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The Current to hold Open House

The Current will hold an open house in its office, 388 MSC, Thursday, Sept. 20 starting at 4 p.m. Get to know The Current staff, learn more about how we produce the paper, voice your opinion and enjoy free food and drinks.



State of the University

Chancellor Thomas George will deliver the annual State of the University address Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. in the J.C. Penney auditorium.

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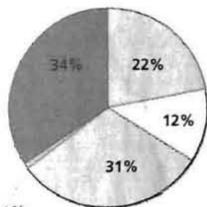
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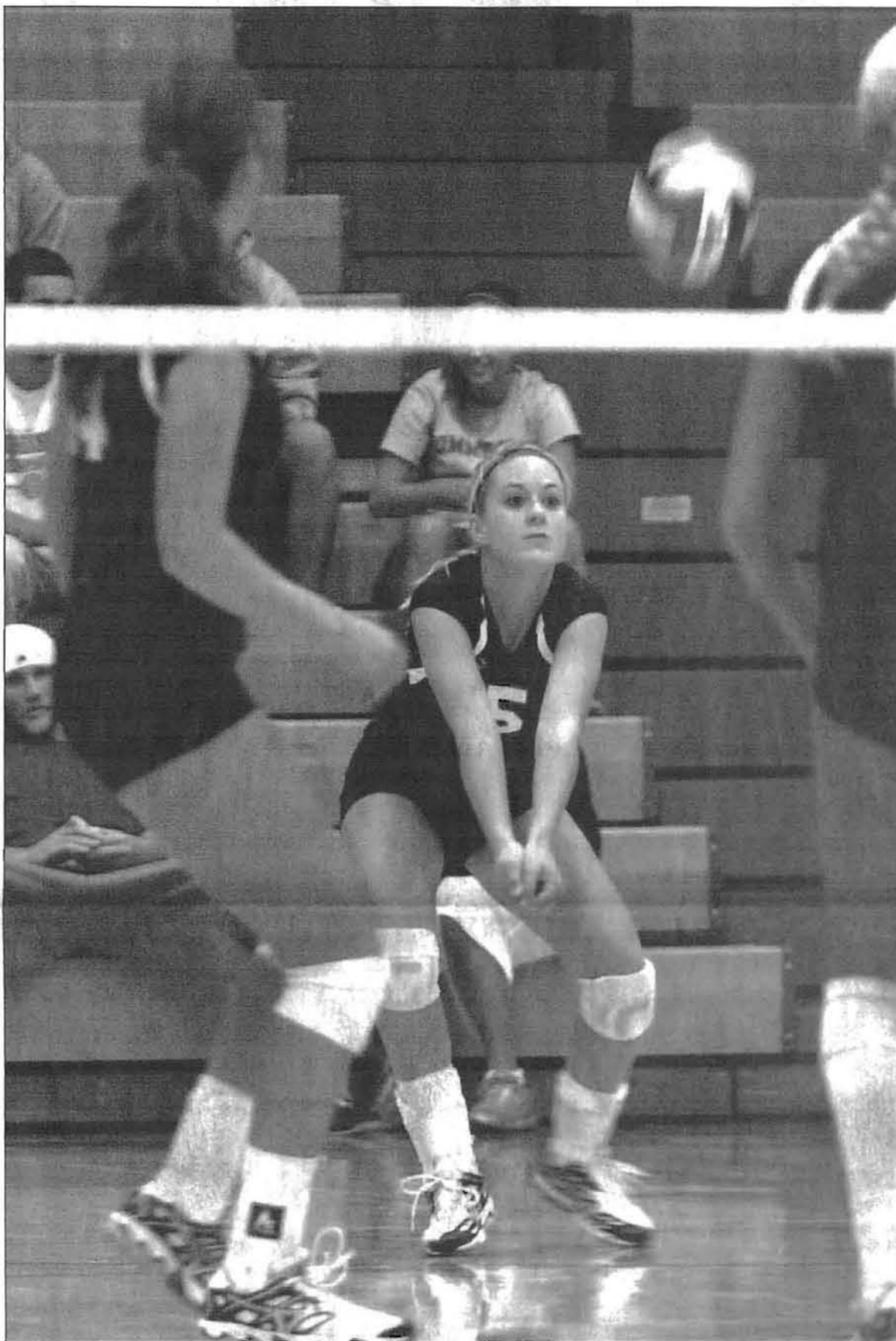
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Carolyn Holstein, defensive setter, returns a Southern Indiana player's serve to change the swing of momentum during the fourth game Saturday at home. The Tritons would go onto to win the game 3-1. For more coverage of Tritons volleyball, see PAGE 8.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT • ASSEMBLY PASSES TWO RESOLUTIONS

SGA unanimously shows opposition to Mizzou change

By THOMAS HELTON

Design Editor

At the UM-St. Louis Student Government Association assembly on Friday, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Curt Coonrod opened the meeting calling for, "A year of pride." Students showed their pride by voting on two resolutions.

In a unanimous vote by the SGA Assembly, a resolution was passed which would condemn the UM-Columbia name change.

Overall, 72 voting members were present, none of whom abstained or dissented from the vote against the name change.

The resolution was drawn up by the SGA executive board and presented to the assembly for discussion. Bryan Goers, SGA president, cited a few articles and Web sites regarding the change.

The resolution highlights critical issues with the name change, saying in one clause "the students from every campus are just as integral a part of the University of Missouri System as are the student at the University of Missouri - Columbia."

Goers also encouraged students to "write your curators."

After much discussion, Goers was asked why the chancellor has not taken a stance on the issue and he turned to Coonrod for insight.

"The Chancellor is in a difficult situation," Coonrod said, adding that there was a State of the University Address being held on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. in the J.C. Penney auditorium and he would not be surprised if it was mentioned. Coonrod said the address is open to all



Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Curt Coonrod spoke about the Mizzou name change at the SGA meeting on Friday. The topic will likely be brought up at the State of the University address Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the J.C. Penney auditorium at 3 p.m.



Check out a complete copy of the resolutions passed in the SGA assembly last week at www.thecurrentonline.com

students and they are encouraged to attend.

Another resolution was passed nearly unanimously by the assembly regarding a roll call vote for the student representative to the Board of Curators. The position is currently being held by second-year law student Tony Luetkemeyer of UM-Columbia.

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CURES WITHOUT CLONING AMENDMENT • IF PASSED, INITIATIVE COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, THE STATE'S PRIMARY RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

UM president speaks out against cloning ban

By THOMAS HELTON

Design Editor

Gordon Lamb, University of Missouri interim president, released a statement on Sept. 7 regarding an initiative announced by Missouri Cures without Cloning.

In the statement, Lamb clearly voices opposition to the initiative saying, "This amendment assaults Missouri and Missouri's primary public research university, the University of Missouri."

The statement was released just days after Missouri Cures without Cloning released a third version of their initiative citing, "No taxpayer dollars shall be expended: 1) to clone or attempt to clone a human being; or 2) to research or experiment using a human embryo, or any part of a human embryo, derived from cloning or attempting to clone a human being."

Scott Charton, spokesman for President Lamb and the UM System said that it was important to release a statement now.

Official Language of the Proposed Amendment

Section 38(e) of Article III

It shall be unlawful to clone or attempt to clone a human being as that term is defined in subsection 2 of this section. Researchers may conduct stem cell research to discover cures for disease and develop stem cell therapies and cures, provided that the research complies with the limitations of this section and the limitations of Section 38(d). The prohibition of this section shall be in addition to the prohibitions of Section 38(d).

For all purposes within this article, "Clone or attempt to clone a human

being" means create or attempt to create a human embryo at any stage, which shall include the one-cell stage onward, by any means other than fertilization of a human egg by a human sperm.

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to research or experiment using a human embryo, or any part of a human embryo, derived from cloning or attempting to clone a human being.

"The statement speaks for itself," Charton said in reference to the stance of the UM System.

According to Charton, President Lamb previewed the statement with UM Chair of the Board of Curators Don Walsworth, who was supportive of the stance.

In the statement, Lamb references the battle with teaching rights at the University and academic freedom.

"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."

The statement ends with Lamb making it very clear on the UM System stance on the issue.

"The University should never be subjected to this type of intrusion and control. It is antithetical to the principles on which the university as



UM Interim President Gordon Lamb



To read Gordon Lamb's statement in its entirety, go www.thecurrentonline.com.

a whole is founded, and on which the University of Missouri was founded. This amendment initiative should be rejected," he said.

Charton said that their office, and he personally, has received praise from Missouri legislators regarding the statement.

Curt Meradante, spokesman for Missouri Cures without Cloning, said they would not comment on the statement made by Lamb. He said they are currently "focused on educating voters."

The initiative is attempting to make its way on the ballot via petition in Missouri. Meradante said he would not be surprised if petitions made their way to UM System schools at one point.

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Stay Current with this week's weather	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weather predictions taken from NOAA national weather system.
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CAMPUS CRIMELINE

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

STEALING OVER \$500 - CLARK HALL

Person(s) unknown removed overhead projectors from rooms in Clark Hall. Evidence was gathered at the scene and the investigation is continuing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

ATTEMPTED LARCENY - OAK HALL

Person(s) placed duct tape on the victim's vehicle and broke the window. Nothing was taken. Evidence was gathered by the crime scene officer and the investigation is pending.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - PARKING LOT

Person(s) unknown damaged the door lock to the victim's vehicle. Nothing was taken.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

IDENTITY THEFT

Person(s) unknown secured a credit card from the victim after he applied for a credit and debit card which he never received. The credit card was used for two purchases.

