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Athletics Director John Garvilla will discuss "Sports and Education" Wednesday, Oct. 10 in MSC Room 313.

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Pakistan ambassador visits with students

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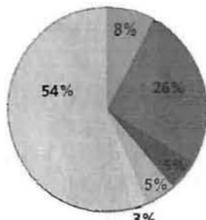
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This week's question: What Homecoming event are you looking forward to the most?

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UNIVERSITY EXPANSION • NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR RESEARCH

Honors College pursues 80 acres

New research land acquisition lies south of University

By SARAH O'BRIEN
News Editor

The Pierre Laclède Honors College of UM-St. Louis will be seeing an expansion in honors science courses and land.

The Honors College is set to acquire roughly 80 acres of land behind the new South Campus parking garage "almost all the way to St. Charles Rock Road," said Robert Bliss, dean of the Honors College.

About four of those acres belong to the University. The additional acres belong to the wilderness area of St. Vincent Park.

The acquisition of this land is in conjunction with St. Louis County.

What is the plan for the new woodlands? Bliss said the college plans to target non-science majors into experiencing real data collection and real science.

"Originally it was a post-doctorate named Andrea Bixler who suggested a program similar in 1998 or 1999," Bliss said. At that time, Bixler was teaching an honors course in the application of Darwinian science in modern science fiction.

"Bixler had a strong view that any environment was a natural environment," Bliss said. Bixler intended on doing the program at the former residence of the Pierre Laclède Honors College in Normandy Hall.

"She said she could teach the course with a ruler and a magnifying glass," Bliss said, adding that sophisticated equipment did not matter to Bixler. "What mattered was bringing students face to face with the accuracy of their equipment."

Bliss said the Honors College and the University "plan on spending a little more money than that" on this upcoming course currently titled the "Campus Honors Environmental Research Project" or CHERP.

Bliss said they are currently seeking "any level of funding that will allow for a large scientific course."

The course/research project CHERP is in association with the county under terms that the student researchers in the course will gather data on the woodland areas and help the county to make better judgments on land use.

Bliss said what the County and the Honors College both hope to do is set up different niches and habitats inside of the woodlands for specific study on speciation.

Bliss discussed having a pond and a glade as two options for these niches so that students could study both invertebrate and vertebrate populations.

Students may also be asked to take core samples of the woodland in a project to de-

Quick Read

New courses in the Honors College would target 80 acres containing wetlands to allow students to do more and better experimental research. The Honors College will work with St. Louis County to develop research areas.

University Land Status

- UM System has 19,517 acres total.
- UM-St. Louis, excluding the acquisition, covers about 320 acres.
- Land would be used for research for Honors College students.

termine the site's natural history.

"Dr. Charles Granger and some graduate students have developed an excellent curriculum for the course," Bliss said.

The CHERP course is set to begin Aug. 2008, and will be offered every semester. According to Bliss, the first fall semester will focus on speciation and populations.

The program will also be available for honors students to research for their required independent study. Additionally, Bliss said that scholarship money has already been budgeted for students interested in mentoring or helping to facilitate the program.

"The county also wants to devise a summer project," Bliss said. Students could have a summer job researching, and potentially open up summer classes to neighboring high schools and grade schools.

Bliss said they have devised security precautions in order to keep students doing research safe and the park rangers informed.

In addition to welcoming a large new science program, the Honors College is also celebrating a new scholarship for students interested in social justice.

The James Doyle Scholarship Fund for the Study of Social Justice will award students a balance from \$250 to \$1,250 for a single semester to pursue an independent study in social justice.



Courtesy Google Earth

BOARD OF CURATORS

BOC opposes 'anti-research' amendment

By THOMAS HELTON
Design Editor

At the University of Missouri Board of Curators meeting last Friday, the curators engaged in a debate and faced a vote on what some considered a politically divisive issue.

A proposed supplement to the stem cell research initiative passed in 2006 by a political organization named Cures Without Cloning would limit the state in allocating money for the purpose of stem cell research. Interim UM President Gordon Lamb took a strong stance against the amendment in a press release.

The amendment reads, "No taxpayer dollars should be used to research or experiment using a human organism or any part of a human organism derived from cloning or attempting to clone a human being."

In a statement made public on Sept. 7, Lamb stated the political organization's attempt to place an amendment to the bill for stem cell research on the November 2008 ballot would strongly hinder academic research.

"And they are doing so in a way that could permanently destroy the future of research in the state and in its universities," Lamb said in his statement regarding the Cures without Cloning initiative.

"Research must have the same protection, a protection from the few who, seeking to reinforce their own personal biases, would shut down research done by highly competent and dedicated scientists," Lamb said.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Thomas George also spoke against the issue in his State of the University Address on Sept. 18 echoing Lamb's declaration.

On Friday, at UM-Columbia, the Board of Curators took the next step in the UM system's push against the possible amendment. In a 6-1 vote, the curators passed a resolution brought forward by Curator Judith Haggard that encouraged the board to protect the University's rights to further scientific research in the field of somatic stem cells.

Quick Read

Curators disagree over the intent of a new resolution that backs President Gordon Lamb's position against an initiative by Missouri Cures Without Cloning. A resolution outlining these concerns passed 6-1 last Friday.



University of Missouri Interim President Gordon Lamb.



Newly appointed General Counsel Stephen K. Owens.

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HOMECOMING 2007 • PLANNING TOOK ABOUT A YEAR, BUT THIS WEEK MARKS THE CULMINATION OF STUDENTS' DEDICATION TO SPIRIT

Forecast: Red and Gold Reign

By CARRIE FASISKA
Managing Editor

What is red and gold and will reign over the campus this week? The first UM-St. Louis Homecoming as the Tritons.

This week will be filled with many events leading up to this year's Homecoming soccer games against Southern Indiana. Homecoming Co-Chair, Cadence Rippetto, Senior, Communication, was involved in planning this year's occasions. "The committee wanted to make the events more of a focus this year," said Rippetto. "Homecoming is more than just a dance, it's about all students and alumni coming together and participating in the full week of events."

The week will kick off Monday, Oct. 8 with karaoke in the Pilot House from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Judged by UM-St. Louis faculty and staff, all members of campus are invited to sing at this event for a chance to win prizes.

The annual blood drive being held Tuesday, Oct.

9 will have an added twist this year. In addition to giving blood you can also give canned food.

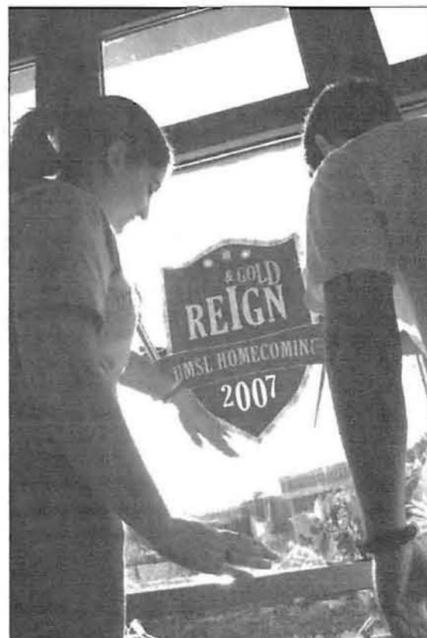
Katie Moore, Graduate Student, Higher Education, is enthusiastic about the food drive, "I am excited about the food drive because I cannot donate my blood and it gives me another opportunity to give back to the community."

The traditional Big Man on Campus pageant (BMOC) will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. in the Pilot House. The pageant contestants will be judged in four categories: active wear, talent, formal wear, and a question and answer round.

Students can support their favorite Big Man during the Penny Wars on Monday by donating their copper change to the contestant. All proceeds from the Penny Wars will go to the Brian Fredrick Schlittler and the Heather Linn Brandow Funds.

Thursday, Oct. 11 will be full of activity with the Homecoming Parade and the step show. The Associated Black Collegiate is presenting Steppin' at 6 p.m. in the JC Penney Auditorium.

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Quick Read

"Red and Gold Reign" is the theme for this year's homecoming which debuts this week. Several events will be put on every day celebrating UM-St. Louis' spirit week. The dinner and dance is Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Chase Park Plaza in the Central West End.

Homecoming Chairs Cadence Rippetto and Mark King apply window posters in the MSC Sunday preparing for Homecoming Week.

Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Stay Current with this week's weather	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weather predictions taken from NOAA national weather system.
	Hi/Low: 89/60 Precip: 50%	Hi/Low: 81/52 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 71/48 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 67/45 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 67/49 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 69/46 Precip: 0%	Hi/Low: 73/60 Precip: 30%	

CAMPUS CRIMELINE

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

**TRESPASSING (SECOND DEGREE)
- WOODS HALL**

During a foot patrol of the building around 2 a.m., the midnight watch officers located a subject sleeping in the hall corridor next to an office door. The subject was arrested for trespassing, given a summons to appear in court and released.

**ROBBERY (FIRST DEGREE), ASSAULT,
STEALING OF MOTOR VEHICLE
- HOLLYWOOD PARK APARTMENTS**

The victim reported to the campus police that he was stabbed by an unknown female subject inside his apartment and that she took his money and the keys to his car and subsequently his car.

The victim indicated that this occurred sometime around 6:30 a.m. The victim stated he had been drinking alcohol excessively and got drunk and picked up a female subject and took her back to his apartment.

The victim indicated that while in the apartment, the female subject stabbed him in the leg and arm with a knife before taking the victim's money and keys to his car. The victim walked down to the McDonalds restaurant in Cool Valley and called the police from there.

The victim had two separate injuries, one to his leg and one to his arm. He was transported to the hospital where he received stitches for his injuries. The campus police are continuing the investigation to determine exactly what has happened.

The UM-St. Louis Police Department is open 24 hours a day. If you see anyone that looks suspicious or out of place you are encouraged to call the UM-St. Louis Police at 516-5155 or 911 if it is an emergency.

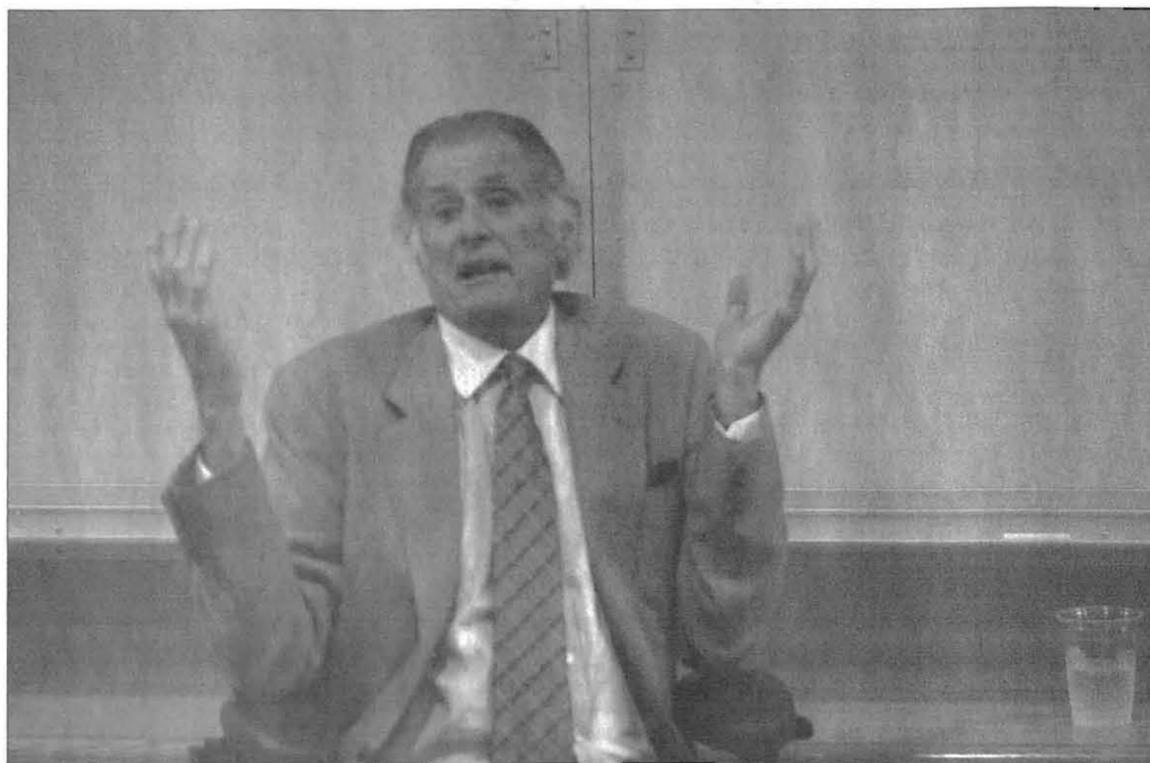
Remember that crime prevention is a community effort, and anyone having information concerning these or any other incidents should contact the Campus Police.

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'REAL TALK' WITH FRANK DEFORD



Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Frank Deford, sports writer and journalist, visited UM-St. Louis during Founder's Day on Sept. 25 talks about giving up on the drug wars against athletes. Deford held a question and answer session with students and later was the guest speaker for the 16th annual Founders Dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton.

What's Current

Your weekly calendar of campus events

"What's Current" is a free service for all student organizations and campus departments. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all postings be submitted at least one week prior to the event. Email event listings to thecurrent@umsl.edu. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

Xbox Tour

Xbox tour will be making a stop at UM-St. Louis. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pilot house.

Clothing Drive

Order of Omega is collecting Winter clothing items of all sizes to donate to families in need. There will be a donation box at each homecoming event, Oct. 8-12.

Karaoke

Come and sing your heart out for some great prizes! Anyone can enter to sing and enjoy a great time with your organization. This is the first day of Homecoming Spirit Week Activities and the beginning of Spirit Points! Students will be judged by Student Life and Residential Life Staff Members. Come and join your fellow students in karaoke singing! From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Pilot House.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

PMP Introduction

PMP Introduction: Getting started - Essential Skills in Project Management. It covers developing comprehensive project plans, getting management buy-in, estimating and scheduling tasks with accuracy and sophistication and more. Located in J.C. Penney Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 5908 for more information.

Chili Dinner

Come enjoy homemade chili served by the UMSL Alumni Association at Oak Hall. This event is free and part of Homecoming Spirit Week Activities! Starts at 5 p.m. at Oak Hall.

Blood Drive

Come donate blood to the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center!! You can sign up for a time to donate the weeks leading up to the blood drive by signing up at the ticket sales table in the MSC September 24-28 or October 1-4. You can also sign up for a time to donate by coming to the SGA Office. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Century Rooms.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

Arianna Quartet

The Arianna String Quartet will perform at the Enclave Bellerive located at the intersection of Mason and Ladue roads in Creve Coeur, Mo. Evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$75. Call 4507 or go to <http://www.umsl.edu/cofac> for more information.

HOMECOMING EVENTS

- Banner and Penny Wars - Oct. 8
- Karaoke - Oct. 8
- Blood Drive - Oct. 9
- Food Drive - Oct. 9
- Chili Dinner - Oct. 9
- BMOC - Oct. 10
- Parade - Oct. 11
- Steppin' - Oct. 11
- Soccer Games - Oct. 12
- Bonfire - Oct. 12
- Dance - Oct. 13
- Soccer Games - Oct. 14

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

BMOC

Big Man On Campus is a male talent pageant on the 3rd day of Spirit Week Activities. More information on how to register in the competition is in your Spirit Packets and you can contact Panhellenic Council for more info about the event. Starts at 1 p.m. in the Pilot House.

RHA Meeting

This is the General Assembly meeting for the Resident Hall Association. Any resident is welcome to come to these meetings. Starts at 7 p.m. in the Provincial House.

Homecoming Parade

Sign up your organization to be in the 2007 UMSL Homecoming Parade. Registration forms are available in the Bookstore, the SGA Office and the Front Desk of Student Life. Forms are due by Oct. 9th back to the Bookstore. If you cannot participate, come watch the parade on Thursday at the MSC Lakes and cheer on your friends! From noon to 2 p.m.

