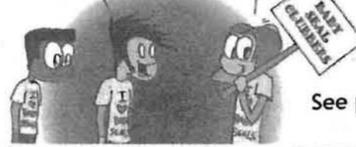


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## UM-St. Louis 101



Mike Sherwin/The Current

The Millennium Student Center is the hub for student activities and services at UM-St. Louis.

### Get to know your campus with The Current's Orientation Issue

BY MIKE SHERWIN  
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to UM-St. Louis!  
The youngest of the four University of Missouri campuses, UM-St. Louis nevertheless has the second largest enrollment, behind only Mizzou. In the St. Louis area, UM-St. Louis is the largest educational institution and the only public research institution.  
Despite its reputation as a commuter campus, you will find that UM-St. Louis is really what you make of it. The University offers a vast array of opportunities for academic, personal, athletic and social growth. It's up to you whether you want to make use of the opportunities and resources at hand.  
With students from a wide mix of backgrounds, you will likely attend courses with students who run the gamut from freshmen just out of high school to middle-aged professionals, to retirees. With students from close to 100 countries, you'll be sure to hear different languages and learn about different cultures.  
The University offers students access to all of the academic libraries of the major research universities of Missouri through the MOBIUS system, allowing students to check out books of interest from specialized collections across the state.  
For lovers of the arts, UM-St. Louis houses four art galleries, including the spectacular collections of Western Art at the Mercantile Library (if you're looking for a taste of the Ivy League, take a seat at one of the expansive

wood tables on the first floor of the Mercantile).  
With the opening of the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center, UM-St. Louis now holds bragging rights among the cultural performance spaces throughout the region. Numerous free or discounted shows throughout the year allow students to take in a music, dance or theater performance within the aesthetically beautiful architecture of the PAC's two theaters.  
However, cultural niceties aside, UM-St. Louis offers what you are looking for most: an affordable, high-quality university education. The reason you will see UM-St. Louis parking stickers and alumni passes all over the bi-state region is because the University does just that: it provides students from all backgrounds the means to get ahead through education.  
We publish our annual orientation edition to acquaint new students with the campus community, its history, traditions, and character. We hope that as you continue at the University, you will continue to rely on *The Current* to keep you apprised of campus news and events (and we'll even permit an occasional chuckle if we let a few typos slip through). Whether it is our sports scores, our crossword puzzle, the weekly crime log, our news coverage, or our columnists, we hope you will find something that will keep you picking up the paper each Monday.  
On behalf of the staff at *The Current*, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the UM-St. Louis community.

#### UM-St. Louis at a glance

Campus founded: 1963

2004 Enrollment:  
Approximately 15,550

Students:  
61.9% female, 38.1% male

Average Student Age:  
27.3 years of age

School Colors:  
Red and Gold

Athletics:  
NCAA Division II

Mascot: Riverman



### Pierre Laclede Honors College bids farewell to one of its founders

John Onuska Jr. died of cancer in May

BY PAUL HACKBARTH  
News Editor

Retired UM-St. Louis professor John Onuska Jr., who was one of the founders of the Pierre Laclede Honors College, died of cancer of the esophagus at a hospice in San Diego on May 23.  
Onuska, 67, worked at UM-St. Louis in the theater and English departments for 30 years. He taught methodology, Shakespeare and English literature classes. Onuska was also involved in student theater productions and worked with English faculty as an associate chair of the English department. He was also a graduate coordinator for the English master's degree program.  
Onuska, however, is most remembered for his work in the beginnings of the Honors College. He and other colleagues helped transform the honors program at UM-St. Louis into the Honors College.  
Associate Dean Dennis Bohnenkamp was introduced to Onuska after Bohnenkamp became involved in the Honors College. "Onuska was the director of the honors program before there even was a college," Bohnenkamp explained. "He was very instrumental in setting it up."  
Onuska worked with former chancellor Blanche Touhill in setting up the college. The two professors shared the same vision for the future

honors college. Touhill described Onuska as "very focused on the liberal arts and the importance of liberal arts to a person's education."  
Touhill said Onuska was instrumental in changing the two-year honors program to a four-year college that is open to any student with any major.  
Onuska came to the University in 1969 and became director of the honors program in 1985, where he served until 1991. He and other professors started the college to increase students' experiences in different educational fields.  
Bohnenkamp said his involvement led to determining the direction of the future college. "He was very committed to it," he said.  
Nancy Gleeson, assistant dean and director of writing for the Honors College, said, "Onuska had a strong personal vision of what the college would become."  
Gleeson knew Onuska as a colleague in the English department. She described him as "pleasant, a perfectionist and a private person." She said he set high academic standards for his students. "He really valued high achieving students," she said.  
"He was outgoing and an enthusiastic professor," Bohnenkamp said. "I really appreciate the opportunity he gave me to work with him in the Honors College."  
Onuska retired from UM-St. Louis in 1999 and moved to San Diego in 2001.

### Recent UMKC plagiarism scandal highlights issue of academic dishonesty

BY BEN SWOFFORD  
News Associate

UM-Kansas City Dean of Arts and Sciences Bryan LeBeau was suspended for allegedly plagiarizing portions of a commencement speech he gave in December 2003.  
LeBeau was accused of copying certain portions of his speech from one that Cornell West, professor at Princeton and leading African-American academic, gave at a Wesleyan University commencement in 1993.  
LeBeau's speech had large portions copied from West's speech almost word for word.  
"A tragic sense of history will give you a view of the world in which no culture and no civilization and no society has a monopoly on wisdom and virtue. It would allow you to see ambiguous legacies in the past, to accent hybrid culture, because every culture that we know - including our own - is base in part on fragments of antecedent cultures," LeBeau said, according to the speech as it was published in the Dean's Newsletter No. 7 of UM-Kansas City.  
Different portions of the speech were similar, and at one point, LeBeau uses the same quotes from the same authors in the same order as West.  
The incident of plagiarism would have gone unnoticed except for Sally Greene, professor at North Carolina-Chapel Hill, who Googled a Hegel quote that both West and LeBeau used. She found the comparisons between both speeches.  
Raleigh Muns, UM-St. Louis reference librarian and author of an Internet page examining plagiarism said the Internet has become a great tool in detecting plagiarized material.

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All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

## Mon. July 11

### Mark Twain to hold boy's basketball camp

Chris Pilz, head men's basketball coach, will hold basketball camps for boys ages five to 16, from Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 at the Mark Twain Athletics & Fitness Center. University employees receive a 10 percent discount on camp tuition. Visit <http://www.umsl-sports.com> or call 5638 for more information.

## Mon. July 11

### Rep. Clay to discuss social security in town-hall style forum

U.S. Rep. William L. "Lacy" Clay will discuss social security in a town-hall style meeting in Century Rooms A and B of the Millennium Student Center at 7 p.m. The discussion panel will feature Max Richtman, executive vice president of the National Committee to Save Social Security; the Rev. James Morris, vice president of the St. Louis Interfaith Partnership and pastor of Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church; John Cross, political director of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now; Thomas Helton, executive board member of Associated Students of the University of Missouri; Margarida Jorge, director of Missourians United to Protect Social Security; and state

Rep. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City. KMOV Channel 4 News Anchor Julius Hunter will moderate the discussion on social security. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. ASUM is sponsoring the event. Call 5105 for more information.

## Wed. July 13

### STARS presents Science Inquiry and Career Confab seminar.

Miles Patterson, psychology professor at UM-St. Louis, will discuss "Beyond Words: The How and Why of Nonverbal Communication" at 10 a.m. in 104 Stadler Hall. The presentation is part of the Students and Teachers as Research Scientists (STARS) program. The event is free and open to the public. UM-St. Louis, Pfizer Inc., Solutia Inc., Saint Louis University, Washington University, and the National Science Foundation and Academy of Science of St. Louis all are sponsoring the event. Call 6155 or e-mail [marsk@umsl.edu](mailto:marsk@umsl.edu) for more information.

## Thurs. July 14

### Career Services offers resume writing skills workshop

Career Services is offering a

resume writing skills workshop for current UM-St. Louis students and alumni from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Career Services Center located at 278 Millennium Student Center. Career Services can help students create or improve their resumes, whether they are seeking an internship, part-time job or full time job. To register in advance call 5111 or enroll in person at 278 MSC.

## Sat. July 16

### Observatory to hold viewing, open house

The physics and astronomy department will hold an open house at 9 p.m. at the Richard D. Schwartz Observatory. Guests will be able to view Jupiter, Double-Double in Lyra, the Hercules Cluster and Ring Nebula. In the case of inclement weather, the open house will be held Sunday, July 17 at 9 p.m. The viewing is free and open to the public. The Missouri Space Consortium and department of physics and astronomy are sponsoring the event. Call 5706 for more information.

## Wed. July 20

### Career Services to hold workshop on basic interviewing

Career Services is holding a basic interviewing workshop from 1 p.m. to

2 p.m. in 278 MSC designed for job-seekers who do not possess extensive interviewing experience or want to improve their general interviewing skills. UM-St. Louis students and alumni will learn about interview formats, questions, employer research, interview attire and follow ups after the interview. Advance registration is required. Call 5111 or enroll in person at Career Services.

## Thurs. July 21

### Career Services to hold advanced interviewing workshop

Career Services at UM-St. Louis is offering a free workshop for current students and alumni on advanced interviewing from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 278 MSC. The workshop will cover behavioral interviewing, trick questions, case interviews and salary negotiation. To register in advance, call 5111 or enroll in person at Career Services.

## Wed. July 27

### Career Services to hold job search strategies workshop

Career Services is offering a job search strategies workshop from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 278 MSC. Current students and alumni will learn about networking, Internet resources, and other

job search techniques. Advance registration is required. Call 5111 or enroll in person at 278 MSC.

## Sat. Aug. 20

### Welcome Week Picnic

Students, parents, families, friends, faculty and staff are all welcomed to attend the "Welcome Back Week Picnic" at 3:30 p.m. in the Nosh on the first floor of the MSC. The picnic will feature good food, music and prizes to win.

## Tues. Aug 23

### Rec Sports Day

Rec Sports is sponsoring a Rec Sports Day on the MSC patio from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students are welcome to show off their gaming skills and win prizes in different contests available.

## Wed. Aug. 24

### Student Life to hold EXPO for student organizations

Student Life will have more than 40 student organizations setup booths to give out information about their clubs and organizations in the Quad from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will learn how to get involved on campus and meet new people. Popcorn and snow cones will be provided.

## Campus Crimeline

The following criminal incidents were reported to the UM-St. Louis Police Department from June 12, 2005 to July 10, 2005. Please remember that crime prevention is a community effort. If anyone has information regarding any of these incidents, please contact the Campus Police Department at 516-5155.

**June 12, 2005: Property Damage 2nd Degree - 7840 Natural Bridge Rd.**

The site of the old Normandy Hospital was vandalized by suspect(s) spray-painting the exterior brick, sides and windows of the building with some sort of gang graffiti. These incidents occurred over the prior weekend.

**June 14, 2005: Stealing Under \$500.00 - Millennium Garage South.**

The victim reported that someone had broken out her passenger side window and stole her radio from her vehicle while it was parked in the garage. This incident occurred between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**June 14, 2005: Property Damage 2nd Degree - Parking Lot AA - Fine Arts Building.**

The victim reported that someone threw a hard clay substance onto her vehicle damaging the windshield and hood.

**June 25, 2005: University Meadows Apartments**

Unknown person(s) scratched (keyed) the drivers side of the victims vehicle as it was parked in the University Meadows complex between June 25 at 7:05 p.m. and June 26 at 11:15 a.m.

**June 27, 2005: Lot Y on South Campus**

Unknown person(s) broke the vent window in the victim's vehicle and also damaged the ignition as if to steal the car between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The car was parked on Lot Y on south campus.

**June 30, 2005: Third Floor Restroom of Millennium Student Center**

Report of an unknown person hiding in the women's restroom stall on the third floor of the Millennium Student Center at 4:36 p.m. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s wearing a blue and white horizontally striped shirt.

**July 3, 2005: Fugitive Arrests and Recovered Stolen Vehicle - West Drive near Social Science Building dock.**

A midnight officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked at the dock area of the Social Science Building. When he approached the vehicle he found a woman lying in the back of the vehicle asleep. The officer was able to awake the person and discovered that she had outstanding warrants out for her arrest, and the vehicle was reported stolen from Berkeley, Mo. The officer also was able to determine that she was not alone, and soon a male subject was found in the area and admitted to being the driver of the vehicle. This male subject also had outstanding warrants for his arrest. Both subjects were

arrested and the vehicle recovered without incident.

**July 8, 2005: Stealing Under \$500.00 - Normandy Residence Hall**

Two victims reported that their cell phones were stolen from the building. The victims had the cell phones out in the hallway charging and left them unattended from 7:00 a.m. until about 7:40 a.m. When they went back to get them, they were gone.

**July 8, 2005: Stealing Under \$500.00 - University Meadows**

The victim reported that three compact discs were stolen from the top of her dresser in her bedroom. The victim left the apartment at 7:00 a.m. and did not lock her bedroom door. When she returned at 7:00 p.m. she found eight subjects in the apartment that were friends of her roommate. The victim

believes that one of these people stole her compact discs.

**July 9, 2005: Possession of Stolen Property, Unlawful possession of a concealable weapon - Parking lot of the Mansion Hills Apartments.**

The midnight shift received a call of a suspicious person in the parking lot at the Mansion Hill Apartment Complex about 3:00 a.m. The officer found three suspicious persons in the

area and in a vehicle. After conducting an investigation and search of the vehicle, the officer found a loaded gun in the vehicle. This weapon was reported as stolen from the city of Sullivan, Mo. All three individuals were arrested for the violation. Two were juveniles and were released to their parents. The other person will have charges pending with the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.



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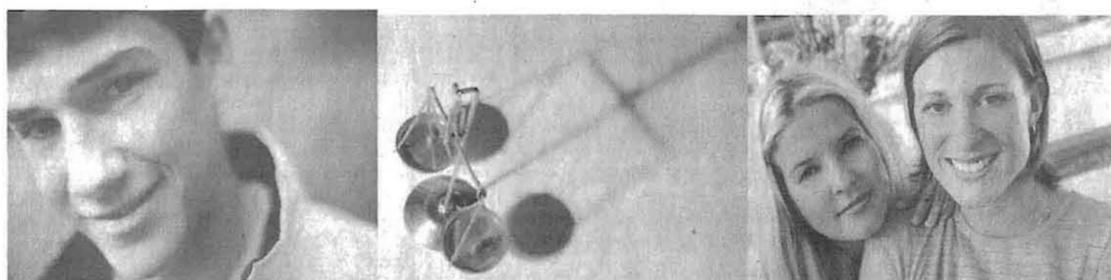
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Staff Viewpoint

# College life presents all kinds of new choices

You could set the record for cheap alcohol consumption via keg stand during the first week of college. Then you could go to class drunk. And throw up on your professor's shoes. And try to seduce said professor to pass the class.