ATTEMPTED LARCENY - SCCB

Person(s) unknown attempted to remove the overhead projector in a classroom in South Campus Classroom Building. Evidence was gathered at the scene, and the investigation is continuing.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

BURGLARY - SOFTBALL FIELD

Person(s) unknown broke into the concession stand at the softball field and removed various food items and other articles. Evidence was gathered at the scene and the investigation is pending.

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.

CORRECTIONS

The Current regrets that sometimes in our making of this publication, we make mistakes. What we do not regret is correcting our mistakes. To report any corrections that need to be made, please contact The Current at 314-516-5174 or by email at thecurrent@umsl.edu.

IT Short Courses

Instructional Computing Labs will again be teaching 1 hour classes on several topics. These classes are FREE to students, staff and faculty. Topics include: 2007 PowerPoint Basics, 2007 Excel Basics I and II, Web Page Building/HTML, File Management & CD Writing, UNIX/Macintosh Basics, Adobe Photoshop Basics I and II and Office 2003 vs. Office 2007 Basics. These classes are designed to help users become familiar and comfortable with these topics as they are needed for class work, homework, projects or teaching. There are 2 "MARATHON" evenings where most classes are offered back to back. These same classes will also be taught on various "Instructional Computing Fridays" through the end of the semester. To sign up and view a list of complete course offerings visit <http://www.umsl.edu/training>.

SERVING IT UP



Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Adriana Garcia of the UM-St. Louis Tritons returning a serve during one of her matches at the 2007 Washington University Fall Tennis Invitational on Saturday.

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, SEPT. 17

Monday Noon Series

The Monday Noon Series discussion will explore "Is the Constitution Green Enough?" from 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Century Rooms at the Millennium Student Center. Call 5699 for more information.

Legislator Brunch

"Brunch with the Legislator" will begin at 11 a.m. in the Century Rooms at the Millennium Student Center. Rep. Jake Zimmerman, of the 83rd District, will be the presenter. Will include a discussion of the pros and cons of legislating to cope with the changing climate. E-mail ctf@umsl.edu for more information.

Chemistry Colloquium

Fred Hawthorne of the International Institute for Nano and Molecular Medicine, will discuss "The History and Future Promise of Boron Neutron Capture Therapy of Cancer" at 4 p.m. in 451 Benton Hall. Call 5311 for more information.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

University Address

Chancellor Tom George will deliver the annual State of the University Address and present the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence at 3 p.m. in the auditorium at the J.C. Penney Conference Center. Call 5442 for more information.

SOUL TALK

SOUL TALK, an informal discussion on life, God and the Bible will be held every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the University Meadows Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

Study Abroad Session

The Center for International Studies will hold a study abroad information session at 3:30 p.m. in 261 Millennium Student Center. Students considering studying abroad should attend the information session as a first step. Call 5229 for more information.

Basic Spanish

Basic Spanish for Social Services Professionals will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 18 to Nov. 13, in 72 J.C. Penney Conference Center. The fee is \$89, plus textbook. Call 5974 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

Grant Making

The Community Partnership Project Brown Bag Series will begin at noon in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center with a discussion on "Grant-Making for Community Building." Call 6775 for more information or to register.

Ice Cream Social

Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority will hold an Ice Cream Social from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the ZTA house, 8218 Natural Bridge Road. The event is free and open to UMSL women. Call (314) 898-8291 or e-mail acw42c@umsl.edu for more information.

Short Story Readings

Authors Jaimee Wriston Colbert and Gladys Swan will read from their works at 7 p.m. in Gallery 210. Colbert is an associate professor of creative writing at State University of New York - Binghamton. Swan is the author of six volumes of short fiction and two novels. The readings are free and open to the public. Call 5590 for more information.

Study Abroad: Ireland

Today is the deadline to submit an application and deposit for "Ireland: Crime, Justice, and History," a study tour to Ireland from Dec. 28, 2007 to Jan. 11, 2008. Applications are available in 261 Millennium Student Center. Participants will enjoy presentations from Nobel Prize winner John Hume, community police members and local politicians. The tour will include visits to Counties Donegal, Derry, Dublin and Inishowen. Call 5229 or 6497 for more information.

Soccer League

Today is the registration deadline for Campus Recreation's nine-on-nine soccer league. Games will be played Monday afternoons, beginning Sept. 24. Teams and individuals can register. Register at the Campus Recreation office, 203 Mark Twain/Athletic & Fitness Center. Call 5326 for more information.

Blood Drive

Donating blood is quick, safe and simple! One pint of blood can help save the lives of three people! Drive is held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment to donate, please call or email Leah Jones in Student Life at LeahJones@umsl.edu or 5291.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Peer Academic Leaders

The next session of Peer Academic Leaders training will be held from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Century Room C at the Millennium Student Center. PALs training prepares students for instructional responsibilities. Graduate students working with undergraduates may attend.

Math Colloquium

Jae-Hyook Lee, visiting assistant professor of mathematics at UM-St. Louis, will discuss "Geometry and Normed Algebras" at 4 p.m. in 302 Computer Center Building. Call 6355 for more information.

Faces of Labor

The St. Louis Mercantile Library will hold the second annual Artists' Panel Discussion at 6 p.m. This year's panel focuses on photography, and will include the current exhibition, "Faces of Labor: Photographic Portraits." Call 6740 for more information.

European Union

Christos P. Ioannides, director of the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College in Flushing, N.Y., will discuss "Greece, Cyprus and Turkey's Path to the EU: Prospects and Challenges" at 7:30 p.m. in Century Room C at the Millennium Student Center. Call 7299 for more information.

Horseback Riding

Today is the registration deadline for a guided horseback trail ride on Sept. 22 at Ace Stable, 9115 Natural Bridge Road in Bel-Ridge, Mo. The trail ride is free and open to UM-St. Louis students. Call 5326 for more information.

Newspaper Open House

This event is an open house for *The Current*. Get to know *The Current* staff, learn more about how we produce the paper, voice your opinion and enjoy some food and drinks. Begins at 4:00 p.m. Call 5174 for more information.

Movie Night

A movie night will be held in the Pilot House from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The featured film is Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth." Pizza and discussion afterward.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Starting Small Business

Starting a Small Business: The First Steps will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. The fee is \$40. The workshop is sponsored by the Small Business Development Center and Division of Continuing Education. Call 6121 for more information.

Assessment Learning

Revealing Learning through Assessment will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in 134 SSB. The workshop is part of a series Conversations about Teaching and Technology. It is open to faculty and teaching assistants. Call 7134 for more information.

'Great Getaway'

The Catholic Newman Center will hold "Great Getaway" today and Sept. 22 at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park. The trip will include a night of team building, games, cheese-ball-eating contests and bonfire gathering. The cost is \$5. Call (314) 385-3455 or e-mail cnc@cncumsl.org for more information.

Newman Center Mass

The Catholic Newman Center will celebrate Mass at noon. The event will be followed by a simple meal. All are welcome. Call (314) 385-3455 for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Chinese American Life

"Living in America as a Chinese American" will begin at 9 a.m. in Century Rooms B and C in the Millennium Student Center. Speakers are: S. B. Woo, former lieutenant governor of Delaware; Huping Ling, professor at Truman State University; Eugene Leung, director of revenue for St. Louis County; Tai Chang, assistant professor at Alliant International University; and Ginny Gong, president of the Organization of Chinese Americans. Tickets are \$15 and include a luncheon. Call 7299 to register.

The U Wants You

The U, UMSL's student-run radio station, will hold an orientation for interested disc jockeys from 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Government Association Chamber at the Millennium Student Center. E-mail msync@umsl.edu for more information.

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AFFILIATIONS



Women's equality organization searches for new recruits

By JUSTI MONTAGUE
Assistant Copy Editor

A satellite branch of a well known women's leadership association may be coming to UM-St. Louis in the near future.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), a women's equality organization, is trying to recruit individuals interested in women's equality on the UM-St. Louis campus.

"This organization isn't just for women," says Debbie McWard,

membership vice president for the AAUW of Missouri. "It's for anyone who believes women should be equal. We've already had a few men sign up."

The AAUW is an organization mostly made up of post-college graduate women who are interested in women's rights issues such as pay-equality, sexual harassment and equal opportunity education.

The AAUW is interested in starting up their first satellite branch in the St. Louis area at UM-St. Louis and have been working diligently on recruitment.

One of the selling points to this organization is the weight it pulls on any resume.

"You'll have to look far to find another organization that works so hard to develop leadership skills in young women" McWard said.

The AAUW goes back to before women's suffrage.

Once they helped to accomplish voting for women, they moved on to convince school age women that they would benefit from a college education and then to encouraging women to go into less traditional fields such as science, math and

technology.

Today, the AAUW works for women's equality by encouraging women to further their education, writing to legislators, and educating men and women alike at the college age about the importance of equality for women.

In order for the satellite program to receive their funding from UM-St. Louis, thirteen members must be accounted for.

If you are interested in joining an organization that works for a level playing field, you can contact Debbie McWard at debmward@earth-

link.com.