Diversity Forum

The Intellectual Diversity Forum, A Dialogue about Intellectual Diversity will be held in MSC Century Room C from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Step Show

Come see the Divine Nine battle in this step show competition. Also come see fellow UM-St. Louis organizations/students compete in the exhibition show for a great prize. Anyone can participate in the exhibition show. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Business Workshop

Located in the J.C. Penney Conference Center, "Starting a Small Business: The First Steps" will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. It will provide an overview of the first critical steps of starting a business. Fee is \$40. For more information or to register, call 5948 or visit <http://www.umsl.edu/~conted/centers/sbdc>.

Mass and Soup

Mass at Newman Center at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome for the service and a meal of soup and bread directly after.

Awakenings Retreat

Registrations due at midnight for the weekend retreat on Oct. 26 - 28. Forms are available online at <http://www.umsl.edu/~newman/cnc/awakenin-greg.html>.

Homecoming Games

Come and cheer on the Men's and Women's Soccer teams to victory and enjoy a bonfire and food after. This is the last event of Spirit Week for spirit points, so come have a good time and see the Homecoming Court presented at halftime of the Men's Game. Women's game at 5 p.m., men's game at 7 p.m.

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News at Noon

News at Noon, a weekly forum for students and faculty to discuss current events, will return this semester for four sessions. Faculty and staff will lead the discussions. Free pizza will be served at 12:15 p.m. Discussion starts at 12:30 p.m. News at Noon is free and open to all students, faculty and staff at UM-St. Louis. For more information, contact Laura Westhoff at (314)516-5692 or Paul Hackbarth at (314)516-5183.

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Oct. 17 2007 • The Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind and Its Implications for Schools - MSC Room 313

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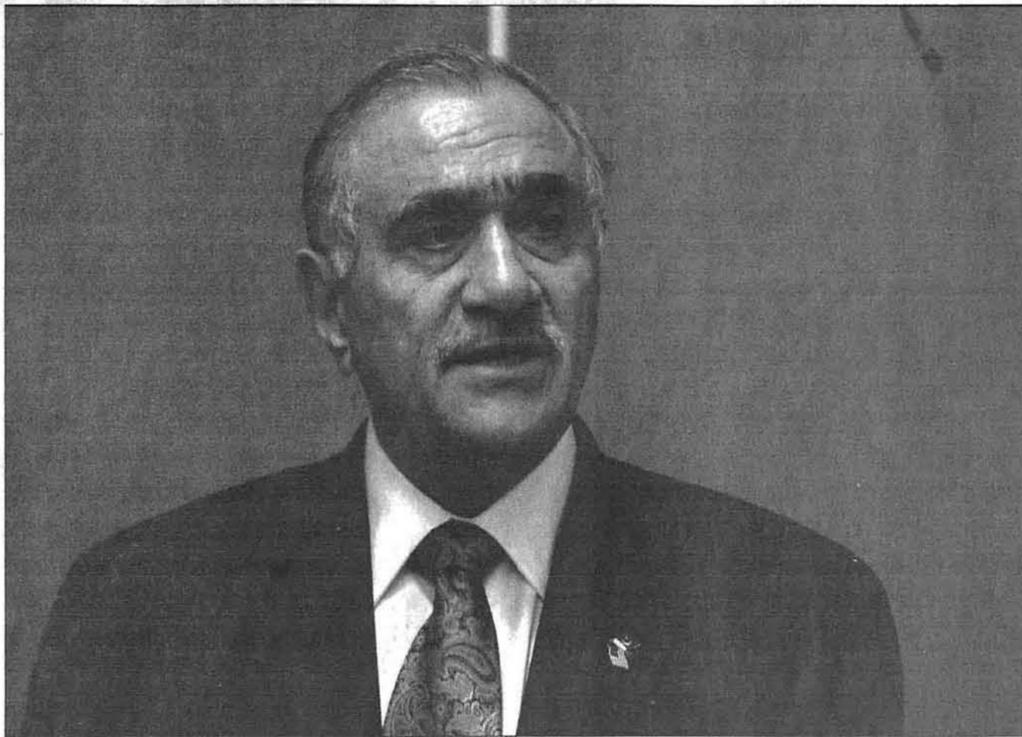
AFFILIATIONS



Pakistani ambassador visits political science class

Mahmud Ali Durrani discusses bin Laden, U.S. role in Iraq, more

By THOMAS HELTON
Design Editor



Mahmud Ali Durrani, the Pakistani ambassador to the United States, visited Professor Marty Rochester's "International Organizations and Global Problem Solving" course Wednesday. Ali Durrani discussed Indian-Pakistani relations and more during his visit.

Carrie Faislaka • Managing Editor

"If U.S. didn't go to Iraq, terrorism would be solved in Pakistan and Afghanistan. We would have gotten rid of this madness," Ambassador Mahmud Ali Durrani said. Ali Durrani is the Pakistani ambassador to the United States.

The ambassador visited with political science students last Wednesday in an open discussion that sparked questions about Osama bin Laden, the United States' role in Iraq, Indian Pakistani relations and much more.

The class was Professor Marty Rochester's "International Organizations and Global Problem Solving" course, and although only about 30 students take the course, the room the class took for the discussion was full of political science majors and students with other interests alike.

The ambassador opened by saying, "It is a pleasure to be in a university among thinking people."

His speech focused on Pakistan's role in the fight against terrorism, and what the current administration has been doing and has done in the past to aid the United States and other western nations in fighting terrorism.

The ambassador said Pakistan felt a "blowback effect from Iraq." Last year alone, he said Pakistan lost 900 lives to terrorism and suffered over 1500 related injuries. He assured the audience that terrorists

"are on the run most of the time."

After speaking for only ten minutes, Ali Durrani opened himself for questions at which point several students asked the ambassador about controversial issues.

The first question came from ASUM Board Member Tim Volkert who asked about the difficulty in conveying to the United States certain techniques used in fighting terrorism in Pakistan.

Specifically, Volkert pointed out that the current Pakistan administration works with tribal leaders to push a stronger ideology. The ambassador echoed what Volkert said and added that they take a

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- Mahmud Ali Durrani
Pakistani ambassador

“holistic” approach.
“To someone with a sledge hammer, everything looks like a nail.” Ali Durrani said, citing a popular

economic saying.

The ambassador went on to answer questions about United States-Pakistani relations and explained how they shared the same enemies.

According to Durrani, Osama Bin Laden has spoken against the current administration in Pakistan, which the United States allegedly backs. The current President Pervez Musharraf seeks re-election this week.

Warren Popp, senior, political science, said he “especially enjoyed the question and answer period.

The ambassador was able to be more frank and give his personal opinions. Just the experience of

hearing the real perspective, the face behind a political situation.”

Carlo Manaois, also a senior in political science said, “We don't normally get to hear the other side.” Pakistan, Manaois added, is portrayed so negatively in the media that seeing the other side is helpful.

The UM-St. Louis delegation to the Midwest Model United Nations will be representing Pakistan this year and Rochester asked the delegates to give some advice to the delegates that were present.

“In my personal opinion, the Pakistan priority in the UN is the gap between the rich and the poor,” Ali Durrani said.

NEWS BRIEFS

UM addresses intellectual diversity with new Web site

University officials briefed the Board of Curators last week at UM-Columbia on a new Web site that will be set up to allow students to submit grievances about professors who students feel have discriminated against them based on their viewpoints.

This comes after the Missouri House of Representatives passed the “Emjly Brooker Intellectual Diversity Bill,” which lists 12 ways for universities to address intellectual diversity.

One of the ways listed is to “include intellectual diversity issues in student course evaluations.” Rep. Jane Cunningham introduced the bill in the House last year, but the bill never made

it to the Missouri Senate.

However, at the board meeting, some expressed concern that adding a Web site to accept complaints may bring complaints that could be fabricated.

Currently, UM-St. Louis departments offer either a mid-semester course evaluation or an end of course evaluation, usually both.

These evaluations do include space for students to write their opinions.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, UM-St. Louis is holding an intellectual diversity forum, “A Dialogue about Intellectual Diversity” from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in MSC Century Room C.

New faculty, staff to undergo thorough background checks

New faculty and staff to the University will now have to undergo background checks with a new system that took effect last Monday, Oct. 1. Validity Screening Solutions is a third party company that will now be used by the University system to conduct background checks for university officials.

The change allows for the University to run criminal background checks on all new faculty and staff.

Previously, the University of Missouri used systems provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, which limited background checks to information collected from Missouri records only.

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An after party will be held in the Pilot House at 9 p.m.

The UM-St. Louis community will be out to show their spirit during our Homecoming games against Southern Indiana Friday, Oct. 12 and St. Joseph's Sunday Oct. 14. Friday's games will start with the women's game at 5:30 p.m. and finish up with the men's game at 7 p.m. on the Don Dallas Soccer Fields at home.

A bonfire will be held during the men's soccer game.

“If there is any event besides the dance to attend it is the bonfire because we are out there to show our

school spirit and support our teams in full force” Mark King, Senior, Business Management said. The Homecoming court and winner of BMOC will be announced during the game as well.

The Homecoming court this year is made up of five ladies and five gentlemen. Antionette Dickens, Leslie Fischer, Carrie Floyd, Paula Rother, and Amanda Ward are running for Homecoming queen.

Dave Brown, Andy Mulchek, Kamden Rampley, T. Ryan, and Ben White are running for Homecoming king.

Voting will be held online beginning on Monday and closing on Friday. Students can access the website at www.umsl.edu/studentlife/osl/homecoming. This year's Homecoming Dance sold out all 880 tickets with in five days.

“We feel bad that not everyone can go but it is exciting that we sold out that quickly,” Rippetto said.

The dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Chase Park Plaza in the Khorassan Ballroom. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. The dance will end at midnight.

Volunteers are needed to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for add-on treatment of generalized anxiety disorder.

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ISC discusses possible aid to Darfur conflict, roll call vote

By THOMAS HELTON
Design Editor

Student leaders from each University of Missouri campus discussed an initiative, which would determine if the University could aid in the Darfur divestment, among updates to the Mizzou name change and the student roll call vote at the Inter-campus Student Council meeting Friday.

Preliminary talks took place regarding policy that would affect the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. The proposed new policy would limit the University from investing in businesses that support rebel forces in Darfur.

Missouri Student Association (MSA) Vice President Andrew Ca-fourek brought the resolution forward to ISC.

“ISC passed the resolution that they brought up, I believe, and so did Mizzou,” Rippetto said. “UMR seemed indifferent to the resolution or passing it.”

UM-St. Louis Student Government President Bryan Goers said the meeting involved mostly updates from individual campuses regarding the proposed UM-Columbia name change, the student curator roll call vote and the status of ASUM.

Regarding the UM-Columbia name change proposal, Goers said, “Each campus gave an update on their students’ stance. Basically, Rolla passed a neutral resolution and KC passed the exact same resolution as UMSL.”

Goers said the ISC did not discuss the impact of the name change, just the campus’ stance on the subject.

The roll call vote for the UM system student representative to the Board of Curators faced dissent when the Graduate Professional Council from UM-Columbia passed a resolution condemning ISC efforts to further its own resolution on the roll call vote.

Goers said all of the campuses want the student curator to have a full vote and do not want anything to hinder the possibility of student curator Tony Luetkemeyer having a full vote.

SGA Vice President Cadence Rippetto said the Graduate Professional Council, which passed a resolution against the roll call vote, was concerned “that the roll call would hurt the chance of a full vote ever being granted.”

Rippetto said she was concerned that the GPC hurt the other campuses student governments’ work and commitment to the issue.

“I think their concern is legitimate, but I think the main concern of ISC was that the resolution was passed without talking to us about their concerns,” she said.

The ISC, which is made up of the president and vice president of each UM campus’ official student government organizations, the student representative to the Board of Curators and the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) board chair.

ISC typically meets after Board of Curators meetings and discuss any issues affecting the four campuses. The next curators’ meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29 and 30 at UM-Kansas City. Meeting minutes and other board documents can be found on the UM System Web site at <http://umsystem.edu/ums/curators/>.

OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

Curators should not be afraid to voice political viewpoints

On Thursday and Friday of last week, University of Missouri curators' political stances were tested when they were asked to vote on a proposed amendment regarding cloning.

This begs the question: Should political viewpoints of a university's governing board be made public knowledge?

Based on the 6-1 vote with two abstentions in favor of supporting Lamb's stance denouncing a new amendment to limit cloning shows even the board cannot decide whether it should be weighing in on troublesome political issues.

Some curators oppose the idea of taking a stance on this issue because it may hurt their chances of being appointed by the Missouri governor, whether a Republican or Democrat fills that position.

In January 2007, the Missouri Senate filibustered Gov. Matt Blunt's appointment of Curator Warren Erdman because of his stance in favor of Amendment 2 during the midterm elections last November.

According to the board transcripts, Curator Doug Russell, who is also chair of the state Republican Party, said the vote caused the curators to unnecessarily become involved in a political battle. Russell said, "Where do we draw the line? Are we going to begin adopting resolutions supporting candidates?"

While the board should not take the votes that far into the political arena, as a public research institution, amendments about cloning and

research do have a direct effect on the University.

Like it or not, universities, including the board of curators, are involved in politics.

While the hiring of faculty, deans, presidents and even curators, should be made with a blind eye to their political viewpoints, the fact that a politician appoints certain members to the UM governing board says a lot.

Legislative bodies already make these decisions based on whether or not a certain appointee will be more or less likely to agree or disagree with legislators' positions.

Perhaps curators have forgotten that former UM President Elson Floyd and the board accommodated almost every twist and turn that Blunt threw at them during the plan for MOHELA assets.

Curators approved Blunt's plans for the funds from the MOHELA sale, which included agreeing to not use the money to conduct stem cell research at the life sciences center on the Mizzou campus.

It would seem that the curators already are making their political viewpoints available to the public every time they vote to appease the legislators and these votes are not always in the best interests of the University of Missouri.

Curators should not let their positions at the university hold back their political views.

As university leaders, an educated opinion from the board of curators is exactly what is needed in

terms of the discussion of hot-but-ton issues.

Silence on such political topics can actually hurt the curators in the long run since the field of political engagement will be left to those who understand little about higher education.

Just as the UM Board of Curators cannot ignore the consequences of state funding cuts, they cannot ignore other ongoing political issues.

Blunt asked for curators' support when cutting potential research projects at Mizzou's life sciences department to please the anti-abortion critics, and the curators gladly supported him.

Fear of disagreement with the legislature could hinder positive outcomes for the university in the long run, so speaking up about a certain political viewpoint could have actually changed the outcome for future research in the UM system.

It is understandable when curators are afraid to speak up when people cannot separate voicing their personal views from making an official statement from the university and cannot make a distinction between expressing an opinion and committing the university to particular types of actions.

It is important that curator's political views be made public, if not for the simple reason that it will better educate people about where the curators are coming from when it comes time for them to vote and change the influence of a political issue.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

How four small words got an EIC in big trouble

It was only four words.

Four short yet bold and potent words made an impact across colleges and universities everywhere. How could four little words cause so much trouble?

As a fellow editor in chief, I would not normally support *The Rocky Mountain Collegian* Editor in Chief David McSwane for taking up most of his newspaper's opinion pages with an editorial consisting of four total words: "Taser This...Fuck Bush!"

The editorial statement was in regards to an incident at the University of Florida in Gainesville in which police used a taser on a student journalist for asking Sen. John Kerry questions about impeaching President George W. Bush and whether Kerry was a member of the secret society Skull and Bones.

McSwane's judgment about what an editorial should do is problematic at best. Editorials should inform, educate and generate discussion, not sensationalize. However, his right to free speech should not be questioned.

This editorial had over 1,000 responses alone on the newspaper's Web site <http://www.collegian.com>. While the purpose of an editorial is to generate discussion and get the public talking about issues, that is not the only purpose an editorial serves to its readers.