Who's going to stop you? You're an adult now.

Newfound college freedom presents countless possibilities. As outrageous as the aforementioned scenario sounds, it isn't entirely improbable. Keep in mind that these potential realities come with guaranteed consequences. Every student must set personal standards before starting a college career, or we will inevitably find ourselves engaged in regrettable situations.

Our parents have spent about two decades sharing their idea of acceptable moral conduct. Now it's our turn

to define "acceptable." Some students will subscribe to their family's definitions, while others will renounce the standards set forth at home.

For example, how will you handle intimate relationships? Mom probably won't be sleeping on the dorm couch waiting for your date to end. Dad won't ask where you were all night. How quickly do you want relationships to progress? What is your stance on contraception? Are you prepared to handle the results of your actions? Before you even have coffee with the hot guy from psych, establish personal standards. Know your expectations, and



**KATE DROLET**  
Managing Editor

make them clear. The morning after is no time to decide you should have slowed down.

At some point you will find yourself in a setting involving alcohol. Will you imbibe? With whom will you drink? How often will you attend parties? How will you get home? How will drinking affect your academic priorities?

You will have to address these issues at some point, and rash on-the-spot decisions affected by peer pressure could yield negative repercussions.

Social interaction is a significant element of the college experience. Community and class both demand

attention, and they often conflict. Determine how much attention you will dedicate to each. Prioritize activities, plan ahead and give yourself incentives. Think about it: where does watching a late movie with friends stand in comparison to the final exam you have early the next morning? Anticipate a night of studying, and schedule the movie for a different evening. Promise yourself two hours of study for every hour at the movie. You can't eliminate friends or books; just learn to balance them.

Do you want to remember college as a fuzzy haze, a giant academic headache, a collection of regrets, or a satisfying intellectual and emotional period of growth? Decide now, because graduation sneaks up quickly. If you're responsible, the only leftovers you'll carry on will be loan debt, a diploma and the memories.

## News Briefs

### Rep. William Lacy Clay to head social security forum at UMSL

Congressman William "Lacy" Clay will visit UM-St. Louis for a town hall meeting on social security Mon. July 11 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Century Rooms A and B of the Millennium Student Center.

Julius Hunter, news anchor for KMOV Channel 4 News will moderate the discussion.

Panelists for the discussion include Max Richtman, executive vice president of the National Committee to Save Social Security; Pastor James Morris of Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church and vice president of the St. Louis Interfaith Partnership; John Cross, political coordinator of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now; Thomas Helton, executive board member of ASUM; Margarida Jorge, state director of Missourians United to Protect Social Security; and Missouri state Rep. Maria Chappelle-Nadal.



Alumna Lishu Qu takes a look at the planet Mars through the main telescope of the Richard D. Schwartz Observatory on South Campus in 2003.

File Photo/The Current

### Observatory to hold open house for viewing of Jupiter

The Department of Physics and

Astronomy will hold an open house on Saturday, July 16 at 9 p.m. at the Richard D. Schwartz Observatory. Guests can view Jupiter, Double-Double in Lyra, the Hercules Cluster and Ring Nebula. The viewing is free and open to the public. If

inclement weather occurs, the viewing will be moved to Sunday, July 17 at 9 p.m.

The observatory is located on South Campus, north of Marillac Hall.

# Get Oriented!

Orientation events provide new students with an introduction to the University

Coming to UM-St. Louis can be exciting, yet challenging, whether you're a freshman right out of high school or a transfer student from another college. To help new students feel welcome to the campus and introduce them to the University, Student Life has designated certain dates as orientations for new students.

Orientation events give students an opportunity to meet administrators, tour the campus, learn about campus

technology and meet representatives from campus offices and student organizations. Each college will also provide a presentation to students to introduce them to the particular college they are entering. At the end of the day, students can register for classes and visit the admissions office, bookstore and advising center.

Below is a list of the dates, times and other information needed to attend the new student orientations.

**Freshmen Orientation**  
Sat. July 16, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Millennium Student Center

For incoming freshmen entering the colleges of business, education, nursing and the Joint Engineering Program.

**TRANSFERmation**  
Sat. July 30, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Millennium Student Center

This orientation keeps students transferring from other colleges in mind. The orientation is catered specifically to students entering the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Fine Arts & Communication and students with undeclared majors.

**TRANSFERmation**  
Sat. Aug. 13, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Millennium Student Center

This orientation is designed for new transfer students to the University from other four-year colleges or community colleges.

**Honors College Orientation**  
Fri. Aug 19, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Provincial House

The Pierre Laclède Honors College is hosting a new student orientation for currently enrolled Honors College students.

**Mon. Aug 22**  
First Day of Fall 2005 Semester Classes Begin!

## The Student Government Association welcomes you

On behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA) I would like to extend a welcome to all of our new students, and a welcome back to all of those returning. As students at this institution you are all members of

of a committee member, run for an executive position, or decide that an active role in student government is not the right fit for you, please stay informed and make your voice heard.



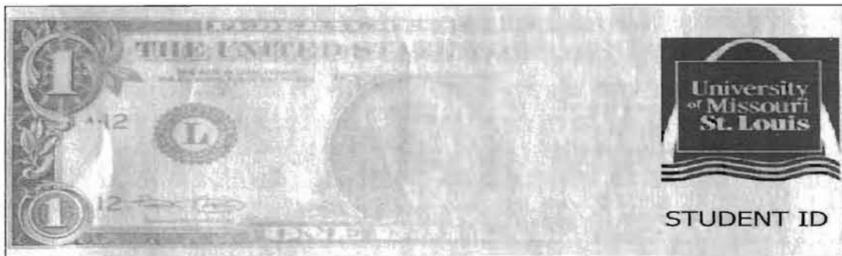
**D'Andre Braddix**  
SGA President

Since SGA's main charge is student representation we rely heavily on student input. In turn, I urge all students to become involved with student government in one capacity or another. Whether you choose the role

members of my administration please stop by the SGA Office, which is located in Student Life. Thanks, and again, welcome!

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Student Government

# Introduction to Student Government 2005-2006

## New SGA leaders begin term July 1

**PAUL HACKBARTH**  
News Editor

New students will meet lots of new faces during their first year at UM-St. Louis, but three faces stand out as leaders on campus.

D'Andre Braddix, junior, criminology and criminal justice; Taz Hossain, junior, psychology; and Brian Rails, senior, marketing, started their term as leaders of the Student Government Association on July 1.

The SGA is the governing body of student organizations on campus. Each year, the student body elects the top positions of the SGA. Last April, students voted for Braddix as president, Hossain as vice president and Rails as comptroller. The three students ran on the Action Slate together.

Although their term is less than a month old, Braddix, Hossain and Rails listed their goals for the coming year. Each student administration has had its focal point, and Braddix named student outreach and availability as their priorities.

"We'll do that by holding traditional office hours, but we'll also outreach to students by tabling information on how to contact us and follow up with students," he said.

Hossain shared Braddix's vision of being more available to students. "Our overall goal is to be there more for students than ever before,"



Mike Sherwin/The Current

D'Andre Braddix, junior, criminology and criminal justice, took over July 1 as Student Government Association president. Braddix won the SGA election held in April.

Hossain said.

"We are the governing body for all other organizations on campus," she explained. At the same time, she said the SGA is an organization here to help other organizations.

Hossain named recruiting more freshmen into the SGA, more co-sponsorship with other organizations

and more awareness of student issues as goals for the upcoming year.

She said new students can get involved by participating in different SGA committees. Past committees have reviewed Chartwells' food, student activity fees and SGA constitution changes. Hossain explained that joining the SGA allows students to

be involved on a large scale, compared to joining other student organizations.

Braddix also mentioned taking advantage of the emerging leaders program, where he explained how new students can get on a "fast track" to student leadership at the University.

Braddix is a key example of a student emerging as a leader early in his college career. Braddix became a Horizons peer educator, a new student orientation mentor, a junior achievement mentor and president of Students Today Alumni Tomorrow.

During his freshman year, Braddix met Joe Flees, former

Student Life graduate assistant. Flees recommended that Braddix run for SGA president, but Braddix's first reaction was "no way." Braddix later became the vice chairperson of the SGA and chaired many committees. After talking with Flees and former SGA president Scott Bopp, Braddix decided to run for president this past year.

Braddix and other SGA officers plan to implement their goals starting with the new student orientations this summer.

"I think a lot of students don't know just how much input the student government can have as a whole on their college life," Rails said.

In the past, the SGA has been a resource for policies and rules, Rails said. However, he would like the SGA to head in a direction of co-sponsoring more programs and events with other student organizations.

The SGA is also responsible for handling students' problems with organizations and problems on campus.

Braddix said the SGA's final main priority is to work on accountability with administration this year. "Often students get left in the dark about certain subjects, so we want to get the information back to them," he said.

If the SGA can become this bridge between students and administrators, Braddix said, their term would be deemed a success.

The first SGA meeting of the new semester is Friday, Aug. 26 at noon in the SGA chambers on the third floor rotunda of the Millennium Student Center. The meeting is open to any student, not only student organization representatives.



Hossain



Rails

## Studying

# For many, good study habits don't come naturally

**BY MELISSA MCCRARY**  
Features Editor

## Tips for building good study habits

While the UM-St. Louis Fall semester is slowly sneaking up, new students will have to face the dilemmas of buying supplies and books, familiarizing themselves with the campus, getting to know other students and finding their own study pattern.

Planning a good study routine is a key to success in college. The way students study will not only affect their grade and intensify their learning experience, but it will also help them make the most of their education.

Students who procrastinate usually find themselves heading for disaster. When students wait until the night before a test or the night before a paper is due, the amount of stress and tension can build up. Lori Tagger, UM-St. Louis Counseling Services psychologist, said that there are numerous factors that contribute to how well students study.

"Being very efficient in how to use time management and finding out how they will spend their time each week is

- Study for 50 minutes, followed by 10 minute-breaks.
- Study with a friend or group. Quiz each other, compare notes and predict test questions.
- Pick a study area with the right temperature, lighting, enough materials and no distractions.
- Decide what and when to study. Set and stick to deadlines.

important," Tagger said. "Find out what their best times are and the time where a student is the most alert is when they should study their hardest subject." Tagger said that 80 percent of the information on tests comes mainly from lecture, so class attendance and paying attention is essential.

Kathy Castulik, University Health Services Health Educator, said that staying healthy can also have an impact on the way students study.

"Stay away from caffeine because it gives you a high and low. Follow a good nutrition pattern and be sure to get plenty of rest so that it's good, quality study time," Castulik said.

Since everyone is different, study

habits and techniques can vary from person to person. Thao Nguyen, senior, biomedical engineering, said that she usually likes to study outdoors, in places such as the quad located between Clark Hall and the Social Sciences Building.

"I usually like to study by myself under nice conditions, especially when there is good weather," Nguyen said.

Other students, like Irene Adams, senior, criminal justice, believe that studying depends on the amount of classes one takes.

"A student should typically spend at least two hours for each credit hour studying per day," Adams said. "If a student is enrolled in 15 credit hours, it

is their responsibility to try to study approximately 30 hours each week."

Adams said that finding out what kind of learning style suits them is also important. Some students, for instance, enjoy listening to music while studying, but others may prefer quiet. Other helpful ways that students could prepare for tests include formulating their own questions, using text hints, answering and reciting, creating review sheets or utilizing note cards and posters.

When the weather is gloomy, students might want to pick a more comfortable or cozy place to study. UM-St. Louis has a variety of study areas available to students, such as the "Quiet Lounge," located on the third floor of the Millennium Student Center, the "Fireside Lounge," on the second floor of the MSC, the Nosh and the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Counseling Services, in Room 126 MSC, offers information and personal consultations about stress, study skills and test taking. Additional help with studying can be found in the Writing Lab, located in 425 SSB, the Math Lab in 409 SSB and at the Center for Academic Development in 507 Tower.



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## Students' Views

# Under Current

by **Kevin Ottley**  
Photography Associate

### Dorms, on-campus apartments, or off-campus?



**Adela Vilza**  
Junior, Finance

"I have lived in the University Meadows for 2 years and it is great. I don't like the idea of having to share a bathroom in the dorms."



**Candice Griffin**  
Senior, Chemistry

"I think it's better to stay in the dorms as a freshman at least 'cause it gives you a chance to meet people and familiarize with the campus."



**Matt Wittich**  
Junior, Accounting

"One should start out in the dorms and then move off campus anytime after sophomore year."



**Jenny Wynn**  
Senior, English

"I have a house off-campus and I like living there. It has a big yard for my dog to run around."

Science Column

# It doesn't take a doctorate in biology to enjoy St. Louis' scientific sights

Around the area, the St. Louis Science Center, the Zoo and the Missouri Botanical Garden leap to mind when you talk about science-related sights and activities for all ages. But there are more than these most familiar science institutions. Let's look at these and more.

The International Center for Tropical Ecology is not a physical site you can visit but it has a lot to offer those who have an interest in biology. Established in 1990, the ICTE is a collaboration between the University of Missouri and the Missouri Botanical Garden to prepare the next generation of tropical ecologists through graduate research and to educate the community through outreach programs. The program is the greatest concentration of tropical ecologists in the U.S. The ICTE also works closely with the St. Louis Zoo and with the Center for Plant Conservation, the Nature Conservancy, and Washington University.

In the fall, the ICTE hosts a wonderful, multi-media presentation by a guest lecturer at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The lecture often takes us to beautiful, distant wild lands, and is presented with big-screen projection of color slides of these beautiful locales at the Botanical Garden's large auditorium. The Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture program offers an accessible and informative talk geared for both non-scientists and scientists by a world-recognized author or researcher. Past lecturers have included David Quammen, author of the best-selling "Song of the Dodo", who gave a talk entitled "Once There Were Lions." While the talks are fascinating and informative, they are enjoyable as well and well worth the trip off campus.

In the past, the ICTE has also offered a Conservation Forum in the fall at the Zoo's Living World. The Conservation Forum is a collaboration of the ICTE, the Zoo, Missouri

Botanical Garden, the Missouri Department of Conservation, UM-St. Louis, the Nature Conservancy, and the Center for Conservation and Sustainable Development. These programs consist of a one-day conference of exhibits, workshops and seminars, with expert speakers focused on that year's topic. Last fall's topic was conservation in Missouri and participants included St. Louis Audubon Society, Trailnet, Eastern Mo. Sierra Club, the Sophie Sachs Butterfly House and many others.

