not papers, but non-traditional public forums," Orwin said.

Both Orwin and Albers believe this issue is far from resolved. Orwin has asked for a rehearing which will allow all the judges sitting on the sixth circuit bench to hear the case.

Albers is looking even further down the road. She said, "I'm sure (this case) will end up in the Supreme Court."

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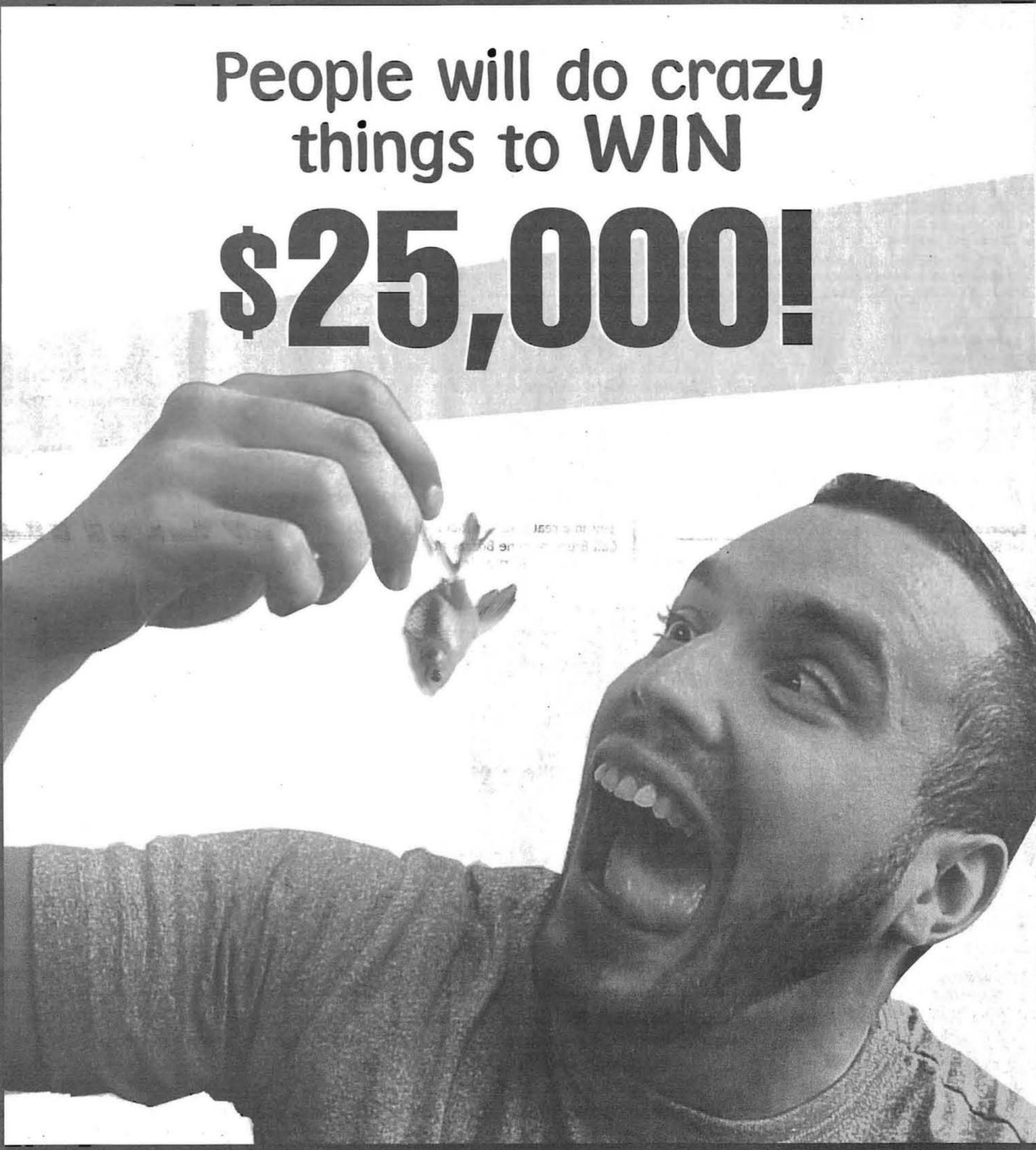
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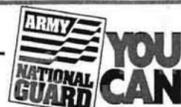
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person buy the Halloween pumpkin at grocery store when so many farms offer the opportunity to pick a pumpkin directly from the field? Many Illinois pumpkin patches such as the Golden Eagle General store and the Kjar Roadside Market offer this fun field frenzy and are located close to Alton.

"I like Rombach's, the pumpkin patch in Chesterfield," Soto said.

Fun can also be found at Thies Farm on Hanley Road, not far from UM-St. Louis. The farm, which is more than a century old, will host a wide variety of activities, next month, including corn mazes, a petting zoo, a goat walk, and

hayrides.

Picking apples to make a steaming apple pie adds another option to the pumpkin patch suggestion. Eckert's Orchard in Grafton, Ill., dishes out some excellent apples for pie, cobbler filling, or simply munchies.

Speaking of pies, the end of autumn signifies Thanksgiving time and time to cook all those run-away turkeys.

Think of how content Mom will be when a host of helpful children allow her to have a break.

Besides, contemplate the Christmas presents these bonus points can earn.

A scarecrow waits to be assembled at Thies Farm, which will be hosting a number of events this next month. The century-old farm is only one of many places students can visit when looking for fun this fall.



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work for, what industry they are in, what job title they currently occupy, and what their company does. After obtaining this information, tell them how interesting it sounds (even if it isn't) and ask for a business card.

The most important part of finding a job isn't a resume or experience. It's putting the word out on the street. Call everyone you grew up with, inform your current friends and ask them to tell their friends and families, and,

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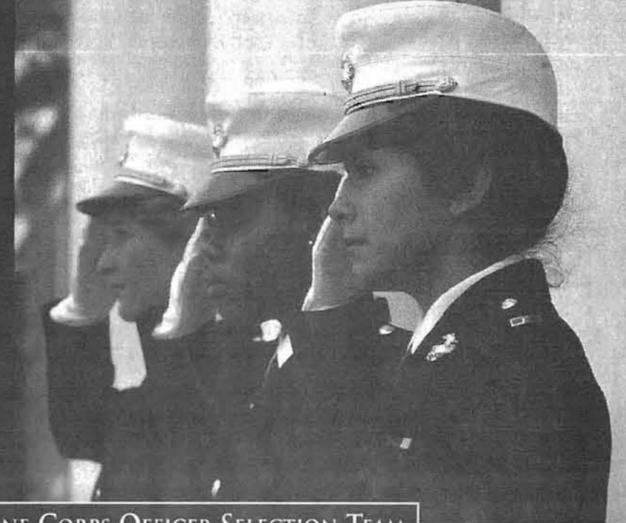
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