The AAUW intends for the satellite program to be entirely student-led. The students will plan the agenda, events and programs. A sexual harassment forum is currently being discussed.

Kathleen Nigro, assistant director of the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, is the intended faculty advisor.

"If you're interested in women's equality, consider this organization. This year we hope to make you more confident as a career oriented woman," McWard said.

NEWS BRIEF

Police look for suspect in armed robbery at Mansion Hills Condos

A UM-St. Louis student was robbed last Wednesday evening at gunpoint in the 4400 block of Normandy Trace in the Mansion Hills apartment complex, according to a UM-St. Louis wide email sent by Bob Samples on behalf of the University Police.

The female victim described the suspect as being an 18-year-old black male, about 5'3" and wearing a white t-shirt and jeans.

At around 8:30 p.m., the suspect allegedly demanded the student's wallet after displaying to her a dark-colored handgun. The victim threw the wallet to the ground where the suspect picked it up and fled the scene.

Any persons with any information regarding the incident are requested to contact the University Police at 5155.

CLONING AMENDMENT, from page 1

As to the wording on the initiative, Meradante said they "wanted to be as straight forward as possible."

The initiative does not specify any techniques of research, but is a blanket ban on what is being called human cloning.

Meradante said somatic cell nuclear transfer is currently the technique used to clone embryonic cells. He went on to say that the language was intentional as to protect the interests from any future forms of research that would not be covered by more specific wording.

The proposed initiative would be put under Article III, section 38(e) of the Missouri Constitution, adding to section 38(d) which already exists. Section 38(d) states, "No person may clone or attempt to clone a human being."

Meradante said that this new initiative would be supplemental to what is already in the constitution.

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Black student clubs to petition against Jena Six injustices

By CANDACE ANDERSON
Assistant Features Editor

Six black male students from Jena, La. decided to sit under a tree in the yard of their high school last September. Little did they know, such a decision would be the beginning of a series of events that would end up in court. Each boy could face up to 100 years.

Students at UM-St. Louis have joined up with students from across the country to speak out against what they feel is social injustice.

"ABC in junction with Black Greek Council have started petitions," said Donovan Foster, graduate assistant of higher education. "We are also raising money to help overturn the decision that has been made and to aid the families of the Jena Six," Foster said.

The day after the students sat under a "white only" tree, four nooses hung from the tree. The superintendent and other school administrators investigated and deemed the nooses as a prank.

The three white boys responsible for hanging the nooses received in-school suspension.

The black students were upset and gathered around the tree in a form of protest.

Substitute teacher Michelle Rogers recounted to the *Seattle Post Intelligencer*, "District attorney Reed Walter proceeded to tell those kids that 'I could end your lives with a stroke of my pen.'" However, the DA denied making such comment.

One among the six, Robert Bailey, 17, and a few others went to a party attended by mostly white students and was beaten.

The following day at the convenience store, Bailey exchanged words with a white boy, who proceeded to run to his truck and retrieve a pistol grip shotgun.

Bailey and his friends wrestled the gun away from the boy and fled the scene. Bailey was later charged with theft of a firearm, second-degree robbery and disturbing the peace.

The following Monday, Justin Barker, a white student at Jena High School, was heard to be gloating to friends about Bailey getting assaulted by a white man at a convenience store Friday night.

Barker was then attacked in the school's courtyard by a group of

black students.

The six students Robert Bailey, 17, Theo Shaw, 17, Carwin Jones, 18, Bryant Purvis, 17, Mycal Bell, 16 and an unidentified minor, were expelled, arrested and charged with attempted murder in the second degree.

Bell, 16 was tried in July and sentenced to 22 years in prison for attempted murder in the second degree.

"We hold a responsibility as students to gain awareness about the world around us," said Wendi Elmore, art history, sophomore.

"The whole situation is ridiculous," said James Schurk, junior, history. "It is a clear cut abuse of the judicial system." Schurk has already signed the petition and said he will do whatever it takes to raise awareness of the injustice of the Jena Six.

"I didn't think blatant segregation still existed," said Candace Brown, a Baton Rouge, La. native and AmeriCorps Vista intern. "Being from the south, I was very upset, and I feel a lot of people don't want to visit the south because of the race issues."

Out of 4,000 people in Jena, LA, 85 percent are white, according to *Seattle Post Intelligencer*.

Brown says the petition is a great idea. "A diversity workshop would also help so that people understand it [racism] does still exist... Racism still exists because it goes unnoticed and if you put it in people's face, it would make them more comfortable to speak about it," Brown said.

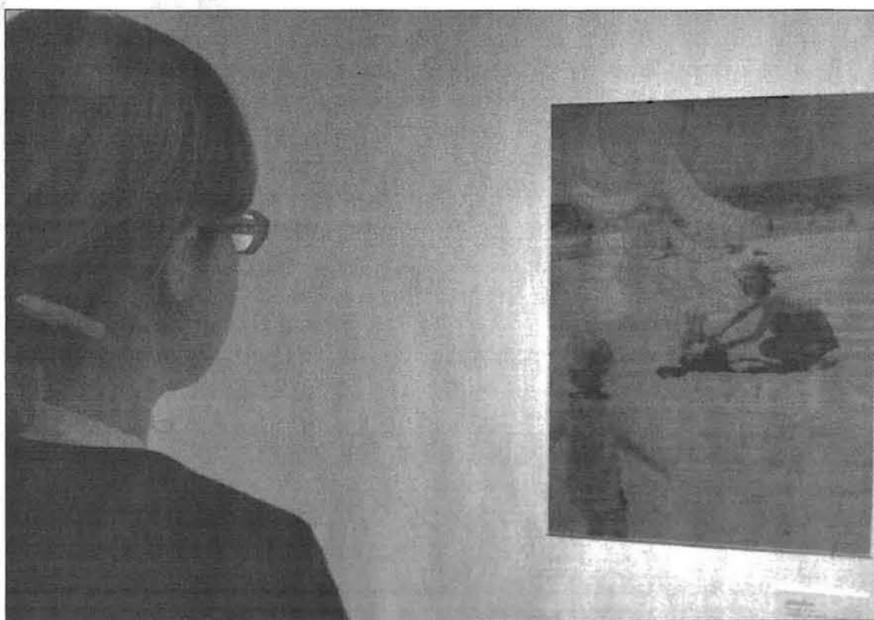
BLOC urges all students to speak out and make a difference.

President of ABC Antonette Dickens said, "Next week, BLOC [Black Leadership Organizing Council] will have a table on the bridge." The table will have in-depth information about the various events that occurred leading up to the trial and an update on what's going on now.

"We are urging everyone to wear a black shirt on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 in honor of the Jena Six," said Darren Nesbitt, vice president of ABC. "We will be distributing literature and ribbons on the bridge so that others can show their support," Nesbitt said.

"It is our moral responsibility as students to educate the public about what is going on and to provoke change," Elmore said.

GALLERY FAB GETS 'GLOBALIZED'



Maria Jenkins • Staff Photographer

Jane Nagle, senior, graphic design, admires a piece by Daniela Marx, entitled "Globalize." An exhibit in the gallery at the Fine Arts Building showcases this and other works by Marx. The exhibit runs through Oct. 6 and is free and open to the public.

SGA MEETING, from page 1

When votes are taken by the Board of Curators, the recorder of the Board calls on each member in alphabetical order as to their vote on any particular issue and in this resolution, students ask that the last roll call space be for the Student Curator.

The resolution passed with just one abstention, coming from the Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, there were no dissents.

The student's vote would not count toward the vote total, but would be "within the minutes of the Board of Curators," according to the resolution.

The last clause of the resolution calls for a continued push for a formal vote even if the students were to retain a roll call vote.

The attendance policy was also clarified at the SGA meeting, saying that representatives are not counted as present if they are more than 15

minutes late, which is a change from previous years.

The SGA constitution gives way for an attendance policy, but makes no specific mention or when a member is present.

Two years ago, under the director of SGA President Emeritus D'Andre Braddix, the attendance policy was clarified to mean that present meant present during all of the votes that would take place, mostly under action items.

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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

When diversity and the media mix, stereotypes should not be the outcome

Diversity. It is a term thrown around too much nowadays that its meaning gets lost too easily.

What is diversity? For the simplest explanation, take two people. These two people have two different skin colors, two different educational backgrounds, two different job opportunities available to them, two different bank accounts with two different amounts in each and two different sets of values.

Now take those two people and place them in the same community. Enter the media.

The responsibility of the media is to inform, entertain, but most importantly, serve the community. Now, the media has some leverage, in that it has the power to represent the community that it serves in any way that it wants to, but it is supposed to represent the community in a fair, unbiased and objective way.

In practical terms, the media should portray its community as equally as possible. For instance, the portrayal of the percentage of minorities in the media should be relative to the percentage of minorities as they exist in the community.

That is the ideal situation. For example, in a community of Martians and Venusians, a Martian is just as likely to be covered as a Venusian in the media.

Representation of diverse groups should be considered not only in numbers but fair portrayals, which means not indulging stereotypes.

This seems like a fairly easy task for the media, until newsworthiness is considered. What makes something newsworthy? How prominent is the person(s) involved? When and where did the event occur? Was there any conflict? Those are just a few of the questions journalists ask when deciding whether something is newsworthy.