Other ICTE programs include a gala dinner to honor an annual recipient of the World Ecology Award. This program is aimed at recognizing non-scientists who have done significant work



BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER  
Science Columnist

to focus attention on world ecological issues. Past winners include Harrison Ford and World Conservation, Teresa Heinz Kerry, and more. For information on the ICTE's activities and lectures check their website <http://icte.umsl.edu> or call the department at 516-5219.

Off campus, there are plenty of science-related sights to visit. Although we often think of the Zoo and the Science Center as museums for kids (and they do have that function) they are full of science information, if you take the time to read the information being presented. The Zoo ([www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org)) also serves as a research site and is involved in the effort to preserve wild species. The

Missouri Botanical Garden ([www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org)) may look like a lovely walk in the park (and it is) but it is also full of botanical information for those who care to look. The Science Center is strong on physics and paleontology, besides being fun.

Other fun and informative science sights include the Sophie Sachs Butterfly House in West County (Faust Park, 15193 Olive, Chesterfield; [www.butterflyhouse.org](http://www.butterflyhouse.org)) where you can learn about species of butterflies and their life-cycle while being surrounded by the beautiful specimens. At the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center ([www.wolfsanctuary.org](http://www.wolfsanctuary.org)), you can learn about efforts to save these wild creatures and at the Powder Valley Nature Interpretive Center, you can immerse yourself in knowledge about Missouri ecology and a slice of the Ozarks itself. The City Museum (a must-see for art and architecture fans) in downtown St. Louis also houses the

World Aquarium ([www.worldaquarium.net/public/default.html](http://www.worldaquarium.net/public/default.html)).

The Missouri Department of Conservation has plenty of science and nature-related activities throughout the year. You can get more information by visiting their website at [www.conservation.state.mo.us](http://www.conservation.state.mo.us).

Those interested in anthropology should visit the Cahokia Mounds site near Collinsville, Ill. Not only is this the largest remaining mound in the area and the site of a major center of the Mississippian civilization, but it has a great interpretive center to help you understand the significance of the archeological site. Geology buffs have lots to explore in Missouri and a visit to the Missouri Conservation website should point you in the right direction.

There are many more science-related sights and activities, in the area and on campus, to take you out and put you in touch with the world around you. It is more than kids stuff.

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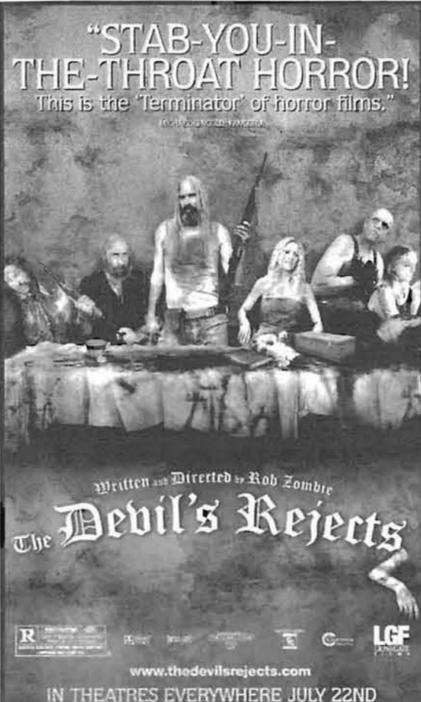
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## Campus Housing

## Three UMSL complexes combine on-campus and apartment-style living

BY TIFFANY GOLATT  
Staff Writer

Three complexes make up the options for students looking for on-campus apartments: Mansion Hills (off of Florissant Road south of Interstate 70), University Meadows (South Campus on University Meadows Drive), and University Park (Florissant Road behind North Campus Metro Link station).

Good commonalities about each of the complexes include their locations.

Each complex is located within three to 10 minutes walking distance from the North campus as well as the MetroLink stations, so tenants do not have to park on campus, thus avoiding expensive parking decals.

Another advantage to campus living is that students live close to several resources such as the library and campus computer labs.

According to a study by the University of Southern Mississippi Department of Residential Life, "Students who live on campus are also more likely to have more friends, better employment opportunity (working on campus), and healthier eating habits since campus dining facilities generally have stricter dining hours."

Moreover, all three complexes have

UM- St. Louis shuttle-bus stops where students are picked up every 12 to 15 minutes and taken to and from the campus.

Tenants at University Meadows enjoy numerous amenities like a functioning swimming pool, hot tub, sand volleyball court, pavilion with grills and picnic tables, a carpeted clubhouse with a big screen television, free basic cable and more.

"We make sure students enjoy living here," said Denise Giambelluca, University Meadows Managing Director.

They also have one of the more attractive properties with freshly manicured green grass and hundreds of lively and colorful flowers that adorn the lawns.

Mansion Hills offers the most spacious two bedroom apartment of the three, with a master bedroom, tons of closet space, a balcony and decent size kitchens and bathrooms that roommates share.

The fact that it is located only seconds away from the Mark Twain Athletics and Fitness Center is more than just a perk, especially considering the ten minute walking distance it is from McDonald's. Rent at Mansion Hills is \$480 and \$620 per month for one and two bedroom apartments, respectively. However, University

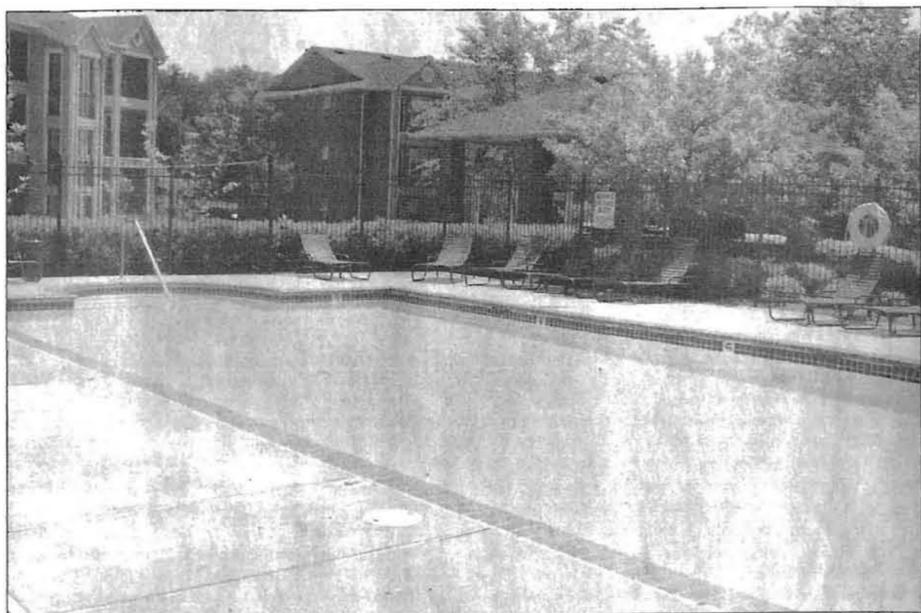
Park has the lowest rent rates at \$350 to \$375 for one-bedroom apartments and \$450 to \$475 for two-bedroom apartments. They are also the closest to the MetroLink station, and the Millennium Center.

Although all three apartments accept financial aid and allow students to charge their rents, by semester, to their student accounts, only Mansion Hills and University Park do not require students to pay an application fee or security deposit. Students never even have to see a bill if they have enough financial aid to cover the costs.

On the other hand, the expenses that come with living at University Meadows can be costly.

Students pay almost \$500 for one room, in a two-bedroom apartment and close to \$400 for a bedroom with three other roommates. In addition, students pay a furniture rental fee of up to \$420 (whole year), a \$150 refundable security deposit, a \$50 application fee, and a \$200 per semester charge for unlimited internet and (local) phone privileges through the University's network. Utilities are extra.

The only unadded expense at Mansion Hills and University Park is electricity. However, unlike tenants at University Meadows, they must both pay a mandatory \$200 fee per semester for a meal plan usable in the campus



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The pool at the University Meadows housing complex located on South Campus. The University has three apartment-style residences on campus, the Meadows, Mansion Hills and University Park.

cafeteria.

Most importantly, things could turn sour very quickly if students neglect to pay any balances left on their student accounts. Not only might they be subject to eviction, but students' can be prohibited from registering for classes, receiving transcripts, financial aid and graduation.

Another potential problem for tenants is that, unlike the Meadows, Mansion Hills and University Park do

not offer separate leases for students with roommates. Thus, if one roommate reneges on the contract, then the other roommate must either pay both halves of the rent for a new roommate, or promptly find another place to live.

In addition, acceptance into Mansion Hills or University Park is tough because they both have long and unpredictable waiting lists.

"We're backed up for a while here.

The waiting list is full and I don't know when we'll have anything for sure," said Dave Hart, University Park manager.

To find out more about University Meadows, contact Denise Giambelluca, at 516-7500. For University Park and Mansion Hills, contact Dave Hart, at 524-3446. To find other apartment options close to campus, log onto [www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com) for a complete listing.

## Beyond The Campus

## Metrolink opens doors to St. Louis

BY MELISSA MCCRARY  
Features Editor

Wondering what there is to do in St. Louis or how to kill downtime in between classes might seem difficult, but you may find the MetroLink provides people with rides to many of St. Louis' popular attractions and entertainment venues.

The average cost for a round-trip ride on the MetroLink is about \$3 per day; however, students at UM-St. Louis can obtain a MetroLink pass for free from the Cashier's Office. As long as a student is enrolled part-time each semester, a new card can be obtained and is valid for free rides.

With the rising cost of gas and transportation, the MetroLink can help people save money and eliminate traffic time when getting around the city.

Some of the hottest stops include the Delmar Loop, Forest Park, the Central West End, Union Station, the Civic Center, the Stadium, the Convention Center and Laclede's Landing.

The University City Loop offers a variety of restaurants and shops for tourists to visit. One of the restaurants is the famous Blueberry Hill (where legendary performers like Chuck Berry, Tina Turner and John Mayer have performed). While chowing down a Coney-dog at Fitz's Rootbeer, one can watch how they produce and package their own root beer, cream soda, grape soda and orange soda. The Melting Pot is a hot destination for those seeking a romantic evening. Table-side dining—where visitors become chefs and can cook their own delicious meal—is a highlight of the Melting Pot. Along with dinner, Cicero's also offers live entertainment, pool tables and darts.

For music lovers, Vintage Vinyl is the place to buy new and used music. If a student wants to check out old fashionable clothing, they can stop in Rag-O-Rama or one of the other boutiques along Delmar Boulevard. Those looking to relax might want to pick up a refreshing beverage at Starbucks or St. Louis Bubble Tea and take a stroll down the St. Louis Walk of Fame. Other attractions in the Loop include the Pageant, Pin-Up Bowl and the Tivoli Theater.

If that does not sound interesting enough, Forest Park is the next stop along MetroLink. There, students can relieve stress in between classes by enjoying lunch with friends in the park or by getting some exercise along the biking and walking trails. The Jewelbox, the St. Louis Zoo, the

History Museum and the St. Louis Art Museum are all located in Forest Park. Fortunately, most of these offer free admission.

The next stop after Forest Park is the Central West End, where people can visit a variety of art galleries, antique shops and famous coffee houses. The Coffee Cartel is one of the famous coffee shops and is open 24 hours. In addition to their specialty coffee drinks, they sell sandwiches and ice cream, have couches and a pool table, and offer Internet-ready computers. Many students visit the Coffee Cartel as well as The Grind for a quiet place to study.

While visiting the Central West End, those interested in American authors might want to check out the former residence of Tennessee Williams, who used his home as the setting for his play "The Glass Menagerie."

Still haven't decided where to go or what to see? Try the St. Louis Union Station. Once a train station, it now houses a shopping mall and hotel, with a lake and numerous eateries.

Over 90 shops, including The Body Shop, The Discovery Channel, The Disney Store and the Cardinal's Club House, make it easy to buy unique gifts and apparel. If you're hungry, Hard Rock Cafe, Hooters, Houlihan's, Landry's Seafood and Station Grille are also located there. If the weather permits, visitors can also ride paddle boats and feed the large goldfish at the lake.

The MetroLink also provides transportation to the Civic Center, Stadium and the Convention Center, where fans can watch a St. Louis Billiken's basketball game, a Cardinals baseball game, a Rams football game, concerts, ice-skating performances and annual conventions held at America's Center.

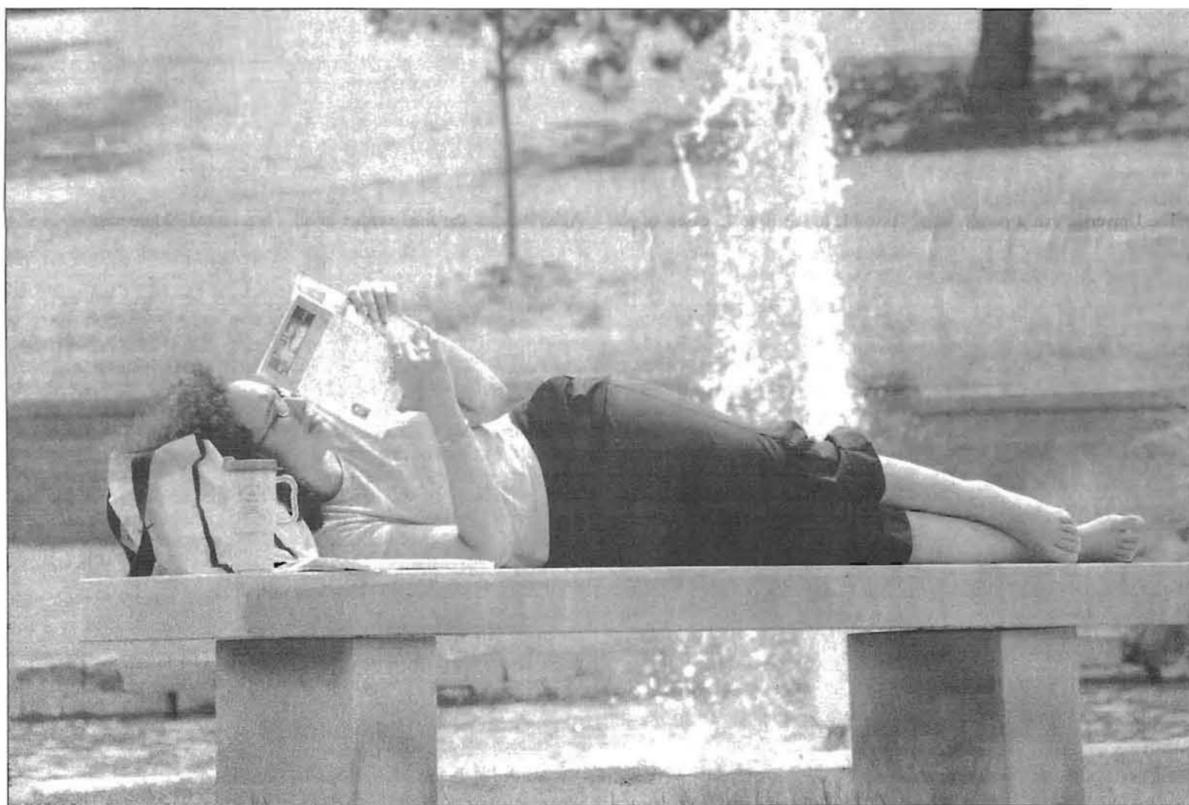
"I have rode the MetroLink to Busch Stadium to watch Cardinal's games," Christopher Uptergrove, senior, business administration, said.

