

# The Stagnant

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Faculty get undressed...

## Lake creature devours student

D-average junior wasn't really going anywhere, anyway

BY KATE DROOLS  
*Queen Mum*

A cool breeze ripples the water. Gentle waterfowl preen. A few students glance at the reflective pools on their way to class. To onlookers, DUMSL's expensive, tranquil landscape seems quietly serene. In a recent unfortunate accident, Gonzo McSpadden discovered that evil actually lurks beneath the still surface.

McSpadden, junior, animal husbandry, fell victim to the lake monster that has taken up residence at DUMSL. According to eyewitness reports McSpadden, known by friends as the "goose whisperer," decided to interact with a pair of mating Canadians around 6 p.m. last night.

"He just bought the Underwater Honkmaster Goose Call 6000 this week," Willow Huger, junior, foliage counseling, McSpadden's girlfriend, said, weeping. "He had



Creature  
*Scary, dangerous*

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## Name change prompts SGA to file lawsuit

BY HACKLEBERRY FINN  
*Pencil Pusher*

The Sexy Goober Association sued the Canada geese on campus Friday over the fowl's decision to call their new organization the Stupid Geese Assembly.

Campus geese have organized to do something that involves, well, honestly, I was not really paying attention during the interview.

However, reportedly, a goose representative announced Wednesday that the geese club wanted to change their name from the Geese Against Nagging Gripping Students (GANGS) to the Stupid Geese Assembly.

In response to the announcement, Sexy Goober President Scottish Boob had something to say about the name change. "Uh..." This was followed by a blank stare.

"I didn't understand the lawsuit at first," Boob said. "Then, a goose explained it to me. When the goose said, 'Honk! Honk! Honk!' it dawned on me. Both organizations start with the same letters, and I thought for sure no goose could come up with three other words for the acronym, SGA."

Members of ASUM, Absolutely Sexy Underwear Models, have been lobbying in Jefferson City, attempting to oppose the name change.

"We stood outside the Capitol in Jeff City, picketing, but the geese just flew over and pooped on us."

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## Jackson named vice chancellor of day care

'Michael volunteered to work for free...how could we turn that down?' Chancellor explains

BY HACKLEBERRY FINN  
*Dolphin-Safe*

DUMSL King Curious George's decision to appoint singer Michael Jackson as the new vice chancellor of daycare has stirred a controversy among students and parents at the university.

The daycare, which will be known as the Never-Leave-Your-Kids-Here-Ranch, will be available to student parents at DUMSL beginning April 1.

The opening ceremonies for the daycare will start at 8 a.m. April 1, and the turnout is expected to be pathetic, maybe one or two people at the most.

"I don't blame people for not wanting to come," Jackson's lawyer

said. "I wouldn't come either, but I have to keep an eye on Mr. Jackson to stop him doing anything stupid. I'm running out of excuses for him."

George will be present to announce the grand opening of the daycare and will preside over the ribbon cutting. "I like being king," George said. "I get to use big scissors a lot around here."

Michael Jackson is scheduled to make an appearance and perform "Billie Jean," which contain lyrics that have taken on a whole new meaning recently. This will be followed by a Michael Jackson look alike contest, where the winner will receive free purple pajamas and a new nose.

The daycare is expected to provide children with plenty of healthy

snacks, including some type of religious drink. Warm milk and sleeping pills will also be served to children during naptime, and Jackson will read sensuous bedtime stories.

The daycare also promises to offer children an exercise program, where Jackson will teach kids how to moon-walk.

Jackson was unavailable for comment on his other plans for the daycare, but his lawyer did say that Jackson wishes to create a safe and secure atmosphere for the children.

"Jackson wants the kids to have fun at the daycare. He wants the kids to enjoy the same privileges that he had when he was a child," Jackson's lawyer said, "Except the privilege of trial by jury."

Students have resorted to protests against the singer coming to campus. An angry mob assembled outside the Miraculous Spa and Cabaret Building shouting obscenities and throwing food at George. One student held a sign that read, "No Glove Will Touch The Children We Love!"

Jackson's appointment has the support of some personnel. Lisa Kia, daycare coordinator, said, "Mr. Jackson is a fine choice to lead a daycare center. I don't care what the critics say. I cannot think of anybody better to run a daycare than him.

Okay, that's a lie, but he's my boss, now. What am I supposed to say?"

One student who could care less shared her opinion. "I think it's a great idea," Anna Banana, junior, adult movie education, said, "Although I don't actually have any kids myself. But if I did...well, I probably still wouldn't send my kids there. But don't let me discourage other parents from doing so."

Jackson is expected to start his job at DUMSL on Monday, April 4 unless Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville interferes.

"Students can protest all they want, but it doesn't matter because I just cover my ears and sing la, la, la, la, la, la," George said. "Michael Jackson is coming whether you like it or not!"



Jackson  
*New vice chancellor*

## Baseball coach to move from poolside office

Department decides baseball coach deserves some fresh air, in shed near soccer field

BY JOLLY ROGER  
*Royal Pain*

Head baseball coach Slim Shady has a new office to settle into, after his former poolside office was reclaimed as a storage room for pool supplies. The athletic department has moved the coach to a temporary shed behind the Mark Twain facility.

Athletic Director Bat Droolan said the move was unrelated to the coach's recent multi-million dollar court victory against the University.

"The coach told us that he wanted some fresh air after spending so much time next to the pool, so we gave him the best that we could afford," said Droolan.

The windowless, corrugated-steel shed is indeed roomier than the coach's previous office. However, the majority of the space is taken up by the fertilizer stored for the soccer field and the equipment required for the upkeep of the baseball fields.

A wall of chain-link fence separates the coach's office from the accumulated supplies, and a single, bare-bulbed light illuminates the coach's space.

"At least I don't have to come home smelling like chlorine," Shady

said. "That pool room almost ruined my love life, because my wife almost couldn't bear to smell me every day."

One thing does concern the coach, however: the office appears to be booby-trapped.

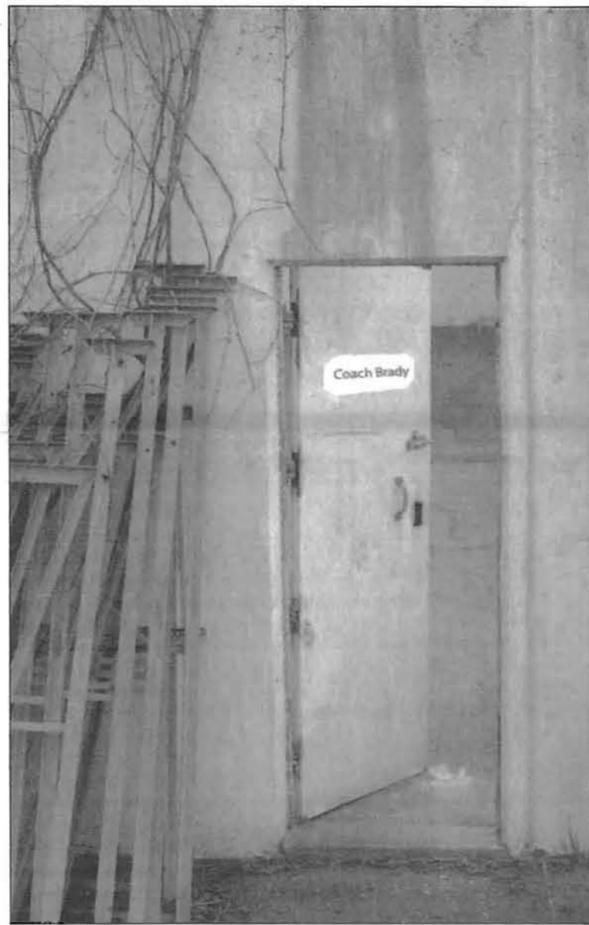
"When I came in here for the first time the baseball pitching machine was parked just across from the entrance," the coach recalled. "Apparently there was a string I must have pulled when I opened the door, because I almost got my head taken off by a ball lobbed at me."

The coach said he has found rusty nails sticking up through his office chair, an explosive bobble-head doll of Barry Bonds and even an iron anvil perched above his door.

"Whoever did this really must have been watching a whole lot of cartoons to come up with this stuff," Shady said.

Droolan denies any knowledge of a conspiracy to humiliate or eliminate the coach. However, a janitor at the athletic building who spoke on the condition of anonymity said that he, a 5'6" caucasian male with short brown hair, green eyes, and a tattoo

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Mike Elikesit/ The Current

Athletics found this cozy spot for baseball head coach Slim Shady. The office, inside a shed near the soccer fields, will replace Shady's old office next to the DUMSL pool.

## DUMSL's newest parking lot is a mere five miles away

BY MISSY DITZY  
*Blond and Bubbly*

Recently the DUMSL Planning Facilities and Department of Parking announced a newly proposed project to provide students more available parking options, but the plan has a downside.

The parking project was discussed at the parking problem committee meeting held on March 21, 2005.

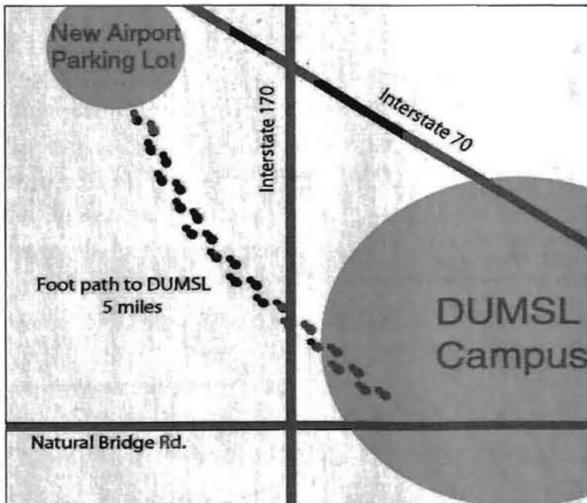
Will Chargeumore, president of the parking problem committee, outlined these proposed 2005 parking plans.

"We have negotiated a deal between Lampert Airport and DUMSL that all airport personnel will receive a free \$100 gift certificate for Chartsmells (which equals about three complimentary lunches), in return for our lamenting students to park in one of their lots," Chargeumore said.

The airport space would provide over 200 more parking spots to DUMSL's 16,000 students.

Chargeumore said that the airport lot that will be inclined for DUMSL students was formerly a security checkpoint lot located at the airport's east terminal.

Some students have expressed



At The Stagnant, we don't have time for things like accuracy in map-making. Thus, we have this wholly worthless, infantile 'map' that actually was made by the 8-year-old nephew of our layout designer. NOTE TO NEPHEW: WAY TO GO!

their concerns about the lot's distance from DUMSL's campus.

"I like idea of a new established parking lot, but I think that the distance of the lot will be more of an inconvenience," Sandy Gripesalot, junior, political debate, said.

Chargeumore said that students will have three options for campus transportation.

"Students at DUMSL already walk an average three miles a day on campus to get from the current campus parking lots and garages, so

what's another two more?" Chargeumore said. "For those who do not appreciate the quality of exercise, we have designed two other transportation options. One option is to take the airport MetroStink to DUMSL, or students can arrive in style, by flying in on the 'Soul Jet'."

The "Soul Jet" was an old broken down jet given to Lampert by the National History Society. It previously was used as a test aircraft when designing new airplane models, and after numerous renovations, the jet looks almost brand new. The only main problems with the "Soul Jet's" operations are the technical issues surrounding the malfunctions of certain buttons.

Lampert officials assure students that they have nothing to worry about when flying the "Soul Jet" to DUMSL.

Mike Liars, Soul Jet pilot, described some of the previous problems with the plane.

"There have never been any serious situations caused by the jet," Liars said. "Every once in awhile we must make emergency landings just for precautionary purposes."

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## New online courses offered

Public speaking, physical education now available

BY BUSTY ROCKER  
*Barely Managing*

Next semester more courses than ever will be offered online. Among the courses that have been converted to online instruction are public speaking, television studio production and various physical education courses.

The University decided to move these classes online because of the high enrollment in several other online courses. An overwhelming number of students said it would be "neato" if they could attend all their classes from the comfort of their home.

"I would just love to be able to have all online courses," Mickey Mouse, junior, cooking, said. "I would never have to learn anything ever again. After all, who really does the work for these online courses?"

Administrators decided to move the public speaking course online after too many students complained about the in-class version. Records show that several hundred students made complaints that the class was just too nerve-wracking for them and that speaking in front of people was "not their thing."

Several professors agreed that having the course online would alleviate these issues.

"If we put the course online, no one is forced to speak in front of an audience," Donald Duck, professor of culinary studies, said. "This would alleviate any issues that students have with speaking in front of people. They would then just have to speak in the online classroom and receive the same credits."

Another course that will be converted online is physical education. All of these classes will soon be offered solely online. Students feel that they should not be forced to perform physical activities in school. It can do nothing but harm them, so these courses will be moved to online instruction with the various others.

Students will be able to participate in virtual classrooms where various games will be required. Such games as basketball, volleyball, softball and gymnastics will all be held virtually. After all, you can learn online just as well as in person, so why not offer them this way? Administrators say these virtual activities will be similar to Playstation games.

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# PAC to feature shows for younger audience

## Having catered to the 65+ crowd, center hopes to reach those in their mid-to-late fifties as well

BY JOLLY ROGER  
Royal Pain

The Performing Arts Center is hoping to break new ground in attracting a wider, younger audience in the coming months, after a recent report showed that 95 percent of the center's visitors were over 65 in the past 12 months.

"The report was quite a shock," said Olderdan Dirt, PAC programming director. "We don't really know why, but apparently only people past retirement really want to come and see acts like the 'Lawrence Welk Variety Show,' the 'Spike Jonze Revue,' 'Gershwin by Pennywhistle' or the unforgettable 'Phonograph Invasion: the Classic 78s from the Great Depression' at the PACKAGE."