So what happens when the majority of those questions are answered with a yes when it comes to a certain diverse group? Other groups are left out, which makes it a tough balance when an editor has to decide between covering diversity and covering newsworthiness, but the two do collide sometimes and when they do, the story that develops should be covered so the community can be informed, entertained or feel like its being served appropriately.

The Current has not been immune to criticism regarding coverage of diversity at one of the most diverse universities in the metropolitan area.

A student group recently raised concern involving a photograph of black students eating chicken wings, which was published in the Aug. 27 issue. The concern? How minorities

were perceived in the photo.

Some people looked at the photo and saw a reinforcement of a negative stereotype involving blacks.

Some people saw a woman defeating three other men in a challenge. Other people saw two people competing in a welcome week contest. A diverse set of eyes is going to see diverse perspectives from the same photo, video or story in the media.

Editors of each and every newspaper routinely make decisions about what to print, what to omit, what should be cut and what should be reworded. *The Current*, in its editorial decision-making, did not see the racial stereotype when publishing the photograph.

We did not see race. We did not see any reference to old minstrel shows. We did not see the connotations it had toward blacks.

We did see a newsworthy feature photo. We saw two students competing in a fun-featured contest held on campus. We saw a winner, the girl featured in the photo, of the wing-eating contest.

Despite this, ignorance is not an excuse and a better knowledge and understanding of stereotypes and the ability to recognize them will help the media better represent minorities and their community as a whole.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

Facebook can leave you blue in the face

Last weekend when I attended the Student Leadership Retreat as a representative of *The Current*, I was told repeatedly that what happens in Tan-Tar-A stays in Tan-Tar-A.

During the retreat, I became a split personality, not anything like Jekyll and Hyde. I was representing *The Current*, the student organization, but I was also playing the part of a reporter. It is a dual role I am constantly dealing with. As a journalist, I always have my eyes and ears open for stories even when I am in class or at a student retreat.

Despite student leaders asking me not to publish what activities I witnessed student leaders engaging in, there seemed to be no problem about posting photos of their activities on their Facebook and MySpace pages.

It is funny how people do not want mainstream media to get a hold of embarrassing pictures or stories, but what they forget is how public social networking Web sites can be.

Basically, these sites allow people to chronicle their entire lives, including parts that future potential employers may see. Companies are increasingly using the Internet to research applicants.

Have you ever searched for your name on the Web? What comes up in the search results? Photos of you doing a keg stand at a friend's 21st birthday party? Were you of age when the photo was taken? Maybe. Maybe not.

When I type "Paul Hackbarth" into a Google search, luckily, all I get is links to my work at *The Current* and former internships. I am also apparently a really good motorcycle racer, according to Google. I am actu-



By PAUL HACKBARTH
Editor-in-Chief

ally not. I checked. He just shares my name.

Social networking sites are just one piece of the problem with privacy nowadays. Pay for anything with a credit card? There is a record out there somewhere of what you bought. There are data-counters out there that have made a profile of you based on your purchases.

Surveillance cameras, credit cards, e-mails, monitoring phone calls and Facebook are all what can only be described as a trade off. We want to pay fast and not stand in line. We want to show our friends on Facebook and MySpace what new drink we tried, but not let our parents know. We have created this lifestyle that involves Big Brother, but we do not like being watched.

You cannot have it both ways. Posting pictures and comments on MySpace and Facebook is an easy way to keep in contact with friends, but those pictures and comments continue to show up and be saved in search engine's caches. In other words, your actions can live on forever.

There is some good news through all of this. Social networking sites usually allow the user to privatize their page.

My advice, before giving over your Social Security number or phone number at the cash register, ask what the information will be used for.

Privacy has a whole different meaning nowadays. I kept my promise about not saying much about the Student Leadership (mostly because there was not much to say), but the number of clicks on *The Current's* Web site and your Facebook page may not be all that far apart.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welcome Week Photo

I would like to respectfully respond to the comments made in last week's "Letters to the Editor" by Lindsey Perkins. She commented on the photograph published by *The Current*, which portrayed a couple of black students participating in the chicken wing eating contest during Welcome Week. She did not see how publishing a photograph of actual events "racist".

The issue is not about the people participating in the event, nor is it about the person who captured the image. The problem lies with the image itself and *The Current's* decision to editorialize this photograph. This showed a lack of cultural sensitivity toward the negative stereotypes of black people. The act of eating chicken is not stereotypical among other cultures. It only becomes stereotypical when black people engage in this activity. This stereotype was established during the time when the Minstrel Show was popular across the country during the late 1800s into the early 1900s. These Minstrel Shows portrayed black people as lazy, buffoonish and cowardly. According to these shows, eating chicken as well as watermelon were looked upon as one of the only activities blacks engaged in.

The next question that may come up would be, "why dwell on the past?" Negative events of the past still affect not only black people, but all people today. For instance, when slavery ended, it was quickly followed up with the Jim Crow Era (another phrase coined from a famous Mistral Show song). The Jim Crow Era ended in the mid-1960s

with the passing of various pieces of Civil Rights legislation. That is only a little over 40 years of liberation. Besides, not a single piece of Legislation can change the negative stereotypes already imbedded into the minds of many Americans. In order to change these negative viewpoints, we have to educate one another on the positives as well as negatives of each of our respective cultures. We have to use opportunities like these, not to complain, but to educate the ignorant.

Kelcy S. Sidall
Senior
Economics

STEP Workshop

I wasn't exactly sure what to expect when I walked into the Century Rooms for the Step Workshop last Monday. All weekend I had been telling people that I was going to learn how to step and they thought I was crazy. Why? Well let's just say I am probably not the first person to jump on the dance floor. I shrugged off those comments and went anyway, but I would be lying if I said I wasn't a bit nervous for the reaction that I would get.

What I found was the exact opposite of all the looks my friends gave me. No one in the room gave me a "what is he doing here?" look. Instead, once the lesson started, they were cheering me on just like they were cheering everyone else on. The whole lesson took about an hour and afterward I came away with three things: a few sweet moves, an understanding of where step comes from, and, most importantly, knowing that

you don't need to be a certain race to go to an event.

Just because College of Republicans or Associated Black Collegians holds an event does not mean that you must be from that group or even anyway associated with that group to go. College is about expanding our knowledge of the world and I cannot think of a better way to learn than actually involving yourself.

The next Step Workshop is Sept 24 at 3p.m., so come out and step with me because EVERYONE is welcome even if you're black, white, blue or purple.

Bryan Goers
Senior
History

Nosh changes

Is it too late to boot the Nosh and get a company that cares about the students and employees? They have raised their prices and lessened the quality of food, amount and service. Before they would ask what will you have, now it's precooked, light bulb-warmed with ice cold breads/buns. I will never eat there again and I am an employee. I will have to be right at starving to give them another dime. It is a shame. Yeah - George can afford, but others? Rightttttt.

Claudia Griffin
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STAFF VIEWPOINT

Is separation of medicine and state the answer?

A number of things make for strange bed-fellows, perhaps none more so than government and medicine.

In the last seven years, it seems every time we open a newspaper we see this "Honorary mooners"-esque relationship playing out whether it concerns the particulars of stem cell

research, the rights of comatose patients, or women's right to choose. More recently however, the headlines have more to do with ethical dilemmas that occur when these crazy kids cozy up just a bit too close to each other.

We have heard about psychologists developing interrogation techniques for Guantanamo Bay detainees and doctors forcing feeding tubes into the same detainees that are carrying out hunger strikes in protest to their detention.

Both of these scenarios are currently receiving plenty of scrutiny by members of the medical community, public opinion and the media, but they are certainly not without their own champions from the political world and even those in the medical community that find these practices perfectly valid.



By STUART REEVES
Staff Writer

These scenes are a world away to most people, but there is yet another secluded area where these two, government and medicine, are sneaking off to pitch woo. Moreover, this place is on our own soil.

In the 37 states that utilize lethal injection to carry out capital punishment, many, including Florida, Missouri, Texas and North Carolina require the presence of a physician to at least pronounce the time of death of the condemned. Some require the doctor to administer the three drug cocktail, consisting of an anesthetic, a paralytic, and then a fatal dose of potassium chloride. Some only ask that the doctor locate a suitable location for the injection and prepare the site.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has recently made a hard ruling that any of these activities violates their code of ethics, citing that medicine is first and foremost a life preserving practice and participation in executions brazenly violates the mandate that a doctor, "above all, do no harm."

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UNDERCURRENT

By Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Is UM-St. Louis doing all it can to make you feel safe on campus?



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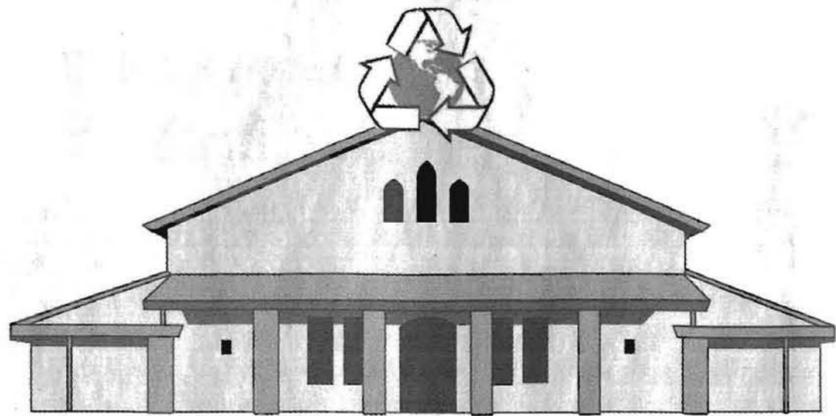
"As a transfer student, I haven't had any security issues."