Laclede's Landing is another place that students might want to travel aboard the MetroLink. At Laclede's Landing, students can take a journey to the top of the Riverfront Arch, try their hand at Black Jack at President's Casino, experience a riverboat excursion or take a tour through the old St. Louis Court House.

"I usually go downtown to the Landing, to hang out with my friends," Ryan Mattingly, senior, accounting, said.

Whether it provides a day of adventure, a voyage through the city or just a way to get to classes, the MetroLink can take students wherever they want to go in under an hour.

## A comfortable head-start on next semester's reading



Mike Sherwin/The Current

Capuchina Taylor gets an early start on her reading for an upcoming course while relaxing by the MSC ponds on Thursday. Taylor works in the Advising office and is beginning the MFA program for poetry in the fall.

## Intern Diaries

## Gary explores "free spirit" with grass, erotic novel

[Editor's note: Gary Sohn left The Current last spring to complete an internship at NBC in New York City. "The Intern Diaries" captures Gary's experiences traveling away from St. Louis and getting used to life in the world of television. The internship is over, but Gary will continue his chronicles of working in New York and breaking in to the acting world.]

Adam Sandler, actor and comedian, once said, "Chemistry can be a good and bad thing. Chemistry is good when you make love with it. Chemistry is bad when you make crack with it."

Waking up with cuts and bruises on my body from a party in Brooklyn the other night, I am reminded of my partying days back in Missouri.

I did a lot of crazy things when I moved out of my mom and stepdad's house. For 18 years I had obeyed my mother—for the most part—and was a "good boy." I did not drink, do drugs or have sex. Heck, I did not even date. My mom told me that you only date when you are ready to get married. So, I did not date.

But after I moved out of my parent's house, it became an entirely dif-

ferent story. I decided that I wanted to be a "free spirit" and explore my existence. I had been trapped inside a conservative fortress for 18 long years with no women, drinks or partying; this should have been a crime.

Both of my parents were free loving spirits from the 70s who had listened to rock n' roll and smoked pot. Even my maternal grandmother was listening to heavy metal bands like Judas Priest and Pantera. So it should not have been a surprise to anyone—especially my parents—that I turned out to be a free loving spirit too; it's in my blood.

It would only be a matter of time before the party beast within me would break out and take over the "good boy," like the nocturnal beast, otherwise known as the werewolf, takes

over an ordinary, mortal man during a full moon.

As a matter of fact, I took my first hit of pot when I was just a fetus. My mom told me that she had smoked pot when she was pregnant with me and had finally given it up when I almost died.

Apparently, I had almost suffocated to death when I was sleeping on my stomach while my mother and her

sister were getting high in the next room. After getting high they decided to check up on me. It was then that they noticed that I was turning blue and had stopped breathing. My mother later recalled quickly picking me up from my crib and spanking me on my behind. This had knocked the wind back in me, and I, then, started breathing again. After almost dying, she swore to herself that she would stop

smoking pot.

My father, on the other hand, had continued smoking pot. I remember once walking in on him and some of his buddies passing a joint in the garage when I was six years old. They were sitting in a circle, surrounded by a thick fog of smoke that gave off a curious odor, laughing. I walked up to my dad and asked him what they were smoking because it did not smell like cigarettes. My father, who was really honest with me, told me that they were smoking "grass." I noticed that their bag of "grass" was low, so I went outside to get them some more from the front yard.

I was always trying to be helpful to my dad whether he was in the garage working on his muscle cars, like his 1968 Plymouth Road Runner, or building something for my mom.

My dad was very gifted when it came to working with tools or machines. He taught himself how to be a plumber by watching his older brother do it.



GARY SOHN  
New York Correspondent

Transportation

# Afraid of the dreaded yellow parking ticket?

A how-to guide for parking at UMSL and avoiding or appealing citations

BY BEN SWOFFORD  
News Associate

If you want to appeal a ticket:

- You have two weeks to appeal a University parking ticket.
- Ticket appeal forms are available at the Parking and Transportation office at 7700 Florissant Rd. (across from the Fine Arts Building).

Make sure your parking pass is displayed correctly

Permits must be affixed to the lower left outside rear window, driver's side of standard automobiles. For convertibles, and trucks — apply to outside front windshield, lower right-hand corner, passenger's side.

PLAGIARISM, from page 1

"You can look in databases. Do some phrase searching. You can look on the Internet as a whole. The backside of being able to plagiarize from the Internet is being able to catch it so much easier with the Internet," Muns said.

The three ways faculty search for plagiarized material are proprietary sites owned by the university, search engines and commercial sites, Muns said.

The most popular commercial site

on the web is Turnitin.com, a subscription based site that certain colleges use, including St. Louis Community College. With Turnitin.com teachers submit students' papers to the site, creating a huge database of papers and ensuring students' papers do not get passed around.

"There's a large bunch of commercial software for plagiarism," Muns said.

The UM-St. Louis Student Conduct Code has a three-part defini-

tion of plagiarism, including use of quotes without crediting the source, unacknowledged buying of material produced by others and unacknowledged collaboration.

When plagiarism is discovered by teachers, they are obliged to report the incident to Academic Affairs within 14 days, the Academic Dishonesty Guidelines states. Students accused of plagiarism are then supposed to attend an informal disciplinary hearing.

"The University has a person who

who have a pass that is affixed to another car. They also provide appeal forms for students who believe they were wrongly ticketed.

For \$10 a day students can also purchase daily parking passes. Parking permits for cars are \$18 per credit hour for students, half that for motorcycles. Full time teachers pay \$62 per month, while part time teachers pay half that.

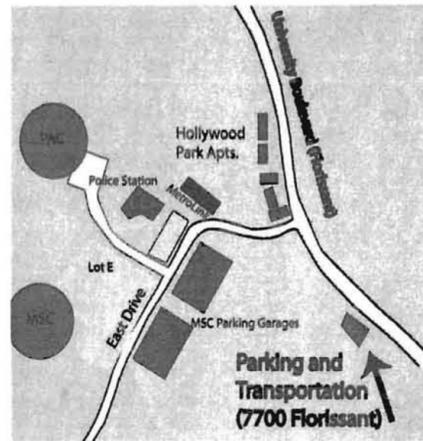
Parking stickers are supposed to be affixed to the window on the outside of the car. Tickets will be given for improper display of the tag.

"We get a lot of complaints for no reason. Students are losing a lot of time for no reason. If students affix the pass to the outside of their car, there would not be a problem," Gutierrez said.

Passes left on the dashboard of the car are stolen at much higher rates than those affixed to windows. It is also easier to pass the parking permit around to friends, Gutierrez said.

Summer is a slow time for Parking and Transportation. The flow of students ebbs, and parking lots remain empty. Parking and Transportation spends that time preparing the parking lots for the fall.

More than \$30,000 of work has been put into the lots. Fresh yellow lines have been painted in student parking lots and fresh white lines



Students who don't want to be ticketed during the summer while visiting the bookstore or signing up for classes can park at spots with parking meters (maximum time is 50 minutes) or they can purchase a \$10 one-day parking pass at the Parking and Transportation office.

were painted in teacher parking lots. In addition, clearer and more visible parking signs have been made. These renovations are all part of the University's plan to conserve green areas.

"We try to focus on and promote walking and alternate forms of transportation," Gutierrez said.

Students can use their free Metrolink and bus passes provided by the University or the new Ferguson bike trail, which opened during the end of last semester, Gutierrez said, adding it is the only

way to truly solve any parking problems.

Students can also appeal parking tickets to the Student Court, which is comprised of a board of three students who hear appeals on issues ranging from academics to parking.

For an appeal, students must show grounds for a reversal of a ticket, along with any proof pertinent to the case. Students should use the Parking and Transportation Regulations and Guidelines, which are available on the Internet and inside the Parking and Transportation office.

plagiarism per semester and that it is a problem on all of the UM campuses.

"Disciplinary action ranges from a warning for the first offense to expulsion for extreme cases," Smith said, adding that "most expulsions are repeat offenders."

UM-St. Louis also uses Discretionary Sanctions, which usually involve volunteer work for the offending student.

The vice chancellor for Academic Affairs makes the final verdict in all

plagiarism cases. "[The UM-St. Louis plagiarism policy] is pretty standard. Basically, don't do it, and if you do, we are going to hit you real hard," Muns said.

Students can appeal decisions to the Student Conduct Committee Review and to the chancellor as a last resort.

"In a sense, good plagiarism takes as much effort as thinking and writing on your own, anyway. [For] bad plagiarism, you're going to get caught and busted," Muns said.

# WELCOME BACK 2005

Welcome Picnic | Saturday, August 20, 2005

3:30pm in the Nosh

Students, parents, children, families, friends, faculty and staff are all welcome to celebrate the beginning of another school year at UM-St. Louis during the "Bring Your Best Game" Welcome Back Picnic. So bring the crew and come enjoy some good food, music and try your luck with the "spinner" to win great prizes!

Spirit Day | Monday, August 22, 2005

10-2pm in the Quad

Spirit Day is a new tradition to UM-St. Louis. The UM-St. Louis Athletes will show new students around campus and the UMSL Flames will be performing. There will be free food and prizes! Don't miss out on the "spirit wigs" to wear to all the athletic games.

Rec Sports Day | Tuesday, August 23, 2005

10-2pm on the MSC Patio

Come show off your "gaming" skills and have some fun with Rec Sports! There will be contests and awesome prizes!

EXPO | Wednesday, August 24, 2005

10-2pm in the Quad

Come see what UMSL- The Game of Student Life is all about. Over 40 campus organizations will have booths set up and will be giving out information of their organizations and how to get involved on campus. The events also help students learn more about the campus and meet new people while having fun. There will be free popcorn and snow cones too!

Drive-In Movie Night | Thursday, August 25, 2005

Movie starting at 9pm in Parking Lot C

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MTV Beach Party | Friday, August 26, 2005

8pm-Midnight at University Meadows Apartment Complex Pool

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Snow Cones on the Bridge | Monday, August 29, 2005

11-1pm on the MSC Bridge

Come meet the Campus Administrators, the Student Life staff and enjoy a refreshing FREE snow cone before or after class!

Game Night | Tuesday, August 30, 2005

6-9pm in the Nosh

Come enjoy free snacks and great prizes while playing Jeopardy, Giant Twista and Mega Jenga!

Psychic Fair | Wednesday, August 31, 2005

11-2pm in the Nosh

The Psychic Fair will feature entertainment from caricaturists, tarot card readers and more! All FREE!!

Michael Johns: Las Vegas Hypnotist | Wednesday, August 31, 2005

7pm in the JC Penny Auditorium

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For more information about any of these events, call 314.516.5555 or 516.5531 or stop by Student Life in 366 Millennium Student Center. Check us out at <http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/>

Transportation

# Public transportation provides free alternative to parking fees

UMSL students get a free Metro pass good for the MetroLink and buses

BY BENJAMIN ISRAEL  
Staff Writer

Parking fees are high at UM-St. Louis—\$270 for a 15-credit-hour semester—and students quickly find out that the campus police hand out lots of tickets.

However, there is a free way to avoid paying for parking. Use public transportation. The Cashier's Office has wallet-sized passes available to all UM-St. Louis students good for unlimited free rides on all Metro buses and MetroLink until the end of the semester.

Years ago, the UM-St. Louis administration traded the land for two MetroLink stations for a reduced rate on the passes. Students with cars can drive to the MetroLink stations with parking lots at North Hanley, Rock Road, Wellston, Delmar and nearly every station on the East Side, according to the Metro web site, [www.metrostlouis.org](http://www.metrostlouis.org). Bicyclists can take their bikes on the trains, too.

If you are unwilling or unable to walk from the stations to class or the library, the campus shuttles will pick you up and drop you off.

In addition, two Metro bus routes, the Natural Bridge and the North County Shuttle, come right through campus. Metro rerouted its North County lines in June. It folded the Ferguson route that used to come through campus into the North County Shuttle and re-routed the Cross County line so it bypasses campus and stays on Hanley Road.

Students living along the route can take the bus to the North Hanley MetroLink Station and ride to campus from there. The two branches of the route extend from St. Louis Community College at Meramec and St. Anthony's Hospital in the south to Jamestown Mall in the north.

The Natural Bridge bus comes from downtown, down Market Street to Jefferson Avenue, north to Natural Bridge Road and west to campus with a slight detour to the UM-St. Louis-South MetroLink Station. From the west, it starts at the North Hanley MetroLink Station and takes Hanley Road to Natural Bridge Road. It runs roughly twice an hour.

The North County Shuttle starts at the UM-St. Louis-South MetroLink Station, runs past the UM-St. Louis-North MetroLink Station, east through Normandy, north through Ferguson, past St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and takes a semicircular route through North County ending up at River Roads. It runs once every hour.

Buses link most of St. Louis city and county with MetroLink stations. Getting to campus can be time consuming, however. For example if you live in Hazelwood near Village Square Shopping Center and you need to get to campus for a 9:30 a.m. class, you would need to take the 8:31 Hazelwood-Ferguson bus for the half-hour ride to the North Hanley MetroLink Station, then take the short ride to campus.

Because buses run infrequently, riders carry bus schedules with them at all times. These are available at the



UM-St. Louis students can ride the MetroLink (left) for free with the UM-St. Louis College Pass (below) which registered students can pick up at the Office of Admissions or the Cashiers office. MetroLink has park-and-ride lots at the Hanley or Delmar stations.

File Photo: Mike Sherwin/The Current

Millennium Student Center, or one can find them online at [www.metrostlouis.org](http://www.metrostlouis.org). However, an upside to buses is that they are air-conditioned, and you can study while en route.

College students who are chronically short of money can save significantly. Cars are expensive to maintain. The American Automobile Association 2005 edition of "Your Driving Costs" estimates that the average driver spends 56.1 cents per mile to operate a car figuring in maintenance and insurance, as well as gasoline.