Dirt says the center is looking to bring in the pre-Social Security crowd with new performances geared for younger audiences. "We're looking at drastic changes," Dirt said. "Where we once had performances from the Prohibition-era, we're getting more contemporary, possibly even post-World War II."

The center also unveiled on Wednesday a new advertising campaign. Dirt said his marketing team is focusing on the AM radio market, McDonald's and Bob Evans restaurants, doctors' offices and the AARP newsletter. Each ad centers around a

series of catch phrases, including, "You'll want to see the PAC before you die...so you better hurry," "What better way to spend your social security check?" and "How about some Ethel Merman with your applesauce?"

Meanwhile, some students have complained that the center, partly supported by student fees, seems to rarely include college-age programming. Jacob Beatty, senior, plagiarism studies, mused, "Why should I have to pay good money for a place that only seems interested in shows my grandpa would want to see?"

Melinda Madsen, sophomore, home economics, has found a way to make use of her semesterly PAC fee. "I have a lot of great aunts and uncles, not to mention my grandparents, so I use my 25 percent off to buy them tickets and it saves me at least my \$10 each semester."

At a news conference last week, PAC spokesperson Gerry Atric said that the reason it does not book acts that appeal to college-age crowds is due to several factors, but mainly because its mostly volunteer staff is so old.

"We're afraid that we would have a rash of cardiac arrests among the volunteer staff if these folks knew what young people are listening to these days," Atric said. "Imagine your grandmother at a Marilyn Manson or a 50 Cent show...it wouldn't be pretty."

In addition, the spokesman noted that the center was formed with the philosophy that nothing created after 1950 could truly be considered to be 'art.' Therefore, the center's board of directors decided that it would be cause a logical conundrum to allow a center for performing arts to allow performances that by its definition, are not in fact art.

In addition, Atric noted that the PAC's \$2 million carpeting and \$4 million seating could be damaged if youth-attracting shows were held. "That's in addition to all the toilet-paper cozies our volunteers have knitted," said Atric. "We don't need flailing, uninhibited youngsters moshing about, or getting drunk in our facility."

One top-level administrator at the PAC confided with *The Stagnant* on the condition of anonymity that the reason for all the older adult shows is, in fact, a long-term strategy for financial security.

"You students complain now, but you're not seeing the big picture. The PAC is winning over the hearts of all these old folks with the antiquated shows," the administrator said. "Five or ten years from now, when these folks start to pass on, guess who shows up in the will? After we get all these bequests, and the center is on steady financial ground, then we can start booking the Usher and Green Day shows. All we need is a little patience."

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They were everywhere. It was a mess," John Gasman, who is absolutely not a sexy underwear model, said.

"We cannot let these geese get away with this," Bill Passer, freshman, political scandals and ASUM intern, said. "We already allow them to defecate all over the sidewalks."

The name change has stirred controversy because of a trophy at DUMSL that clearly states that the Sexy Gooberment Association is the only champion of the Sexy Goober Contest of 2005.

"If this name change occurs," Boob said, "then the geese can claim that they are the sexiest goobers too, which is just one big, fat lie!"

A duck disguised as a representative of the Stupid Geese Assembly said, "Quack! The decision to change our name was meant to reflect our culture and heritage. We are stupid geese, and we're proud of it. Quack!"

Mediation between the two groups went well until Boob accused one of

the geese of failing to honk before entering Garage NO. The goose responded by attempting to peck out Boob's eye.

The confrontation led Stupid Court to become involved, allowing both sides to speak or honk their minds. At the hearing, Minnie McMouse, vice president of the Sexy Gooberment Association, accused the geese of taking fun away from the student government body of DUMSL.

"Fun is limited, and there is not enough fun to go around when DUMSL is already having problems with acquiring enough fun for the current student organizations," McMouse said.

The president of the geese organization said the geese plan on receiving fun from an outside source, so as not to disrupt the current distribution of fun to the clubs and the student governing body.

The Court called a recess to allow Chief Justice Brendon Dumpster to

repair his gavel after it broke from banging it too much during the hearing.

After a recess, when a student was accused of pushing a goose off the swings, Dumpster called the court to order and declared his ruling.

"After hearing both sides of this argument, the justices and I have come to the conclusion that Krispy Kremes should be served at Stupid Court hearings," Dumpster said. "But seriously, we have decided to allow the geese to call their club the Stupid Geese Association."

The ruling caused an uproar in the courtroom, and when Dumpster was asked why he and other judges made the decision to side with the geese, he said, "The decision was rather easy after the geese bribed us."

The geese excitedly flew around the courtroom after their victory was announced, while Boob mumbled, "Just you wait until geese hunting season. Then we'll see who's laughing."

## BOXERS OR BRIEFS?

### DUMSL closes for snow

For the first time in the University's history, officials at DUMSL decided to finally close the campus for a snow day on March 32. This is not a joke. This is not a test of the Emergency Broadcasting System. This is for real.

Curious George, emperor of DUMSL, made the final decision. "When the snow reached the roof of the Stripping Singles Bar Tower, I knew I had to make the call."

Mass chaos broke out after the announcement was made. Teachers resorted to making snow angels and students were found skiing down Benton Hill.

### WMDs found in Bugg Lake

Two chemistry graduate students running an experiment to determine if any water actually exists in Bugg Lake came upon an unusual discovery Wednesday afternoon. After further testing, chemistry professors at DUMSL found that weapons of mass destruction had been stashed in the lake. Chemistry professors reported that more could be hidden

in the lake. Scientists believe cooties could even be present. An anonymous professor said, "Gross! I'm not touching that stuff. It's yucky!"

Campus police questioned a lab professor who said, "Don't bother me with such trivial matters when I'm playing Tetris."

### MSC plans improvements

The Miraculous Spa and Cabaret Bridge will be closed to through traffic March 32 through March 39 to make improvements to the bridge.

A new deejay booth will be installed to replace the automated elevator music on the bridge. The change became necessary after students complained about hearing Dido's song being repeated constantly. A new bright yellow sign will also inform students that the non-automatic door at the end of the bridge by Lewis and Clark Halls does, in fact, work, and students do not have to form a line outside to wait for the automatic door to become available.

Administrators at DUMSL warned users of the bridge that in

order to pay for the construction costs, the bridge would become a toll bridge, where students would have to pay to walk across it

### George plans big makeover

DUMSL Dictator Curious George unveiled plans today for new buildings on campus. Surrounded by blue portable toilets and orange construction tape, wearing a bicycle helmet and perched on his throne, George jabbered excitedly about his plans to rebuild the entire campus from scratch.

"All the old buildings will have to go because I have to establish a legacy," he said. "I will do anything necessary to achieve my goal even if it means I will have less time to watch 'Extreme Makeover.'"

DUMSL administrators are now haggling for the purchase price of the Golden Gate Bridge, which divides the campus into two sections. George said he is committed to DUMSL's growth and is not discouraged by the slow negotiations and urged patience.

"The project is expected to be completed by 3005," he said.



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# OPINION

## GROUP WHINE

# The Current should share shady profits

Seeing as we are a gentle, honest, truth-revering folk at *The Stagnant*, we think it's high time that DUMSL know the real story of their beloved newspaper, *The Current*.

For starters, that pretty little editor-in-chief of theirs is actually a man. Yes, that's right. "Kate Drolet" is really an anagram of "Ted Tealkor," your fearless journalism leader's real name. She thought being a woman would beguile readers into liking *The Current*. She obviously didn't put much time or effort into her disguise, as her unmistakable mustache, manly physique and disturbing appearance in a bikini give away her gender at first glance.

The chica right below Mr. Tealkor on the Op-Ed page also has a dark secret. You may know Ms. Rosner from her successful career on St. Louis' East Side. Anyone who has visited a gentlemen's club across the river has watched Becky a.k.a. Ivana Shakeit seduce from onstage. She specializes in tantric mud baths and adult film script writing. She recently wrote, produced in starred in the hit X-rated film, "Bend it Like Becky."

Ever gotten your picture taken by "Mike Sherwin?" Don't be surprised if strange men come a-knockin' on your door. Some call Mike "The Reverend," at least those who shop in his mail-order bride catalogue. Oh yes, Sherwin is quite the entrepreneur, using his position at *The Current* as a platform for his own mischievous endeavors. In his defense, "The Reverend" does only photograph his for-sale subjects with his personal camera, not company equipment.

All that is innocent as a box of Girl Scout cookies compared to this next piece of news. Prepare to wet your pants, gasp out loud and feel the earth tremble beneath you. Do not be fooled by *The Current's* alleged "funding shortage." The

entire organization is just a front for a successful black market ring. El Burrito, as they are known in the underworld of illegal dealing, breeds bovine growth hormone-injected pineapples, traffics moldy oregano posing as marijuana and, the coup de gras, sells pirated N\*Sync CDs to underage Canadian teenyboppers.

Every year, the group whines, begs and threatens lawsuits because they don't get enough money from the Stupid Activity Booty Commission. Their tantrums serve merely to protect their true colors. Last year's editor was actually sitting on a fortune earned from the sale of 400,000 "super pineapples" to the French government. While *The Stagnant* staff has not actually seen *The Current's* way

overcooked books, inside sources told us that this year's editor

started with nothing short of \$1.69

million, standing oregano contracts

with countless local pot-head teens and an unlimited supply of pizza from an undisclosed establishment.

This is your school newspaper. While DUMSL encourages learning self-sufficiency and capitalist ventures among students, it's not fair that *The Current* has so much and shares so little. Every student should enjoy a piece of the paper's pie. Just imagine how successful *The Current* and DUMSL would be if every student could help traffic illegal substances. If this small business turned into a University-scale affair, we wouldn't need the stingy state of Missouri to fund us. Imagine an education without sucking up to Bored Curators, a program devoid of standardized tests. Glorious, truly glorious.

Our proposal is simple. *The Current* needs to share the wealth. If every single one of the 16,000 DUMSL students sends a plea to the organization, maybe we can earn a shot at reaping the benefits of black market trade together.

## Our Gripe

The Current makes hella cash selling engineered fruit, fake drugs and bootleg CDs. They whine all the time about how much they need money, and they're really sitting on a fortune. The worst part is that they don't even share.

## People suck

They should share the love with all of DUMSL so that the whole University can benefit from their illegal, lucrative ventures.

## So what do you think?

We really don't care. This newspaper exists for us to boost our own egos, not to inform people. Geez.

# Hottie snagging 101

Women send mixed signals. We do not come with a handbook. Unfortunately men have no way of knowing the "right" way to snag a date. Because my heart is overflowing with goodness, I have compiled a simple, but extremely effective, list. Ladies, they deserve to know what we really want, right? Well, gentlemen, read on.

1. **Ogle shamelessly.** Women crave attention. When you gaze hungrily at us, we feel appreciated. Drool helps. We see it as a sign of respect. In fact, a physical response to her presence will guarantee a reaction from a woman. Go ahead, let that jaw drop. Don't just follow us with your eyes, get into it. Turn your head, turn your body. We'll eat it up.

2. **Get "all up in her grill."** The "bubble" is just a made up concept invented to make men work harder for our affection. So go ahead, grab her rear as she walks by. The MetroLink is a fantastic place to pick up classy ladies. You will elicit a response if you put your hand on her shoulder, her knee, her face, her hair, her "untouchables." Nothing makes us happier than someone who brushes the concept of "too close" aside. Walking up to a woman and kissing her always works in the movies. Why wouldn't it in real life?

3. **Make some noise.** Wolf-whistles showcase your talent when it comes to making your feelings audible. Phrases such as, "Damn girl, you thick," "I like that ass," and "How much is that gonna cost?" really make us feel special. Of course, we also enjoy the unintelligible, "Uhhh!" sound that indicates your interest. Feel free to utter one or all of these sounds.

4. **Make a spectacle.** Lots of other

men may be competing for our time, so you need to stand out. Dancing on a table, flexing your muscles, telling obnoxious stories and otherwise calling attention to yourself will definitely make a woman look at you. And really, getting looked at is half the battle.

5. **Show us that you're human.** Farting and burping are not only super sexy, they also show us your human side. Please, emit your manly smells. They are unique, caveman-like, humorous and always a turn-on. If you can burp the alphabet, you will be a sex god among the ladies. Jungles of back and ear hair make us crazy with lust as well. And boys, you were born with a butt, so take every opportunity to expose it to the world.

6. **Get drunk.** There is nothing sexier than a man who stumbles, cracks his head on the floor and laughs it off with beery breath. We don't want social drinkers, gentlemen. We want the boys who go the longest in a keg stand and those who brazenly chug from a plastic bottle of cheap vodka. You know how liquor makes us look better? Well it makes you look better too.

Every woman dreams of being a Budweiser girl. Our collective goal as a gender is to wear teeny bikinis and mud wrestle. You can help us succeed by making us feel as though that is the only profession at which we could possibly hope to excel. You might consider ripping this editorial out and sticking it to your refrigerator, because it's as close to a handbook as you'll ever receive for free. I promise, gentlemen, if you follow these directions, women will not only notice you, we will tell our friends about you, thus increasing your chances for attention. Go get her, Tiger.



KATE DROOLS  
Woman of Ill-Repute

# Entertain yourself in boring classes

Sitting through some classes can be a bit of a bore, so I thought of some ideas for things you can do while in a class. They may seem rude to some people, but who cares? What if you need to take that phone call from your boyfriend or look up your favorite websites while some guy is lecturing?

First off, if you find yourself sitting through a class that is even slightly boring, talk on your cell phone. Do not bother turning off the ring; professors are not distracted by loud cell phones. In fact, most of them encourage you to answer it during class. Do not be rude, though, after answering the call leave the class and complete your conversation in the hallway. Then, walk back in the class while the professor is lecturing, he or she does not care. If you think others will be interested in your conversation, stay in your seat and talk loudly.

Another thing you could do with your cell phone during class is text message your friends. After all, you cannot wait until after class to talk about what happened last night. It would be a whole hour before you could call that person back. Do not bother turning off the sounds either; no one is distracted by the sounds that every letter makes when you punch them into your phone. It is also okay for your phone to vibrate or make noises when you get a message, the professor probably will not notice.