With only four words to make a point, what were readers supposed to think? What purpose did the editorial serve other than to get a rouse out of individuals?

All editorials and opinions should be well-researched and well-developed with rational, logical or emotional evidence to validate a particular viewpoint. Editorials should give the background of an issue, show opposing viewpoints and flaws to the other side's arguments, and state a call-to-action, usually some solution to the problem.



By PAUL HACKBARTH Editor-in-Chief

Yes, those four words would probably be considered the call-to-action, but where are the rest of those necessities to a good opinion piece?

Instead of four measly words, a 500-word editorial listing the rhymes and reasons behind why President George W. Bush's actions or inactions, in this case, regarding police using a taser on a student would have served the readers better.

Was the opinion a well-written one? No. Was it a violation of free speech? Not in the least.

Free speech does have limits. A person cannot yell "Fire!" in a crowded movie theater for safety reasons, but safety is not the case here. Who is getting hurt by this editorial? Should we consider the feelings of Bush and his supporters? What threat is there?

The Supreme Court has held a statute prohibiting threats against the President, but that only applies to cases that constitute a "true threat" and not "political hyperbole."

The Court has also upheld that obscenity can be banned without showing actual harm was caused. As defined by Miller v. California, "obscenity is speech that the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, taken as a whole, to appeal to the prurient interest."

Despite this, in the age of the Internet, when the editorial was posted on the college newspaper's Web site, the local community standards prove difficult to apply when the piece is available worldwide.

Just as a student journalist's ability to talk in a public forum at a public Florida school was limited, so was what happened at *The Rocky Mountain Collegian*.

Student newspapers have gone through several court cases to fight for their rights to free speech, and they are not about to give up now.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Racism, like tolerance, is equal opportunity

By JASON GRANGER

Guest Commentator

The Jena Six case. What comes to mind when you hear that? Media coverage of this case has been expansive and impressive. The Rev. Al Sharpton is calling Jena, Louisiana the rallying place for the new civil rights movement.

The outrage sparked by the prosecution of the six young men in that southern state has been fascinating to observe. There are some important aspects to this case that have to be examined, however.

To be sure, the south is still a hotbed for racial tension. It is an unfortunate aspect of that area. More so than the rest of the nation, southern states provide a haven for racists, most predominantly the Ku Klux Klan, America's own homegrown terrorists. They were terrorists be-

fore it was vogue. Oh, and they are idiots. Do not forget that.

There is one problem here, however. The Jena Six committed a crime. But before we address that, let us look back a little further.

This all was sparked by some idiotic white students hanging nooses in a tree that was commonly known as a "white only" tree.

First off, it seems Louisiana has forgotten that Jim Crow laws were struck down some 40 years ago. The students who hung the nooses should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of federal hate crime statutes.

The resulting tension bubbled over into violence, as these things almost always do. It culminated in the beating of white Justin Barker, 17-years-old at the time, by six black students.

The six were charged with attempted murder, an over exaggeration of the situation to be sure. How-

ever, the fact remains that these six young men assaulted another human being, battering his face and leaving him hospitalized. And they were caught.

The resultant outrage sparked protests because many in the community, and the nation as well, viewed the charges as racially unjust. The charges since have been lowered.

So now the question must be asked, with the outrage that has bubbled over from Sharpton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King III and many, many more, what happened to seeing justice done?

Yes, the white boys who attacked the black students should have been charged the same as the black students, and the fact that they were not should be investigated by, preferably, a person from the federal government.

See JENA SIX, page 16

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By Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Are PDAs on campus okay?



Tyler Crocker Junior Education

"I don't see any PDAs."



Julie Workman Sophomore Undeclared

"What PDA?"



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"It repulses me."



Dan Duplantior Graduate Student CCJ

"The line is drawn after a small peck."



Carlo Manaiois Senior Political Science

"I would rather see someone's face in a book than in someone else's."

STAFF VIEWPOINT

Spirit can make UMSL a serious presence

It is Spirit Week, folks, so brace yourselves for a "Rah! Rah! Tritons!" column. Be warned though, this will not be your daddy's Spirit Week proclamation.

The gist of my sermon is that a designated Spirit Week is as blasphemous, downright shameful and heinous as a day designated to telling your significant other how much they rock your world -- namely, Valentine's Day. I cannot speak for the masses, but I know flowers once a year will not fly with my lady.

Likewise, I am certain that if any student told a student athlete they were only going to feign interest in the Tritons once a year, they would find themselves on the receiving end of the same dirty look I get when I try to use the flowers I bought her on Feb. 14 as an excuse not to sit through her favorite movie for the thirty-first time. Can I get a witness?

And I know what you are thinking. "But, our teams suck! No one likes soccer. Basketball and baseball will not begin until spring."



By STUART REEVES Staff Writer

Yeah, the soccer team is slumping and the volleyball team is not without its difficulties, but since when have underperforming teams ever stopped a fan base from showing their love? Consider anyone from Chicago, where every year there is always going to be next year.

Of course, the popular retort is, "UM-St. Louis is a commuter campus, not a sports school." That is weak sauce to me. Today, every university is both a sports school and commuter campus.

Let us have become cynical, ignorant or both, university sports programs are marketing tools designed to attract students and generate income for universities.

Though an example on a larger scale, is it any wonder that the application numbers for the University of Texas, my under graduate alma mater, and the University of Florida increased sharply as their respective football and basketball teams found success?

See SCHOOL SPIRIT, page 16

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SCIENCE COLUMN

Zoo science seminars offer gateway to science

The St. Louis Zoo is one of UM-St. Louis' partners in the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center.

On selected Wednesdays, the Zoo partners with another St. Louis science institution, the Academy of Science - St. Louis, for a series of free talks on current science matters and recent discoveries by noted local scientists.

The talks are geared for non-scientist adults and are presented on Wednesday evenings in the auditorium at the Zoo's Living World.

This Wednesday, Oct. 10, Ursula Goodenough will speak on "Emergence: Nature's Mode of Creativity" at 7:30 p.m. Goodenough is professor of Biology at Washington University and is a Fellow of the Academy of Science - St. Louis. She is author of "The Sacred Depths of Nature."

Goodenough explores the implications of how scientists often study natural processes by reducing them to ever-smaller components and ever-simpler laws in an effort to understand the processes, like putting Humpty Dumpty back together again, despite the fact that scientists are moving in the opposite direction of the way the processes evolved.

Goodenough uses plain language to discuss the concept of emergence, how new properties arise in non-living and living systems. She links the concepts to the origin and evolution of life, human consciousness, existential yearnings, and the critical project of sustainability and habitat preservation.

UM-St. Louis's Des Lee Professor of Zoological Studies, Patricia Parker, will speak on "Conservation Medicine in the Galapagos Islands: Disease Threats to Endemic Birds" on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Parker is also Senior Scientist at the Zoo and a Fellow of the Academy of Science - St. Louis.

Her presentation focuses on how wildlife populations around the world, particularly those on islands, are threatened by the increased spread of diseases. UM - St. Louis' Biology Department, the Zoo, the Charles Darwin Foundation, and the Galapagos National Park are collab-



BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER
Science Columnist

orating on the first-ever of survey of Galapagos Islands pathogens.

Panelists from St. Louis University's Center for Environmental Science, including moderator Tim Kusky, the Center's Director, discuss "Advancing Research Into Climate Change and Natu-

ral Hazards - A Multidisciplinary Approach" on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Science Seminar series continues into next year, starting with "The Greenhouse Effect and Quantitative Approaches to Solving Environmental Problems" on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m., presented by Carl Bender, Professor of Physics at Washington University, followed by a look at the underground petrified forest found in Illinois, "Snapshot in Time: Geologic Secrets of the Danville, Illinois, Fossilized Forest" by geologists Scott D. Elrick and John Nelson on Wednesday, Feb. 27

at 7:30 p.m.

The seminar's co-sponsor, the Academy of Science of St. Louis, is one of the first science organizations west of the Mississippi. Founded in 1856 by twelve physicians, a lawyer, an engineer and a businessman, for the advancement of science in the rapidly growing town of St. Louis, Missouri, the Academy published for many years one of the world's most respected scientific journals, Transactions of the Academy of Science of St. Louis.

Founding Academy members also started a museum collection and maintained a library.

Founders included George Engelmann, who helped plan the Missouri Botanical Garden, Friedrich Adolphus Wislizenus, who helped found the Missouri Historical Society, and James B. Eads, a self-taught engineer who built the Eads Bridge over the Mississippi River.

These days, Academy of Science of St. Louis helps promote science education and public awareness, through seminars and programs, including sponsoring the St. Louis Science Fair, and by recognition of outstanding local scientists.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Separation of Church, State

It is amazing that someone who is so passionate about separation of church and state that he would write a public statement when he has no fundamental idea what it means.

I fail to see how voluntarily entering a contract to purchase property that has particular known caveats is an abuse of government.

Further, I fail to see how invoking Thomas Jefferson justifies your position. It is, in fact, the defense of contract that Jefferson most espouses in his Declaration of Independence.

Just because it is a religious organization demanding the consideration of a contract be upheld does not mean it is a violation of the separation of church and state.

Further, you have presented a fantastic speculation as fact in your editorial when you said that the, "critics did not know enough about the play to properly make a public statement about whether it should be banned or not." How do you know?

Secondly, I do not recall reading anywhere that it is the job of schools to observe every religious holiday. In fact, as I recall, public schools are specifically not allowed to observe religious holidays. If the schools were required to cancel all events because there might be a religious conflict, the burden would be so high that the rest of the community would be unable to partake in almost any activity, thus "limiting the free will

of potential audiences from enjoying a public event."

Every student at UM-St. Louis has paid for your services. It is your duty to be sure you know how to use buzz words.

Benjamin Mason
Graduate Student
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Church and Legality

This is in response to Paul Hackbarth's opinion about the Ivory Theater performance, which was far too narrow. Understandably, politically correct bias and a slow news day contributed to this being in the paper, or was it simply mere bias?

Another perspective, other than the religious slant, is that of the legal entity argument. Frankly, one legal entity has the right to sell property to another legal entity with conditions so long as those conditions are legal and if all parties are in agreement to the conditions. It appears that the Ivory Theater accepted such a sales contract, thereby making it subject to the possibility of scrutiny by the other party, the Church.

This being the case, no one has the standing to whine about the Church being overly involved in our lives while citing the separation principle in this situation because this was a private contractual dispute between two legal entities that had nothing to

do with the separation principle.

The suit actually gave the Archdiocese an opportunity to review the play in order to determine whether or not the Ivory Theater was in compliance with the conditions of a legal sales contract. Nothing was ever "banned." This is a loaded word meant to induce fear and bigotry towards a legal religious entity and nothing more. Had the play been banned, it would have been the fault of the Ivory Theater for failing in their contractual responsibility. The Church had the right to scrutinize the play as per the sales contract, which the Ivory Theater agreed to at the time of the sale. Therefore, you must respect the Church's legal right and position in this matter.

Ultimately churches are legal entities which have rights who also enjoy equal protection under our laws. Denying legal rights to legal entities, religious or otherwise, would be outside of our idealized civil and legal traditions and more in line with National Socialism (Nazism) or communism among others.

We must defend the rights of all legal entities and challenge those who seek to diminish their rights or standing as entities in our society. The Church had the right to address this legal matter in a court of law and this can not be taken away. Jefferson would surely oppose tyranny over churches by the self-righteous, and so must we.

So my question to Hackbarth is: would you criticize Muslims if they

were in the same situation as the Church? What if this was a former mosque? I guess in the interest of multiculturalism, we should, right?

Let us treat these as rhetorical questions and analyze the hypocrisy and bigotry, which is a significant aspect of the politically correct mindset.

As for the question, "Should religion keep people from fun?" I welcome philosophical and theological positions that guide me. If I were to act strictly out of instinct, raw desire or the ethic du jour it could lead toward too much fun, which could cause serious problems for me and the greater society. So my answer goes without saying.

Finally, while religion is often cited as a negative force it is frequently the foundation of so much good, case in point Galileo Galilei and Gregor Johann Mendel were both founding fathers of science and guided by their Catholic foundation.

Robert Barquero
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The University of Missouri-St. Louis last earned accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission in 1998-99. Since accreditation lasts a term of ten years, the next review is scheduled to take place with a campus site visit in February, 2009. The re-accreditation process—including the preparation of a self-study document—is an institutional commitment that requires the cooperation and assistance of every campus unit, department, and organization. Every unit—from the libraries to dining services, from academic departments to Greek organizations—is responsible, in some fashion, for the learning environment we create on our campus.

As we navigate the self-study process, we will consider and assess areas that include:

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- The financial security of the university
- The university mission

Since we all contribute to the learning environment, and because campus re-accreditation by the HLC is vital to all of us, all members of the university community—faculty, staff, and students—must be involved in this process.

The self-study provides an opportunity to enhance the university's reputation and demonstrate our accountability to the creation of a positive learning environment. I invite you to participate in this valuable campus process. Please visit the accreditation website at <http://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/assessment/assessment.html> or send an email to accreditation@umsl.edu.

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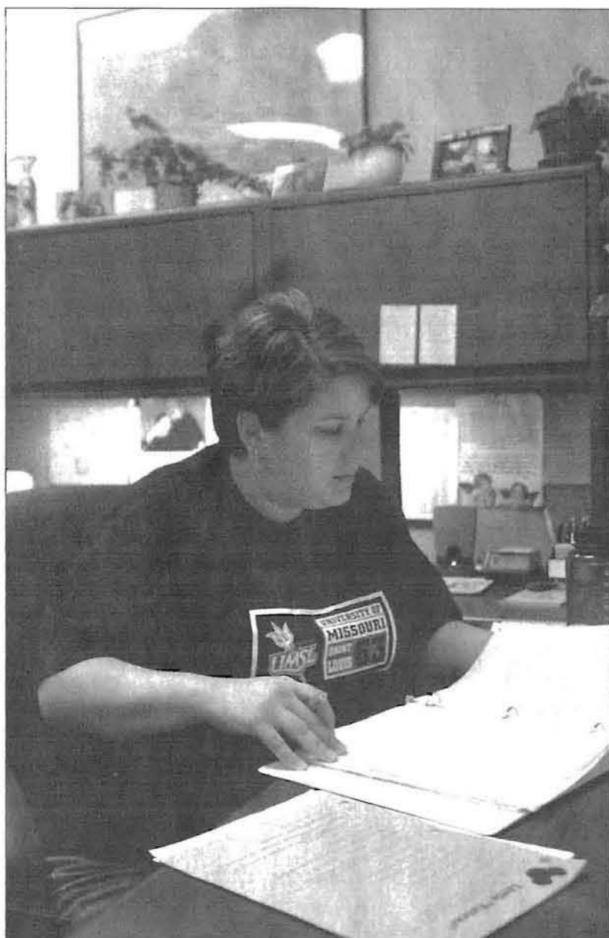
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FEATURES



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Miriam Huffman is the new associate director of student activities for the Office of Student Life. Part of her job will be helping to promote student activities at UM-St. Louis.

Love of learning motivates new associate director in Student Life

By CANDACE ANDERSON
Assistant Features Editor

This fall, UM-St. Louis welcomed Miriam Huffman as the new associate director of student activities.

Prior to accepting a position at UM-St. Louis, Huffman was employed by the University of Wisconsin-Riverfalls as co-director of first year experience and involvement coordinator. Among her many tasks, Huffman was responsible for diversity programming and worked closely with university polices and procedures.

So why did she choose St. Louis? Despite being a Chicago Cubs fan, Huffman said, "I've always had my eye on the St. Louis area."

Huffman received her bachelor's degree from Truman State University in political science and her master's from Drake University in public administration.

"Initially, I had this degree in political science and I didn't really understand what it meant or what people in that field did," Huffman said.

Huffman got her start as a graduate assistant hall director. "I had the hardest first year anyone could have," she said. "It was the excitement that kept me around."