Looking at driving as an environmentalist, according to the Union of

Concerned Scientists web site, [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org), cars and trucks are the largest source of air pollution in the United States. They cause "nearly two-thirds of the carbon monoxide, a third of the nitrogen oxides, and a quarter of the hydrocarbons in our atmosphere."

Go up the Gateway Arch on a smoggy day and see how difficult it is to see anything. Smog is not only ugly. It also causes serious health problems. Then compare the free pass for Metro and a \$30-per-credit-hour parking permit and make up your mind on what the best way to get to campus this year is.



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Campus Life

# Don't see a student group you want to join? Start your own!

BY MELISSA MCCRARY  
Features Editor

Although UM-St. Louis has over 150 registered and recognized campus clubs and organizations, some students might find it hard to select one that will benefit them or might not know how to get involved at the beginning of the year.

Registered student organizations focus on a variety of topics or disciplines like community service, debate, leadership, writing, art and Greek life. Amnesty International, Chain of Arts, The Current, Mock Trial Team, Horizons Peer Educators, Delta Sigma Pi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Gallery Visio, Student Government Association and the Biological Society are just a few of the many different organizations that

UM-St. Louis has to offer. Many of these groups hold informational booths, recruiting days and welcome events throughout the year.

Students can access an informational list and the descriptions of all the organizations by accessing the Office of Student Life's web site at [www.umsl.edu/studentlife/osl/index.html](http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/osl/index.html).

Getting to know other students, fostering one's college growth, improving a resume, developing effective communication skills and having fun when not doing course work are some of the benefits of getting involved in extracurricular activities.

If students cannot find an organization that will cater to their needs, they can create their own organization.

"If I could create my own campus organization, it would be a humor club

that would provide fun and entertainment to students," Jaggu Vadiuel, graduate, computer science, said.

Pat Sherman, in the Office of Student Life, said that creating a campus organization is a step-by-step process.

"Students who wish to begin their own organization can pick up an application packet in the Student Life Office," Sherman said. "An organization needs 10 people to become a recognized or registered group. If they have 15 or more people, they can qualify for a budget."

A student organization with 10 members is given the right to have a University name for identification purposes, the opportunity to participate in University sponsored events and has use of campus facilities and services. Active groups with at least 13 members

are eligible for financial support through the Student Activities Budget Committee and can receive student leadership and organization awards.

In the new student organization packet, organizations must list their officers, including the president, treasurer, SGA Student Assembly Representative and the advisor of the group.

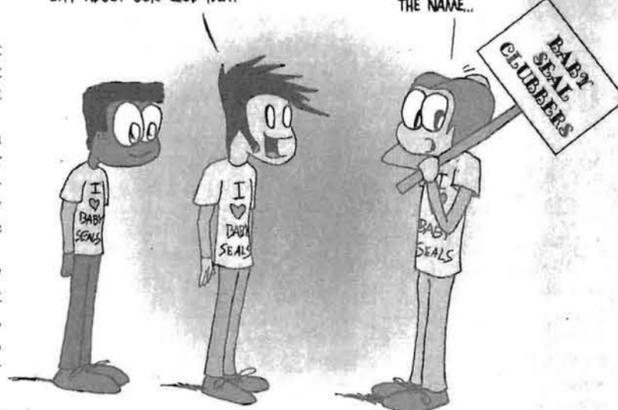
Another step in beginning a new student organization is that a student must include the organization purpose, the goals of the established group, agenda plans and membership requirements.

Sherman said that once an application is turned in it must be approved by the Student Government Association and by the faculty senate.

"The time that it takes for a group to become registered varies," Sherman

SO WHAT DID THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SAY ABOUT OUR CLUB IDEA?

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said. "Once a group becomes approved, a letter welcoming them aboard is sent to the organization's leader."

Now is the time for students to

decide whether they want to become active members of an already existing campus organization or become the president of a future club.

Greek Life

## Greek life welcomes incoming students

First, let me welcome you to the University of Missouri-St. Louis! There are many aspects of the college that you will learn about in your time here, but let me elaborate on one—Greek Life. Joining a sorority or fraternity provides the opportunity to build leadership skills, get involved in campus and community activities, meet so many great people involved in the Greek community, make memories and friendships that will last a lifetime, and truly enhance the overall college experience. Joining a sorority/fraternity pushes you to strive for academic excellence, while at the same time giving you the opportunity for fun and excitement!

I encourage you to look in to formal recruitment for the Greek social organization that you are interested in. Formal Recruitment is the process by

which a prospective member learns about the Greek community and the sororities/fraternities on campus.

Although being in a sorority/fraternity is not for everyone, I urge you to come join us in the process and try out! For more information, go to [www.umsl.edu](http://www.umsl.edu), click on the A-2 index at the top, then click on "G". Once there, click on "Greek Life". This will take you to the home page for Greek Life and you can then look into the different sororities and fraternities on campus and find out more information about the one you are interested in. Good luck, and hopefully I will see you join the Greek community!

Sincerely,  
Christina Stephan, Panhellenic President

Study Abroad

## UMSL offers study abroad programs to 80 countries

BY NAKENYA SHUMATE  
Staff Writer

When attending classes every day can have as much appeal as sniffing through your year-old garbage, UM-St. Louis' study abroad programs can offer students the opportunity to add a little excitement to their education.

The Center for International Studies presents each student with the choice to study abroad at one of UM-St. Louis' 80 international exchange partners all over the world. Students can choose from programs that last from as little as two weeks to one academic year, depending on their lifestyle and situation.

All students are encouraged to take advantage of the study abroad opportunities and should consider the one year programs if possible. "Years ago studying abroad was thought of as only for elite students," said Carol Cradock, International Business Specialist for UM-St. Louis. Some students may not realize that studying abroad is an attainable goal.

Cradock has worked in the International Studies Office for six years and has a lot of knowledge about the programs offered. She recommends short-term faculty-led programs for freshmen.

Cradock chose to work in the International Studies Office because of her love of travel and desire to work directly with students. She feels many students choose to study abroad for the worldly experience. "Studying abroad not only lets you know about other cultures and countries, it also allows you to learn about yourself," Cradock said.

She has heard from students who have studied abroad that the best aspects of studying abroad are the social experience and meeting people

one-on-one. Global awareness and personal growth are some of the motivators that persuade students to take study abroad courses again. Nancy Nelson, a UM-St. Louis student, is currently studying German culture abroad in Vienna, Austria as part of a two week summer program. "The opportunity of being abroad is what attracted me to the program more than the actual program outline," said Nelson. She was also influenced to go because she received a scholarship.

Naturally, there may be positive and negative matters in traveling and students need to be prepared for anything. Some negative feedback Carol Cradock has received involves the language barrier and the fact that teaching methods are very different from those in the United States. When asked if those things can ruin the experience, Nelson said "you truly feel the atmosphere is more conducive to the immersion process and is a hand on experience."

Underneath the experience, the personal growth, the social life, and the fun and adventure lies the core goal of the study abroad program: education. "Students should consider study abroad as an essential part of their education," Cradock said.

Generally, study abroad programs have an application process, financial aid process and will apply toward your UM-St. Louis degree. Students can choose from six faculty-led programs or the independent programs. Students must have a 2.75 GPA for most programs and there are language restrictions for others.

Students who want more information about study abroad programs can visit the Center for International Studies at <http://www.umsl.edu/studyabroad> at 221 MSC.

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Student Profile

# ASUM board member seeks to improve student involvement

BY WILL MELTON  
Staff Writer

ASUM's executive board member Thomas Helton almost passed UM-St. Louis by when he was choosing which college to attend.

Helton, sophomore, political science, moved around a lot while he was rowing up and wound up living most of that time in Austin, Texas. His former interest of one day attending Washington University's School of Law drew him to look into St. Louis colleges.

Helton said that while UM-St. Louis was not his first choice, upon visiting campus he changed his mind.

"As soon as I went into the Millennium Student Center, I felt comfortable and I knew this was it," Helton said. "The more I get involved on campus I start to see great things about this campus. I won't say that UMSL is the best campus in the world, but it's number one in my heart."

Helton, who has aspirations of being a judge, currently serves as the executive board member for the Associated Students of the University of Missouri.

Helton's interest in politics and his desire for helping students has made

him passionate about pursuing one of the key aims of ASUM: informing students about how politics affects their lives.

"Politics in general allows people to question themselves and also to question the people that the majority voted for," Helton said. "There's something bigger that you have to stop ignoring, which is your state and local government."

Helton is confident that ASUM can become an important hub of student involvement. One of his many goals is the idea of developing a database of information "about all the state representatives, all the state senators, and so on," that students can freely access if "they need to write a paper on someone or are just interested in knowing."

Ultimately, Helton said his objective is to ensure that ASUM remains loyal to the student's interests and dedicated in their efforts of lobbying for legislation that will benefit all students. "Our purpose is to give back to the students," Helton said.

Besides ASUM, Helton also works in the admissions office giving tours to potential students and as a mentor at new student orientations. He was last year's sergeant-at-arms in the Student Government Association and is a member of Students Today Alumni

Tomorrow and the Pierre Laclède Honors College Student Association.

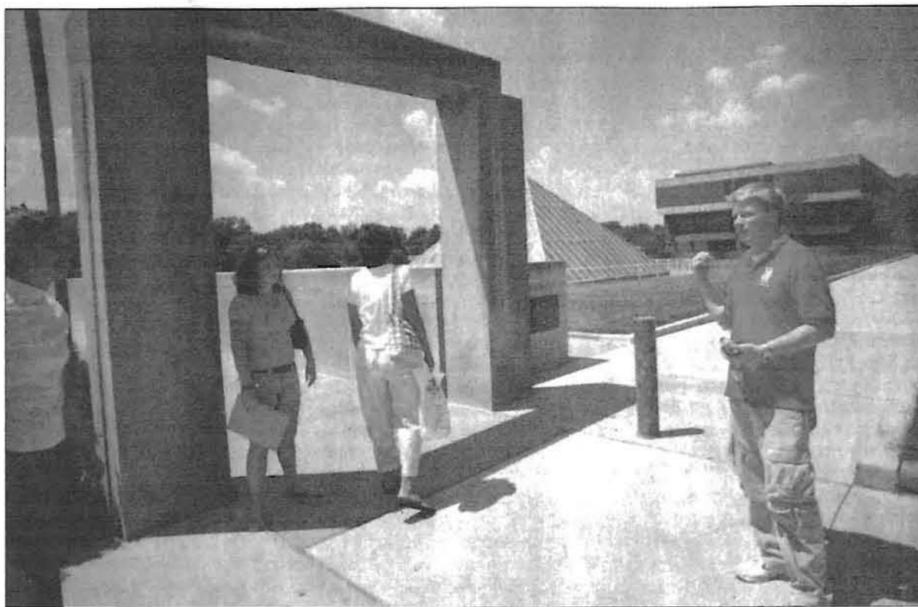
"I think on campus I'd really like to see more things run by the students and less apathy," Helton said. Involvement has been a problem many student organizations have had to struggle with. Many students attribute the problem to that fact that UM-St. Louis has a significant number of commuter students.

Helton said that while the University is taking steps to change that, it will not happen overnight. "It will take time. Obviously we don't have the housing, we don't have all the services, and so I think that the new dorms being built on South Campus are a step in the right direction," Helton said. "The chancellor definitely has great aspirations for the campus."

Helton will be participating in a town hall forum on Social Security hosted by Rep. William Lacy Clay at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 11 in the Millennium Student Center.

Helton views the panel as an excellent opportunity for "an open discussion on social security reform since the current Bush administration has a plan to reform and privatize it."

"It will be a good chance for the students and people from the community to come in and see where Clay



Mike Sherwin/The Current

Thomas Helton, sophomore, political science, gives a tour of the UM-St. Louis campus to the family of a prospective student on Friday afternoon. Helton will appear as part of a panel discussion on social security reform with Rep. William Lacy Clay, Jr. on Monday evening in the MSC.

stands, but to also learn more about the topic since I don't think a lot of people know a lot about social security," Helton said. "The more the people know, the more informed they will be if a vote comes up."

Staff Viewpoint

## Choosing a major is the first step towards success

Choosing a major or a future career may seem impossible when high school graduation has just ended, but the continually rising costs of college and the amount of time it takes to receive a degree make it crucial for students to have an idea about what field they want to study in college.

The Los Angeles-based Higher Education Research Institute concluded in a nationwide study in 2002 that 4 percent of students entered college as undecided freshmen. These results showed that the number of undecided majors was up 1.7 percent since 1966. The study also revealed that at least 60 percent of undecided students usually change their major at least once during their time in college.

Students seeking a baccalaureate degree at UM-St. Louis must complete 42 credit hours for the general education requirement during their first two years. That gives students an extra 18 credit hours to decide which classes they would like to take.

During those first two years, a full-time UM-St. Louis student typically spends approximately \$12,990 in educational fees.

With an extra 18 hours, students who have a declared major or an idea of a major can make the most of their money by getting a jump start on their core classes. Then they will be on their way to graduating sooner.

Not knowing which degree program you want to begin gives some students the opportunity to choose a variety of courses in which they might be interested. However, having an undecided future also has many disadvantages.

Choosing classes because they seem like they would be interesting or because it might be something to con-



BY MELISSA MCCRARY  
Features Editor

sider in the long run might sound good, but some degrees demand extra emphasis on particular areas, such as taking a foreign language.

Taking an extra psychology or criminal justice course as an elective could eventually be thrown out or not applied towards a particular degree. Getting motivated to go to class, do homework

assignments or take exams for classes outside your major or general education requirements can waste time that could be better spent on a declared major or minor.

The UM-St. Louis Web site lists and gives a description of all the 46 undergraduate, seven pre-professional, 30 Master's and 13 Doctoral programs offered.

Courses available at UM-St. Louis range from accounting, biotechnology and education to nursing and more.

With over 100 study areas available, selecting a major should not be a difficult task. Taking the time to look

through these descriptions and thinking about your future is worth it.

Another way that undecided students can save money is by completing all of their general education and required courses at a community or 2-year college before investing their hard earned cash at a university.

Those who are still unsure about their future should make use of campus resources like academic advisors, counseling services or career services to assist in choosing a major and planning for a career.