"Ha Ha Ha Ha NO!"

"I have never felt so safe living in the most dangerous city in the US"

"The gate in the meadows is broken too often."

STAFF VIEWPOINT



Chris Baum • Staff Writer

A new religion: Environmentalism?

Environmentalism has become one of the fastest growing religions in the world over the past two decades.

In 2003, famous author Michael Crichton made popular this not-so-new idea that environmentalism was a religion.

Lynn White first proposed environmentalism in 1967. White was a professor and researcher with Stanford, Princeton and other notable higher education institutions.

While most of Crichton's books and articles are seen as fiction or stretching the truth, he is known to be both an avid environmentalist and an anti-scientist.

From some of his papers and speeches, others have taken along the same path, with some claiming that environmentalism is replacing religion all together.

This begs the question, what is in a religion?

According to Webster's 2007 dictionary, religious is defined as "relating to or manifesting faithful devotion to an acknowledged ultimate reality or deity," and religion is defined as "a personal set or institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs and practices."

The ultimate reality of environmentalism is a sort of impending



By THOMAS HELTON
Design Editor

doom - global warming. It is also just becoming "wrong" to not be environmentally friendly.

Just as it may be considered in many religions to be wrong to murder or steal, environmentalism is just the same, showing how we are killing the planet and abusing our resources and power given to us by nature.

Just look at how Hummers are looked down upon, and so is littering. Walking down a street that has lots of litter, people do not think, "Wow, these people are anti-environmentalist."

Instead, they just think the municipalities cannot afford to clean up the streets. This paradigm of environmentalism will change how everything is handled.

Environmentalism has become institutionalized. Just to name the in-

tergovernmental organizations (those organizations created by a treaty between nation states): Commission for Environmental Cooperation (NAFTA), European Environment Agency (EEA), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), Environmentalists for Nuclear Energy (EFN). Environmentalism is no longer a game or a habit.

It could be claimed that the churches of environmentalism are recycling centers, where anyone can go to dump off goods to be recycled. Some even claim that public schools are the churches of environmentalism.

The literature on being an environmentalist is extensive and at anyone's fingertips via the largest set of activist groups in the world.

Environmentalism is also much like other religions in what it demands - or requires.

In order to be considered an environmentalist, one cannot just recycle once or twice a year. It's a life style that requires sacrifice, another concept prevalent in religions across the world. In order to be an environmentalist, one must sacrifice.

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The AMA further charged, any physician(s) that participate in any capacity will face revocation of their membership in the association and could also face license challenges in the states where they practice.

To protect doctors from these complications, Florida, for example, has gone as far as to make participating physicians don full moon suits with dark visors so no witness can identify and report them to their state's medical board.

Most states feel that the presence of a physician legitimizes the execution process and further protects it from any 8th Amendment challenges against cruel and unusual punishment.

It should not take much imagination to see that if the AMA got their way and no physicians were present to administer the drugs properly, the black hood and needle would be handed to Bob the Prison Guard and the prisoner would surmise that the prospect of dying will be the least of his concerns.

So, why, if it is ethically questionable and socially controversial, would any doctor choose to participate in capital punishment?

According to a 2006 article in the New England Journal of Medicine by Dr. Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H., some do it out of a sense of civic duty.

These physicians feel that a jury of the condemned's peers, through deliberation and the legal process, concluded that the individual was too dangerous to be allowed to live and must be removed.

Society has asked these physicians, as the persons most qualified to do so, to carry out the sentence.

Others, according to Gawande, participate regardless of their own stance on capital punishment and adopt the outlook that if we have capital punishment and if it is to be carried out, it should at least be done in the most humane way possible. They see the participation of fully trained doctors as the only method that insures it happens that way.

So, there you have it. State governments need doctors to carry out executions and are willing to protect their identities to do so.

The AMA says the whole affair violates the standards of ethical behavior for the medical profession.

Though a domestic example, it

adds to the growing list of conflicts that seem to emerge when medicine chooses to waltz with government, be it federal or state.

Clearly a comprehensive separation of medicine and state just is not realistic.

We have to rely on a body of some authority to regulate the education and licensing requirements of doctors, otherwise any snake oil salesman with a stethoscope could set up shop.

Further, we need to rely on the government oversight to some extent to ask if certain research projects and their methods are beneficial to society and can be conducted in an ethical manner.

Could a graded separation be possible?

Perhaps, but regardless of such a separation's prospect for success, what we have seen with recent postures of both the American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association is that some legislative construct is going to be necessary to preserve the autonomy of medical practice and prevent it from becoming a convenient instrument of the state.

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FEATURES

Take the initiative: Looking into campus diversity

By AMY RECKENWALD

Features Editor

"We live in a global society," said Malaika Horne, chair of the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative. "How can you interact with different nations if you can't interact with different ethnic groups in your own country?"

The Chancellor's Diversity Initiative, previously known as the Task Force on Diversity calls itself "cultural diversity in action."

According to Horne, they want to first enhance diversity on campus. Then, identify what is already occurring, find the gaps that exist, then take diversity to the next level.

The initiative is actively taking a role in shaping the acceptance of a diverse population at UM-St. Louis.

"We're walking the walk," said Gerda Ray, Associate Professor of History. "We make sure the initiative is diverse, including faculty, staff and students." Ray has been a member of the initiative since it was started in 2004, when it was started as a task force.

According to Horne, the name changed because their activity changed. "Not only did we make recommendations," she said. "We started implementing them."

One of the implementations which Horne referred to was the creation of a website by the diversity initiative. The purpose of the website was to make information about diversity groups and events easier to access by placing it in one site.

"We have innumerable diverse groups on campus," Horne said. "We want to centralize them. That's one way to enhancing diversity."

Ray thinks that the website is the most important thing that the diversity initiative has accomplished thus far because it gets the information out campus-wide.

The first four of their goals are to reinforce the educational benefits of diversity to students, faculty and staff, commit resources to diversity efforts, put commitment to diversity in appropriate University plans and materials, and to encourage cultural groups to raise awareness about diversity.

According to Horne, the initiative is concerned with "empowering all diverse groups, so their voices can



Author Edna Campos Gravenhorst and Malaika Horne, director of the Executive Leadership Institute were part of the panel in the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative meeting last Friday in Woods Hall.

Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

be heard." She said that by giving a group a voice, it empowers them. And in empowering them, it enriches the campus and community.

Horne said that in order to be well-rounded citizens, students "have to be exposed to diversity."

"All these groups are what make this country great," Horne said. "As a nation, all of us have to appreciate all these cultures."

The importance lies in the fact that we live in an increasingly connected world where boundaries no longer stop at a country's borders. It is impossible now to only act and think locally without there being some greater impact on the global world.

"If you remain static, you're going to lose out," Horne said. "Because this is a fast moving country."

The best way to become engaged in that world is to learn about the other groups. "Nothing can take the place of education," Horne said. "We have one of the most diverse campuses in the state. We have a real op-

Diversity Initiative Mission Statement

"The University of Missouri - Saint Louis is devoted to fostering a campus and regional culture of inclusion where diversity of all types is embraced and recognized as the strength of the communities, state, nation, and world we live, work, and learn in."

- Taken from The Chancellor's Diversity Initiative Mission Statement

have accurate depictions of diverse groups," Horne said. "Not only in the university materials but in writing and photos."

One project they undertook to do so was creating a resource of photos of actual faculty and students on the campus.

Before that, stock photos were used, not accurately reflecting the existing diversity on the campus.

Horne stressed the importance that the photos, and university materials, convey positive messages. "We want to make sure materials put out are culturally relevant and appeal to all groups."

One method the initiative wants to implement to ensure the relevancy of images and to increase awareness of diversity issues, is the creation of affinity groups. These groups would ideally show their materials to others in their group to ensure that they are not offensive to a particular group and sensitive to culturally diverse issues.

According to Horne, it is impor-

tant to know how a group will respond before putting out materials, rather than finding out afterward.

By gradually increasing the awareness through images, the campus becomes gradually accustomed to seeing a diverse population in a positive portrayal.

"First your visuals have to fit your mission. Then your words have to fit your mission. Then your actions fit your mission," Horne said.

According to Horne, they would like to have more student involvement.

"We want students to have a better idea of what diversity means." She said that a lot of the students who have been members of the initiative have gone on to become staff and that more student involvement would be good.

Horne said "we have come a long way" and that she is gratified with the progress already made into diversity issues on campus.

"Diversity is already here, but it can be enhanced."

TOP TEN

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(UN census estimate)

10. Japan (127,750,000)
9. Russia (142,499,000)
8. Nigeria (148,093,000)
7. Bangladesh (158,665,000)
6. Pakistan (161,038,000)
5. Brazil (187,116,630)
4. Indonesia (231,627,000)
3. United States (302,871,332)
2. India (1,169,016,000)
1. Republic of China (1,320,638,353)



Sex and gender teaches diversity through interaction

By UYAMA UMANA-RODGERS

Staff Writer

There are several options UM-St. Louis students can choose from to fulfill the cultural diversity requirement toward graduation, and one such course offered is "Sex and Gender Across Cultures."