Huffman said she has a strong

commitment for public higher education.

"I've had experience working in a private institution...UMSL is bigger than what I'm used to but it excites me," Huffman said. "I love watching the students grow and being able to help them be successful."

A life-long learner, Huffman has

“ I thought I wanted to be president. I thought I wanted to be a campaign manager .

- Miriam Huffman
Associate Director
of Student Activities

an appetite for knowledge. "I love reading books about my job," Huffman said. "I'm always trying to perfect the skills I have and I find joy in reading."

She said she wants to stay abreast of the concerns and interests of the students, but she knows what students face may not be in a book.

"We have to rely on the voice of the students. We are getting older and we want to make sure that we know what's going on so we know in what capacities we can help," she said.

Huffman encourages students to stop by her office and introduce themselves.

"I feel I have a lot to contribute to this community, but I can learn a lot professionally too," she said.

However, Huffman did not always want work at a university.

"I'm never sure what I want to do," she said. Her parents forbade her from becoming a teacher. "My parents wanted me to be more than them," Huffman said.

"I thought I wanted to be president," she said. "I thought I wanted to be a campaign manager. I got disenchanted with it after four years of political science."

Huffman said she still has a love for politics. "I just couldn't be in it. I don't want to be the one people vote for or the reason why the vote the way they do, I just want them to be informed and educated when they vote."

"It's not easy work being a teacher," she said. Huffman's father was a professor but left for financial reasons and entered corporate America.

"We now laugh all the time about it. My mom is a junior high school math teacher, my dad teaches at the collegiate level again, I've been working at a university for eight years and my brother just finished his student teaching," she said.

Student volunteers in the community are saying TGIF

Newman Center's Service Project Fridays provides chance to give back

By JUSTI MONTAGUE
Assistant Copy Editor

Students looking for a way to become more active in the community at UM-St. Louis can get involved with the Newman Center's Service Project Friday.

Newman Center students started Service Project Friday in 2003, working with Habitat for Humanity the first Friday of every month, "but we have expanded to broader services that are also more frequent," Campus Minister Tracy Van de Riet said.

Van de Riet graduated from UM-St. Louis in May 2003 with a bachelor's degree in history and has been working with the Newman Center since.

Liz Detwiler, a new Campus Minister, graduated from UM-Columbia in 2005 and went on to St. Xavier in Chicago to receive a graduate certificate in Pastoral Studies.

"I think it's important to volunteer," Detwiler said. "It really helps to foster an awareness of other people's struggles and helps us understand the ways in which the people we serve can teach us."

"People say there are no homeless people around here, but there are," Detwiler said. "Volunteering can help us realize how close homelessness is to this community."

Van de Riet said she believes that volunteering is important because it "engages college students in the community and helps them to realize the world is bigger than just their lives here at UM-St. Louis."

Past service projects have included assisting the elderly, volunteering in soup kitchens and working with abused women and children in shelters. Service Project Friday takes place on the first Friday of every month.

Other regular events at the Newman Center include Mass on Sundays at 8:30 p.m. in the Provincial House and on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at noon in the Newman House.

"Feel free to use the kitchen door," Detwiler said. "We're pretty homey here!"

On Friday, Oct. 3, the volunteer group went to Forest Park and planted around 2,000 native Missouri plants. The project lasted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and about fifteen students were in attendance.

Service Project Friday is not just for students who are active in the Newman Center. The event has broadened in the past four years, not just in



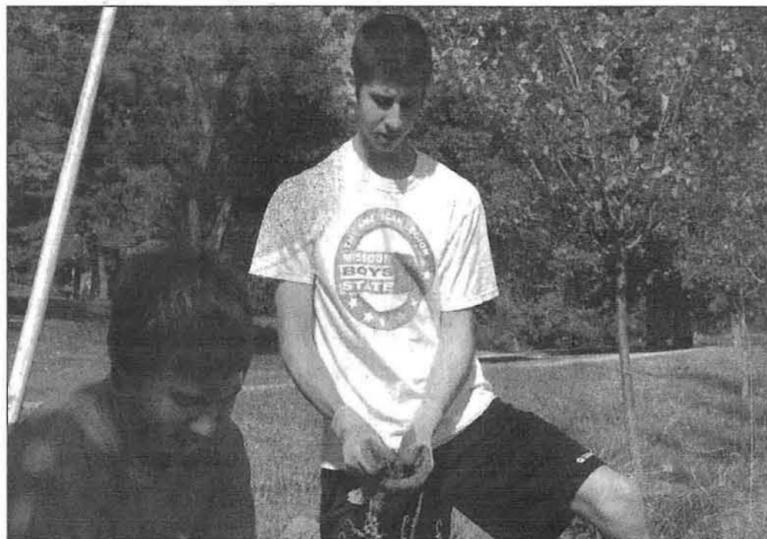
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(from LEFT TO RIGHT) Kelly Sedlacek, junior, elementary education; Mike Ruzycski, sophomore, undeclared and Matt Bono, junior, mechanical engineering, took part in Service Project Friday last week in Forest Park. Sixteen student volunteers planted native grasses around Post-Dispatch Lake to help stem soil erosion and improve the ecosystem of the man-made lake.

“ I think it's important to volunteer. It really helps to foster an awareness of other people's struggles and helps us understand the ways in which the people we serve can teach us.

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- Liz Detwiler,
Campus Minister



(LEFT) Mike Ruzycski, sophomore, undeclared and Matt Bono, junior, mechanical engineering helped plant more than 2,000 native Missouri plants during Service Project Friday. The Catholic Newman Center sponsored the volunteer project.

volunteer activities, but also in the people who partake.

"We like to invite all members of campus," Van de Riet said. "New people bring new experiences, which lead to new thoughts and new ideas, and that's always good. If people have service project ideas, they can feel free to bring them to us."

"We like to have totally different groups of people who normally wouldn't be involved in the Newman Center," Detwiler said. "It gives Newman Center students a chance to meet

people who have different perspectives and different reasons for doing service.

"It's not just a group of friends getting together to do service anymore. It's an entire community coming together to do service," she said.

November's service project is set for Friday, Nov. 2.

"We will be holding a Rake-A-Thon in Bel-Nor," Van de Riet said. "We just want to help some of the elderly residents who maybe can't get their yard spruced up."

TOP TEN

Ways to show your Triton spirit during Homecoming Week

10. Carry a trident to all of your classes.
9. Blow into a conch shell instead of using a cell phone.
8. Wear red and gold flippers to the homecoming games.
7. During the parade, when you are on a float, act like you are fishing for people in the crowd.
6. Instead of a tuxedo or evening dress, wear your Tritons soccer jersey to the homecoming dance.
5. When walking in the MSC rotunda, walk in a retrograde orbit, like Triton, one of Neptune's moons.
4. At the homecoming dance, order the fish and shrimp platter combo.
3. During the karaoke contest, sing "Under the Sea" from "The Little Mermaid."
2. Give blood at the blood drive (because it is red) and afterwards to replenish your blood sugar level, drink lemonade (because it is gold).
1. During class, spell out T-R-I-T-O-N-S really loud in your best cheerleader voice.

Service Project Fridays

- Want to go? The next Service Project Friday will take place on Nov. 2.
- The Newman Center will hold a "Rake-A-Thon," where volunteers will help elderly residents in Bel-Nor clean up their yards.
- For more information, call the Newman Center at 314-385-3455 or send an e-mail to Tracy Van De Riet at tracy@cncumsl.edu or Liz Detwiler at liz@cncumsl.edu

University ambassadors mix, mingle with students and celebrities

BY GREG GATCOMBE
Staff Writer

Students stepping foot on UM-St. Louis' campus may encounter unique people interspersed with a few waterfowl. At the same time, they might meet a University Ambassador.

The University Ambassador program helps to provide a positive image for the University.

Kimberly Johnson, coordinator of special events in Media Relations, who runs the program, believes the program benefits the school as well as the students.

"It promotes a positive image of the University and a lot of different students get involved," Johnson said. They include international, traditional and non-traditional students."

To qualify as an ambassador, students must first be exemplary citizens, have a 2.5 GPA, and have completed at least one semester at UM-St. Louis. They must also attend three University events and complete an initial interview successfully.

Some of the ambassadors' tasks include hosting University events such as the Founders Dinner, the Academic Lecture Series and commencement ceremonies. They get to make connections with individuals who may be able to help them out with furthering their career plans.

Carmen Jasper, senior, criminology and criminal justice, believes that opportunities have opened up for her while being a part of this program.

"You get plenty of opportunities to be recognized by high profile leaders in hopes to possibly give a good word on whatever job opportunity you may be looking for," Jasper said.

A main selling point of the organization is meeting others who have contacts with prospects for job opportunities.

For example, at the Founders Dinner last week, Frank Deford, a prominent sports commentator, was on hand and a few of the ambassadors were able to chat with him for a few minutes.

Maureen Zegel, assistant director of Media, Printing and Creative Services, said she believes that is the main reason the ambassador program is a great organization.

"The students have an opportunity to meet all types of people," Zegel said. "They were able to sit down and talk to the founders about when the campus was a golf course."

"You too should become an ambassador if you want to become more of a social person and want to take advantage of the opportunities in front of you," Jasper said.

"That is another responsibility: mingling with guests at the special events to show that we do indeed have bright and intelligent students here at UMSL," she said.

Zegel said she believes strongly both in the program and how it presents the University. She encourages anyone and everyone to join.

For more information on University Ambassadors, call Kim Johnson at 516-5442.

Political science professor brings world to classroom

Ruth Iyob is a published author, co-writer of Eritrea's constitution

BY AMY RECKTENWALD
Features Editor

Few can claim to have published a book. Fewer still, more than one book.

However, there is only one instructor on the UM-St. Louis campus who has not only produced two books, but also helped write a constitution for a country, done field work in a war zone, been a Fulbright Fellow, held a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, and published eight articles, seven book chapters and three essays- with another eight publications in the works.

Who is it? Dr. Ruth Iyob, associate professor in the Political Sciences department and research fellow in the Center for International Studies.

Iyob is very modest about her accomplishments, despite the fact that the list is extensive and also includes serving as the Principal Researcher

for the War Torn Societies Project for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and Director of the Africa Program at the International Peace Academy.

How did such a seasoned and well-qualified political scientist come to UM-St. Louis? "I came here to give a talk in 1992 about U.S. intervention in Somalia," Iyob said. "They asked me to come here, so I took it."

"I'm from St. Louis," Iyob said. "St. Louis is my second home. I was born in the Horn of Africa."

She earned her bachelor's degree and two masters from Washington University, then left St. Louis to earn her doctorate from the University of California-Santa Barbara, and eventually came back to St. Louis.

What Iyob said she appreciates best about St. Louis, and UM-St. Louis specifically is the openness to all kinds of new ideas. The openness allows her to "bring the world to the classroom."



Ruth Iyob, professor of political science, currently serves as the principal researcher for the War Torn Societies Project for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and Director of the Africa Program at the International Peace Academy.

That she would be interested in an area open to new and different ideas should come as no surprise. Iyob pointed out that she was born

in an area of the world where it was commonplace for people to speak multiple languages. She herself speaks French, Eng-

lish, Italian, Spanish, and a number of African dialects.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 11

Africa World Documentary Film Festival

Weekend two of UM-St. Louis' sponsored festival of over 60 original documentary films from and about Africa and the African diaspora, Oct. 11-13 at Contemporary Art Museum, 3750 Washington Blvd. Schedule available at www.cfis-umsl.com. Sponsored by Center for International Studies and the Theater, Dance and Media Studies Department. For info, call Ephrem Andermarium at 314-516-7195.

ABC Step Show Competition

Annual stepping/dance competition, with three competition categories: open (students), fraternities and sororities, 6-9 p.m. at JC Penney Auditorium. Followed by Steppin' Afterparty at 9-11 p.m. in the Pilot House. Refreshments and music with DJ Charlie Chan. Free. For info: Antionette Dickens at 314.397.5181

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Georgian State Dance Company at the PAC

Dance St. Louis presents this evening of dance and pageantry from the folk tradition of the Republic of Georgia on Friday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Touhill. Free pre-performance talk in the lobby 45 minutes before each performance. For info or ticket prices: 314-516-4949 or www.touhill.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

Des Lee Playwriting Competition Winning Plays at Mo. History Museum

Two short plays, winners of the inaugural E. Desmond Lee Playwriting Competition, will be performed at the Missouri History Museum, by the Department of Theater, Dance and Media Studies. A third winner, a full-length play will be performed on Oct. 20. The plays were the winners of a Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis competition, which required the plays be focused on the African-American experience in Missouri, particularly St. Louis. One-act play winner "Twenty Years" and 10-minute play winner "Stoned" will be performed at 2 p.m. Oct. 13 and full-length play winner "The Seamstress of Saint Francis Street" will be performed at 2 p.m. Oct. 20. Free and open to all. For info: www.cfis-umsl.com or (314) 516-7299.

TOP TUNES

DOWNLOADS

1. Gimme More - Britney Spears
2. Crank That - Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
3. Stronger - Kanye West
4. Apologize - Timbaland feat. OneRepublic
5. Bubbly - Colbie Caillat
6. The Way I Am - Ingrid Michaelson



7. 1234 - Feist

8. Rockstar - Nickelback

9. No One - Alicia Keys

10. Ayo Technology - 50 Cent featuring Justin Timberlake

AT THE TOUHILL

Sinatra sings it 'his way'

By SHANNON McMANIS

Page Designer

"The young people call us Jurassic Park," said Frank Sinatra Jr. in the least cynical way possible. "But I figure dinosaurs are in." Well they must be, because the show on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Touhill was a toe tapping good time. Part concert, part comedy show and part history lesson, the show packed as much as possible into less than two hours of stage time.

There were several crowd favorites, one of which was "The Way You Look Tonight," which Sinatra called a "wonderful American standard." He also gave explanations for his choices as he sang them. "In a show like this one, ladies and gentlemen, when in doubt... Gershwin. An American institution."

The crowd was delighted as he followed that up with a Gershwin composition, "'S Wonderful."

Sinatra is able to give insight into his father's life. At a poignant moment, he told the audience that his father put "60 years of his heart and his soul into music like this because he believed in it, and that music defies the effects of time." Then the lights turned low and he sang "One For My Baby" in a moving performance.

In a change of pace, Sinatra began joking on stage, something his father often did. Jumping off of his stool, he danced around for a moment and complained, "it's so hard being a sex symbol." At one point he audibly assumed that the audience mistook him for "Michael Bumblebee or whatever his name is... I was handsome like him once." He went on to warn, "Don't let it fool you, under this hair,

I'm old."

Frank Jr. took his fans through a few decades of his father's music. Starting in the 1940s, he conveyed the image of a young Sinatra Sr. trying to make a name for himself, and the first step was to latch on to someone else's name. This was finally accomplished with Tommy Dorsey. Sinatra Sr. and Dorsey hit it big with "Without A Song." The crowd was enlightened of the fact that "if you could get the audience to tap their toes, you're half-way home."

All the books you would ever read about Frank Sinatra have one thing in common. They all say that he told the world about himself in his ballads. His son agrees, and as an example, sang "Night and Day," during which there was an uncanny voice resemblance between father and son.

The 1950s section of the program began with homage to Nelson Riddle. Riddle was a bandleader, arranger and orchestrator who worked with Sinatra Sr. in the early '50s.

One of the greatest compilations between the two arrived in "I've Got The World On A String." Naturally, Sinatra graced the audience with that tune next.

Moving on to the 1960s, Sinatra remembers a time when no one thought his father's music would fit into the age of the Beatles. He also remembers that his father, always the optimist, was the kind of guy who "waded through the fertilizer looking for the horse." He found that figurative horse with "For Once In My Life." The band enjoyed playing this one.