One more thing you could do with your cell phone during class is to use the calculator or Internet. You left your fancy calculator at home, so you might as well use the calculator on your phone. The noises that it makes when you type in the numbers do not matter to anyone, so do not bother changing them. Also, going on the web during class and picking out a new ring tone is completely acceptable. Just do not

forget that the rings make noises when you click on them, and the students around you love to hear the cool ring tones you can get, so turn up the volume.

If you have a class with computers, there is a world of things to do. First, search the Internet. Look for everything that is inappropriate to look at while on campus. Be sure you look surprised when you go on a site that has sound and the professor stops lecturing to look at you. After all, he or she had no idea you were not listening, and they figure you are probably looking up information for their class.

You could also type a paper while in class. I do not think the professor can hear the noises a keyboard makes when you are typing a paper for another class. The students around you do not hear it either; they are not trying to listen to the lecture. The professor always assumes you are typing something for their class, so they let it slide. How rude would it be to type something for another class while listening to a professor lecture?

If you are really bored with the class, you could just get up and leave. The professor will not find it offensive at all. He or she figures you must have somewhere much more important to be at 10 a.m. I mean, it is better to come to class for a half hour and realize it is boring than not come at all. This way you would not be disrespecting the professor and the students in the class.

So really, there are lots of things to do while sitting through a lecture. The key is to be rude and not pay attention to the students around you or the professor. The professor will be lecturing, so how would they have time to pay attention to what their students are doing? Your agenda is much more important than theirs.



BUSTY ROCKER  
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# Under Stagnant

by Captain Morgan  
Exotic Booze

## What's your favorite word?



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Kate Drools  
Junior Brain Surgery

Finger-food.



Mike Elikesit  
Senior Raised by Wolves

Grrrrrr.



Barbie Doll  
Freshman Customer Service

What the f\*\*\* do you f\*\*\*king think, f\*\*\*ker?!

SCIENCE COLUMN

# Hellbender-snapping turtle hybrid threatens St. Charles

Naturalists recently uncovered a startling new species in the backyard of a new St. Charles County home in the Cliffs at the Cedars of the Villas of St. Andrews at Sheffield on the Terraces on the Green subdivision.

The new animal appeared to be a hybrid between the vanishing hellbender, an enormous, slime-covered but harmless salamander once common in Ozark streams and the increasingly common alligator snapping turtle, an equally ugly creature that is actually dangerous and is now colonizing golf course ponds throughout the area. The new creature is covered in slime like the hellbender and has the same folds of black wavy skin but it is much larger, has a hard bumpy shell under the slimy folds and a beaky mouth with a bite that can easily snap a small tree in half. The new creature, dubbed a "hellsnapper," also has the snapping turtle's aggression and bad temper.

The strange new animal was found in a backyard garden pool that the new homeowners had installed to bring a slightly more natural look to the newly laid sod the builders had just installed. "We got a little more 'nature' than we wanted," said Joe Sixpack, who had called Department of Natural Resources naturalists to remove the

creature.

Naturalists were puzzled and amazed by the new creature. While clearly sharing characteristics of both hellbenders and snappers, the fact that one species, the hellbender, is an amphibian and the other, the snapping turtle, is a reptile meant that no interbreeding between the two species was possible. The answer to the mysterious origin of the species was found when naturalists were able to trace it back to Weldon Springs, where they found a huge colony of hellsnappers.

"Weldon Springs was the site of work on the first nuclear bombs. Radioactive contamination has been an issue in the area since the 40s," said Dr. Heythere Hooah, a scientist familiar with both Weldon Springs and the discovery of the hellsnapper. Naturalists are speculating that hellbenders and snapping turtles stewing in the radioactive slurry had their genes swapped around to produce the new monster species. "A kind of natural genetic engineering, like when they put fish genes in tomatoes," Dr. Hooah said.

Scientists refused to speculate on how long the colony of hellsnappers had existed at the old Weldon Springs facility but noted that there appeared to be hundreds of them. "They are so aggressive and sneaky that it is hard to get close enough to count them," nat-



BY CHERYL MUDDIE HOPPER

Beatnik 'Scientist'

uralist Tim Timberland said.

Unlike the hellbender, the hellsnapper is actually dangerous and not shy about invading new territories. It is able to live in a variety of habitats, unlike the sensitive hellbender, which requires very clean water like that found in springs. However, the hellsnapper is like the secretive hellbender in that it tends to

be sneaky and stays hidden until it can attack.

Besides backyard garden ponds, a good habitat for hellsnappers appears to be golf course ponds, backyard swimming pools, puddles, streams and other watery landscaping. In the case of larger hellsnappers, municipal or even country club swimming pools are appealing. It is easy to see why St. Charles residents are worried.

Size is another concern about the invasive new species. "The animal we found in the backyard was a young one and weighed a mere 100 pounds. We don't know the upper limit for size, but we fully expect to find individuals the size of Hummers by next year," Timberland said. The new species also breeds fast, laying thousands of new eggs a year. "And they apparently will eat anything," Timberland said. "We have seen them eat a Jack Russell terrier and a Persian cat in one bite and take a big bit out of a Golden Retriever, so I don't think swallowing a toddler would be out of the question."

The thought of a Hummer-sized, slime covered, snapping amphibian-reptile monster invading the backyards or even the country clubs of suburban St. Charles County has the residents of the area's subdivisions up in arms and demanding government action.

"We left St. Louis County to avoid just this kind of danger," Stacy Soccermom said. "We demand that the government take care of this right now. And don't ask us for any tax money to do it either," she added, adjusting her silk, designer golf jacket.

St. Charles officials are applying for federal disaster money to avoid using local funds to deal with the problem. They are also demanding state money to fund an eradication program in St. Charles County. "St. Charles just cannot afford to deal with this problem. Besides it is a state or national problem anyway," Mayor August "Otty" Ottweiner said. "We just don't want them here," local state representative Todd Trustfund said. "They just don't fit in with our plans for more strip malls and subdivisions. They spoil the carefully sanitized landscaping and they are just plain inconvenient."

It is unclear at this point what action will be taken but one group of citizens is taking matters into their own hands and rounding up hellsnappers and shipping them to more sparsely populated counties in the Ozarks of southern Missouri. "It worked for deer in Town and Country, didn't it?" asked St. Charles resident Joe Sixpack, in whose backyard the first hellsnapper was found.

## Gender studies declares itself "liberated from Women's Lib."

BY GIRLIE GIRL

Waiting for Prince Charming

In a dramatic reversal, the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies has announced that it is fed up with so-called 'Women's Lib,' and now will embrace the doctrine of 'Liberation from Women's Lib.'

Dr. Joyce of the Jungle, director of the institute, said she and other members were "tired of fighting the status quo...Besides," she said, "It's getting pretty expensive to replace all those flambayed bras."

Jungle said the institute will now focus on the "natural hierarchy, relegating women to a subservient status relative to that of men." She said the institute will now offer a new noon-time lecture series highlighting topics such as "Make-up and the Modern Woman," "Balancing Homemaking and Housekeeping," and "The Proper Care and Feeding of Your Man."

Jungle said she hopes the University community will not mistake the institute's change of focus as a weakening of campus women, but rather a recognition of a natural state of weakness.

"Look at the history books. After all, who discovered America, electricity or the Galapagos? Yep, sure wasn't a woman.

"We [women] should really have learned our place [in society] by now," said Jungle. "But now we have a chance to right those past wrongs. The institute is trying to do just that, with these new lectures on homemaking, man-pleasing and making pleasant but non-threatening small talk with men."

Male faculty members say it is about time. "Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I always thought it odd that the University would permit a bunch of women to teach above the high school level. When I was in college the only gals on campus were the coeds and the librarians," said one professor.

Others disagree. "No, I remember there was a goodly number of secretaries back then, too," said another male professor. "Ms. Carver sure could make a great cup of java for the boys."

Jungle says that starting Monday, the office will be painted pink and all furniture in the institute will be reupholstered in matching pastel colors. In addition, she and her assistant will offer students complete 'lady remakes' each Wednesday. With a team, comprised of a hairstylist, beautician, pedicurist, masseuse, charm school instructor and a male observer, Jungle will lead a total transformation of uppity, strong willed, or poorly groomed female students. They will be reborn, she says, as beautiful, dolled-up creatures who belong on some rich and successful man's pedestal.

"Only then will the young women of today find true happiness," Jungle said.

## Irony strikes campus extremist group

BY JOLLY ROGER

Over the Top

An extremist wing of the DUMSL Bible Study organization was vindicated and then exterminated last week when its yearlong prayer vigil came to tragic fruition when a meteor shower lashed campus, leaving hundreds of craters and killing four students.

The splinter group, calling itself "Prayer to a Wrathful Lord," formed last May on the premise that DUMSL's lack of organized, compulsory prayer was an affront to "God and his little angry baby Jesus," explained spokesman J.R. Falwell, Jr. in a press release from last year. Falwell said his group would pray as long as necessary "for the destruction

of the heathen campus that betrayed the will our Lord."

The group then camped out on the green space in front of the north campus library. In an interview with the Stagnant, "Wrathful Lord" member Patricia Buchanan said the group was "keeping the faith," and that "we will not be giving up until God tells us to." Members would hold 24-hour prayer vigils with three eight-hour shifts. Each member would also display placards, reading statements such as "Show us your fury," or "God will eat heathens like you for breakfast."

In an unfortunate turn of events, the group's prayers were answered in the form of a massive meteor shower, unleashing hundreds of small to large-sized meteorites peppering the campus last week.

Ironically, the largest meteorite struck precisely where the "Prayer to a Wrathful Lord" group had been camped out. All four members of the group were killed by the impact. No other casualties or severe damages were reported.

Professor of Theolog, Fred Nietzsche eulogized the victims at a celebratory barbeque Saturday night, "Well, I have to say that even though I never liked [J.R.] Falwell [Jr.]; in fact, I rather despised him...but anyway, I must give credit to a man who, in his death, revived my belief in God. To call this 'coincidence' would be foolish even for us academics. And now, we all can see that God is a very powerful - and powerfully funny - entity, with an extraordinary sense of irony."

### PARKING, from page 1

One advantage with taking the Soul Jet is the three minute flight duration.

DUMSL has created an extended runway for the jet to land in front of the Millennium Student Building.

Chargeumore said that these parking plans will require a hike in DUMSL's current tuition expenses.

"A student parking accommodation fee of \$1,500 will be added to the cost of each students tuition,"

Chargeumore said. "We know that parking has always been a major dispute among students, but the new lot will resolve these dilemmas and tuition will be the next concern."

### BASEBALL COACH GETS NEW OFFICE, from page 1

of Jennifer Lopez on his right forearm, found a cache of Bugs Bunny and Roadrunner cartoons in Droolan's office. The janitor said he also found several photos of Shady on the back side of a dartboard hanging from Droolan's door, with several holes indicating Droolan has considerable skill at nailing the coach's forehead.

In addition to the daily threat of bodily harm, Shady is also concerned

that the new office might hurt recruitment efforts.

"What kind of a message is it to baseball recruits that the coach has to work in a place like this? The pool room at least was in the building, now I'm like the damn groundskeeper in Caddyshack," he said.

Shady's lawyer, Saint Jerome, said that the move is the latest in a long line of vindictive, retaliatory actions

against his client.

"Sure, the coach is a thorn in the athletic program's side. Hell, he's a pain in my ass, too. But that doesn't excuse this kind of behavior. Unless the athletic department wants to pay me a hell of a lot of money to be their lawyer, I'm going to keep suing their pants off on the coach's behalf. By the way, if the University wants to call me, my number is 555-5316."

### ONLINE COURSES INCLUDE PUBLIC SPEAKING, from page 1

"I think it will be beneficial to our students if they play these games on the computer and learn the skills of the games," Tweety Bird, professor of flying instruction, said. "After all, all they have to do is teach these skills to other kids, so what is the big deal if they learn it online or in person? They should know the safety of the games from common sense."

The price for these courses will

be slightly higher than for other classes. It is estimated that these courses will cost around \$1,000 a credit hour. They will not be easy to get into either. Only around five students will be admitted to each course each semester. The courses will only be offered online, so anyone who needs the courses and is not able to get into them will have to wait another semester and hope they can

get into it then.

"We are hoping these courses will be extremely popular," Bird said. "We know they are expensive and may be hard to get into, but we think they are worth it. Students will also have to pay for parking even if they never have to come on campus, but the way we see it, it is only fair. We are expecting all classes to move online in the future."

### SEA CREATURE GETS HUNGRY, EATS STUDENT, from page 1

such high aspirations, and now all he'll ever be is monster poop."

Hugger said she accompanied McSpadden to the lake area around dusk. The water, McSpadden had told her, felt unusually hot, like a large animal had made a "warm spot."

"Gonzo swam out to the middle and started observing Peanut Butter and Jelly, the two geese," Hugger said. "He had just revved up the Honkmaster when the water started to look funny."

According to Hugger, a "grotesque, misshapen, slimy head" rose out of the water a few feet from McSpadden.

"Gonzo was so focused on his work that he didn't see the monster until its mouth opened," she said.

McSpadden reportedly tried to scare the creature away by sounding the goose call in its direction. Hugger said the attempt only appeared to further aggravate the monster, and it lunged for McSpadden.

"Gonzo grabbed Jelly and tried to hit the monster in the eye, but it didn't work because Peanut Butter got mad and started pecking at Gonzo's eyes while Jelly pooped on him," she said.

Unable to see or swim, McSpadden's escape attempts proved futile. Hugger described her

boyfriend's final moments.

"The creature rose out of the water, picked up Gonzo by the elbow and swallowed him whole. I called the DUMSL police, but all three of the officers were handling a food fight in the Snosh, so they couldn't respond right away," she said. "One of the parking Nazis was booting a car nearby, so he came over and threw his ticket machine at the monster. The creature got really mad and ate his ticket mobile."