Taught by Catherine Koziol, adjunct professor of anthropology, "Sex and Gender" is a lecture and discussion class with about 75 students enrolled.

Half of the class is a discussion on a particular reading, question or topic Koziol gives to the class. According to Koziol, the class also does debates, so the whole class gets to know each other.

Koziol said she never knows what her students will learn in the class until the very end because when she poses the topic, she lets the students "express their experiences and opinions and what is really going on in the world to drive us to a certain point."

"Hopefully, by the end of the semester, everyone will get an appreciation of the different viewpoints about gender and their cultural and ethnic experiences," said Koziol. "And then [they] will be able to use that in their other classes."

Though each semester the class dynamics change, Koziol thinks the best thing about teaching the class is learning something new every single class. According to Koziol, the learning never stops, and she always gets a new perspective that changes the things she does

each class.

Koziol said the key thing that she tries to impart to her students is that "the way we approach each other comes from a relationship to so many different factors: from their environment, the way they grew up, their different experiences, their socioeconomic situation, to their religion, their politics, their educational experience."

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Global world, global learning: The student AIESEC experience

By CHRIS BAUM

Staff Writer

In today's increasingly smaller world, experience abroad can be very valuable, especially when considering a career in business. This experience can come from living or studying abroad or working abroad. For those interested in the latter, there is a resource on campus that may not be known to many students: AIESEC.

According to the national website, AIESEC began in 1948 as an organization to help develop "friendly relations" between member countries, and is now a global association, which is present in over 800 universities in over 90 countries and territories, and is the world's largest student organization.

These days, AIESEC helps facilitate about 4000 "exchanges" a year in which student workers from two nations switch countries for three or six months for an international internship.

The organization is able to facilitate these exchanges through the partnerships it has developed over the years with large companies such as Alcatel, Cadbury Schweppes, DHL, Electrolux, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Microsoft and UBS.

AIESEC also helps students develop skills through leadership experience by running the member chapters, and through many conferences they run each year.

UM-St. Louis currently has five students on internship exchanges in the Netherlands, Mexico, and Poland. Recently returned is Kurtis Kaspar, senior, business. Kaspar was working in Thailand for six months as an elementary school principal.

Another student, Brian Schuler, senior, accounting and finance, recently returned from a summer internship in Novosibirsk, Siberia. "I spent the summer doing financial analysis on Russian securities," Schuler said.

See **AIESEC**, page 12

Pan African Association revives on campus

By UYAMA UMANA-RODGERS

Staff Writer

Picture a state where every couple of blocks the people who live there speak a completely different language and have completely different traditions and cultures. That is Africa.

Most people think of Africa as one unit, one common language. However, there are an estimated 2000 different languages, signed and spoken on the African Continent.

Some of the languages are spoken by millions such as Hausa and Swahili and some of the languages are spoken by hundreds such as Dhalo and Shabo. There are an estimated 850 ethnic groups at least.

Bridget Member-Meneh, sophomore, business, from River State Nigeria (South Nigeria), has been in the U.S. for the past 10 years and has been at UM-St. Louis for the past two years. She is also the presi-

dent of Pan African Association.

The purpose and goal of the Pan African Association is to bring together Africans and students of African descent to educate them and other students and faculty of UM-St. Louis on the diversity of Africa.

The organization was inactive for a couple of years because of the graduation of the past members and leadership positions, but the need for this organization remained.

Member-Meneh had heard about the previous accomplishments of Pan African so decided to talk to some other supporters (M.K. Stallings, Advisor Jenkins, Dr. N. Coker, A. Oghre-Ikanone, Patrick Ngongo, Chidume Aningo) and get the club reinstated. Last semester they made it happen.

Member-Meneh said her desire to restart the organization came from the need to help people to have an accurate view of Africa. She said when people see things about Africa they normally are shown negative images. They wanted to show the

other side, the positive beauty.

According to Member-Meneh, some of the benefits are the "networking opportunities, meeting a bunch of people you may never have met before, the exchanging of knowledge. I am teaching you and you are teaching me, we are both learning." The only requirement to join the organization is a willingness to learn and teach.

Chidume Aningo, junior, pre-pharmacy, originally from East Nigeria is the vice-president and a transfer student from the UM-Kansas City. He was happy to help get the club up and running. He said he is excited it is growing and moving forward.

The club is also looking to be a bridge between the African American experience and the African experience by being a member of B.L.O.C. (Black Leadership Organizing Council). Chidume said their events are open to everyone, people of all backgrounds.

D.B Arokoyo is a member who

Muslim students break down details of misunderstood religion

By ANGIE SPENCER

Proofreader

"We are just like everybody else. We have our own beliefs," said Uzair Mansuri, Muslim Student Association's networking chair, and a senior at UM - St. Louis. "We have our own cultures."

That is what members of UM-St. Louis' Muslim Student Association want people to know about their religion and culture. They are just like everyone else.

Their culture will be most prevalent during Ramadan, the Islamic holy month, which began on Thursday, Sept. 13. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from sun up until sun down.

But it is not just about food. Danish Adil, a member of MSA, believes that it is a time to focus on God.

"It's the month where you can get back to the purpose of what you were created for," Adil said. "We were created to worship our father [sic] creator. You can recharge yourself."

What the Qur'an says

"O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint...Ramadan is the (month) in which was sent down the Quran, as a guide to mankind, also clear (Signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). So every one of you who is present (at his home) during that month should spend it in fasting ..." Chapter 2, verses 183 and 185

This is the basis for the holy month of Ramadan. In order to celebrate this holiday, MSA is holding a Fast-a-thon on Sept. 24 in Century Rooms A and B in the Millennium Student Center from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

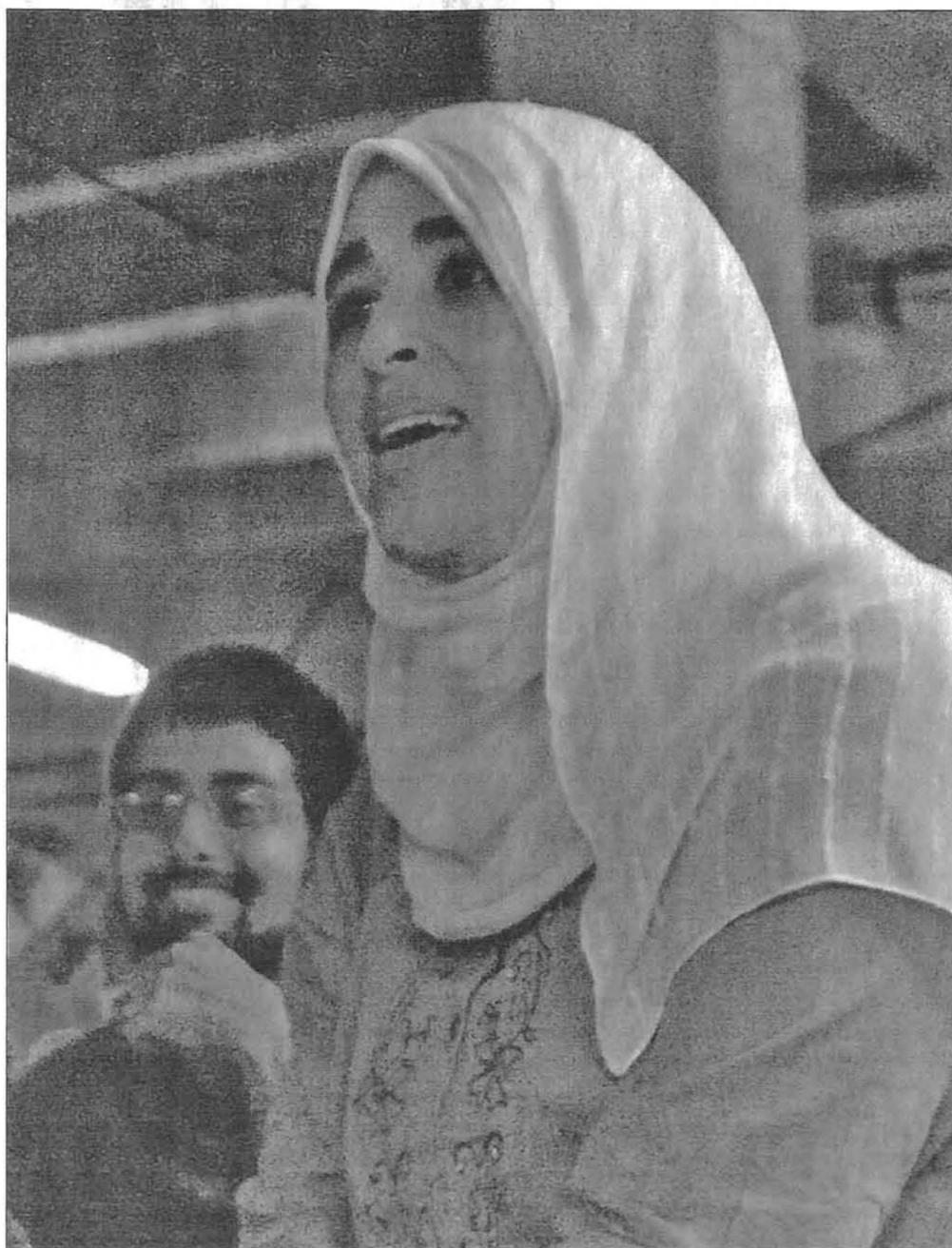
"This (the fast-a-thon) will give students the opportunity to see what Ramadan is all about because they will get the pious aspects, the fasting, and the social aspects, coming together for the dinner," said Dan Donahue, senior, political science.