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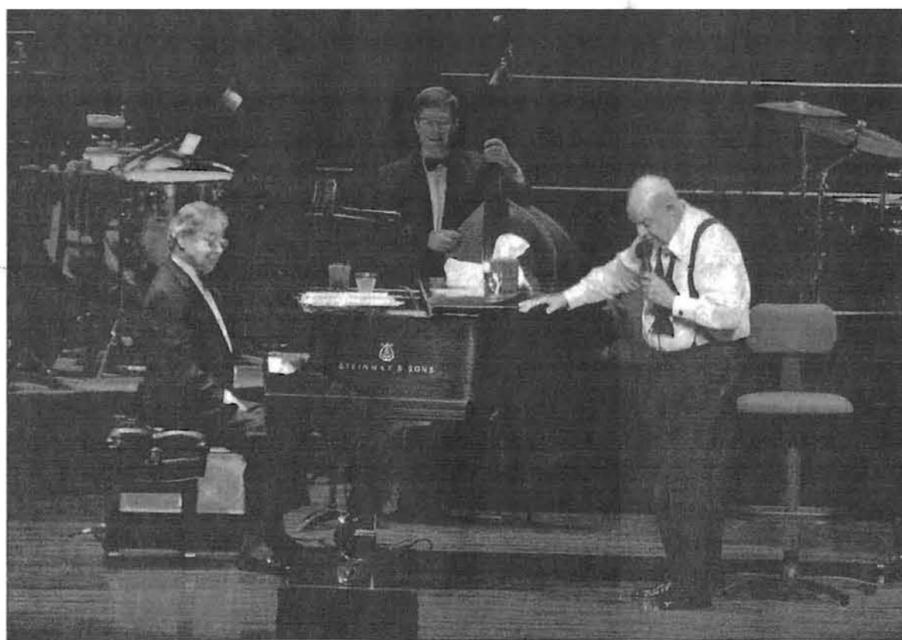


Maria Jenkins • Staff Photographer

Frank Sinatra Jr. takes a quick breath during his performance Sunday afternoon at the Touhill. The performance began at 2 p.m. with a pre-show featuring dance entertainment provided by Casa Loma.

AT THE TOUHILL

Rickles tickles the Touhill



Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

"Call me an ambulance. Just make sure there is no mouth to mouth," Don Rickles said during his comedy act on Sunday Sept. 30 at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

By GREG GATCOMBE

Staff Writer

Last Sunday at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, I witnessed one of the legends of comedy. He is as old as your grandma but still can dance around and tell jokes with the best of them.

I first saw him on the movie "The Aristocrats," and it just added on to the fact that I already knew he was one of the greats. Once I found out he was coming to UM-St. Louis, I had to go. His name is Don Rickles.

Once I got there, in great seats by the way, there was heavy stench of cologne in the air, which I could have sworn came from the opening

act, Brock Christopher. He is a native St. Louisan and did his best Frank Sinatra impersonation, which was a little corny but not bad.

But then came out the man we were waiting for, Mr. Rickles. In his old age, he still looked great. He started off the show by ripping on almost everyone in the front row. I did not really know what kind of comedy he would perform, but a lot of his act was ad-libbing and making fun of the audience, which was absolutely hilarious.

He particularly went after an Asian woman, saying he had chased her Uncle Charlie in the jungle for two years while he was in the army -- hysterical.

The most amazing thing about his

act was how he would move quickly and gingerly from side to side on stage many times.

Also, he broke into song a few times, once claiming even though he made fun of everyone he "was a nice guy." It was beautiful.

I have seen a lot of comedy acts on television and heard some on CDs, but Rickles was definitely up there as one of my favorites. He had a few jokes that were a little before my time, but I was still laughing throughout the entire act.

If given the chance again, go and watch one of the bests of the comedic game do his thing every time. He was worth the price of admission and left the stage with a packed house standing and applauding.

A&E ON CAMPUS

UMSL event brings the African world to St. Louis in film

By CATE MARQUIS

A&E Editor

The Africa World Documentary Film Festival unreeled its first film on Thursday, but the festival really began long before that.

The 68 documentary films in the festival represent the best submissions in a documentary film competition held by UM-St. Louis earlier this year.

The festival is the first of what is intended to be an annual event.

The Africa World Documentary Film Festival began Thursday and ran through Saturday at the Tivoli Theatre.

It continues this week, Oct. 11 through 13 at the Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis at 3750 Washington Blvd.

The festival is sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Professorship in African/African-American Studies of the Center for International Studies, and Department of Theater, Dance, and Media Studies at UM-St. Louis.

The festival director is Niyi Coker, E. Desmond Lee Professor at UM-St. Louis, and the festival coordinator is Ephrem Andermarium.

Filmmakers, students or otherwise submitted films that highlighted African people, culture or issues.

The subjects covered both the continent itself and people of African descent around the globe.

Among the topics were hip-hop, HIV-AIDS, women's issues, war in Africa, the Civil Rights movement, African religions and spirituality, African dance and drumming and the Nigerian film industry known as Nollywood.

Filmmakers from 24 countries,

including Brazil, Britain, Cuba, Germany, Canada, the United States and even Israel submitted films.

African countries included Somalia, Egypt, Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa, to name a few.

The festival hopes to promote awareness and understanding of the African people, the African diaspora and their culture, traditions and concerns.

Films in the festival are shown in groups for three or four throughout the screening days.

A panel of expert judges picked the winners of this juried competition. Cash prizes, ranging from \$200 to \$1,000, were awarded to the three top rated films in two categories, short films and feature length.

The winners of the competition were announced on Oct. 7 at the Tivoli.

Among the films offered in the second week of the festival are "Masai: A Warrior's Rite of Passage," a Kenyan film that takes you inside one of the last of the vanishing rituals of traditional African peoples, and "Amazones," a Guinean film look at an African women's drumming group on tour in Canada.

"Brotherly Jazz," about three Philadelphia musician brothers is also featured.

Other films in the last weekend of the festival are "Return of the Obelisk" about the return of an art treasure stolen 70 years earlier during an Italian invasion of Ethiopia.

Another is "Irma's Journey," about an African American storyteller making a reconnection with African roots in a trip to Senegal.

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RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Cicero's and Blueberry Hill face off on the Loop

Cicero's provides 3-in-1

By SHANNON McMANIS
Page Designer

Driving from the pizzeria to the beer garden and then to a concert venue all in one night can be exhausting. Would it not be fantastic to have all three of them in one place? Welcome to Cicero's.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Cicero's Italian Restaurant and Entertainment Plex on the Delmar Loop. Established in 1977, Cicero's has a long standing reputation for having good food and live music. They are not, however, in the same room. The restaurant is located upstairs, while the entertainment venue is downstairs.

The restaurant is split into a family-friendly pizzeria/Italian style dining room and a bar/gaming area. The menu is pretty comprehensive featuring a combination of Italian and American cuisines with everything from pastas and pizza to half-pound burgers.

They also present an interesting take on traditional chips and salsa, offering instead an Italian counterpart.

Homemade pizza dough is fried then topped with parmesan and garlic and served with a side of marinara for dipping.

If you are in the mood for something different, try one of their specialty pizzas. Besides the traditional tomato pizza sauce, substitutions include pesto sauce, Alfredo sauce or just fresh garlic, not to mention any of 23 different toppings.

Do not forget about dessert! Cicero's has some of the best tauntingly eye-catching treats in town in their display case, including a daily assortment of specialty cakes, layer cakes, cheesecake, pies and brownies.

Ice cream is also available and in the form of a sundae, shake, malt or root beer float. And there's something for the kiddos too. For every clean plate, the ten and unders get a free scoop of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.

For the not-so-kiddos, there is one hell of a beer menu. Cicero's boasts over 200 beers both draught and bottled. Try a beer sampler if the decision is too difficult to make. There are six to choose from including "Taste of Germany," "British Sampler" and "Fruity Fabulous."

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Blueberry Hill is a hit

By STEPHANIE SOLETA
Staff Writer

Once I entered Blueberry Hill last Saturday night, I could not stop looking at my surroundings.

The walls were covered with classic memorabilia ranging from a Stan the Man poster to a light-up Betty Boop. I was especially fascinated by the old fashioned telephone booth located near the entrance. It looked like it was plucked straight from the 1930s.

While I was fascinated by my surroundings, the ten minute wait to be seated passed by quickly.

I was seated in a small wooden booth with seats like old-fashioned church pews. The booth created a cozy, low-light atmosphere, added to by the mirror and ornamental light sconce located on the wall beside the table.

My waitress was prompt and courteous. She amazed me with her attentiveness, constantly coming over to see if I needed a drink refill.

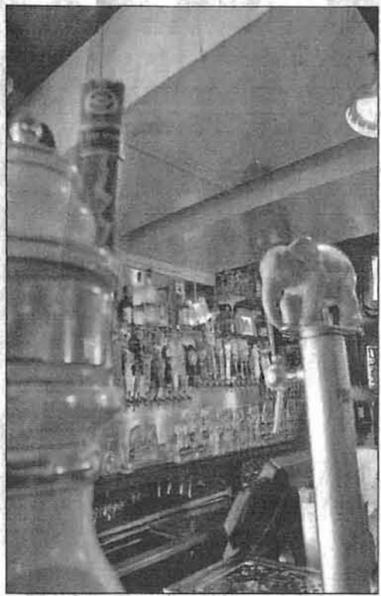
I looked at the menu and was very surprised by the range of dishes offered. There were hamburgers, fish, soups and vegetarian dishes. Even low-fat items were offered. Breakfast is served all day every day. Breakfast menu items included pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and, of course, blueberry muffins.

For a Saturday night, my food came relatively quickly. I ordered a salad with house (creamy Italian) dressing, along with a side of fries. The creamy Italian dressing was the best dressing I had ever had. It was so thick that I had to use my knife to make it flow from its container.

Once I tasted it, just the right combination of herbs and spices filled my mouth, and my taste buds rejoiced. The slice of bread that came with my salad was delicious as well. The fries, however, were average, but they were warm, and tasted divine dipped in the remainder of my house salad dressing.

As I rested my stomach, I looked around at the people who surrounded me. Ages ranged from 16 to 60. There were couples, both young and old, as well as families with small children. Even a group of high school kids on their way to Homecoming had stopped in for some dinner before their dance.

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A view of some of Cicero's 51 beer taps.



Cicero's offers over 50 foreign and domestic beers on tap at their beer garden.

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Blueberry Hill customers dining outside Saturday night.



Dave Kirk bringing out food to awaiting customers on a busy night Saturday at Blueberry Hill.

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The conductor Terry Woodson was even dancing around while directing, to the audience's amusement.

Another favorite from the '60s is "Strangers In The Night." Immediately following this crowd pleaser, Sinatra told a personal anecdote. The last seven years of his father's performances, Frank Jr. was his musical director. At every performance his dad would back up to him and say "What's next?" When told it was "Strangers In The Night," he would respond, "Oh. That." Sinatra Jr. thought it was hilarious, "Nine million records and he hated that song." In a fit of selflessness, he would offer, "Want to give it to me? I'll take a

hand me down. I'm not proud."

Towards the end of the show, Sinatra really started having fun with his performance. When "New York, New York" came up, the stage's backdrop turned into a spectacular shot of Old New York, and he danced around the stage while singing.

For his very last song of the day, he sang "My Way." The crowd went crazy (as crazy as an audience of senior citizens can go), and gave Frank Jr. a standing ovation. He waved to his fans, and they waved right back. On the way out of the theatre, the older couples were holding hands, perhaps remembering similar times when it was father, not son, singing the songs that are now classics.

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Lastly, "This is Nollywood," about the Nigerian film industry, which produces more than 1,000 movies a year.

A complete list and schedule of the featured films is available online by visiting <http://www.cfis-umsl.com>

and clicking on "Africa World."

More information is also available by calling festival coordinator Ephrem Andemariam at 7195. Tickets are \$8 for students, UM-St. Louis faculty and staff or seniors, and \$10 for all others.

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Division: OPEN
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Time: Thur 6-10pm
Place: Adrenaline Zone
Deadline: Oct 16

COED VOLLEYBALL
Division: COED
Date: Oct 22-Dec 3
Time: Mon 7-10pm
Place: MT Gym
Deadline: Oct 16

FLOOR HOCKEY
Division: Mens, COED
Date: Oct 23-Dec 4
Time: Tues 7-10pm
Place: MT Gym
Deadline: Oct 16

INDOOR SOCCER
Division: Mens, COED
Date: Oct 24-Dec 5
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SPORTS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Chelsea Baumstark

Baumstark is a 5'11" Middle Hitter for the UM-St. Louis volleyball team.

She is a junior, communications, from Hermann, Mo. Last season she played in 19 matches, recording 100 kills and a total of 23 blocks.

Baumstark played three years at Hermann High School, was team captain for the Bearcats and was a two-time all-conference selection. As a senior, she was named a second team all-state player.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Soccer

Oct. 12 vs. Indianapolis 7:30 p.m. (Alumni Day)

Oct. 14 vs. St. Joseph's (Senior Day) 2:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 12 vs. Indianapolis (Alumni Day) 5 p.m.

Oct. 14 vs. St. Joseph's (Senior Day) Noon

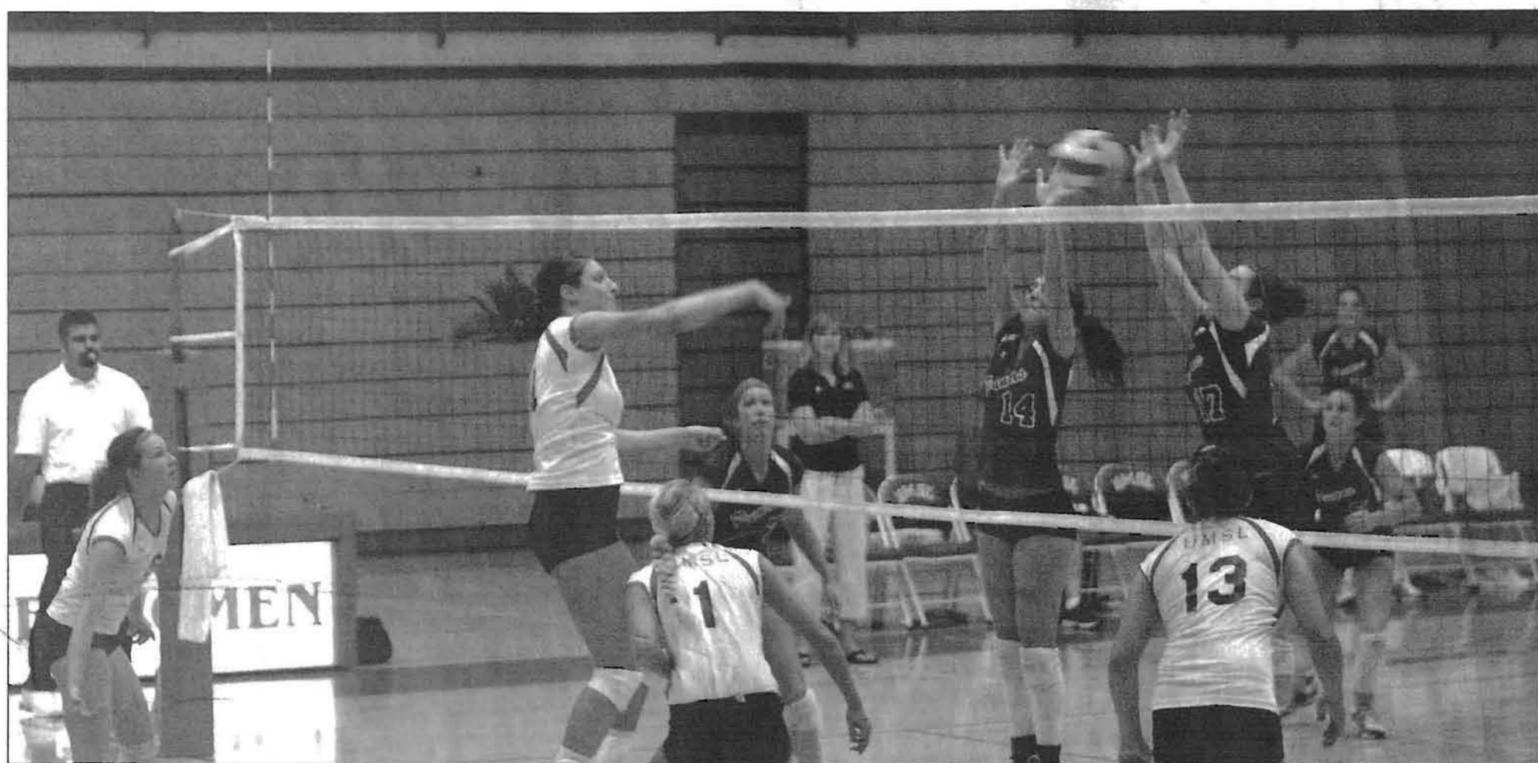
Volleyball

Oct. 11 at Wisconsin-Parkside 7 p.m.