Once police reached the scene, they called in DUMSL's scuba diving team. The team members were subsequently devoured as well.

University officials congregated in the parking lot and scratched their heads until the monster finished chewing. The grounds and landscape department drained the lake this morning in hopes of finding and trapping the creature.

"The water has been turning a funny red color, and we've found a few animal bits floating in it over the last few weeks. We drain it every time, but never seem to find anything. I guess we know the cause for the problems now," Joe Dirt, DUMSL hole digger, said.

This morning's draining yielded no monster, but groundskeepers did

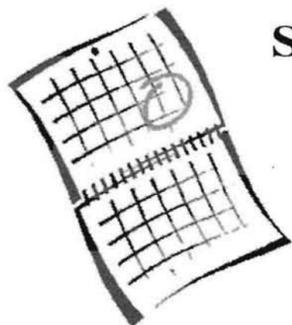
decide to investigate a drainpipe large enough to fit a small dragon. They purchased a Honkmaster 6000 and sounded it in hopes of luring the monster out. After receiving no response, a groundskeeper ventured further into the tube. Moments later, onlookers heard a shout followed by a burp. The man did not return.

"Since the monster is not complying with DUMSL staff, we've decided to put up little warning signs and leave it alone," Betty Gambler, vice chancellor of hazardous affairs, said. "We've hired a cowboy to lasso squirrels and feed them to the monster. Hopefully we can avoid any more fatalities with that measure. We're also looking at implementing a discipline program where we feed delinquent students to the creature."

Officials have yet to discover how the monster found its way to the lake, though one student has her own theory.

"I bet [the monster] was one of those biology experiments gone horribly wrong. They have aliens in their lab too. Benton Hall is like a mini Roswell," Connie Spiracy, sophomore, government intelligence, said. "And you thought it was plants in that greenhouse."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!



### Student Life Leadership Awards Banquet

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Starting April 1

Haunted Dorm Tour Rotten Life Halls

Have you ever seen a ghost? Looking for somewhere romantic and classy to take your date? Go on the Haunted Dorm tour. The tour, run by the Office of Rotten Life, operates eight days a week, from 3:06 a.m. until 11:43 p.m. Email rottenlife@smellydorm.com for information or reservations.



Photo Interpretation by Spooky McGee/ The Stagnant

The recently renovated Brokaz Park will serve as a low-cost housing facility for financially-challenged students. The Office of Rotten Life at DUMSL will run Brokaz Park.

DUMSL welcomes Brokaz students

BY RED KOOL-AID Refreshing Beverage

Soon, DUMSL students who receive financial assistance but still cannot afford suitable campus housing will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of residential life without the hefty price tag.

The new development, Brokaz Park, is set to prop open its doors next semester.

"We've always gotten complaints about housing being too expensive," Calvin Klein, Rotten Life Overlord, said. "When people started sleeping on the lawn, we decided it was time to accommodate them."

The facility will feature amenities that many student housing complexes lack. All of Brokaz Park is paved with linoleum flooring so that residents can enjoy the slickness in every square inch of their new temporary home.

"Hopefully the Raunchy Assistants, student leaders within the Brokaz community, can use the linoleum to sponsor programs, such as a sewer-water slip and slide event," Shanaynay McReefer, Rotten Life raunchiness coordinator, said.

Rotten Life plans to hire Raunchy Assistants through the local minimum security prison.

"We feel that it's important to support convict work release programs," McReefer said.

Brokaz residents will have the

option of choosing between one and two bedroom units, and each unit has a fire pit for cooking and a paper bag for bathroom purposes. Students who wish to live in pre-furnished units can choose between a one bedroom unit with a stained twin mattress on the floor, or a two bedroom with a stack of newspapers in the corner.

Brokaz Park has a premium heating system. The development has compensated for the absence of air conditioning by increasing heating options.

"The new heating systems are great," Klein said. "Students will never be cold again. They can choose from (W) Warm, (H) Hot, (HAH) Hot as Hell and (BYATD) Bake Your Ass to Death."

Students are urged to bring their

own cable cords of approximately 100 feet in length.

"We have set the complex set up so that students can bootleg their cable," Klein said.

Duracell Merriwhether, senior, battery science, is in favor of the cable plan.

"I just got off of parole for bootleggin' cable at the crib, so I am glad that DUMSL is giving me the opportunity to hook up my crib without 5-0 comin' through my spot disconnectin' the connections," he said.

While those living in Brokaz Park will still be required to purchase a meal plan, they will be privy to special discounted food.

"All Brokaz students will be have access to the Snosh dumpsters. For \$5, they can eat twice a day, and for

\$6.50 they can eat twice a day and on weekends. For those with more limited budgets, we have developed the 'sharing program,' where students will be allowed into the Snosh to beg at certain times of the day," Klein said.

To promote the upcoming development, the DUMSL bookstore has shown its support for the complex by selling bibbed skull caps that have Brokaz Park embroidered on them along with Brokaz wristbands, sweatbands, t-shirts and even sneakers. All proceeds from bookstore sales will go towards financing more mattresses for Brokaz students.

Students interested in living at Brokaz should pick up an application from Queen Maxine in the DUMSLOffice of Rotten Housing.

Faculty reap multiple benefits from new club

BY MISSY DITZY Barbie Girl

DUMSL professors and staff members now have the opportunity to improve their swimming skills and stay physically fit by joining the new Faculty Polar Bear Club.

Bruce Crazy, professor of aquatics and founder of the club, said that the main purpose of the Faculty Polar Bear Club is to give faculty members a chance to relax from their hectic teaching schedules and to meet other professors while having fun with water sports.

"I am a strong believer that a person's physical health and fitness are very important. I believe that swimming year long is an energy booster and can prevent future illnesses," Crazy said.

Crazy said that this club was established as a spin-off from the National World Polar Bear Organization, which was created over 100 years ago.

"I have always been a huge fan of those brave men who show that they value their health by wearing tightly fitted shorts and jump into lakes, rivers and oceans across the world during the winter," Crazy said.

The club's first main event and meeting took place on New Year's Eve, when numerous professors and faculty members showed their courage by jumping into the icy cold waters of the new Millennium Stupid Center ponds.

Linda Loonatic, professor of abnormal psychology, said that she was extremely happy about participating in the Faculty Polar Bear Club's first event.

"When I first jumped in, I was shocked as to how cold the water was, but after awhile when my toes and fingers began to go numb, I forgot all about my stressful position at DUMSL," Loonatic said.

Loonatic was rushed to a local hospital, where she recovered from minor frost-bite injuries and was admitted to a correctional institution to seek help for a week for jumping into the campus lake completely nude.

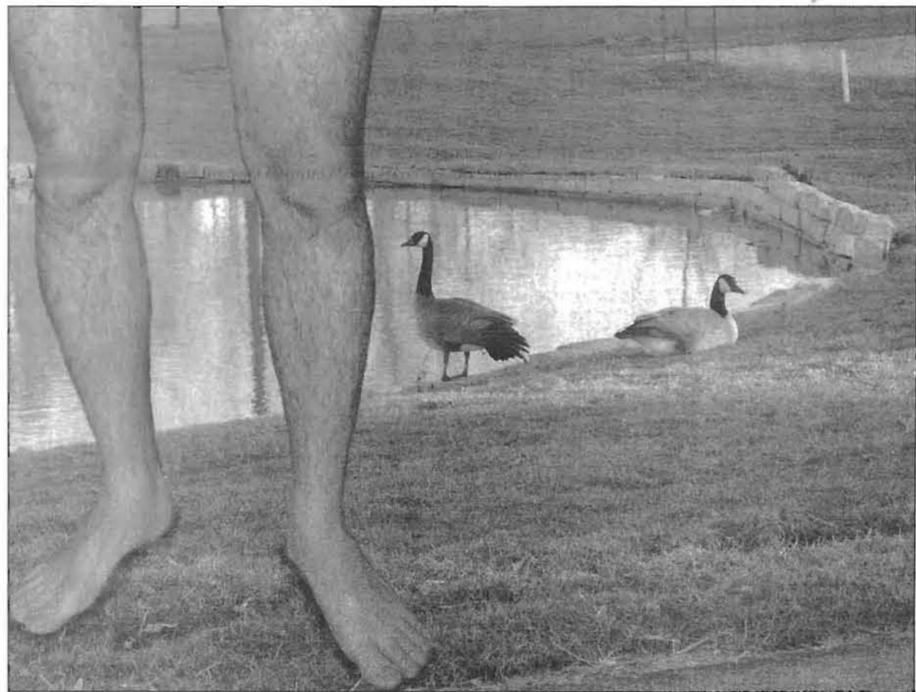
"The water stung and froze the skin off of my feet, but I know that my participation will benefit my health in the long run," Loonatic said.

Loonatic is only one of the club's 20 new members who take part in a variety of evening swimming events.

The Faculty Polar Bear Club meets every Friday evening at dusk at the campus lakes.

Members begin the meetings by completing different warm-up routines before plummeting into the water. Once members hit the water, they are required to complete special aquatic exercises such as duck and bobs and butterfly kicks.

The DUM Bored Curators recently voted a new provision into the DUM-System policy. The amendment states that faculty members must participate in at least three extracurricular clubs to be eligible



Berry Delicious/ The Stagnant

Sunset at the ponds on north campus has a new view. Faculty who now belong to the Polar Bear Club, now gather at sunset for a dip. The club, founded by Bruce Crazy, will hold different events throughout the year, including diving contests, overnight swimming retreats and an annual naked swimathon for charity.

for tenure.

"My fingers are bruised and battered from publishing so many articles, and I want tenure really bad," Dana Myte, professor of explosive engineering, said. "I don't even

know how to swim, but I joined Polar Bear so I can get a fancy title someday."

Crazy said that the club is always recruiting new faculty members to take part in their diving contests,

overnight swimming retreats and annual naked swimathon.

For more information about the organization and to find out how to become a member contact Crazy at 516-DUMB.

Committee unveils new mascot after months of discussion, doughnuts and heated debate

BY KATE DROOLS Old Maid

The River Pup has gone back into the doghouse for good, as the DUMSL mascot task force announced the University's new symbol last week. DUMSL is now home to the River-dragon-pilot-eagle-wave from hell.

King Curious George created a task force in 2003 when members of the women's dogsled team complained that the old mascot insulted their sport.

"Our dogs work hard, and watching that mangy River-poodle dance around in a little pilot-suit is a disgrace to the world of dog sledding," Greta S. Kimo, junior, backwoods ecology, and captain of the team, said. "We took first in the Collegiate Iditarod in November, and it was embarrassing when they called our name."

The team canines were donated to DUMSL by the Bel-Abnormal Police K-9 unit, so the team ordered the dogs to take down the River Pup at a recent rec water polo event.

"We wanted to get our point across," Kimo said.

Free Samples, director of fancy

words at DUMSL, led the task force.

"The group met for thirty consecutive weeks, as per DUMSL policy on making any kind of change," he said. "The first thirteen weeks were spent trying to organize who would bring doughnuts to the meeting. Nobody had enough money in their budgets to foot the bill."

He said that once they decided to bring their own snacks, the group had a hard time selecting just one of the choices. In the end, they

decided to combine all of the options into a "mascot that will represent the DUMSL community for years to come."

The dummi, old DUMSL students, played a role in the new mascot selection as well. Candy Watermelon, dictator for Dummi Relations, said that some of the dummi constituents voiced concern about the final decision.

"They're just concerned that the River-dragon-pilot-eagle-wave from hell is too abstract,"

Watermelon said. "A school's reputation loses something when the mascot is made-up creature. I look at the Billikens at

Stinky Loser University up the road. It's no wonder tuition is so cheap there: they can hardly get people to apply because everyone is confused by the school mascot."

Dummi Phil Anthropist, a DUMSL benefactor with several groves of trees, a library, a bird feeder, a parking garage and a residence hall named after him, expressed a vehement hatred for the new mascot.

"What in hell is the thing? Back in my day we had to walk fifteen miles across a poorly manicured golf course to school," he said. "Stinking kids these days want something cool and hip for a mascot. We don't need devil-worshipping mythical creatures to represent DUMSL. This University is and always will be home of the River Pup, damn it, because I said so."

Students have expressed their delight in the new DUMSL symbol. Phil Anderer, freshman, women juggling, thinks that the mascot will confuse athletic opponents and give DUMSL teams an edge.

"They'll be so busy trying to figure out what's dancing on the sidelines that DUMSL can sneak past and win. The

River-dragon-pilot-eagle-wave from hell won't just intimidate, it will also confuse people. As long as our players don't think about it too hard, we'll be champions in no time," Anderer said.

Wearing the mascot costume is a coveted profession sought by many and experienced by few. Anna Banana\* (name has been changed for privacy) served as the mascot from 1988-2001.

"Being [the River Pup] is far from easy. Not only did I have to dance with DUMSL's uncoordinated cheerleaders for 13 years, I had to be nice to children and cheer for DUMSL sports teams," she said. "I think this new mascot will make the job a little bit easier. The River-dragon-pilot-eagle-wave from hell will scare kids and discourage parents from bringing them to athletic events."

The new mascot will officially take the River Pup's place during Smurfday in May, when the University Potty Bowl will host an inaugural event. Students will be able to feed puppies in pilot costumes to the monster that lives the lakes adjacent to the Millennium Stupid Center. The cost will be \$5 per puppy. Visit the Stupid Life Office for more information.

# From bubble baths to leopard print... George spends much of work day in Jacuzzi

BY **BUSTY ROCKER**  
*Barely Managing*

If anyone thought King Curious George's job was easy, they were right. In addition to letting students and administrators do whatever they want, the king keeps himself busy with many activities during the day.