"This event is for all UMSL students and faculty. In the coming week we will have some of our members sitting near the MSC Bridge to sign people up."

For this event, participants have to promise to fast, meaning not eat or drink anything, on Sept. 24. Then at 6 p.m., there will be a lecture at sunset where everyone will break the fast. A prayer and then dinner will follow that. Also, MSA is raising money for a charity and a speaker from the charity it chooses will be there to talk about the cause.

"It's like a day of Thanksgiving," Mansuri said. "We're all giving up food for that day and giving it to someone else."

Ramadan depends on the lunar calendar and since the Islamic lunar calendar year is 11 to 12 days shorter than the solar year, Ramadan migrates through the sea-



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Danish Adil listens as Mariam Mahmoud talks about the holiday of Ramadan on Sept. 12 in the Pilot House.

sons. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims around the world get up before dawn to eat and perform their first prayer of the day. They break their fast with the fourth prayer of the day. There are five prayers total throughout the day.

While fasting during Ramadan and prayer are big parts of the Islamic faith, there are three other main aspects to the religion. The others are a profession of faith, charity and pilgrimage to Mecca. These are known as the Five Pillars of Islam.

MSA currently has around 30 members, but they represent and serve a much

larger constituency somewhere in the hundreds. Over the last year, the membership of the group has almost tripled.

The groups mission is to raise awareness about MSA on campus and accommodate the people who live on campus. Also, the group strives to represent the religion of Islam in the best way possible and to make it easier for Muslim students at UM-St. Louis to practice their faith. Aside from the Fast-a-thon being held during Ramadan, MSA has other events throughout the year. They held a Welcome Week dinner during the first week of school.

"We also have plans to sponsor various discussion panels and lectures about Islam, but our focus at the present is to celebrate our holiday of Ramadan," Donahue said.

One thing many people may not know is that the terms Muslim and Islam are not interchangeable. Islam is the verb that means to submit to God. A Muslim is a follower of the religion of Islam

"Oh, are you a Christian? I've had so many people come up to me and ask, 'Oh, are you an Islam?'" said Mariam Mahmoud, senior in Biochemistry and Biotechnology.

Islamic Views: Current Events

While Christian views on many of today's hot button issues are clearly present in our society, Islamic views on such issues are not. A reporter from the current sat down with members of MSA in order to get some answers.

Q: What are Islamic views on abortion?

Daniyal Syed: It is not allowed unless the mother's health is in danger. Also, in cases of rape, it is looked down upon.

Danish Adil: Most people I know don't make a political deal of it.

Q: What are the views on same-sex marriage?

Syed: It is forbidden.

Q: How do Muslims view divorce?

Syed: Only in extreme cases.

Mariam Mahmoud: The couple sits down with a judge and the judge makes the decisions. It takes a while. Sometimes the judge will send them back to work on their problems and if they continue the couple can come back and talk with the judge again.

Adil: Of all the legal things in the world, of all the most permissible things in the world, divorce is most hated by God.

Syed (in continuation to Adil): It breaks apart the family.

Q: With last Tuesday being the 6-year anniversary of Sept. 11, how do you feel now?

Syed: It affected me in a way, but nobody ever had anything against me.

Mahmoud: Of course we all feel bad about what happened, but for me, any time I get on a plane, I feel like all eyes on me and everybody's just saying a prayer. You know, I'm a normal passenger. I'm going to visit my brother, my family.

Q: Have you noticed a bias in the current political climate?

Dan Donahue: We can categorize biases that Muslims typically receive in two forms: institutionalized and short-term. Institutionalized biases against Muslims exist because we are living in a largely Christian society. Naturally, there are biases due to this, but Muslims are not unique in that we are on the receiving end of institutionalized biases; most western countries discriminate against Jewish people and people of other religions in this way. Institutionalized biases are difficult to change. One example is that the Muslim holy day is not Sunday but Friday so many Muslims in the West must work on a day that is our holy day. Short-term biases, such as those produced by our current political climate are major problems such as many people characterizing all Muslims as terrorists. However, the good thing about short-term biases is that we can all combat them through contact with other people of different faiths and interfaith dialogue.

Q: Why is Islam the fastest growing religion in the world?

Adil: Because it's simple. I don't have to play mental gymnastics.

PRIZM Hosts "Queer Eye for the Dorm Guy/Girl" Dorm Makeover

By JEREMY TRICE

Staff Writer

Some university students who move out of their houses already have ideas for decorating their apartments, but one lucky dorm resident got to include a room makeover prize in her plans.

On the evening of Sept. 6, Lauren Rodriguez, freshman, pre-law and English, was surprised by PRIZM's Justin Riddler, junior, theatre, and Ty Portell, senior, psychology.

Riddler and Portell informed Rodriguez that she had been named the "Queer Eye for the Dorm Guy/Girl" contest winner, in which she could win a \$250 makeover for her dorm room.

Rodriguez's décor currently consists of James Dean and Marilyn Manson

posters. According to Riddler and Rodriguez, the lights in Rodriguez's room at one point exploded and were replaced.

Rodriguez had some plans for the makeover, but because the dorms are the property of the University, there are limits to the changes possible. For instance, the walls cannot be painted or drilled into.

"If I could paint them, I'd paint them yellow," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez informed Riddler and Portell that dorm room showers "do not exactly come full-serviced."

"My roommates and I used garbage bags as shower curtains," she said.

Rodriguez first entered the "Queer Eye" contest on her birthday, which was the first day of the RHA events, and continued to enter the entire week.

According to Riddler, Rodriguez's ticket from her first entry was drawn. Ro-

driquez said there was not any motivation to enter the contest.

"I was just wondering what would happen," she said.

Riddler and Portell went shopping for materials on Sept. 10.

"In a perfect world, we would have enough money to give her what she wants," Riddler and Portell said.

Riddler also said he and Portell were "pretty well qualified" and he wanted to "make it as nice as possible."

Portell said he "felt awesome," that providing this makeover was "exciting," and "I'm giving someone an opportunity that I never had."

PRIZM has not determined how often they will do the "Queer Eye for the Dorm Guy/Girl" contest, but according to Riddler and Portell, they are pushing to get it done every semester.



Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Justin Riddler, junior, theatre, Lauren Rodriguez, freshman, pre-law, and Ty Portell, senior, psychology, talk about what changes will be made to the room.

Step it up: Historical dance meets new culture with workshops

By CANDACE ANDERSON

Assistant Features Editor

On Monday, Sept. 10, Associated Black Collegians held a How-to-Step workshop in Century Room A.

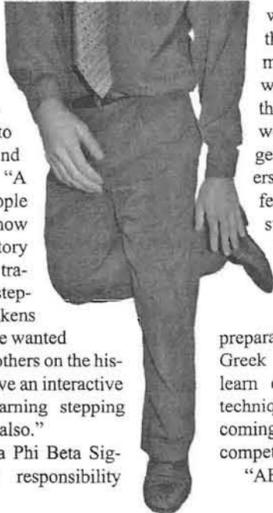
"The tradition started with the African boot dancing mine and field workers used to," Donovan Foster, graduate assistant, higher education, began. "It was a method to clean the dirt from their work boots after a long day's work." The men would make rhythmic beats that helped time to pass on their long journey home, Foster explained.

"Stepping began to be popular for black fraternities and sororities during the 1970s and 80s," Foster said.

Antionette Dickens, president

of ABC, says the idea behind the step workshop was to inform and educate. "A lot of people didn't know the history behind the tradition of stepping," Dickens said. "So we wanted to educate others on the history and have an interactive way of learning stepping techniques also."

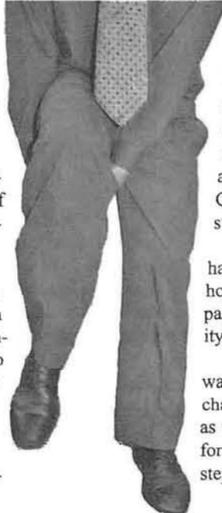
Foster, a Phi Beta Sigma, main responsibility



was to teach the stepping method at this workshop. "In the future we would like to get other teachers to teach different styles of stepping," Foster said.

The workshop served as a preparation for non-Greek students to learn or hone their techniques for homecoming step show competition.

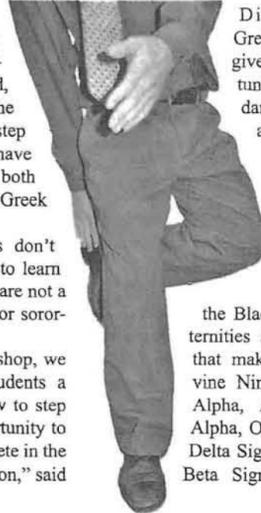
"ABC is attempt-



ing to do something a little different," Foster said, speaking of the homecoming step show. ABC will have a combination of both Greek and non-Greek step teams.