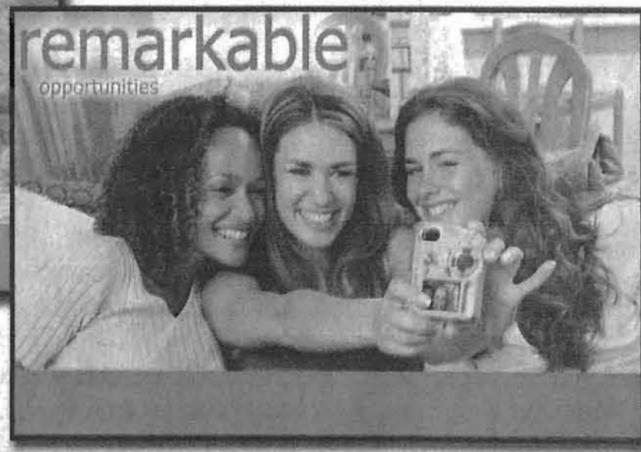
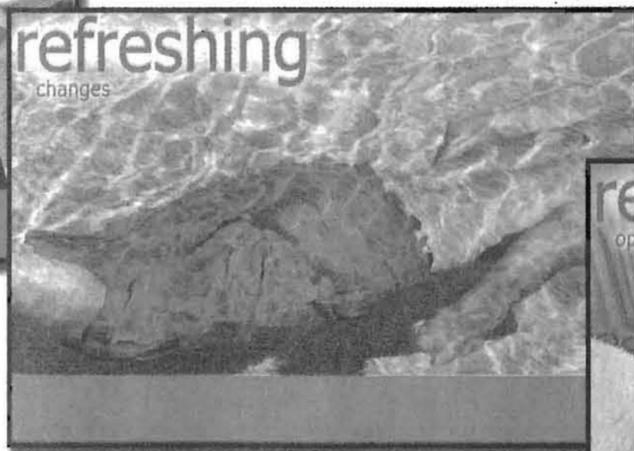
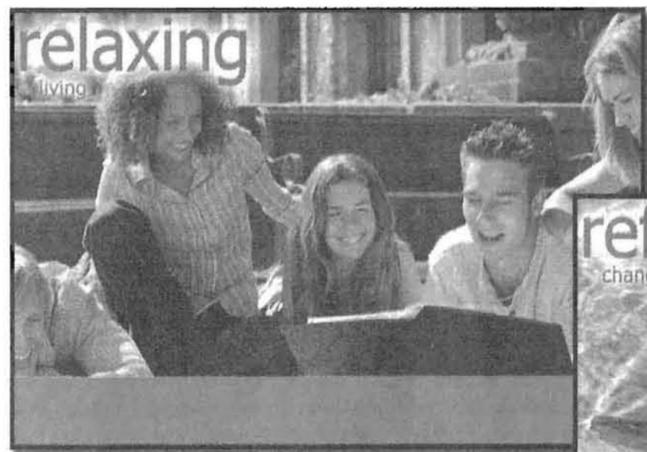
How students plan to spend their college time and dollars is up to them, but entering college with an intended major is a smart way to keep college costs down and get a head start on a career.

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Campus Sports

# Introduction to UM-St. Louis athletics

■ 11 teams compete in NCAA Division II

BY JAMES DAUGHERTY  
Sports Editor

To evaluate UM-St. Louis athletics, it is first necessary to understand the position the school is in. For starters, this is an NCAA Division II school. Being at the NCAA Division II level places certain rules and restrictions on the University that administrators and coaches have to follow, but for the sports fan the important thing to know is that it generally gives us athletes that are a step below Division I schools, like Saint Louis University, and a step above Division III schools, like Washington University.

With that said, we would compare our athletic program to universities like UM-Rolla, SIU-Edwardsville or Truman State. UM-St. Louis competes against a set of 14 schools in what is known as the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Our athletic ranking, nationally, is first determined by our conference standing, then regional standing and finally, national standing.

Even though UM-St. Louis does not compete against large schools like Mizzou, the Great Lakes Valley Conference is by no means weak. According to women's basketball head coach Lee Buchanan, it is one of the toughest conferences in the country.

"Some of the schools in our conference get a lot more funding than we do, but we work hard with what we've got. This is one of the toughest conferences in the country, and starting next year it is also going to be one of the biggest with the addition of Drury, Rockhurst and Rolla," Buchanan said.

So how does UM-St. Louis stack up against the competition? Unfortunately, not very well. The most successful sports at UM-St. Louis last year were the men's tennis, women's soccer, women's softball, and men's basketball teams, all of which qualified for the post-season. The men's tennis team was the most successful sport for the University this past year. The Rivermen finished fourth in conference and ninth in the region while also getting the doubles team of Mike Schaaf and Stephen Pobst ranked ninth in the region. Their overall record was 9-8 and they finished 5-3 in conference play. They were one position out of the regional tournament.

Women's soccer, softball, and men's basketball were all eliminated in the first round of the conference tournament, but women's soccer had a better record than the others.

The Riverwomen finished with a 9-9-1 overall record and a 4-5-1 conference record. The team was eliminated by conference champ Northern Kentucky University in the conference tournament.

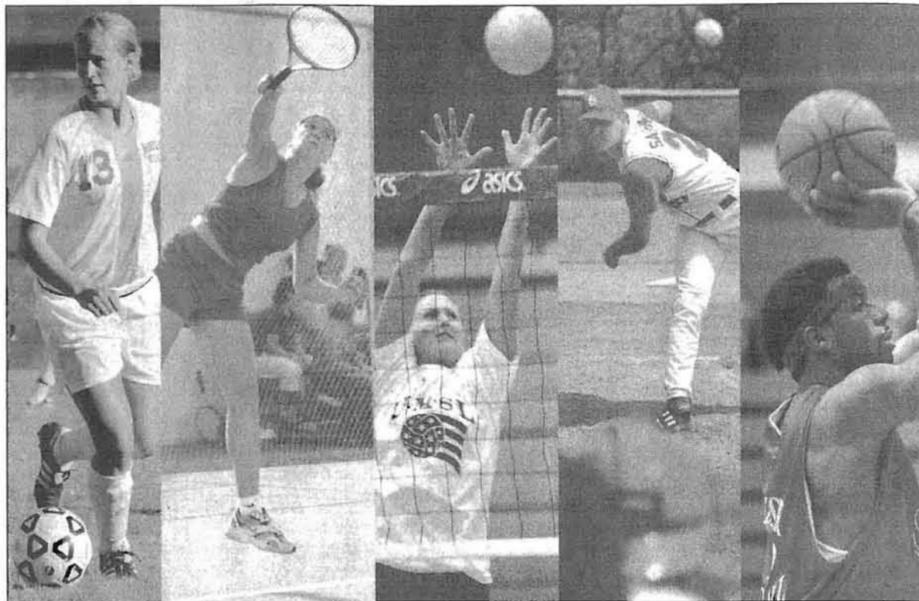
Another UM-St. Louis team that

fell victim to Northern Kentucky University was women's softball. They were eliminated by the Norse in the first round of the conference tournament after posting an 18-28 overall record and a 7-13 conference record. The men's basketball team made the conference tournament after a three-year absence. They were eliminated by the number one team in conference, Southern Indiana University. The team's record was 9-19 with a conference record of 5-15.

In between the teams that made it to the post-season and those that didn't are the UM-St. Louis golf teams. All members of the conference compete in the conference tournament, regardless of the past rankings. Both golf teams finished ninth out of ten.

Men's soccer finished the season with a 7-11-2 record and a 3-6-1 conference record. The team began the conference season 3-0, then dropped their next six conference games—one of which they lost in overtime and two of which they lost in double overtime. The women's volleyball team finished 9-17 overall and had a 4-12 conference record.

The men's baseball team finished 18-33 and had a 10-30 record in conference play, drastically falling from last year's second place finish in the conference tournament. The women's basketball team finished 6-21 overall, and posted a 2-18 record in conference.



ence. Last but not least, the women's tennis team had an overall record of 2-8 and a conference record of 2-7.

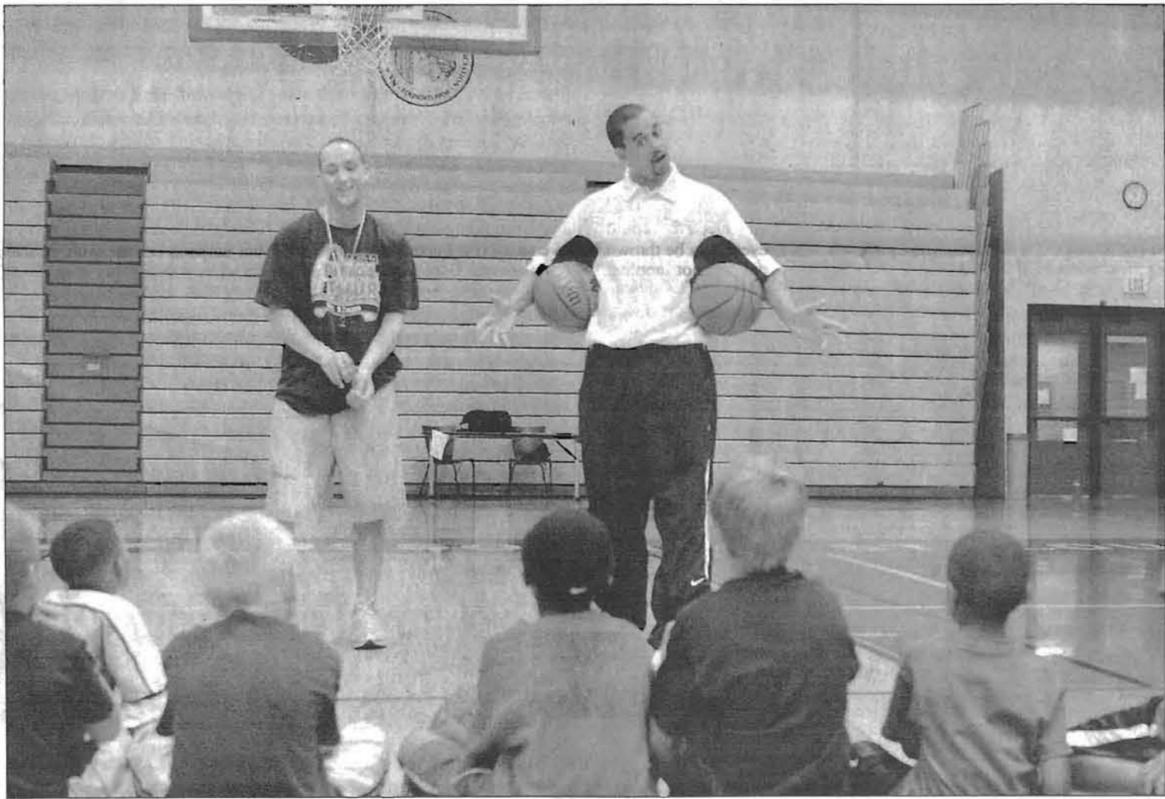
Despite last year's lackluster results, UM-St. Louis Sports Information Director Todd Addington sees potential for improvement. "A big difference between this coming year

and previous years is the number of returning underclassmen. In the past it seems recruiting was centered more around one or two year transfer students, but this time we have students returning who did very well as freshman and sophomores."

Whether or not the athletics pro-

gram will fare better than last year is impossible to tell, but at least the numbers reflect Addington's assessment: eight out of eleven All-Conference selections from last year are returning underclassmen.

## Having a ball...or two...



Brian Fagnani/The Current

Deryn Carter, assistant basketball coach, instructs boys ages 5 through 16 on basketball skills and techniques. Carter's instruction is part of the summer basketball camps offered by the Mark Twain Athletic and Fitness Center. The basketball camps run this week through July 15. University employees receive a 10 percent discount on camp tuition.

## Intramural sports at UMSL engage student athletes

BY FRANCIS LAM  
Staff Writer

In the world of campus intramural sports, victory will bring you the spotlight, a semester of bragging rights, a free t-shirt and a photo on the "Winners" notice board. Defeat will leave you waiting for four months in vain hoping for a chance at redemption.

Unfortunately for Brent Essner, he suffered defeat in last year's 40-yard dash by a mere 0.27 seconds. "It was a hard loss to swallow, definitely. They gave me a t-shirt anyway for finishing second but it's not the same. I'll be back next year to take my throne as the fastest man over 40 yards in UMSL."

Brent clocked 5.04 seconds, just behind James Daugherty who came in with a time of 4.77 seconds.

The intramurals have two full time staff members: Pam Steinmetz, who is the coordinator of intramurals and Susan Dibb, who is assistant coordinator.

Last year's intramural program had a total of 4,200 individuals taking part in 60 recreational activities. This was compared to the total of 3,635 participants in the 2003-04 school year.

There is a focus on engaging more of UM-St. Louis' residential student

population, and this showed with student participation increasing by 20.3 percent over the past two years. The annual goal for the Intramural program is to increase overall participation by 3 percent or more.

The first event of the fall takes place at 11 a.m. on Aug. 23 at the Millennium Student Center. During "Campus Recreation Day," there will be plenty of activities to take part in. This is followed by tennis on Sept. 10 on the newly refurbished tennis courts behind the Mark Twain Athletic building.

The tennis competition is flighted so you can play others of roughly your own skill level. Then, throughout the fall will be other events—which are free of charge—such as volleyball, indoor soccer, a horseback trail ride and flag football. Also, for a small cost, students and faculty can take part in events such as demolition ball and paintball.

The staff at Campus Recreation is continually working on ways to increase student involvement. "We won't be satisfied until our participation rate is 100 percent," Steinmetz said.

If you are interested in finding out more about intramurals or would like to sign up, you can visit the website [www.umsu.edu/services/recsport](http://www.umsu.edu/services/recsport) or call (314) 516-5326.

## Campus Recreation offers alternate sport leagues

BY FRANCIS LAM  
Staff Writer

In the fall of 1971, UM-St. Louis opened its new 3.5 million brick sports facility, called the Mark Twain Multi-Purpose Building. The building's opening signaled a new era in intramural and recreational activities, which has grown in participation throughout the years.

Today, the Mark Twain building is home to the Campus Recreation Office, which is the first place you see upon entering the building. The objective of Campus Recreation, according to its website, is to "enrich the academic mission of the University by supporting the total development and well-being of all members of our diverse UMSL community."

Last year over 4,000 people took part in activities such as traditional events like basketball and flag football, but also a variety of new events like Texas hold-em and 2-ball soccer. It is also worth noting that the intramural events are free of charge to participate in.

But there are a few 'eligibility' rules. Students, faculty, staff and their spouses are all able to compete in the intramurals. Also, Alumni and

### Campus Recreation provides:

- **Intramurals** allow students to play certain individual, dual or team sports by joining their own league.
- **RecTreks** are off-campus outings where students can participate in paintball, horseback riding, ski trips and more.
- **Wellness Classes** offer students practice at spinning, yoga and cardiovascular workouts with different trainers.

community members with a current recreation pass can enter for a small fee. However, student athletes cannot participate in their own particular sport while ex-varsity members are limited to one per team. These rules are designed to make the sports competitive but still remain lots of fun.