Oct. 12 at Lewis 7 p.m.

Men's Golf

Oct. 9-10 Rivermen Invitational O'Fallon, Mo. WingHaven CC



Christy Trame, Lisa Brinker and Claudia Medina watch at their opponents struggle to return the spike.

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Tritons third in GLVC standings

By LaGuan Fuse

Sports Editor

The UM-St. Louis women's volleyball team's record now stands at 10-12 (6-5 GLVC) after going 2-1 in a three-game home stand. The team picked up wins against Northern Kentucky and St. Joseph's but were unable to defeat Indianapolis, who currently has only one loss this season.

The Tritons are currently third in the GLVC West standings right behind Rockhurst and SIU-Edwardsville.

The Tritons defeated the St. Joseph's Pumas in a back and forth battle that took five matches to determine a winner. The Tritons won the first two matches with scores of 30-22 and 30-20. The Pumas came back in the third match to escape defeat and won 34-32.

St. Joseph's continues to fight and won the fourth match with a score of 30-23. In the final match, UM-St. Louis prevailed and won the match 15-11.

Joslyn Brown led the team in defensive digs with a total of 21. Heather Nichols and Carolyn Holstein both finished the game with 19 digs. Claudia Medina and Lisa Brinker both ended the game with 17.

Christy Trame led the team in kills with 26 and Elizabeth Cook came in second with 17.

The Tritons were unable to defeat the Indianapolis Greyhounds despite being 4-1 in home conference games. The Greyhounds gave the Tritons their first home conference loss since Sept. 7. With the win Indianapolis moves to 19-1 and remains undefeated in the GLVC.

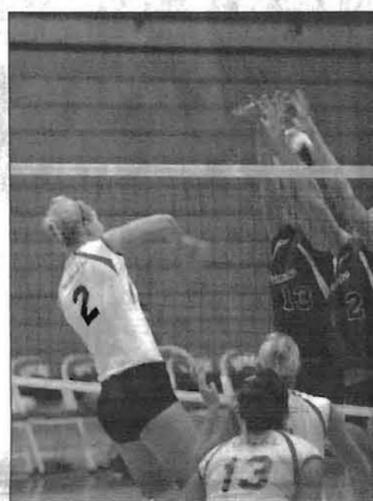
UM-St. Louis came out strong and won the first match winning 30-25. The Tritons continued to fight hard but came up a little short in the second match, losing to the Greyhounds 31-29. The final two matches were close as well, but Indianapolis came out on top. The scores were 30-27 and 30-25.

Brown recorded 28 digs in the game and Nichols was right behind her with 27 digs.

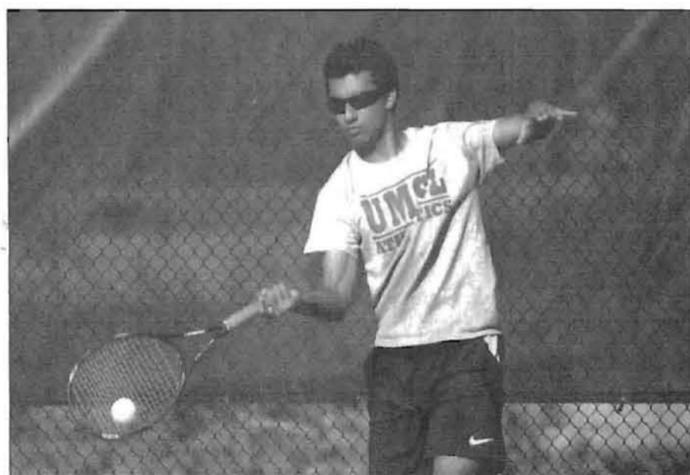
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Christy Trame spikes a setup by her teammate.



Chelsea Baumstark finished the game against Saint Joseph's with 10 kills.



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(ABOVE) Andre Chemas attempts to return a serve during his singles match on Monday. (RIGHT) Julia Miller's serves for the last time in her college career during her doubles match on Monday afternoon.

Triton tennis teams end season with wins

Men win final match 3-1, women win 3-0

By Danny Reise

Staff Photographer

The women's tennis team finished a tough season on a positive note. UM-St. Louis tennis teams took to the courts against Webster University last Monday.

"This was a great end to a fall season," said Head Coach Rick Gyllenberg.

The men's team finished the season 3-1 while the women had an undefeated 3-0 season.

"I am very happy to see the progression of the women's team," said Gyllenberg. "They barely beat Webster last year with a score of 5-4 and this year we finished the match 8-1, it is great seeing that," said Gyllenberg.

On court one, doubles with Peter Hantack and Ryan Burgdorfer on court one, won 8-1. On court two, Tim Bryant and Daniel Anthony won 8-0. Finally, on court three, Boris Simic and John Harte took the last win in men's doubles for the fall season

with another 8-0 finish.

Women's doubles partners with Stephanie Thompson and Sara Helbig, won 8-2 on court one. Stacy Goodman and Sara Davidson took a hard fought win against Alexandra Meyer and Erica Jumps at 8-4.

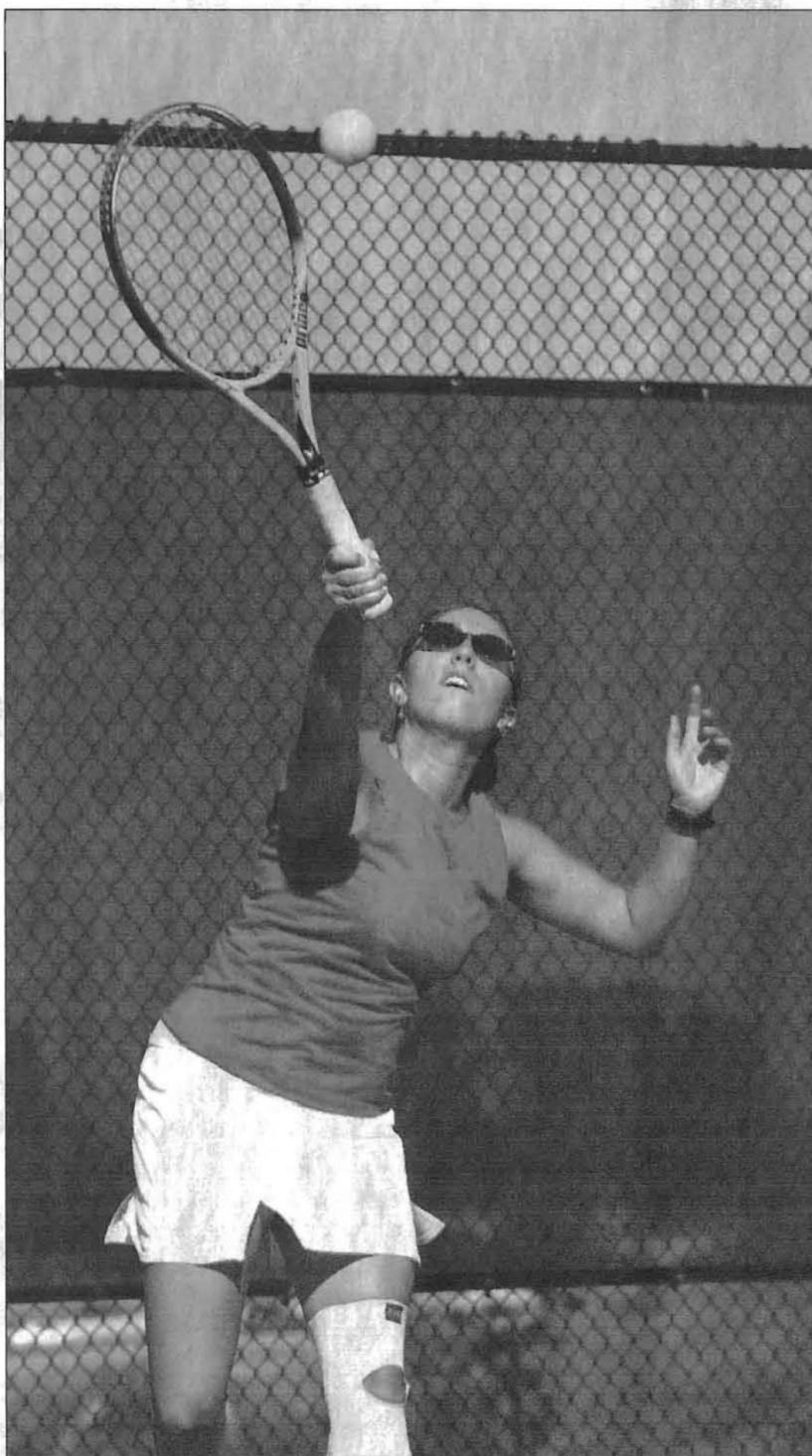
Julia Miller and Yuki Takashima took the only loss during the match with a final score of 1-8. This was an unfortunate ending to Miller's college tennis career.

In men's singles, Simic faced Rolf Rothermel and finished on top with 6-4 followed by a 5-0 score. On court two, Bryant, who played against Patrick Mills, was not happy with his performance.

"I started off a little slow but I am thankful that I picked up the pace in the later set," said Bryant. Still, Bryant pulled off another win for the Tritons with the first set at 6-4 and the second at 6-2.

Court three witnessed a perfect match between Anthony and Billy White.

See TENNIS, page 14





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Women's soccer breaks down in a 5-2 loss at SIU-Edwardsville

By **SCOTT LAVELOCK**
Staff Writer

It sure did look like October on Friday at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, with homecoming festivities abounding for a women's soccer game at Ralph Korte Stadium.

It felt like July, though, as unseasonably sweltering temperatures and an offensive fireworks display by SIUE dashed any hopes of a UM-St. Louis win.

The Tritons nearly spoiled the SIUE homecoming, as the match was tied at two with eleven minutes left in regulation. A five-minute deluge by the Cougars netted three goals, however, and the Tritons ended up on the short end of a 5-2 score.

"Defensively, we have some issues," said Head Coach Beth Goetz. "I think mentally, we just check out. We just make a couple silly mistakes, and after that we can't put it back together again."

The SIUE women had drawn first blood in the first half on a breakaway

goal by Katie Yearian at the 31 minutes mark. Ten minutes later, though, UM-St. Louis answered back.

Tara Reitz fired a shot across her body as she was moving away from the goal toward the right corner. The ball sailed past the diving goalkeeper, hit the left post, and rolled just to the right of the goal where Krisie Muesenfechter stuck it in.

It is the second time in as many weeks that Muesenfechter has scored off a rebounded shot by Reitz.

Four minutes into the second half, UM-St. Louis struck again. SIUE

goalie Kaci Backs tried to punch away a high cross shot from the corner and whiffed, allowing Rachel Lee to calmly boot it into the side of the net from twenty feet for her fourth goal of the year.

Ahead 2-1, the Tritons went into protection mode. A diving save by goalie Courtney Carmody deflected an SIUE shot in front of the net, resulting in another shot, but defenseman Jaimie Pitterle made a brilliant, sliding save to preserve the lead.

It would not last long, though, as an arcing shot from at least fifty feet

by Cougar Elizabeth Valenti sailed over Carmody's head to tie the game. In another of the long line of events over the years of the Cougars taunting UM-St. Louis, Valenti followed her goal by dancing liberally in front of the Triton bench.

The teams exchanged opportunities until the 80th minute of the match, when SIUE opened the flood gates. In less than five minutes, three goals by the Cougars stunned the Tritons and anyone who had happened to take a short nap, and it put the icing on the cake for SIUE.

Goetz, although disappointed by the mental breakdowns late in the game, also saw the positives in hanging with one of the top teams in the nation.

"We outplayed them in the first half," Goetz said. "So you look at that and say that you can play with a team like that."

SIUE improved to 8-3-1 overall, 7-2 in GLVC play as they sit in second place in the conference. UM-St. Louis to 5-6-2, 2-4-1 in conference play going into their Sunday match at Quincy.

The life and times of Christy Trame

By **SCOTT LAVELOCK**
Staff Writer



Christy Trame

If you get to know the UM-St. Louis volleyball team, you will meet quite a wide variety of personalities.

You might meet an imposing, dominant middle hitter who shows little mercy as she brings the hammer down on the opposition. Then again, you might meet a delightfully cheerful and perpetually jovial young woman who simply loves to just be around people.

If you have met junior Christy Trame, you have met both of those people.

"I'm a nice-to-everyone kind of person," said Trame (pronounced TRA-may), the youngest of six children. "Maybe it was because my siblings were mean to me. I want everyone around me to be happy. I don't like negatives."

That kind of attitude does not exactly come out on the court, though. The six foot, one half-inch - she emphasizes that it is only half an inch - middle hitter of the Tritons leads the team in kills and hitting percentage, and is second in the GLVC in total points.

Trame does not get too concerned with her own individual stats and accomplishments, though.

"It's all about wins and losses," said Trame.

Those wins are starting to come for the Tritons, who have put themselves in the top six of the conference after solid victories over strong teams such as Northern Kentucky, who was ranked 22nd in the nation before their loss to UM-St. Louis on Thursday.

"We have a pretty good chance of going to the conference tournament," said Trame, a nursing major. "And

depending on how everyone does, we'll see who we play first."

She and the rest of her teammates hope that team is Lewis University, who beat UM-St. Louis twice last year, despite the fact that anyone wearing red and gold feels they were the better team.

"Oh, I hate Lewis," Trame said. "You can put that in the newspaper all you want. *We hate Lewis.*"

Her passionate disgust with the Flyers would not have even come about, though, if not for her decision to transfer to UM-St. Louis after playing her freshman year at Indiana St., a Division I school.

"I wasn't sure if I was going to play volleyball again," Trame said. "I wanted to, but my parents wanted me to focus on academics. So, I looked at the best nursing programs, and this was one of the best, and they also had a good volleyball program."

So, it was back to the hardwood for Trame, just as she has been since

sixth grade when she starting playing the game in her hometown of Highland, Ill. She starred in both volleyball and basketball there, setting the school scoring record in basketball.

Although her hoop dreams are over now, she still relishes every moment she plays volleyball with her Triton teammates.

"We're close. We talk about everything. We mesh well. Everyone gets along with everyone for the most part," Trame said.

The same can be said of her relationship with her family.

"When we were younger we always fought and never got along," Trame said. "But now that we're older we have better relationships. I talk to each of them at least once a week."

In fact, it was the influence of two of her older sisters that motivated her to play at the collegiate level. Jennifer and Stephanie Trame both played at Murray St. and then later at SIUE, and both received a lot of notoriety as well.

"After seeing both of my sisters play college volleyball and what they experienced, I realized it was something I wanted to do," Trame said. "I wanted to be a part of that, to feel that."

The youngest Trame continues to pile up accomplishments for herself as well, although she looks ahead to the days when she can become a traveling nurse and then go back to school to become qualified to administer anesthesia.

For now, it is all about volleyball, and Trame has some food for thought for anyone considering going out to watch a UM-St. Louis volleyball game.

"Hot girls in spandex," she said. Enough said.