After his queen, Barbie Hairyback, wakes him up with a trumpet serenade at noon, George heads over to DUMSL in his pink Volkswagen Beetle. He stops in front of his office, where an attendant personally parks his vehicle for him. The king then heads up to his office where he takes a bubble bath in his personal office Jacuzzi.

"I asked that they install a Jacuzzi in my office last year," George said. "They always have to do what I say, so of course it got done right away. I decided not to tell anyone how much it cost, so no one has to worry about that. You can't put a pricetag on a relaxing bubble bath. I work better if I start the day with one."

After his spa soak, the king heads over to the newly constructed lakes in front of the Millennium Stupid Center where he swims exactly 33.5 laps. The Loch Ness monster that resides in the lakes does not bother George because it knows better. The king said that he let the monster know ahead of time that it was not to bother him during his swim if it wanted him to keep providing tasty students at mealtime.

The lifeguards surrounding the lakes always carefully monitor George while he swims. Lifeguards supervise the lakes 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They often see the monster, but do not bother it. They claim that it is like a bumble bee. "If you don't bother it, it won't bother you," Aqua Fina, sophomore, scuba diving, and part-time lifeguard, said.

Once he finishes his morning swim, George's personal assistant,

Jorge, helps him climb out. The king heads back to his office and takes another bubble bath before lunch. George eats in the cafeteria everyday.

"I spend around \$30 a day on lunch in the cafeteria," he said. "I usually order a goose burger with fries. It only comes with about four fries, so I order a brownie as well. Not bad for \$30, eh?"

The next item on his daily agenda is to attend boring, pointless meetings. Each week a new matter is discussed. Last week they discussed increasing parking permit prices. George decided that paying around \$200 to \$300 to park on DUMSL's campus is just not

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- Curious George  
DUMSL King

enough. He suggested that students should begin paying around \$100 a credit hour for parking permits.

"They get to park so close to campus that it's only fair we increase these prices," he said. "When I first started college, parking garages didn't exist. My mom had to drop me off at school every day. Kids these days just don't understand how lucky they are."

This week Curious held a meeting about landscaping. He said that he feels that we need more lakes and less parking and buildings on campus. The committee that he meets with every day has suggested that they replace some of the parking

garages on campus with more lakes.

"I think we could improve campus aesthetics by bulldozing some buildings and replacing them with some fancy water features," Dennis the Menace, committee member, said.

George clapped his hands excitedly and asked if he could operate the heavy machinery. Not surprisingly, the committee, which is conveniently staffed with yes-men, agreed unanimously to let him.

When the daily meeting adjourns (usually between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.), the king returns to his castle. George said that he should not have to waste an entire day at DUMSL. He likes to get home early enough to fix dinner, clean the house and do the laundry. The king claims that his queen would do all the work, but that she is often busy composing operas for the St. Louis Symphony or jamming with friends such as Chingy, Snoop Dogg and Willy Nelson.

"Barbie is kind enough to serenade me each day with music she writes just for the occasion," he said. "She deserves a little time off for that alone."

George said that his beloved Hairyback also enjoys pursuing her longtime passion of goose hunting. The enormous Canadian goose population at DUMSL is one of the main reasons that George and his wife accepted the job as King of the University.

"Those geese really drive me insane, squawking all around our house," the queen said. "Poop always on the lawn, on Curious' beetle and my lamborghini. It's a mess."

After their nightly six-course dinner at the dining hall banquet table, the king and queen sit in their thrones for a little while before heading to bed. Their bedroom, tastefully decorated in a leopard-print and leather motif, beckons after such stressful days.

"Being King of DUMSL is the hardest job I've ever held. Nanotechnology has nothing on dictating," George said.

# Ghosts on display at haunted dorm



photo courtesy of someone's digital camera

Sir Charles Allowishus Ziggelpot is one of the many ghosts at the Haunted Student Housing Tour.

BY **CHARLEEZ ANGEL**  
*Rogue Ninja*

The Office of Rotten Housing at DUMSL announced Friday that it will offer tours of its haunted student housing because frankly, they have nothing better to do with their time.

Visitors can see some of the haunted rooms' oddities, which include radioactive goose droppings from science labs, food which mysteriously changed in color and odor and green water from Bugg Lake.

Ghosts dwell in strange places, and the DUMSL campus is no exception. Students in the University Fields Apartments reported being haunted by Casper the no-longer friendly, but psycho ghost who goes on unexplained rampages.

Students who live in the dorms have shared ghost stories about how the residential halls are haunted. One student reported missing stuff, and after calling in Scooby Doo and the gang, along with Ghostbusters, a culprit was found. But it was not a work of a ghost. It turned out to be Chancellor Curious George auctioning off student items behind their backs.

"I suffered a lot of emotional damage when my television disappeared," Double Ohseven, senior, spying, said. "I don't even know if Donald Trump is still married."

George denied all allegations of black market student valuable auctioning, and he insisted that ghosts are responsible for all disappearances.

"How can they accuse me, I'm just a curious little monkey?" he said indignantly. "They are just jealous because I have Paris Hilton's phone number. Besides, I

needed the money for a new jogging suit."

Despite the animosity between students and administrators, George promised to investigate the matter.

"I plan to appoint a committee to look into why we form a committee for every little friggin' thing around here," he said.

Many students are upset that their dorms will be exhibited to the general public. Massive protests are planned throughout campus, including one held today at the bathroom in Primitive Hall, which serves as the headquarters of the Pissed-Off Losers and Haters Club (PLHC).

"I'm not really sure why they decided to do this without consulting me first," Justine Princess, president of the Pissed-Off Losers and Haters Club, said. "I'm really upset because I believe I should have a voice, even if it is whiny."

Princess and other DUMSL students vowed to do anything to keep visitors away from their dorm rooms. "It's not a matter of what is right or wrong," she said. "It's a matter of what is wrong."

Jackie Kennedie, fashion director for Rotten Housing, defended DUMSL's decision to open its doors to thrill-seekers who want to view glimpses of ghosts.

"To be honest with you, we had to find a way to pay our bills," Kennedie said. "We couldn't afford even the bare necessities, like a new plasma screen TV, PlayStation 2 and the first season of Pimp my Ride on DVD."

So far, turnout for the tours has been low, but Kennedie plans to make the tours more appealing. At the end of each tour, recipients will receive gift certificates to Chartsmells, a monopoly that has workarounds and inconvenience stores on campus.

# DUMSL and MetroStink partner up to hold commuter-friendly classes

BY **HACKLEBERRY FINN**  
*Dolphin Safe*

MetroStink employees announced Tuesday that the light rail system will now offer new convenient classes for commuter students who take the train to DUMSL.

Starting April 1, MetroStink will transform its train cars into classrooms for students traveling to and from DUMSL. The service hopes to make it easier for commuter students, who make up a large percentage of the University's student population.

Mr. Conductor, the official spokesman of MetroStink, offered his reaction to the news by saying, "Chugga, chugga! Choo, choo!"

MetroStink will still allow passengers to ride the train, but certain sections of the rail cars will be roped off to hold classes.

Illinois residents who attend DUMSL greatly appreciate MetroStink's offer. Abe Lincoln, senior, emancipation management, said, "I love the new classes on MetroStink. I'll admit that it's kind of bumpy, but I find that I have more time for other things that I didn't have time for before because it took so long to ride from Illinois to DUMSL."

Providing train cars as classrooms to students has been a long overdue idea, Fred Kruger, vice chancellor of the month, said.

MetroStink conductors, ticket attendants and random homeless passengers will serve as instructors to the commuter students on the trains. One thief, who teaches students how to pickpocket, said, "As

long as it benefits the students and as long as they don't catch me stealing from them, I am in favor of it."

Students learn essential survival skills from the homeless, including what is and is not acceptable to trade for cigarettes and how to ride the train for free.

However, other homeless passengers objected to the classes on

geese behind the gymnasium while campus police looked the other way.

Another student, Lester Moore, freshman, C sharp major, complained about being late for his class because he missed the train. "I arrived late at the platform and just missed my train," he said. "I had to wait for the next train, but they were teaching bobsledding on it, and I'm not taking that class."

Problems with catching the correct train could become more difficult with the current MetroStink construction. Delays are expected over the next few months, causing some trains to cancel classes.

Students in the commuter friendly classes also complained about putting up with the smells on the train cars. "Never did a student at DUMSL confuse a classroom for a bathroom," Eileen Wright, sophomore, drag racing, said.

MetroStink employees did point out that the classes on the trains give students a chance to buy fake expensive watches and illegal substances that they cannot obtain by sitting in a lecture hall at DUMSL.

Pete Cottontail, reproductive studies lecturer, said, "I thought about allowing crack dealers in my class, but their prices are just too steep. Wait. I mean, they're a bad influence on young minds."

The classes on MetroStink are on a trial basis for the rest of the semester. After a feedback session from commuter students, King Curious George will ignore students concerns and do whatever he wants because he is the king and DUMSL is a monarchy.

The change to allow the trains to serve as classrooms is expected to be permanent. "After all, this is what MetroStink was originally intended for," Mr. Conductor said.

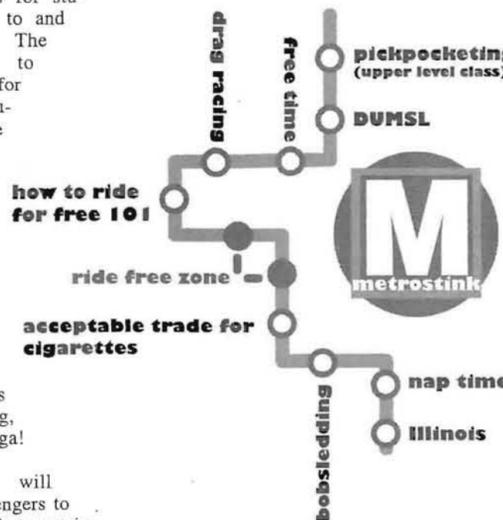


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MetroStink, claiming teachers continue to disrupt them while they try to sleep.

While students do not have to worry about finding a parking spot on campus, walking far to their next class or getting held up by traffic, not every student supports the idea of MetroStink offering classes.

"What's next? Is DUMSL going to offer students classes on planes that fly over our campus?" Justin Thyme, senior, acrobatics, complained. "And what about having train conductors teach classes? Why don't we just have geese teach us too while we're at it?"

Incidentally, Thyme was last seen being cornered by a flock of

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# SHOCKING!

## Table tennis steroids ring uncovered

BY BRYAN BOAPECKER  
Discredited Former Staff Writer

Table Tennis Player James Ackirmen, senior, nutrition science, admitted to steroid use on Monday, over a month after the table tennis intramural championships were held. Ackirmen also accused two of his fellow players, David Wavemeyer and Charles Rottler, of using performance enhancing drugs before the event as well.

The confession comes on the heels of weeks of speculation that Ackirmen had achieved his new physique unnaturally.

"Last year at the event he weighed about 180 pounds," Intramural Sports Coordinator Samantha Pinemetz said. "This year he told me was 335, and all muscle too."

Last month's table tennis event was won by Taka Kurosawa, but most people left the Samuel Clemens Athletic Center talking about Ackirmen. Ackirmen did not actually fare that well in the tournament, being beaten by eventual runner-up See Miy Bum in the first round rather handily. What had people talking, however, was the fact he broke three balls and hit eleven others into the rafters at different points during his match. According to witnesses he also became "extremely volatile" during his match's intermission when he realized that the vending machine outside the gymnasium did not contain Artic Shatter Powerade.

"His muscles were so big he could barely extend his arms," Kurosawa said. "That really doesn't help you in table tennis." The other participants that Ackirmen named as steroid users were also quickly bounced in the first round of the tournament.

Ackirmen said that the three hatched this plan after being embar-

assed in the first round of last year's table tennis tournament.

"The three of us [Rottler, Wavemeyer and him] decided that we weren't going to take it anymore, and we were going to do whatever it took to become champions next year. I guess it's back to the drawing board," he said.

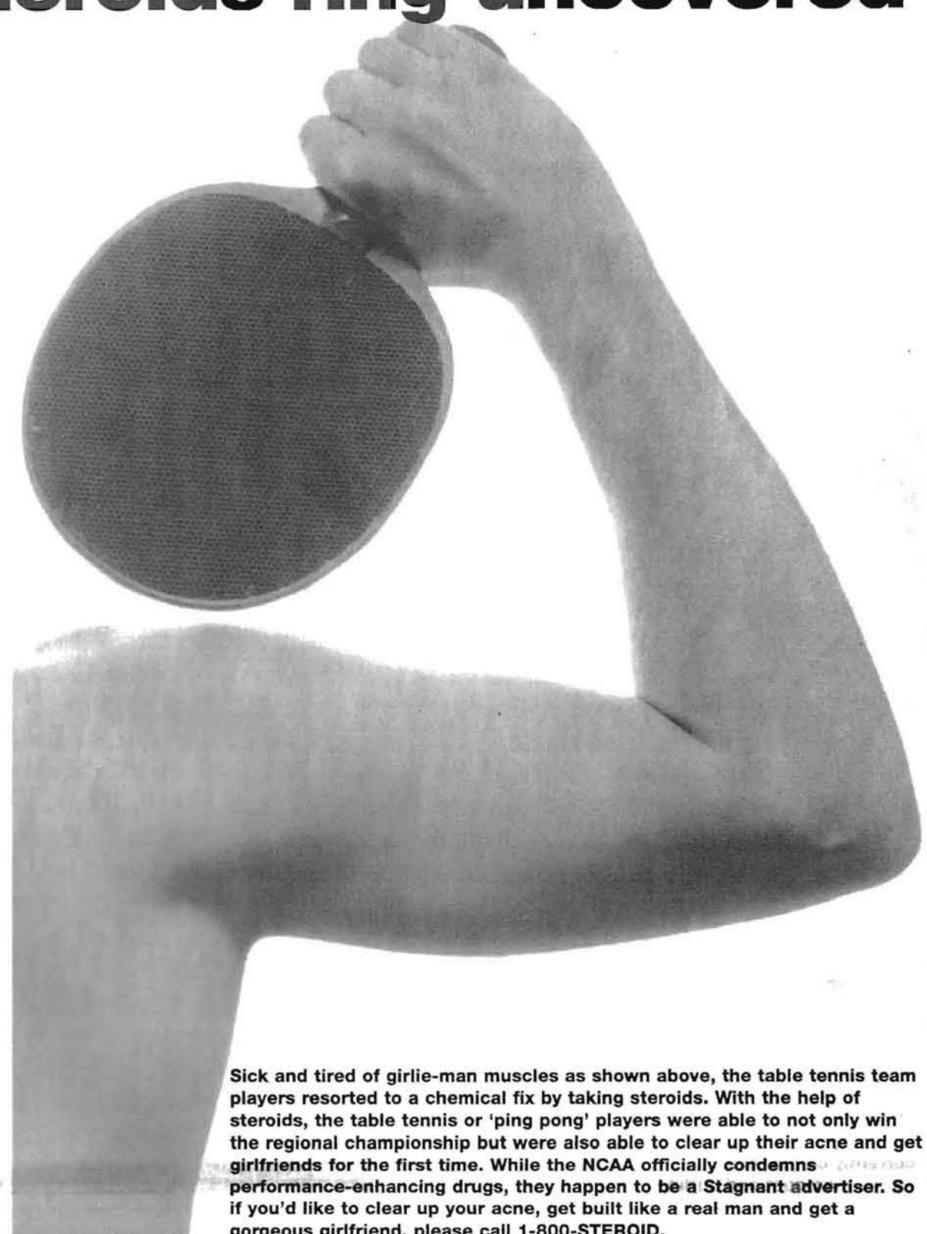
Rottler and Wavemeyer were both unavailable for comment, but Wavemeyer did issue a statement through his attorney.