Campus Recreation also offers

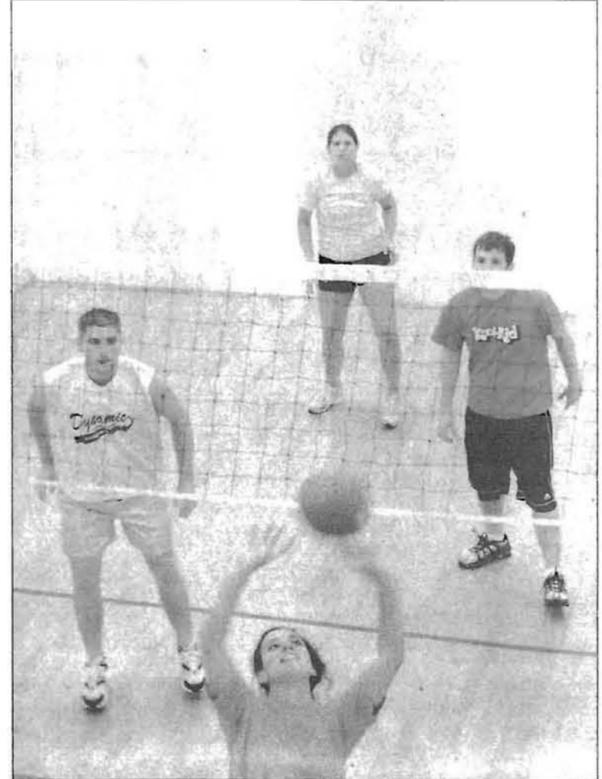
what are known as 'RecTreks,' which are off-campus activities providing low-cost fun to students. Events include paintball, a ski trip and demolition ball, which is a game involving bumper cars, a small target, a ball and small hand-held lacrosse like sticks. Mike Schaaf, a senior who played in last year's demolition ball event, said "it was

so much fun and great value for money as there was a lot of food there. I'm definitely going to play again."

If you are interested in improving your general health, then Campus Recreation also offers a variety of Wellness classes. These include spinning, yoga, and plenty of cardio workouts with different trainers. If these are not to your liking but you still want to work out, then personal trainers can be assigned to you.

Campus Recreation really does provide something for everyone and it is a great chance to meet lots of new people. Students, faculty, staff and alumni can enjoy the benefits of an active, healthy lifestyle that incorporates sport, fitness, and leisure activities.

Pam Steinmetz, coordinator of intramurals, said, "We're always looking for new ways to publicize these events to the students. There are a lot of notices on bulletin boards. We find that when people try an event for the first time, they have so much fun and we hope they come back with some friends." For more information, call (314) 516-5326 or visit [www.umsu.edu/services/recsport](http://www.umsu.edu/services/recsport).



File Photo: Kevin Ottley/The Current

Student athletes participate in a game of wallyball, one of many recreational sports provided by Campus Recreation at the Mark Twain gymnasium and fitness center.

Campus Sports

# Familiar faces stand out as leaders in sports at UMSL

BY JAMES DAUGHERTY  
Sports Editor

Although all athletes contribute to the team's success and are important, there are few that stand out above their peers and become leaders. Some of these leaders are the most explosive and exciting to watch, others are simply the most consistent. The following are a few of the best athletes that UM-St. Louis has to offer, and all of them are recognized All-Conference members of the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Some are Second Team All-Conference, others are more highly rated First Team All-Conference members.

UM-St. Louis has four Second Team All-Conference players: Claudia Medina, Blair Schuppan, Jonathan Griffin, and Alen Jujic. Each comes from a different sport with different skills, but all of them excel.

Claudia Medina is the Women's Volleyball Team's best offensive player. Last season, while just a freshman, she led the team with 277 kills, for an average of 3.15 a game. She recorded double-digit kills in 15 matches. Even more impressive than her kills is her serve - last year she led the conference with 47 aces and averaged .53 aces a game. Despite her offensive ability she can

also play defense. She was second on the team with 48 blocks and third on the team with 255 digs. Coach Josh Lauer sees her being key to next year's success. "Claudia has a chance to be the best player in conference next year. We are looking for her to be our on court leader," Lauer said.

Blair Schuppan was another outstanding freshman for UM-St. Louis last year. While playing midfielder for the Women's Soccer Team Schuppan led the Riverwomen's defense and created attacking opportunities for their offense. Even though she was primarily a defender she still scored eight points to be the fourth most effective offensive player for the team. Her game-winning goal on Sep. 24 gave the Riverwomen a much needed victory over conference foe Bellarmine.

Jonathan Griffin has had three years to establish himself as the Rivermen's most valuable basketball player. Griffin began his career averaging 8.8ppg, 5.7rpg, and 23 assists, and through hard work increased his numbers dramatically. Last season he led the team in four categories with 19.2ppg, 5.9rpg, and 102 assists, and 35 steals. Coach Chris Pilz sees unlimited potential for Griffin. "When Griffin penetrates, hits his mid-range

jumper, and especially when he dishes the ball, he is unstoppable in this conference. He cannot be guarded by players at this level when he executes those three things," Pilz said.

Alen Jujic led the Men's Soccer Team as a junior last year. Playing from the midfield position he totaled 14 points with four goals, six assists, and two game-winning goals. On his career he has nine goals and ten assists for 28 total points. He will be returning to lead the Rivermen's offense again this year.

There are four returning First Team All-Conference athletes this year. Two men's tennis players, Mike Schaaf and Francis Lam, golfer Michael Lueders, and baseball player Josh Morgan.

Mike Schaaf was named to the All-Conference team for the second time in his career. Playing the number two singles position for the Men's Tennis Team he finished 6-3 in singles and at the number one doubles position he finished 7-4. His doubles play with partner Stephen Pobst got him ranked ninth in the region for doubles.

Francis Lam led the Men's Tennis Team in the number one singles spot. He finished the year with a 10-3 record in singles matches at the number one position and 8-5 in

doubles matches. As a freshman Lam was outstanding, finishing 13-5 in singles and 11-10 in doubles. He will only be a junior next year, and according to Coach Rick Gyllenberg "hopefully we will continue to see the same degree of improvement," Gyllenberg said.

Men's Golfer Michael Lueders earned First Team All-Conference honors largely because of his third place finish at the GLVC tournament. Lueders shot a tournament best 2-under par in the third round to move into the top three. On the season he averaged a team best 75.8 per round. His third place finish at the GLVC tournament was his best finish all year.

Josh Morgan, UM-St. Louis baseball player may or may not be back last year - the New York Yankees have to decide whether or not to make him a good enough offer. Morgan led the team with a .330 batting average, 63 hits, seven triples, nine home runs, and 30 stolen bases. He was second on the team with 38 runs and third on the team with 28 RBI's. His versatility makes him even more dangerous than his numbers indicate, he played both pitcher and outfielder for the Rivermen and is what Coach Jim Brady calls "a five-tool player."

Look for these players to lead UM-St. Louis again next year.

# UMSL looks for new recruits

BY FRANCIS LAM  
Staff Writer

Some coaches will tell you that the hardest part of their job comes during the off-season as they frantically search for new talent to fill the spots vacated from the previous year. New student-athletes come from high schools, transfer from colleges around the nation and we even receive a few from abroad. Here is a quick glance at some of the new UM-St. Louis student-athletes you shall be seeing on campus for at least the next year.

Men's basketball head coach Chris Pilz has three confirmed recruits so far. Aaron Jackson from Mineral Area College attended Hazelwood Central High School in St. Louis. Jackson made the Missouri All-State team as a senior. Nathan Whittaker came from Sullivan High school where he broke the school record for points with over 2000 and was selected to the Missouri All-State team three times. Irmantas Griksas spent his senior year of high school in the US at Roanoke Catholic in Virginia where he helped the team take the state championship.

Coach Lee Buchanan currently has six new players for the upcoming women's basketball season. Three of them are junior transfers: Jennifer Martin comes from Campbell University in North Carolina, Jennifer Dewell joins from Francis Marion University in South Carolina and Shelby Horgan comes from McHenry Community College in Illinois. Also joining from Illinois is Jessica Wendeln, a sophomore transfer from Robert Morris College. Two freshmen complete the recruits with Kendra Donley from Mahomet-Seymour High School, Illinois, and Tasha Hack from Mount Vernon High School in Indiana.

Coach Dan King of the men's soccer team has seven confirmed recruits all from the St. Louis area. Coming to the team are Colin Huber, Luke Spain, Jared Smith, Chris Paasch, Dennis Horan, Justin Pasterneck and Brian McKenna. Smith and Paasch attended Hazelwood West High School, while Horan went to C.B.C. Pasterneck is a

Division I transfer and McKenna is a transfer from Meramec Community College.

For the women's soccer team, Coach Beth Goetz has eight new players so far, four of which are junior transfers. Three of these girls come from Meramec Community College: Callie Fischer, Shea Kelly and Erin Sanders. Fischer and Kelly were named Junior College All-Americans.

The other junior transfer is Maura Cullen who comes from Little Rock, Arkansas. Also joining the team will be Tara Reitz, a sophomore transfer from Indiana State, and three freshmen, Mary Behrmann, Krisie Muesenfechter and Angela Red. Muesenfechter comes from Fort Zumwalt North high school and Coach Goetz expects big things from her. "[Muesenfechter] was an honorable mention All-Metro and we expect her to contribute to the team immediately. Also Tara Reitz will make a big impact on our program with her technical ability and playing experience," Goetz said.

Rick Gyllenberg will be coaching both the men's and women's tennis programs for 2005-2006. He has two new recruits for the men's team. Peter Hantack from Fort Zumwalt South comes in as a freshman and James Rigby will be a one year exchange student from the University of Ottawa. There will be three new women's tennis players. Molly Striler will be a sophomore coming from the St. Louis area. Adriana Garcia hails from San Luis Potosi, Mexico but attended Christ The King high school in England. Finally Sara Davidson will be freshman from La Salle, Ontario.

Coach Josh Lauer of the volleyball team has yet to confirm all of his recruits for the upcoming fall season but one who is definitely joining is freshman Joslyn Brown from Joliet Catholic Academy who looks to major in criminal justice. "I'm excited to meet lots of new people," she said, "and I'm also looking forward to playing with a new group of girls."

Keep an eye out for all these new names to appear in the sports pages through the upcoming fall and spring seasons.

# Coaches announce tentative schedules for fall

BY JAMES DAUGHERTY  
Sports Editor

Although the schedules are still tentative, UM-St. Louis coaches and teams are preparing for the upcoming fall season. Fall sports at UM-St. Louis are men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, women's golf, and women's tennis. Men's tennis and golf also participate in fall but their tournaments are strictly for warm-up and practice, as their primary season is the winter.

Coming off of a disappointing last year is the women's soccer team. The team began the year in good position after having advanced to the conference semifinals the four previous years, but a five game slide towards the end devastated their ranking. They

were forced to play defending champion Northern Kentucky University in the first round of the conference tournament in a game they lost 4-1.

Riverwomen Coach Beth Goetz said this season will be another difficult one, especially after the loss of star forward Sonya Hauan. "We are anxious to work hard and put the best team on the field this season. We may have to be a really hard-working blue collar team," Goetz said. The Riverwomen's schedule begins on Aug. 26 against Ashland.

The men's soccer team also endured a difficult season last year, but fortunately for the Rivermen, Alen Jujic and Matt Andersen, the team's top two scorers, are returning this year. This is particularly good news for the team because offense has often been

the team's Achilles heel. The Rivermen will begin playing on Aug. 16 and the first home game will be on Sept. 3 against Benedictine.

Women's volleyball did not qualify for the conference tournament and is still adjusting to new coach Josh Lauer. Lauer has been busy in the off-season recruiting and trying to rebuild a badly depleted team. The good news is that Heather Nichols and Claudia Medina, the team's best offensive players, are both returning to the lineup. The women's volleyball season will start on Aug. 26 and the first home game will be Sept. 21 against Washington University.

Women's tennis is back under Coach Rick Gyllenberg's reins after going through two coaches in one year. "I have a full team with eight

girls so I am looking forward to this season. With the returning players and the new recruits we are going to be competitive," Gyllenberg said.

Last year the team only had six players and was forced to default matches on several occasions due to injuries. The women's tennis schedule will begin on Sept. 17 and the first home match will be Sept. 21 against Lewis and Clark.

The women's golf team had a fantastic spring season placing first in three different tournaments. However, the team will be hard-pressed to replace star golfer Lauren Glenn who graduated last year. Their schedule is not yet decided, but typically the team travels to various country clubs to compete in tournaments beginning Sept. 1.

## FIRST HOME GAMES

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**INTERN DIARIES, from page 6**

He built a second bathroom for my mom in the country by himself. I remember he used to rebuild engines that were hanging in the garage. My dad even knew how to work on and operate heavy farm equipment.

I would often follow my dad around and bring him tools on the job or in the garage—or even a Busch beer when he was working in the garden.

So, I thought I was being helpful when I returned to the garage with a handful of grass from the front yard. I handed him the grass and said, "Here daddy, I picked some more grass for you." I remember my dad and his friends fell to the ground, with tears in their eyes, from laughing so hard. After my dad stopped laughing so much, he picked me up and kissed me on the forehead and said, "Thanks Bubba-hind" (a nickname given to me because my dad's nickname was "Bubba" and I was always following behind him). My dad then told me that they were smoking a different kind of grass.

I never really understood the difference between the grass they were smoking and the grass in the front yard until years later when a full moon

would bring out the free spirit in me.

I remember seeing my first naked girl. She was in my mom's bathroom closet.

My father had passed away when I was nine, and we decided to move out of our old house and into another one that did not have so many haunting memories.

When I was packing stuff into boxes from the bathroom that my father had built for my mom, I noticed a novel on the top shelf behind a bunch of towels. It was a romance novel. On the cover was this beautiful woman with a nice tan (not like the ones I see today where their skin turns orange and they look like a piece of sweet and sour chicken), long dark brown hair, wearing a white dress with her top down and her bosoms hanging out.

I remember staring at the book's cover in awe. I had never seen, what

I had called them at that time, girls' "boobies" before. I was excited by what I had seen, but not in a sexual way. I was excited because it was taboo and because it was also something that I was not supposed to be looking at it. I was only 9 years old at the time and did

not know what sex was. I did not even realize until years later that I had accidentally walked in on my parents having sex. I remember my mom telling me at the time that they were just wrestling in the bed—and yes, I am that gullible, because I had believed her.