Earle has high hopes entering tournament

By **TOM SCHNABLE**
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into the end of a season, all that coaches typically ask of their team is for them to be playing at their highest level. For UM-St. Louis women's golf coach James Earle, that is exactly what he has gotten from his team.

"We're playing our best golf right now," said Earle, who is in his fifth season at the helm of the program.

Fortunately for the team, their 'best golf' is being played going into the final tournament of the season, the Triton Invitational, which is today and tomorrow at Gateway National Golf Club.

"We're definitely playing good enough to win the tournament," said Earle.

Earle's enthusiasm is well founded, citing the improvement that his team has made from the beginning of the season.

"I have challenged each girl to improve something in their game from day one," said Earle. "Each one of them has worked hard to ac-

complish that."

Earle sees the team's ball striking as the area that has improved the most.

Junior Erin Konkol and freshman Ashley Stout have led the team on the course most of the year.

"[Konkol has] been the number one player since she came on the team two years ago," said Earle.

In reference to Stout's play, Earle simply said, "She's been awesome... Having a one-two punch of Konkol and Stout has been really cool."

Stout's ascension has been most unusual because Earle prefers to keep the pressure off players who are new to the team, but the coach recognizes special talent when he sees it.

"I just didn't think she was going to be as good as she is this quick," Earle said.

Another player whose performance has contributed nicely to the team's success is senior Shannon Vallowe.

"She has improved a lot from last season, and she's probably my most consistent player," said Earle.

Competing with only five play-

ers, it is important for all the women on the team to be on top of their game at all times.

"There's nobody that can really sit on the bench, and it probably has put an added pressure on the girls," said Earle.

The coach thinks this only helps the players motivate each other to work harder.

"They don't want to let their teammates down by letting their individual scores fall," said Earle.

All of these reasons add up to why Earle is so excited about his team's chances going into their home tournament.

Just in case, there is a little more that drives his team.

"A lot of the teams in the last tournament we played in came up on us," said Earle. "That will give us extra motivation since a lot of those same teams will be playing here."

The coach will get to see if his team's play will match the level of excitement he has when the team tees off in the tournament.

"I really expect a strong showing from all my players, one through five," said Earle.

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Men's soccer falls to SIUE

By **SCOTT LAVELOCK**
Staff Writer

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville will not be moving to NCAA Division I until next year, but they look ready to make the jump already as a massive homecoming crowd of 2,215 in Edwardsville saw a 2-0 Cougar victory over UM-St. Louis on Friday.

SIUE controlled the ball for the majority of the game. Right from the start, the Triton defense bent, but did not break, often and was able to keep the game close.

Less than six minutes into the game, a diving header attempt by Edwardsville's Bob Ridder went

past UM-St. Louis goalie Mike Bober, but bounced straight in the air. Bober was able to snatch it right under the crossbar just before it crossed the goal line.

The Tritons were unable to dodge the next Cougar bullet four minutes later. A corner kick by Kevin Bielicki was knocked in off the head of Randy Roy for his second goal of the season. He then did his best Euro footballer impression and threw a T-shirt into the packed bleachers.

The UM-St. Louis defense continued to be challenged throughout the remainder of the first half, but held firm. Defenseman Dennis Horan made a clutch save after a high shot by Bielicki sneaked

through Bober's hands. Horan rushed over and booted it high and out of the box to stymie the opportunity.

Later in the half, Bober flew in off a Cougar corner kick and made a nice save as he collided with several bodies. He made five saves in the first half.

The Tritons were only able to take three shots of any kind in the half, with the first on goal not coming until 24 minutes had elapsed.

The best opportunities came on a free kick by Jack McKenna that was blocked, and a shot by Kyle Wogtech after he had received a nice wrap-around pass from Mike Simpson and peeled around his defender.

UM-St. Louis had another chance to tie the game 13 minutes into the second half, as a loose ball was gained by Chris Clarkin, but his shot was just wide to the left.

SIUE then put the game in the fridge five minutes later. Ridder was on a breakaway down the right side and fired. Bober made a very athletic move across his body to make the diving save, but the deflection was put in by Dustin Attarian for his eighth goal of the season.

The Cougars' defense made that 2-0 lead stand up for the rest of the game, as they continued to limit Triton chances. UM-St. Louis finished the game with only six shots to SIUE's fourteen. Mike Bober finished the game with eight saves.

Tritons upset league-leader Quincy

By **TOM SCHNABLE**
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After losing a 2-1 lead by allowing four second half goals to SIUE-Edwardsville in a 5-2 loss Friday night, the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team needed a quick start in its next game to get over the disappointing loss.

On Sunday in a game at Quincy, the Tritons got just that, scoring two goals in the first 18 minutes and holding on in the second half for a 2-1 victory over the Lady Hawks.

The Tritons, now back at .500 with a record of 6-6-2 (3-4-1 GLVC) started the scoring in the fifth minute.

Junior midfielder Krisie Muesenflechter netted the goal, which was assisted by Junior Rachel Lee and Senior Sierra Ellis. It was the third time Muesenflechter had found the back of the net, and for Ellis and Lee, it was the second time each player had assisted on a goal.

After each team failed to produce many scoring chances, the Tritons would score their second goal 14 minutes later. Sophomore Amy Fox connected on the tally, taking over the team lead for goals



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with her sixth of the season. Another sophomore, Maggie Gabris, helped out on the goal for her fifth assist on the year.

Despite out shooting the Tritons 6-2 after the goal, Quincy was held scoreless and unable to answer the UM-St. Louis strikes for the rest of the half. The teams went into the half with the Tritons leading 2-0.

Quincy, however, was not kept out of the scoring column for very

long once play started again in the second half. Quincy's Becky Fleming cut the lead in half at the 48-minute mark on an unassisted effort. Quincy continued to control the ball for much of the second half, but was unable to put together many good scoring opportunities, as the Tritons went on to the victory.

The win was especially sweet for UM-St. Louis, as it came

against the conference's best team, who had accumulated an impressive conference record of 8-1, and was only its third loss overall.

To put the cherry on top for the Tritons, it ruined Quincy's senior day.

The Tritons will look to capitalize on the momentum from their big win when they welcome Indianapolis and St. Joseph's for games on Friday and Sunday.

CICERO, from page 9

I tried the "Top Shelf Taster," and to be perfectly honest, it almost killed me. I had some sort of allergic reaction to the Maredsous beer, but I doubt it would affect anyone else the same way (fair warning anyway).

Other than the drama that followed that particular incident, the sampler was actually pretty good. The beers included were Delirium Tremens, a light Belgium blond, St. Bernardus, which has slightly higher alcohol content and a fresh sharp taste, Maredsous, a thick and foamy and torture in a glass, and Maudite, which had a light aroma and tasted spiced.

There is also a full assortment of cocktails and wine. The Cicero's Signature Margarita did not make the top of my list. Comprised of tequila, peach schnapps, sour mix

and orange juice, my taste buds just did not agree with the conflicting flavors.

Once your belly is satisfied, head downstairs to see what who is playing. Known for booking national talent and local indie rock favorites, there is something going on almost every night in the dark crowded atmosphere of the basement venue.

Every Monday features Mada-hoochi and Friends. They find their style somewhere in the cross section of Phish, Grateful Dead and Widespread Panic, and the *Riverfront Times* named them "Best Jam Band of 2004."

Every Friday is show night for Jake's Leg. They play and interpret Grateful Dead songs and have been a St. Louis favorite for 30 years. Every Thursday through the end of

October, Cicero's will host a Battle of the Bands, culminating in a final battle on Oct. 25. Most shows are restricted to 16-year-olds and up and have a \$5 cover (\$8 if under 21).

For those who do not appreciate rock music, but prefer academic affairs, Cicero's has still got you covered. On Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., school is in session -- beer school, that is.

Learn about beer from the professionals. Three to four beers will be tasted and taught per class, and participants can win prizes.

It is free and open to the over 21 public. Patrons can stuff their faces, drink themselves silly or rock out with their... well, you get the drift. If any of those sound appealing, then head to Cicero's for a night out.

BLUEBERRY HILL, from page 9

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, and I could see why. The atmosphere was welcoming to family dining, and the low prices made for an affordable family outing.

In contrast, the bar and numerous live acts also attracted younger people as well, especially after dark. Live acts are advertised on a sheet at the table. The ticket prices seemed very reasonable. Later in the evening, the place takes on more of a bar and music venue feel. Minors are not allowed after 10 p.m.

Blueberry Hill is an ideal choice for a meal, whether it's on a date or on a family afternoon or early night out. Live shows are sure to entertain the younger crowd and also the young at heart.

STATS CORNER

WOMEN'S SOCCER

GLVC Standings

Team	Conf. (W-L-T)	Pct.	Overall (W-L-T)	Pct.	Streak
Quincy	8-2-0	.800	11-3-1	.767	L1
SIUE-Edwardsville	8-2-0	.800	9-3-1	.731	W6
Drury	6-2-1	.722	10-3-1	.750	W4
Rockhurst	6-3-0	.667	9-3-1	.731	W2
Saint Joseph's	5-2-2	.667	8-5-2	.600	W3
Northern KY	5-4-0	.556	9-4-0	.692	L4
Indianapolis	5-4-0	.556	7-7-0	.500	W3
UW-Parkside	4-4-1	.500	7-4-1	.625	L1
Southern Indiana	4-4-1	.500	6-7-1	.464	W3
UM-St. Louis	3-4-1	.438	6-6-2	.500	W1
Lewis	3-7-0	.300	5-9-0	.357	L1
Bellarmine	2-6-1	.278	6-7-1	.464	L3
UM-Rolla	0-7-1	.062	3-9-1	.269	L3
KY Wesleyan	0-8-0	.000	3-12-0	.200	L5

Oct. 5 at SIUE-Edwardsville: L (5-2)

Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
3 Stone, S.	4	1	-	-
8 Reitz, T.	2	2	-	1
9 Lee, R.	3	2	1	-
11 Muesenflechter, K.	2	2	1	-
12 Fox, A.	2	1	-	-
15 Gabris, M.	2	1	-	-
16 Clark, J.	1	-	-	-

Oct. 7 at Quincy: W (2-1)

Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
8 Reitz, T.	1	-	-	-
9 Lee, R.	-	-	-	1
11 Muesenflechter, K.	1	1	1	-
12 Fox, A.	-	-	-	1
15 Gabris, M.	-	-	-	1
17 Ellis, S.	-	-	-	1
19 Dahm, D.	1	-	-	-

MEN'S SOCCER

GLVC Standings

Team	Conf. (W-L-T)	Pct.	Overall (W-L-T)	Pct.	Streak
Northern KY	9-0-0	1.000	14-0-0	1.000	W14
SIUE-Edwardsville	7-1-1	.833	7-2-1	.750	W2
Indianapolis	6-2-1	.722	10-3-2	.733	W1
Quincy	7-3-0	.700	10-3-1	.750	W2
Drury	6-3-0	.667	11-3-0	.786	W5
Rockhurst	5-2-2	.667	9-2-2	.769	W1
Lewis	6-4-0	.600	10-4-0	.714	W3
Bellarmine	5-4-0	.556	9-6-0	.600	L1
UW-Parkside	4-4-1	.500	8-4-1	.654	W2
Southern Indiana	2-7-0	.222	4-9-1	.321	L4
Saint Joseph's	2-7-0	.222	3-12-0	.200	L4
UM-St. Louis	0-7-1	.062	4-8-1	.346	L2
UM-Rolla	0-7-0	.000	3-8-1	.292	L1
KY Wesleyan	0-8-0	.000	3-10-1	.250	L4

Oct. 7 at Quincy: L (5-2)

Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
2 South, R.	2	1	1	-
4 Simpson, M.	1	-	-	-
5 Horan, D.	1	1	-	-
9 Huber, C.	1	-	-	-
10 Spencer, B.	2	1	-	-
11 Campbell, B.	-	-	-	1
14 Regan, B.	1	-	-	-
15 Clarkin, C.	3	1	1	-
17 Wogtech, K.	1	1	-	-

Oct. 5 at SIUE-Edwardsville: L (2-0)

Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
4 Smith, J.	1	-	-	-
6 Muesenflechter, D.	1	1	-	-
7 Clarkin, C.	2	1	-	-
14 Wogtech, K.	1	1	-	-
22 McKenna, J.	1	1	-	-

A - Assists **G** - Goal
SOG - Shots on goal
Sh - Shots **GA** - Goals allowed

VOLLEYBALL

GLVC West Standings

Team	Conf. (W-L)	Pct.	Overall (W-L)	Pct.	Streak
SIUE-Edwardsville	9-2	.818	16-5	.762	W2
Rockhurst	7-3	.700	15-6	.714	W2
UM-St. Louis	6-5	.545	10-12	.455	W1
Drury	5-5	.500	11-8	.579	W3
Southern Indiana	5-6	.455	10-9	.526	W1
Quincy	4-7	.364	14-9	.609	L1
UM-Rolla	2-9	.182	3-20	.130	L3

Oct. 6 at KY Wesleyan: W (3-2)

Player	K	E	TA	A
1 Brinker, L.	2	0	7	57
2 Baumstick, C.	10	3	27	0
4 Brown, J.	0	1	1	0
5 Holstein, C.	1	0	2	1
6 Nichols, H.	12	5	39	1
7 Kinzinger, K.	0	1	3	4
8 Williams, S.	0	1	3	0
9 Barnard, N.	0	1	1	0
10 Pratl, B.	3	0	6	0
11 Walker, M.	3	1	14	0
12 Cook, E.	17	2	53	1
13 Medina, C.	8	4	36	5
14 Trame, C.	26	8	52	1
15 Mattingly, K.	2	4	7	0

Oct. 5 at Ballarmine: L (3-1)

Player	K	E	TA	A
1 Brinker, L.	1	0	3	54
2 Baumstark, C.	14	4	31	0
6 Nichols, H.	9	8	48	0
12 Cook, E.	8	3	42	0
13 Medina, C.	7	6	35	3
14 Trame, C.	19	7	45	0
5 Holstein, C.	0	0	0	1

Oct. 5 at Ballarmine: L (3-1)

Player	K	E	TA	A
1 Brinker, L.	2	0	6	45
2 Baumstark, C.	11	0	20	0
6 Nichols, H.	8	2	29	0
12 Cook, E.	10	3	20	1
13 Medina, C.	13	3	29	1
14 Trame, C.	16	5	32	0
5 Holstein, C.	0	0	1	1

TENNIS, from page 10

Hantack only gave up one game during his competition with David Chow, but pulled out a win with a final score of 6-1, 6-0.

Andreas Dimke took the second unchallenged match against Webster's Dino Fajic. Fajic only had one thing to say about his match with Dimke, "he made me run so much my shoes are on fire."

Cherman faced off against Conway O'Henry with Cherman coming up with the perfect end to the fall season, a final score 6-1, 6-0. The men's team completely dominated with only 12 losses in singles.

Women's singles started with Thompson winning 6-0, 6-1. Helbig won in a long fought out match with her final score of 6-3, 2-6, 3.

Goodman took the third singles match 6-2, 6-3. Garcia almost swept Webster's Erica Jumps with scores of 6-0, 6-1. Molly Striler finished 6-4, 6-4. Finally, Anne Gonzalez barely squeaked out the final win of the season 4-6 (4) (11).

Gyllenberg has been playing around with some of his doubles pairs and it seems to be working out for him. None of the new pairs lost during the competition.

VOLLEYBALL, from page 10

Kyleigh Turner recorded 40 defensive digs in the game for the greyhounds.

UM-St. Louis was able to defeat Northern Kentucky in three games. The first match ended with a score of 30-25, the second 30-27 and the final match 30-22.

Brown led the team with 14 defensive digs in the game and was followed by Medina, who ended with 13. Medina also finished the game with 13 kills on 29 attempts.

Trame led the team with 16 kills and also recorded four digs in the game.

The Tritons will be on the road this week as they travel to Kenosha, Wis. to face off against University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Thursday. After that game the team will go to Romeoville, Ill. to battle against Lewis on Friday.