"I have no idea what James Ackirmen is talking about," he insisted. "I have never taken any kind of performance enhancement drugs, and I will never because of my respect for the integrity of the game of table tennis. Ackirmen and I are merely acquaintances that have talked on one or two occasions. I feel that he is simply jealous that I was actually able to win a point in my first round match this year."

Ackirmen responded to Wavemeyer's statements by saying simply that he "can't believe [Wavemeyer] would deny it." According to witnesses, Wavemeyer also showed up to this year's tournament with an entirely new physique.

The 2005 Intramural Table Tennis season may need an asterisk or may be referred to as "year of the juice." Pinemetz said she does not really see the point. "Well all three were dominated in their first round matches. So I really don't think it necessarily tarnishes our year," she explained.

Whatever people may say, this is indeed a black eye for the sport of table tennis. The pressure is now on for the intramural coordinators to install random testing and harsh punishments for offenders before this kind of behavior spills into badminton, racquetball or even pickle ball. Diehard fans may not be able to look at the fine athletes of intramural sports again until they are sure that everyone competing is clean.



Sick and tired of girlie-man muscles as shown above, the table tennis team players resorted to a chemical fix by taking steroids. With the help of steroids, the table tennis or 'ping pong' players were able to not only win the regional championship but were also able to clear up their acne and get girlfriends for the first time. While the NCAA officially condemns performance-enhancing drugs, they happen to be a Stagnant advertiser. So if you'd like to clear up your acne, get built like a real man and get a gorgeous girlfriend, please call 1-800-STEROID.

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After court loss, Droolan is still wondering why

BY DAVE BECKHAM

Needs a Good Scrubbing

Only two weeks since the court hearing that had the athletic department pay a ton of money, the athletic director still has no idea why the department got sued. Teams of lawyers for the department are currently running around the clock to figure out how they can sue back to even the score.

Athletic director St. Pat Droolan commented on the situation. "We have always been really nice people to everyone, even our families. When they told me that we were getting sued I was like, why. I couldn't think of a reason anyone would like to sue us, I mean, it has never happened before; I thought there was a lot of love here," Droolan said.

This marks the first time in the history of athletics and the University that any department has ever been sued over anything, except the one time that the DUMSL student government became well-known for extolling the responsible enjoyment of alcoholic beverages to freshman, but that happened a long time ago. Nevertheless, the department has been known to outsiders for its continued excellence and support of its staff and athletes.

"It just really disappoints me that someone would want to sue us. I guess our next plan of action is to sue back, I mean is there any alternative to the matter? If you got sued, wouldn't you sue back?" Droolan asked.

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### Post-Season Update

## Rivermen to compete in Special Olympics

But some don't make the cut

BY JIM DEAN

Opinionated Jackass

For off-season practice, several of the men's basketball players will be participating in the 2005 Special Olympics. All of the players were invited to the tryouts, but only seven were chosen to compete.

"At first I thought I was being invited to help out, you know, run some events. When I got there I realized that we were supposed to compete," Rivermen Guard Little Timmy said.

Being a team who is always up for a challenge, the Rivermen did their best and competed with everything they had. Jonny Pegasus, junior, shooting guard, was one of the players who didn't quite make it.

"I really wanted this. I felt that I

deserved to play and earned a spot. I can't believe none of the teams picked me," Pegasus said. The players who made it will be dispersed among several teams, and may have to play against each other once the tournament starts.

C o a c h Takin Pills had mixed feelings regarding the tournament.

"I don't really know what to make of it. I thought it was a joke at first. I guess the Special Olympics people saw some of our games and thought we should compete," Pills said. "I watched the tryouts to be supportive, and the guys really seemed to fit in. At least this answers a lot of questions," Pills added. He did not specify which questions they answered.

Special Olympics Coordinator Noa Escreible was confused by the Rivermen's position in the tournament. "I invited them to the tryout because I thought they could help

the kids somehow. Then, when they got here, they started entering the drills and competing. Some of them weren't very coordinated, so I had to let them go. The other ones were okay; I don't expect them to get much playing time. This has been a surprise for all of us," Escreible said.

Even though he might not get much playing time, Power Forward Aaron Blue is happy to be involved.

"This is a dream come true; I'm playing in the Olympics," Blue

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I watched the tryouts...and the guys really seemed to fit in. At least this answers a lot of questions.  
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- Coach Takin Pills

## DUMSL baseball team invests in regional cork supplier

BY DAVE BECKHAM

Socially Inept

Recently the DUMSL baseball team announced that it has put up a major investment into the Midwestern cork company. The decision came based on the lack of talent and hitting abilities of the players on the team, and Head Coach Pitch Catchum made it clear that things were going to be changing after he cut the scholarships from his team to make a larger investment in the company.

"It has been a while since we have had any talent around here,

and since the players aren't going to be able to get things done I thought we needed to do something fast. The cork company was a perfect fit for us. With cork, we could get a lot of things done out there, I mean it would add 4 to 5 runs a game at least," Coach Catchum said.

The DUMSL baseball team is much in need of help, as they have not managed to toss a ball past the pitchers mound in the last four games. Over the last 13 games the team has only managed one home run, which came off of an error in which the outfielder dropped the ball over the fence after having

already caught the ball. The team has not won a game in three seasons, but are hopeful now that cork has been added to their line-up.

There have been numerous reports of other baseball teams that have made the switch to corked bats recently. DUMSL is now part of a long list that includes many teams from the conference and even the Major League's own Chicago Cubs.

"I really think this is the right move for us. The statistics show that teams with corked bats win more games. It is obvious that cork was what was missing from our game, and now that the gap is

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filled, we should be able to be competitive again," Catchum said.

The team is now looking to fill its auxiliary staff with several master carpenters.

## NCAA looks into illegal perks in fly fishing team

BY BRYAN BOAPECKER

Die-Hard Trekkie

The NCAA announced Wednesday that they will begin a full investigation of the DUMSL Women's Fly Fishing team. This comes in response to complaints voiced during the two-year tenure of head coach Cat Fisher.

"The number of complaints is undeniable," NCAA Investigator Kal Varnson said, "It almost seems as if they have no idea that rules exist in this sport." The allegations against the program include strange gifts to recruits, poorly attempted academic dishonesty, "perks" from the opposite sex and, among other things, a suspicious team hang gliding trip.

NCAA officials said that they began receiving complaints about the program in Fall 2003, the first year of coach Fisher's tenure. According to numerous reports, all of the women fly fishers were seen around the UM-St. Louis campus riding brand new Huffy mountain bikes. Suspicion grew when a number of the players added chrome wheels to their bikes.

Arthur Vandalay, tenth year senior, handwriting, witnessed the team on their bikes. "You could tell that they were new by the way the pedaled them so effortlessly. It's just hard to imagine a college student being able to afford such luxury, but the real strange part is that this is not a very big campus. I mean, nobody else rides bikes around here."

The NCAA became more suspicious of Fisher's program in the summer of 2004 when, seemingly out of nowhere, an alarming

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# Men's tennis season cancelled after whole team transfers to beauty school

BY JAMES DEAN  
Trash Talker

The men's tennis team was recently forced to cancel their season due to an unprecedented seven player transfer.

"It's practically impossible to recruit seven new players in the middle of the season. I have no idea what to do now," Rivermen Coach Rich Gulletborg said. "This is the first time in school history that an entire team has left the school."

Oddly, each player left for the same reason: to enroll in St. Louis' brand new Rainbow Institute for Hair and Make-up. Tennis Captain Francis Sheipshagr said some things are more important than tennis.

"You have to follow your heart when it comes to these things. I do owe tennis so much; it gave me the opportunity to meet more outstanding people like me," Sheipshagr said.

According to NCAA rules, the players were forced to forfeit their



*"I know I let my coach and my University down, but what about me? What about my feelings?"*

-Former tennis player and current student at the Rainbow Institute for Hair and Makeup

scholarships and now owe the school tuition for the incomplete semester. Despite the ruling, they harbor no ill feelings towards the school.

"I know that we let our coach and the University down, but what about me? What about my feelings?" former player Raja Ghandi asked. To pay their tuition debt, the players have pooled their money and started their own hair salon, "Wankers United for Hair Cuts." The profits are shared by the teammates, who call each other "special" friends. Discounts are given to all DUMSL athletes. Men's hair cuts are \$4 and women's are \$8. The price discrepancy is due to a universal belief among the former team that men's hair

is more invigorating and exciting to cut.

Basketball player Aaron Blue regularly has his hair done by the former Rivermen.

"Yeah, some of the guys on the team give me a hard time about going there, but they do a good job and you can't beat the price... I do think the head massages and 'running fingers through the hair' treatments are weird. Anyway, I'd rather not think about it," Blue said.

Former baseball catcher Dug Wiley thinks Blue is perverse for attending the salon. "You will never see me in that place. Those guys really freak me out, and because I have long hair other

people think I'm one of them," Wiley said.

Athletic Director St. Pat Droolan is angered by the players' abandonment of the school, but even more so for the reason.

"I knew that letting them grow their hair out would be a bad idea. I should have done something then; it was way too late when they started taking breaks to brush each other's hair and refused to practice because their manicures weren't dry," Droolan said.

Gulletborg can't understand the players' decision. "Back in my day this kind of stuff didn't happen. We didn't hold hands and cut each other's hair. In a way I'm glad to be rid of the little sissies," he said.

Stephie Popes, former number three player, explained his reasons for leaving. "I want to bring other people the joy that I have. When I play with my hair, I don't know, it just... it makes me feel really good inside. I think it can be like that for everyone, if they'll just give me a chance to show them how," Popes said.

## INVESTIGATION, from page 8

number of top women's fly fishing recruits from around the country began listing DUMSL as one of their preferred destinations, along with the likes of the collegiate fishing meccas: Arkansas, North Alabama and Mississippi.

At the same time complaints came pouring into the NCAA offices that suggested improper recruiting techniques were being used by the team. According to several of these reports, recruits were taken to parties and, despite their being under the legal drinking age, were served Zima. Also at these parties the female recruits were subjected to the advances of what were described as "well-endowed male students wearing skimpy biker shorts and tank-tops."

"They had a lot of hunky guys there for us to ogle," Betty Trout, former DUMSL fly fisher, "It was very tempting, but I just want to fly fish."

The recruits were also allegedly taken to a popular male strip club, "The Sausage Factory," and given complimentary lap dances.

The final major alleged violation had to do with academics. Assistant Coach Ben Harkey has been accused of writing papers, taking exams and even giving presentations for his players. A.G. Pennypacker, sophomore, dodgeball, had a public speaking course with star fisher Beni Hana last semester. "In the class we had to give three presentations over the course of the semester," Pennypacker said. "He gave them all for her, even the one we had to do on the most influential person in our life. Coach Harkey stood up there for 10 minutes talking about Hana's mother."

The NCAA probe will begin next week. Coach Fisher declined to comment but did release a public statement.

"I am confident that the investigation will prove our innocence in regards to these allegations. I adamantly deny any wrongdoing on the part of our fly fishing program. Well, except for the strip club. That was my bad."

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"It is the only way to even the score on this one. I mean when opportunists knock, you need to take advantage," Droolan said.

Other employees of the athletic department are joining in arms to go up against people who don't like the athletic department for what it is. The group decided to name themselves C.O.A.C.H., which stands for coy opportunists against committed head-coaches.

The next few weeks will be very important for the athletic department as they will be looking to hit a home run in the court room to win a suit of

its own. head men's basketball coach Takin Pills felt it could gain back some of what has been lost.