I remember staring at the topless woman for a while until my mom walked in and asked me why it was taking so long to pack. She saw the book in my hand and asked what it was. I handed her the book and told her that I found it while packing (And wouldn't you know, I get in trouble even though I was trying to be honest). She scolded me for looking at the naked woman and then claimed that she did not know how it got in the house in the first place (This time I was not so gullible. I knew it was hers').

That was my first sexual epiphany.

My second sexual epiphany happened when I encountered a poison ivy bush while playing baseball. That bush would forever change my outlook on sex. That plant was my "tree of knowledge of good and evil." After brushing up against it I would soon see how naked I was too. Howwwwl.

**Arts & Entertainment**



Mike Sherwin/The Current

Teri and Pamela Northcross browse the new exhibit by Chicago-based artist Dzine at Gallery 210 during an opening reception Friday evening. The exhibit, "Beautiful Otherness," features acrylic and glass beads on canvas and will be on display until Aug. 27.

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## UMSL holds many venues for A&E

BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER  
A&E Editor

Finding arts and entertainment on campus is actually easy but you might need some quick pointers on where to look.

The UM-St. Louis campus offers a lot of arts and entertainment to distract you from class work and to deepen your educational experience.

For all round theater and performing arts A&E, there is the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center. The PAC offers everything from modern dance to opera to comedy. Last year's offerings included Second City comedy, Shakespearean plays and Mozart operas, fabulous modern dance offerings from Dance St. Louis, Russian folk dance, jazz concerts, and MacHomer, a comic Homer Simpson version of Macbeth.

The program is very varied, so you are likely to find something to grab your interest. The programs run all year round. On July 30, the Pac

presents All That Tap XIV and on Aug. 20, the Bosman Twins are in concert. The fall semester starts off with an evening with film director Spike Lee (Sept. 13) and Sounds of China (Sept. 17). The schedule can be found online at [www.touhill.org/home.php](http://www.touhill.org/home.php). The facility itself is gorgeous, so you should be sure to sample at least once performance there. Plus, the PAC offers discounts for students.

Among the PAC's events this year have been several that are part of the year-long Women in the Arts campus series. This series presents concerts, film screenings, art exhibits, lectures, and more centered on women in the arts. For more information on the series, contact

The Center for International Studies (<http://www.umsl.edu/services/cis/>) sponsors several performances on campus throughout the school year. They offer excellent programs of dance, music and more from around the world.

If you are interested in the fine arts, there are a number of galleries

on campus. Gallery Two-Ten is located near the north campus Metrolink station, in the building next to the campus security building. The gallery offers a series of exhibits that challenge and inspire from working artists. In the basement of the Student Millennium Center, is Gallery Vision which exhibits art produced only by students. Other exhibits of art, sculpture and photography are found at the Center for Public Policy, the Fine Arts Building (FAB), and in the library on campus. Around campus, you can also see a wonderful permanent collection of art displayed on the walls by strolling through the Computer Science building adjacent to the SSB. The Music department hosts concerts throughout the year as well.

Periodically other arts and entertainment visit that campus. The Pilot House has concerts and poetry events, and there are outdoor concerts and sometimes film series. To find out about these, good places to look is the campus calendar of the Current, the A&E section or the Friday Update on the UM-St. Louis website.

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Staff Viewpoint

# Settlement to tuition case would be a victory for the rule of law



BY BENJAMIN ISRAEL  
Columnist

In the movie "Shakespeare in Love," Gwyneth Paltrow plays a woman who acts on stage in the Globe Theater in London. At the time, it was illegal for a woman to appear in a play and a government official attends a performance and announces he is shutting the theater down.

Luckily, Queen Elizabeth, played by Judi Dench, is there as well. She settles the matter, proclaiming that the actor is, in fact, a man.

Starting in 1986 when the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri decided to charge students on a per-credit-hour basis, the Curators acted like Queen Elizabeth. Although state law prohibited the University from charging tuition, the curators looked at tuition and declared it to be fees.

As the curators should have expected, an attorney, Robert Herman, sued. The suit's tentative settlement announced May 10 would create a \$10 million scholarship fund available for students who attended UM schools between Jan. 1995 and Aug. 2001.

An editorial in the June 11 issue of *The Current* said Herman, who won a \$1 million fee as part of the settlement, was the only winner.

Sure, \$1 million is a big fee and might be a bit steep. And sure, the perpetually underfunded University of Missouri can ill-afford to pay the settlement. But the real winner is the rule

of law.

One of the fundamental reasons this country is a good place to live is that we have a constitution that says that everyone is subject to the law. One of the problems with this country is that too often the rich and powerful act like the law does not apply to them and they sometimes get away with it.

If the Curators of the University of Missouri believe they need to charge tuition and state law forbids it, then they must lobby the state Legislature to change the law first, and not, as they did, wait until they are sued to get the Legislature to change it. Otherwise, they are acting like royalty.

Unfortunately, government officials often act like the law does not apply to them. Their violations run the

gamut from police officers manipulating traffic lights to so they can give out more tickets—as happened right down the street from the UM-St. Louis campus in Bel-Ridge a few years ago—to the president of the United States ordering the capture of suspected terrorists and sending them overseas to be tortured without having to prove their guilt in a trial—as has happened an estimated 150 people in this country since 2001. That's according to a study issued by the New York University Law School and the New York City Bar Association and cited by Jane Meyer in the Feb. 14 issue of the *New Yorker*.

According to a law Congress passed in 1998 (and cited in the same article), it is "the policy of the United States not to expel, extradite, or otherwise effect the involuntary return of any person to a country in which there are substantial grounds for believing the person would be in danger of being subjected to torture, regardless of whether the person is physically present in the United States."

So if a government official or government body acts like it is above the law, I want an attorney like Robert Herman to take them to court. Government officials must realize they are not kings and queens who make something legal just because they say it is so.

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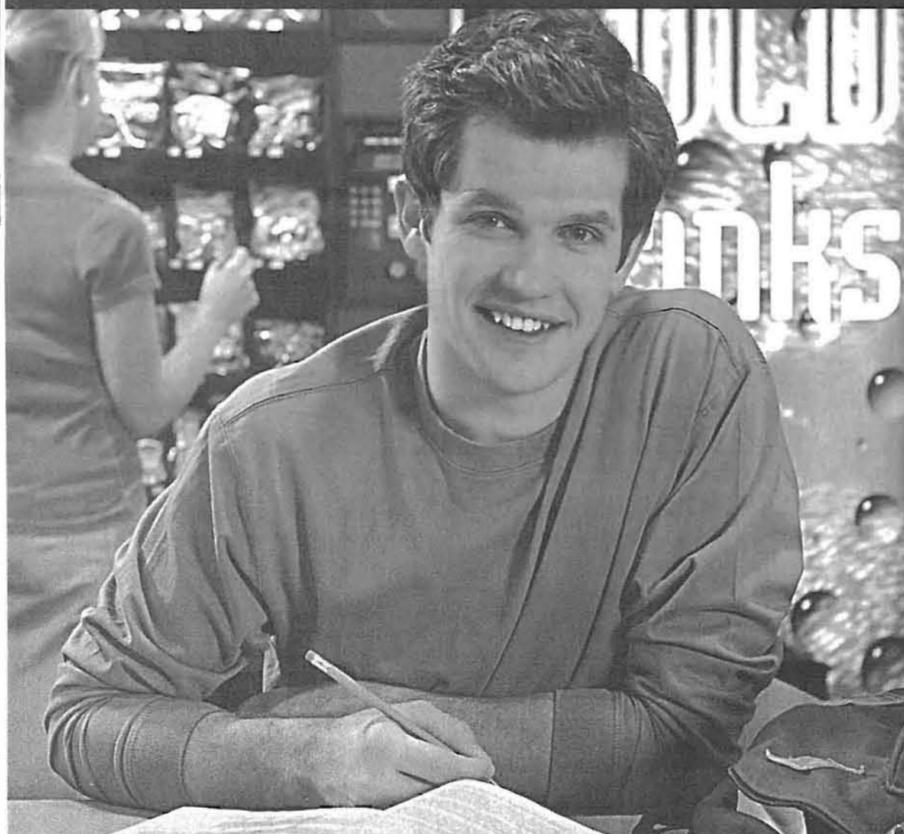
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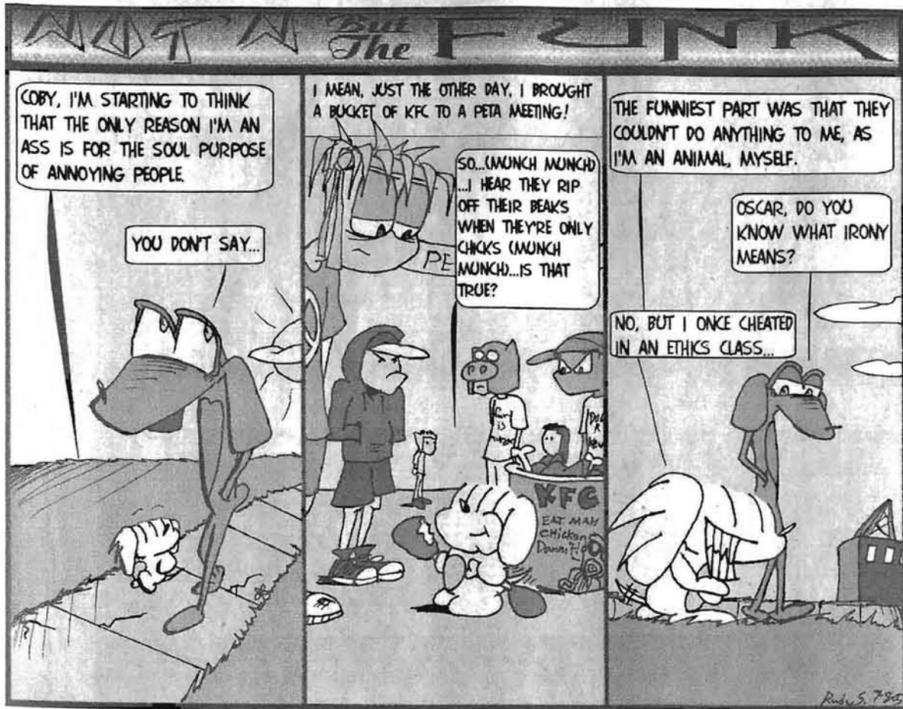
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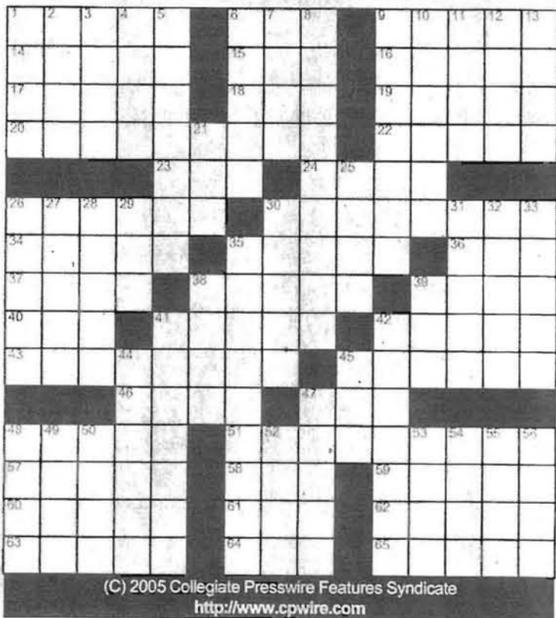


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# PUZZLE

## ACROSS

- 1. Site of 1988 Olympics
- 6. Hater
- 9. Bug
- 14. Type of lily
- 15. Plant
- 16. Actress Harmon
- 17. Employing
- 18. It is (noun)
- 19. Medium for cloned cream
- 20. Collection of wild animals
- 22. Racing sheds
- 23. Duration of life
- 24. Sea shell
- 26. Human with mechanical parts
- 30. Plantules
- 34. Onomatopoeic
- 35. Kwesi Mfume's org.
- 36. Gravestone sentiment
- 37. Artist Nolde
- 38. Direction of earth's rotation (pl.)
- 39. Small Chinese breed of dog
- 40. American Medical Association (Abbrev.)
- 41. Jazz clarinetist Shaw
- 42. Cat sound
- 43. Despoil
- 45. Fruit
- 47. Son of a
- 48. Flower
- 51. Opposite of a liver
- 57. Characteristic language
- 58. Wing
- 59. Ick!
- 60. Frequent
- 61. Lepid
- 62. Fencing swords
- 63. Aborigine cry
- 64. Signal for help
- 65. Manufacturer of farm equip.



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## DOWN

- 1. Retiree
- 2. State of rest
- 3. Fruit
- 4. Fruit
- 5. Straggler
- 6. Wavy surface pattern
- 7. Opposed
- 8. Profane
- 9. Old fashion streetlight
- 10. Nightmares
- 11. Lager
- 12. Number of feline lives
- 13. Golf pegs
- 21. Drop soup
- 25. Mythical birds of prey
- 26. Provides traction
- 27. Delicious
- 28. Mediterranean shrub
- 29. Tin Man's solve
- 30. Fundamental element
- 31. Dismal
- 32. Efficacy
- 33. Curious
- 34. Parasite
- 35. Sea eagle
- 39. Deven in the sky
- 41. Windflower
- 42. Thread badly
- 44. Apron
- 45. In so far as
- 47. Chick
- 48. Group of nations
- 49. Inventory accounting method
- 50. Finesse
- 52. Cal
- 53. To lasten
- 54. Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe (Abbrev.)
- 58. Swerve
- 59. American Society for the Study of English (Abbrev.)

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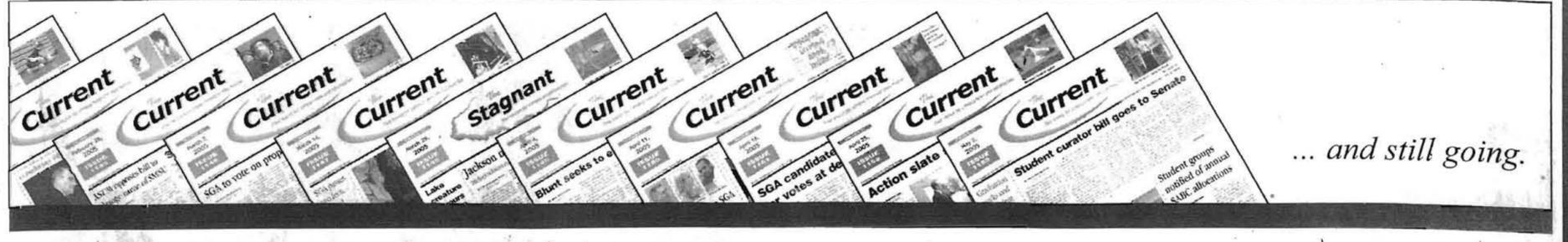
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