The Tritons will play their next home game in a non conference game against Washington University on Oct. 17.

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RUTH IYOB, from page 7

Given her multilingual capabilities, it is no surprise that her bachelor's degree is in French Language and Literatures. What one might wonder is how the study of languages leads someone to become a political scientist.

"I've always read history. I read about politics," Iyob said. "It interested me. It impacted my life. It impacted the way I lived, the way I reacted. I wasn't a stranger to politics."

She pointed out, "Literature is politics too."

Iyob explained, "If politics is about power and literature is about

representation, then literature is a representation of power." The literatures of a culture will reflect the society of the time, and what the powers in that country allow.

"Politics is more than looking at state institutions," she said. "It is also about society and where they are in the international state system."

"You must have some sort of understanding of history and literature. If you don't understand the Ottoman Empire, then you can't get the Middle East conflicts. It's the same for British and French colonialism. We see these aspects in their literature,"

Iyob said.

Iyob has taught the Politics and Literature class in the past. About the class, she said that she would change the material from semester to semester. Some of the readings the class has discussed included *The Tempest* and *Chatspeak*.

"Literature tells you how power was structured in the past," she said.

She said she would like to teach a Politics and Film course and a Politics and Media course. These topics are easy to relate to ways to understand the role politics has on the world by studying how the so-

ciety and power shapes the movies being produced and what is being disseminated in the media.

She said film is "one way to introduce people" to politics and make it engaging. By looking at aspects of politics in film, literature or media, students can examine how these outlets are portraying themselves and their political structure.

Iyob would like to invite students from all majors to take some of her classes. "Politics impacts them all," she said.

"I like to be open to discussion and civility is encouraged," Iyob said.

SCHOOL SPIRIT, from page 4

Also, I assure you, the revenues each institution receives from licensing and merchandising rights each year is a significant chunk of change. Since higher education is becoming more business savvy and hip to the notion that students will vote with their dollars, every college across the nation can now claim to be a commuter campus in some respect.

Most major universities are beefing up their night school and non-traditional curriculum components in hopes of bringing in more revenue to their institutions. UM-St. Louis is certainly no different.

For the time and effort the students, athletes, faculty and administrators invest in this university, there is no excuse for anyone to be

less than rabid about our school. Still not convinced? Here is a suggestion for the naysayers: Buy your kids a Tritons T-shirt, bring them to campus during the weekend and go to a game.

So what if the team loses? You are making an investment to foster their interest in college life. In this way, not only are you exercising

your school spirit and passing it on to the next generation, you are actually adding value to the degree you receive from UM-St. Louis.

So, there you have it. I say love your school as you would love your partner. Tritons should not bleed red and gold one week per year, or only for the time that they are a student, but for their whole life.

JENA SIX, from page 4

But here is the ultimate question, if six white students had assaulted and hospitalized a black student, applied the beating that Barker received, would Sharpton, Jackson and King, et al, have rallied to their defense?

Would they demand the white students charges be lowered, released from jail, given special consideration due to "circumstances?" The answer, most likely, would be no.

Why is it racist when white people attack black people in a racially charged atmosphere, but not when black people attack whites?

Why does a double standard exist? For so long, we have heard that minorities want to be treated equally. Does that not extend to racism or crimes?

Recently, an editorial in the *Post-Dispatch* by Bernard Pitts Jr. (an excellent writer and columnist from the *Miami Herald*), said white people must understand that blacks in this country have 388 years of mistrust built into them.

Yes, slavery is the darkest chapter of our nation's checkered past, but here is the question: is Pitts currently, or was he ever, a slave? Doubtful, as slavery was repealed 14 decades ago.

This is not to make light of the plight of America's black population. To be sure, racism still exists and more than likely always will.

It would be easy to point out that several of America's prominent black leaders were quick to judge the three young (white) men accused of rape in the Duke lacrosse scandal, and wanted them punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Subsequent information went on to show that the accuser was less than credible and the allegations were more than likely false. But the point here is not to hypocrisy. Not in the least.

If the nation is to make any strides toward racial harmony, we must all be treated the same, no matter the situation.

Blacks, whites, Asians, Hispanics, Indians, Arabs, we must be treated the same at work, at home, in public and at trial.

The Jena Six were accused of a crime that no one contests did not happen.

That people are trying to justify the assault is most appalling. Saying that one has to take into consideration the atmosphere is ridiculous. That would be like saying to rival schools getting into a brawl, because they do not like each other, is perfectly groovy because of the mutual animosity.

Here is the crux of the situation. The Jena Six never should have been charged with attempted murder, but they should have been charged with assault, battery, etc. That they did do it, and to that end, they should face trial.

Racism exists, that is true. It exists in the Jena area, and any racist, any, should be ashamed of the self and their foolish attitude.

All of them should be ashamed. Racism, just like tolerance, is equal opportunity.

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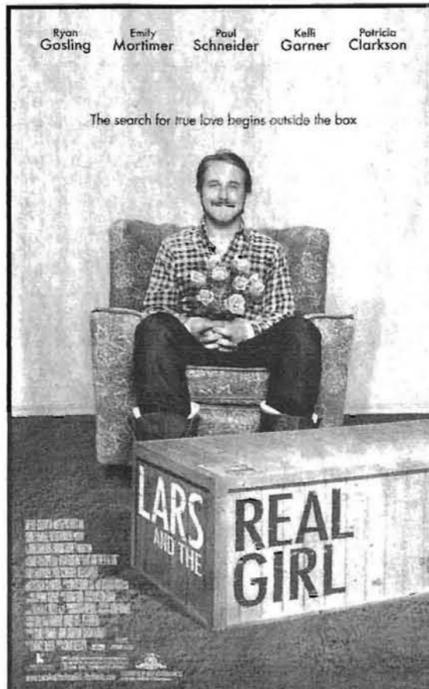
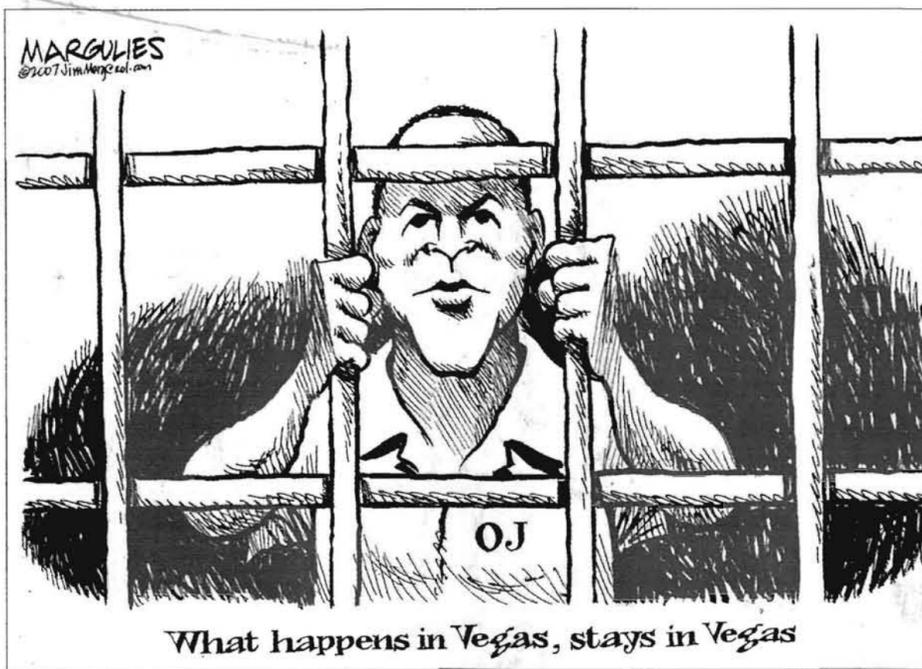


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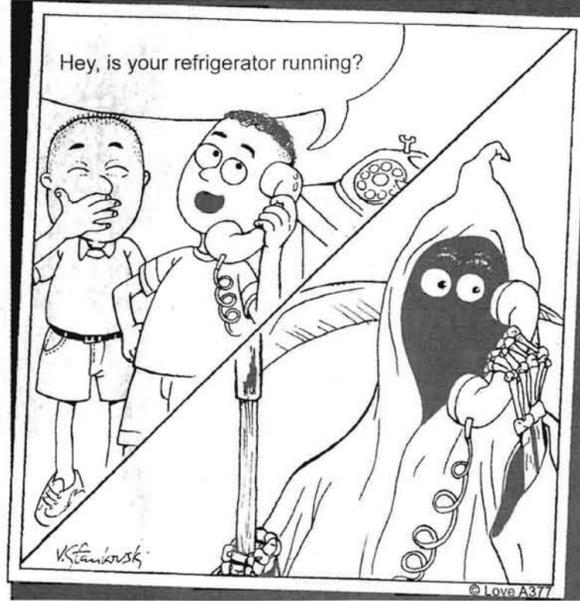
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Although you love being the focus of attention, it is a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Do not let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)
 Congratulations. You are handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You will then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 You are right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism 'twixt the two sides.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
 Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

BORN THIS WEEK:
 People of all ages look to you for advice and encouragement. You would make an excellent counselor.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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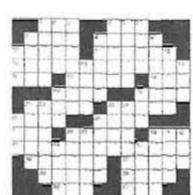
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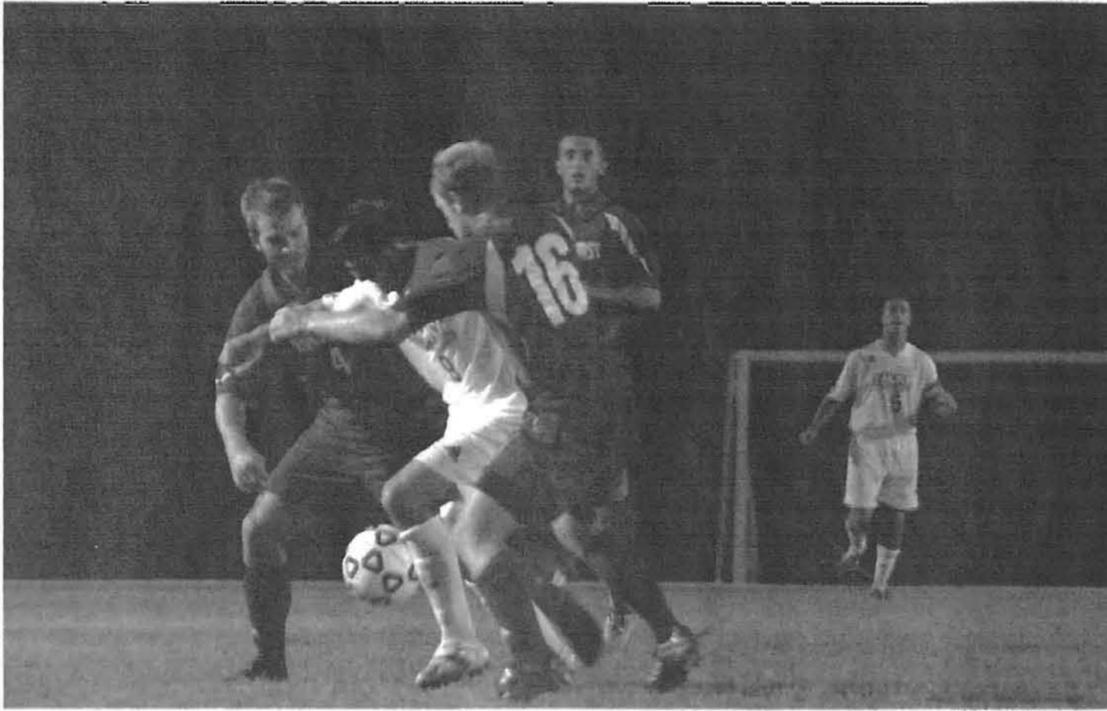
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ROUGHIN' IT OUT AGAINST ROCKHURST



UM-St. Louis forward Colin Huber jostles for the ball against Rockhurst as defenseman Dennis Horan looks on last Tuesday night at Don Dallas Field. The Tritons finished the game in a 1-1 tie after double overtime.

Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Men's soccer continues losing streak against conference opponents

By LAGUAN FUSE

Sports Editor

After a 1-1 double overtime tie against Rockhurst and a 2-0 loss at SIU-Edwardsville, the Tritons were still looking to pick up that first conference victory of the year. UM-St. Louis faced off against Quincy on Sunday and was unable to accomplish that goal and added another loss to this season's winless conference streak.

The Tritons' record now stands at 4-8-1 (0-7-1 GLVC) and the team is in 12 place in the GLVC West standings. UM-St. Louis secured the spot after the tie against Rockhurst. UM-Rolla and Kentucky Wesleyan are both winless in the GLVC.

Quincy was able to get an early lead and score in the ninth minute of the game. The goal was scored by Brad Niemann and was assisted by Jayme Groark and Branko Isailovic.

Quincy would not settle for a 1-0 lead and quickly scored again in the 15th minute of the game.

Jack Wedemeier scored the goal for the Hawks and Groark recorded his second assist of the game. Grant Ellison added another goal to the scoreboard for Quincy as he scored in the 30th minute of the game to give the Hawks a 3-0 lead going into the half.

Chris Clarkin scored the first goal for the Tritons in the 53rd minute of the game after Brad Campbell gave him the assist from 16 yards away.

Ryan South tried to help close the scoring gap in the game when he netted a goal in the 69th minute of the game to bring the Tritons to within one. Luke Spain was credited with the assist on the goal.

The Hawks were able to increase their lead again after the goal scored by Steve Miller. The goal came in the 77th minute of the game and was off of a penalty kick.

Niemann scored his second goal of the game in the 80th minute with the assist coming from Justin Bower. Quincy held onto the 5-2 lead from the remainder of the game.

Mike Bober started the game at goalkeeper for the Tritons and allowed five goals while stopping four shots on goal.

Next weekend is going to be a big weekend for the team. UM-St. Louis will face off against Indianapolis on Oct. 12 and then St. Joseph's on Oct. 14. Not only is next weekend Homecoming weekend, but these two game each have special significance.

The game against Indianapolis will be Alumni Night and then the game against St. Joseph's will be on Senior night.

There are currently three seniors on the men's soccer roster, Justin Weissman, Anthony Obermuefemann and Mike Simpson.

CURATORS, from page 1

Curators David Wasinger and John Carnahan abstained from voting on the resolution. Wasinger and Russell voiced concerns that the board was throwing itself into a political battle that in the future could hinder the board's bias towards other situations.

Allegedly, the board was notified of Lamb's statement only after the media was informed. However, Lamb alleges that he issued copies of the statement to the curators before it was released to the public.

UM-St. Louis SGA Vice President Cadence Rippetto said the issue was abrupt, and that the meeting was going along without heated discussion until Haggard introduced the resolution.

"It seemed that all of a sudden there was a heated debate with Curator Wasinger being most outspoken about the issue," Rippetto said.

SGA President Bryan Goers said a couple of the curators were upset that the vote had been brought up unannounced.

"Russell and Wasinger really objected to the fact that it wasn't in the board materials that get sent out ahead of time," he said.

Goers said it was difficult to tell if the curators were simply backing Lamb and the system chancellors, or if they were taking a stance on stem cell research as a political issue.

"How the resolution was worded and brought up, it seemed to be supporting the president," he said. "I interpreted it as the curators supporting the previous statements."

Board documents are normally sent out ahead of the curators meeting and posted online the week of the meeting.

The curators also appointed a replacement for retiring General Counsel Marvin "Bunky" Wright who will vacate his position as of Dec. 31, 2007, according to a press release by the curators.

Stephen K. Owens will be his replacement. Owens is a partner at Stinson Morrison Hecker, LLP in Kansas City, which has 360 lawyers between eight offices. Owens' base salary was announced by the University to be \$290,000 plus benefits and incentives.

Owens is a graduate of UM-Columbia, and he received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1980. Wright has been General Counsel for the university since 1998.

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