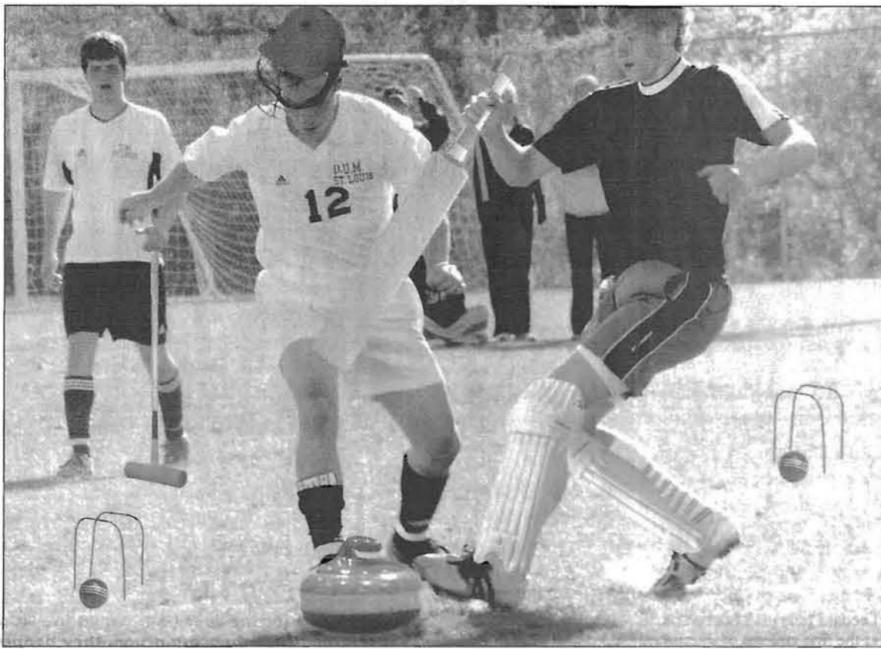
"We definitely need to win the law suit and get a tally on the board for our department, it is bad enough that our teams get outplayed, and if we continue to lose in the court room would be devastating to our confidence, we need a win to earn back some respect," Pills said.

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## Hollywood trio offer hip-hop version of Shakespeare

### BY CHEEKY MOVIE-HECKLER

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William Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" is getting a fresh updating, thanks to Hollywood mega-stars K-Whoa, Van Diesel and Top Cruiser. The three stars not only play the lead characters in the movie but they collaborated on the new screenplay and funded the project themselves.

"For years, it has been obvious that the world needed a hip-hop version of Othello," said K-Whoa, when asked in a recent interview with all three producer/stars what had inspired the movie. Added Top Cruiser "I am just glad that an actress of K-Whoa's enormous talent and a thespian of Van Diesel's subtlety were available to breathe life into this old play."

Top Cruiser, who first became a star in such critically acclaimed movies as "Frisky Business" and "Top Gungel," is the one responsible for launching the project. He recruited the lovely K-Whoa and racially-vague Van Diesel for the roles of Desdemona and Othello. Cruiser takes the part of Iago. "All three of us were concerned that we were not being offered the kind of high-class, artistic film projects we were longing to do," Cruiser said. "You have to make that kind of movie to win an Oscar these days." In fact, in some sectors of Hollywood, the three stars are, shockingly, sometimes regarded as merely an aging pretty boy, a beefy body builder turned action star and a pop singer turned movie star. "Clearly, if we wanted to appear in the kind of film Miramax might put out, then we were going to have to do it ourselves. Otherwise, who knows how long we would have to wait to win Oscars," added Diesel.

K-Whoa, Diesel and Cruiser all worked on crafting the script. Each also took on additional tasks to make their dream project come to life. Top Cruiser also served as director on the new movie, Van Diesel choreographed the many action sequences and K-Whoa was in charge of the music and costume designs. "Besides making important, fresh musical choices for this story, one of the first things that had to change were those names," said K-Whoa, commenting on the character's original Shakespearean names.

see "OH-HELL-NO", page 9

# DJ George spins, busts out phat beats

### BY HAND LOW Toenail Inspectors

On any given Saturday DJ DEETODAJAY can be found spinning records and hosting open mic nights at The Infirmary, a biker bar in Wright City, Mo. However, wild nights of beat boxing and rap sessions are not the full story on this prolific and versatile musician.

DJ DEETODAJAY is only an alias of Curious George, DUMSL Dictator for Life, a.k.a. Wilfred, a.k.a. Lil' Lovely. When not laying down phat beats and smooth rhymes, DJ DEETODAJAY is the titular head of the greatest University in the world, DUMSL.

"It's a pretty sweet gig," George said. "I've been rolling up this joint for several years now. The pay is sweet, the office is great and the women, ah, the women, they are like a fine Swiss goat cheese, they look good but smell kinda funny."

George said that music takes up most of his time.

"It takes a fine craftsman to fine tune the synthesization of synthesized beats," George said. "But when I have spare time or am hungry I'll show up at DUMSL and eat a sandwich or sign some papers. Hey, it's all free."

The musical genius behind such local classics as "On the low down in Flo town" and "Where's my beat, hey guys I think I lost my beat," also dapples in cruder sciences than musicology. He has a doctorate in biology and is taking part in nanotechnology experiments.

"The whole science thing I don't understand. As dictator for life, universities just throw degrees at you. Before I knew it I had a degree in biology and I am being told I am doing these experiments," George

said. "Nano, that's real big, right?"

On a recent Saturday before he went on stage at The Infirmary, DJ DEETODAJAY, was worried that the wrong music was going to be cued. Dressed in baggy starch black blue jeans, Toronto Grizzlies basketball jersey, goggles and wave cap he frantically ran around yelling at technicians for supplying the wrong records.

"How am I going to do my magic without my tools? Even a painter needs a brush and paint, my needle is my brush and my records are my paint," George yelled at an assistant. "So when I say Celine Dion, I mean Celine Dion. What am I supposed to do with War? Damn this is wack."

Luckily for the technician lying on the ground with DJ DEETODAJAY's foot on his throat, the correct music was found just in time for the opening of the curtains. DJ DEETODAJAY opened with a new piece "North side is the best side," an upbeat rousing song to an Ace of Base sample.

"Music is my game/ and DJ is my name/ flowing is my fame/ I never feel no shame," the song goes.

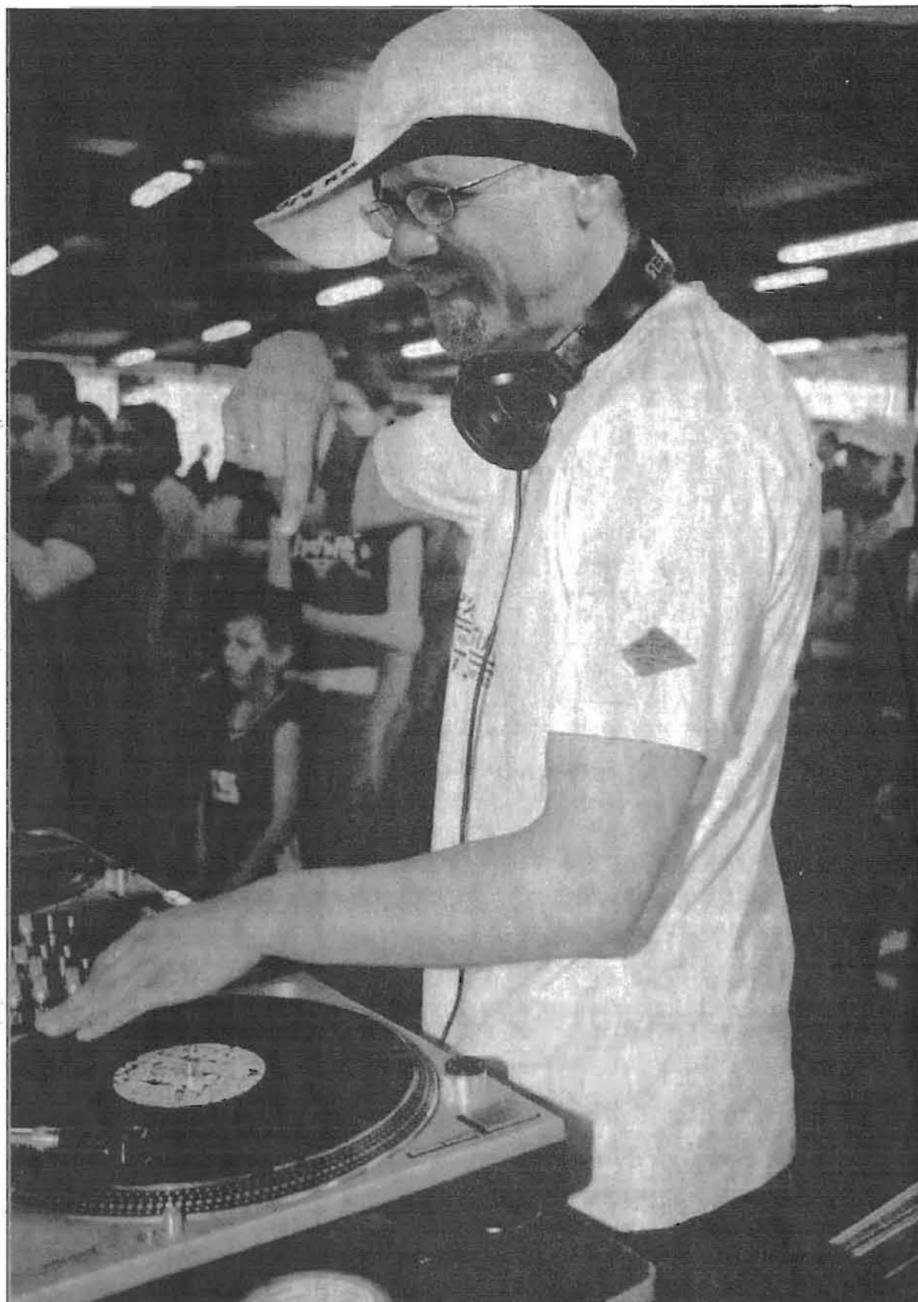
That describes DJ DEETODAJAY's style, driving hardcore old school continuously.

"You just gotta keep struggling in this game. Never let up, never relent, gotta get your message across" George said. "I'm just a white man trying to make it in a black man's world."

"Eminem is the Louis Farakan of the rap world," George said. "He hates everybody. I want to be just like him."

DJ DEETODAJAY lists many rap greats as his influences, among them MC Hammer, Vanilla Ice and those one guys who did that one song.

In the short term, DJ DEETODAJAY is going to focus on fine-crafting his music and live performances and



Jolly Roger/ The Stagnant

**DJ DEETODAJAY, known at DUMSL as King Curious George, throws down some fly beats at a local nightclub. The DJ, a.k.a. Wilfred a.k.a. Lil' Lovely, also likes to "Holla at the honeys" in his spare time.**

is trying to find funding to start his own production company. In the long term, DJ DEETODAJAY plans on being discovered and selling millions

of albums and retiring to his yacht with a harem of women.

"Just like them MTV videos man, that's what it's gonna be like, just

watch. All those women shaking their things and champagne pouring from fountains," George said. "Don't worry man, I'll let you on the boat."

# Let the healing begin... and not just for bonus points

### BY BRING D ROTI Da Godfather

Since the success of its first version, "Grand Theft Auto" has been absolute in its monopoly in the gaming world. The latest version, "San Andreas" combined with the sales of the previous version have set a record with 20 million sold. However, the game's violent gameplay, graphics and storyline have been the object of media discussion and controversy since its inception. "Rockstar North" has heard the plea of concerned Americans and opened a sister company called "RockStarofDavid North and a little to the Left" (RSDNL). Enter RSDNL's maiden production, which will definitely bridge the gap between religion and the brainwashed GTA minds of yesterday: Grand Theology Anno Domini, or GTAD.

On release, GTAD will be the largest (literally and figuratively) role-playing game ever. The story encompasses the entirety of the life and passion of the Christian Faith's once human Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With breath-taking cut-scenes, endless mini-miracle-working-games and

graphics that rival even television, GTAD most definitely will assume the role as one of the greatest games ever conceived and rightly so, since the storyline is based on The Greatest Story Ever Told.

The game begins with a ten minute cut-scene that includes the Birth of Christ, his Baptism by prophet cousin John, and continues right up to the point when he leaves home to begin his journey. Gameplay starts here and the life of the Savior now rests in the player's hands. Fifteen levels see players aid Jesus, from recruiting his twelve disciples by choosing the right sequences of conversation, to working miracles such as raising Lazarus from the dead and turning water to wine based on the amount of experience gained and confidence that the disciples have in Jesus.

"A truly awe-inspiring an eye-opening presentation of a very real person in Christian life. This game is something the entire family can enjoy, since it not only provides basic entertainment, but it teaches the Word and enlightens the mind through a media that relates to the leaders of the next generation," president of RSDNL, G. Zeus Aives said at the official press conference.

Though it boasts an unconventional

ending in that Jesus must ultimately die on the Cross, once one beats the game, he or she can start over as Matthew, Luke, Peter or Judas whose stories are all different and equally as educational. The only nuisance in the game is that if Jesus is killed (reasons for death include premature violent Pharisee and Roman retaliation, failing to battle temptation, etc), one must wait three days in order for him to return to life and restart at the point of death. However, there is a way to get around this by retrieving a secret time booster in the seventh level where Jesus is in Jerusalem and drives out the heinous bazaar of trading goods, corruption and cheating on the poor and innocent from a temple of worship. This is unfortunately the only help in the entire game as the makers have respected the importance of their hero, and his word, by disallowing any cheats, hints or codes of any sort. This adds to the difficulty and for some, enjoyment of the next blockbuster to surge into the homes of gamers nationwide and worldwide.

The official release date according to RSDNL is none other than Dec. 25, the celebrated birth of the Grand Theology Anno Domini's valiant champion.

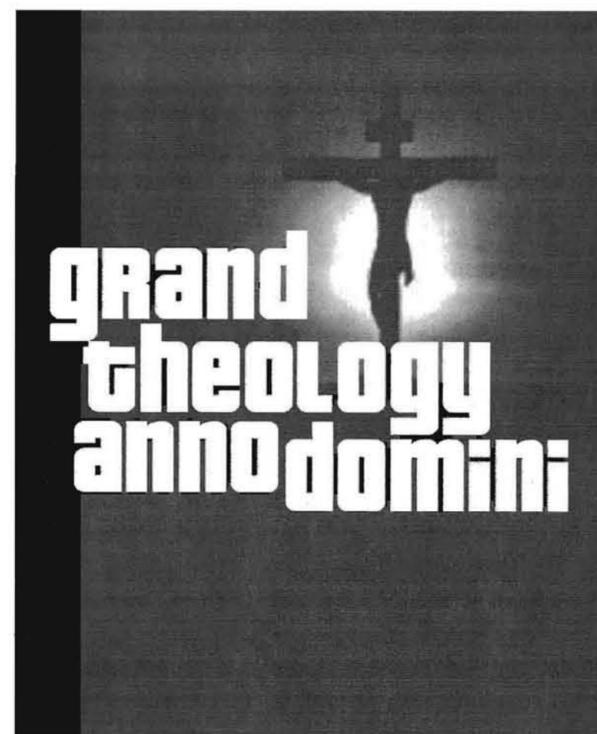
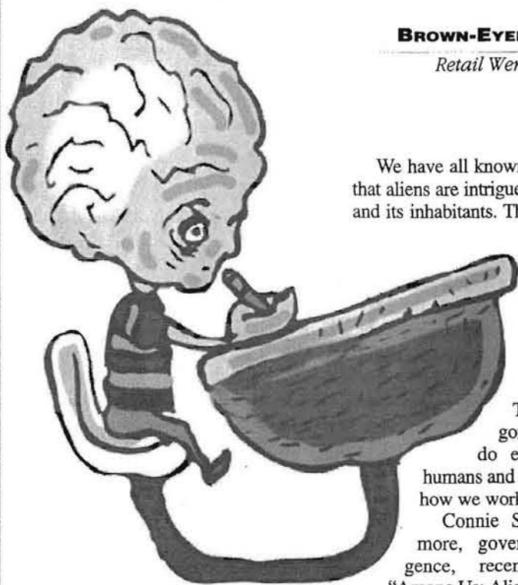


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# DUMSL student documentary follows alien invasion

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We have all known for some time that aliens are intrigued by this planet and its inhabitants. They have visited Earth many times and have left calling cards in the form of crop circles and the Naztec lines of Peru. They have even gone so far as to do experiments on humans and animals to learn how we work.

Connie Spiracy, sophomore, government intelligence, recently produced "Among Us: Aliens at DUMSL,"

a documentary chronicling the alien presence at DUMSL.

Yes, according to Spiracy, it is true. The film asserts that aliens are slowly infiltrating DUMSL, and that they are taking over student bodies one by one in an effort to get degrees and take our jobs.

Spiracy said that this information was leaked to her by one of the actual alien invaders, who wishes to remain anonymous. The invader, who goes by the alias "Allie En", sophomore, psychology, said, "This is our silent invasion." The invasion began a few years ago, with only a small number of students. Now, said En, dozens of students that were invaded will be graduating this spring. According to the informant, schools were picked because the aliens feed on human intellect. It makes them stronger, and us easier to understand. Throughout the film, Spiracy focuses on courses related to humanities, anthropology, business and psychology, all areas of

supposed interest to extra terrestrials. The alien invaders reportedly believe that a mastery of these subjects helps them "better manipulate the minds of all human kind."

The alien invader says he is making this information known because of the immense guilt he feels.

"After living on this planet for so long, I have fallen in love with its various charms: the ocean, the mountains, J-Lo. I no longer want to take over your minds and enslave you. I want us to all live in peace and harmony," he explains.

This body invasion is the last topic covered in the film and the effort on the part of the aliens to take over this planet called Earth. Implanting objects failed. Sending us messages through Stonehenge and the position of the pyramids of Egypt failed. Abducting humans and mutilating cattle did not even make us flinch. So, the audience finds out, it has come down to this: playing mind games

with the planet that invented mind games. However, as previously mentioned, the mind manipulation will be a last resort. If this tactic fails, the aliens will just do what they do best: blow everything up.

Although the alien informant gave up this information, he refused to give up any more. (suspenseful music builds). He did not say how much longer the experiment will last until the aliens give up and blow us to bits. He did not name names, or tell us how we can spot these student body invading aliens.

The film finishes with a final warning, urging students to "beware of that business student. Watch what you say to that psych major. They could be... one of them."

"Among Us: Aliens at DUMSL" leaves the audiences wondering less about the possibility of an invasion and more about what the producer was smoking when she came up with the idea.

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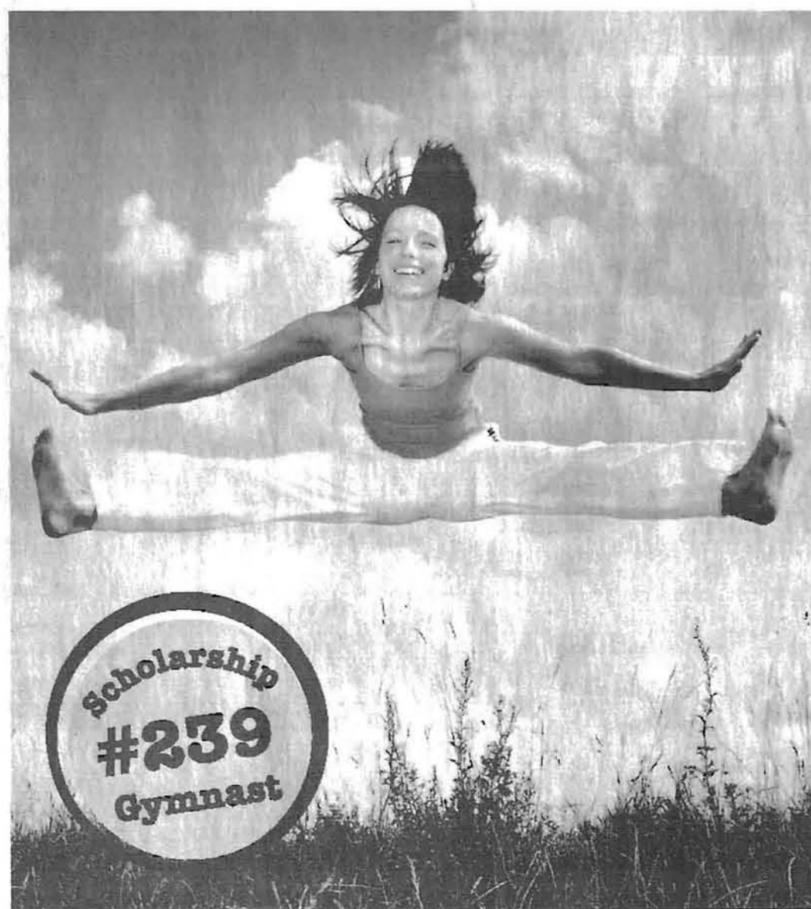
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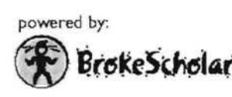
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# 'Vlad Dracula' will delight audiences, dead or undead

**BROWN-EYED GIRL**

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What happens when you combine film, modern media and a legendary story that still scares children and grown men alike? You get "Vlad Dracula," Dementia Films' latest visual masterpiece. Forget all of the other vampire movies that have lit up the silver screen in the last ten year. Vlad will charm any movie goer's pants off, and the chemistry between he and his slightly-possessed cohort is tear-inducing and truly touching.

We begin our journey when the thief behind the blood drive robbery has been captured and revealed as Vlad Dracula, the 15th century Romanian ruler, played by Sean Connery. "Oh, like you were all surprised," Dracula says to a reporter outside of the police station. "I am a blood thirsty warrior. Vat did you expect?"

The theft took place after an all-day blood drive at a Burbank, Cal. studio. The blood drive ends late at night, and volunteers, played by several big names, including Al Pacino, Johnny Depp, Jay Leno and Elmo, load 50,000 units into a truck. The driver, played by talented, but naturally dim-witted

Sylvester Stallone, steps away to use the bathroom. When he returns, all of the blood has disappeared, but the truck remains.

"I just don't understand how that much blood could be snatched up in five minutes flat," the driver exclaims. "He must have been some kind of supernatural being! Adrienne!!" At first, police suspect the driver was in on the take. After all, how could he not see anything when he was going to the bathroom behind a bush not ten feet away from the truck? However, after extensive interrogation, police learn that the driver is purely dumb, not guilty.

Authorities are able to track down the thief thanks to an anonymous tip, an advanced GPS network and MacGuyver. The caller tells police that Dracula's servant, Renfield, will lead police to the thief. The police follow Renfield, who is returning from a day at the butterfly house, and pull him over on a routine traffic stop. Officers notice empty blood bags in the backseat, and take Renfield in for questioning. After being interrogated for a few hours, Renfield gives up his master after being denied insects to eat. The screen focuses in on the stark interrogation room lights, and all the audi-

ence hears is Renfield screaming in warped, satanic tones, "Master! I worship you! I serve you! I never meant to betray you!" It is clear to reporters and police that Renfield never meant to give up Dracula, but that the desire to eat bugs can easily drive a man over the edge.

The police call in a SWAT team and ambush Dracula while the vamp is on a date with a woman he met at a local bar. Sean Connery gives an award-winning performance, as his character goes through an experience of both re-birth and re-undeath. His grasp of vampiral regret and inhuman disappointment builds a strange sympathy for him.

Dracula is to be charged with 50,000 counts of robbery, and is facing up to five centuries in prison. Mr. Van Helsing, the prosecuting attorney, is confident in his case.

"I will send Mr. Dracula, this vile thief, to prison. I don't care what it takes." "The Bloodbank Files," the sequel to "Vlad Dracula" is set for release in July. At the end of the first film, a determined Dracula looks forward to his judgement day. "I defeated the Turks," he said. "I think a few jurors and a judge will be no problem." Dr. Frankenstein, the mad scientist



**Don't count Dracula out. You may have thought his movie career was over, but he's back with another blood-dripping crowd pleaser.**

turned lawyer played by Billy Crystal, will be defending Dracula, and is confident in his client's innocence. "He's suffering from dementia, the poor man," Frankenstein growls. "He didn't realize what he was doing. He needs to be helped, not punished."

A film trailer for "The Bloodbank Files" indicates that Dracula may be working working closely with

Countess Elizabeth Bathory (Queen Latifah), who is wanted in Hungary for kidnapping virgin maidens in her village, slaughtering them, and then bathing in their blood. Interestingly, throughout the first film, Vlad Dracula does not look a day over twenty. This piece of art is a must-see, and it will leave you dying for more.

The Stagnant

Hope you enjoyed the show. One last reminder: this is a parody issue, and everything in here is NOT REAL unless otherwise noted. Tune in next week for *The Current's* regularly scheduled programming!



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Top Cruiser, who has been called a "control freak" by some in the industry who have observed his preference for total control of his film projects, was not only a natural for the role of director but insisted on it as a deal breaker. "I just want everything to be done right for this project," Cruiser said. Diesel, who was expected to handle the messier parts of the action sequences, was pleased to be in charge of planning the action sequences. "As much as Top also looks good on camera, he gave me a lot of freedom to plan these sequences. I just feel so honored to be a part of this high-quality production anyway," said Diesel with a shy smile.

The new hip-hop version, called "Oh-hell-no," takes place in the mean

streets of New Jersey, where drug lord Oh-hell-no and his beautiful and fiery girlfriend Devastating rule over the underworld with iron fists. All is gold jewelry and leather-upholstered Hummers until Oh-hell-no's right hand man, I-said-so, uncovers a plot by a secret society of terrorist Ninjas to kidnap the President. Suddenly, the country's only hope lies with Oh-hell-no and his gangstas.

"New In New Jersey Action" was another name Cruiser considered for the title. "I'm not sure why that occurred to me," he said.

Reportedly, some fans of Shakespeare are horrified that the stars insist that "Oh-hell-no" be labeled as an adaptation of Shakespeare's great play. They point out that the story has

little to do with Shakespeare's play and retains none of the language. "The story is a little bit different from Shakespeare's original, but that is to be expected when you adapt such an old and out-of-date story for a modern movie," Top Cruiser said. "For one thing, my character, the one called Iago in the play, was actually a bad guy in the original. Obviously, that would never work for this project." As for Shakespeare's own words being discarded, Top Cruiser responded, "All that formal language is just not that important for the Bard's work. What matters is the action."

The newly released movie contains the world's largest number of explosions, as verified by the Guinness Book of Records. The film's trio of

stars is also hoping the movie sets box-office records as well, allowing them to recoup the three billion they spent on it.

Not everything went smoothly in production of the new potential blockbuster. The stars clashed over lighting and camera angles and there were heated exchanges over which character was the real star of the movie. The most fiery disputes were between director/star Top Cruiser and leading lady K-Whoa, who differed on whether the lead character should be the fiery, beautiful Devastating or the brilliant, handsome I-said-so. "If it wasn't for I-said-so uncovering the Ninja plot, there would be no story. He is the brains behind Oh-hell-no and the efforts to save the President," said

Cruiser. K-Whoa disagreed. "Clearly, Devastating is the real central star of the movie. Without her beauty and strong personality, they never would have been able to infiltrate the Ninja hideout." Van Diesel, however, tended to stay out of the whole debate and appeared satisfied with his somewhat reduced role. "I get to do some great stunts and have some great shots where I glare at the camera with a smoldering look. Planning out the action sequences was a whole lot of fun. Besides, I was relieved not to have to memorize all those lines anyway." Diesel added, with his signature winning smile.

"Oh-hell-no" is opening this Friday in every multiplex in America, and also in movie theaters around the

world. About the unprecedented number of screens for the movie's opening weekend, Cruiser slyly remarked "Both K-Whoa and I have some pull in the Hollywood business community, so we used some of those contacts to increase the number of screens available to us." It was also rumored that Cruiser, who belongs to the mysterious Church of See-what-we-can-do, appealed to members of his church to help secure a big opening for the movie. "Some of our friends made them an offer they couldn't refuse." The film's stars are anticipating the biggest box office opening weekend in history. "This is going to be bigger than Titanic, and just as big a hit with critics as Citizen Kane," Cruiser said.

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