"Most students don't have the privilege to learn how to step if they are not a part of a fraternity or sorority," Dickens said.

"With this workshop, we wanted to give students a chance to learn how to step as well as the opportunity to form teams to compete in the step show competition," said



Dickens. Non-Greeks will be given the opportunity to step or dance in teams of at least three in the step show competition during homecoming week on Oct. 11.

Eight of the Black Greek Fraternities and Sororities that make up the Divine Nine: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi

Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta have been invited to compete at the step show.

"Because of the turnout, we decided to have a second workshop before the actual step show," Dickens said.

The next workshop has been set for Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. "Many students were excited and we have to give the members what they want," Dickens said.

The most improved and the best stepper from the workshops will be announced at the step show competition and they will also receive an award.

A party for the winners of the actual step show competition will be thrown in the Pilot House directly after the show.

SPORTS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Mary Behrmann

Mary Behrmann, junior, business administration, is the Athlete of the Week. The goalkeeper has been starting games with UM-St. Louis since 2005.

In Friday's game against Lewis, she recorded 99:56 minutes in goal, sticking in through an overtime, only giving up one goal, with four saves.

On Sunday, against UW-Parkside, Behrmann allowed one goal, while saving five.

Aug. 26 marks the one shut out of the season so far. The game was against Ashland, and Behrmann managed it with the help of back up goalie Courtney Carmody.

Check out Behrmann at upcoming home games on Friday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. against Bellarmine, and on Sunday, Sept. 23, at noon against Northern Kentucky.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Soccer

Sept. 21 vs. Bellarmine 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 vs. Northern Kentucky 2:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

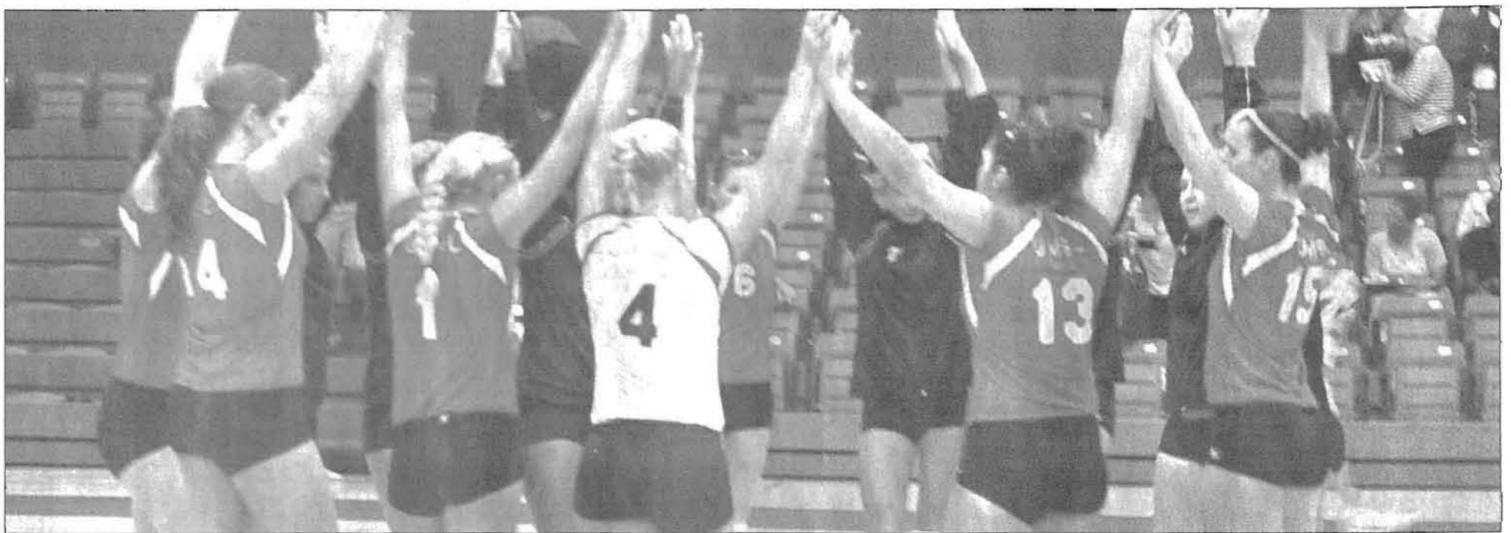
Sept. 21 vs. Bellarmine 5 p.m.

Sept. 23 vs. Northern Kentucky 12 p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 19 at Truman State 7 p.m.

Sept. 21 at Quincy 7 p.m.



The UM-St. Louis volleyball team celebrated after their victory over UM-Rolla 3 matches to 0 on Tuesday Sept. 11.

Danny Reise • Staff Photographer

Tritons rally toward volleyball victory

By **LAGUAN FUSE**
Sports Editor

The UM-St. Louis volleyball team record stands at 6-7 (3-2 GLVC) after the five-game home stand. In the last three games of the home stand, the Tritons defeated UM-Rolla on Sept. 11, lost to Central Missouri on Sept. 12 and the won against Southern Indiana on Sept. 15.

"I thought we played really well," said head coach Josh Lauer. "Our only losses were to top 20 teams."

UM-St. Louis defeated Southern Indiana 3-1. Christy Trame led the

Tritons with 17 kills on 39 attempts. Heather Nichols led the team with 21 digs.

The Tritons won the first two games, 30-18 and 30-23. Southern Indiana came back to win the third game 30-22. UM-St. Louis ended the match with a 30-23 win.

"I think the team responded very well after losing to Central Missouri," said Lauer. "We dominated games one and two, but they won game three."

UM-St. Louis was not able to pick up a non conference win against nationally ranked Central Missouri. The Tritons lost 3-0. Trame led the

team with 13 kills and Nichols led with 13 digs.

UM-St. Louis lost the first game 30-20, the second 30-23 and the final game 30-24. Jillian Ohrman led Central Missouri with 16 kills on 32 attempts. Audrey Jensen led the team with 26 digs.

"We're playing at a tough level and it is preparing us to play better teams," Lauer said.

The Tritons had 41 kills while Central Missouri recorded 42. UM-St. Louis committed 29 total errors in the game and Central Missouri only had 19. The Tritons had only three blocks during the game.

UM-St. Louis defeated UM-Rolla last Tuesday 3-0. The Tritons won the first game 30-17 and committed only one error. The Tritons won the second game 30-21 and the Miners tried to make a comeback in the third game but lost 30-28.

The Tritons now have six consecutive away games ahead of them before returning to the Chuck Smith court for the first game in October. UM-St. Louis will face off against Truman State on Sept. 19 for a non conference match. The team will then travel to Illinois to match up against Quincy on Sept. 21 and then against area rivals Southern Illinois

University-Edwardsville the following night.

Lauer said the Tritons are a defensive team and the team's main goal is to stay on top of the conference. Lauer also said that this season's team is focused on becoming a better team than last year. "We could come away from this road trip and be over .500," Lauer said.

The Tritons will wrap up their away games with three games in Kentucky on three consecutive days. UM-St. Louis will play against Kentucky Wesleyan, Kentucky State and Bellarmine. The games will take place between Sept. 27 and Sept. 29.

'Frustrated' does not even describe it

Tritons drop three after 3-0 start

By **TOM SCHNABLE**
Assistant Sports Editor

There are losses, and then there are losses. Sometimes when you lose, it is not so hard because the other team outplayed your team and deserved to win the game.

But when your team plays better than the other team, and you still do not come out on top, it tends to be frustrating.

"We worked hard, we had good conditioning," said junior Colin Huber. "They just got two lucky goals."

That was the reaction after a disappointing 2-1 double-overtime loss last Friday at the hands of the Lewis Flyers. The loss dropped the Tritons to 3-2-0 overall and 0-2-0 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

The Tritons narrowly missed jumping ahead of the Flyers in the first half, when sophomore Blair Spencer's header went clanging off the crossbar.

Despite a couple more chances, the teams would finish the first half tied at nil.

UM-St. Louis got the scoring started in the second half, and it was Huber who recorded the tally.

The Tritons countered the Lewis

attack early on, and took advantage of their opportunity, eventually cashing in on a well played ball by junior Jared Smith.

"Jared beat two guys on the right," Huber said. "Smith then delivered a cross after beating the defenders, and Huber was there waiting on the left side to take advantage of the opportunity. "I was in the right spot at the right time," said Huber.

Not five minutes later, Lewis responded with a goal of its own.

The goal came off of a free kick from about 40 yards out. The teams stayed tied for the remainder of the 90 minutes, leading to overtime.

After a scoreless first overtime, the game would be decided with a little over a minute to play in the second overtime period. Lewis came out with good pressure, striking four shots before eventually notching the game-winning goal.

The victorious strike came off a rebound after the Flyers had a corner kick.

"It's pretty frustrating," said Huber. "We worked really hard, and it's

just unfortunate that we get beat by something that wasn't a good goal."

Junior goalkeeper Bobersaved of the four the game. Flyers did many more at goal, but most of them were wide. After completing the short two game road trip with a game at Wisconsin-Parkside, the Tritons return home for games next weekend against conference foes Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky.

Lewis moved its record to 5-2-0 overall and 1-2-0 in conference with the win.

Tritons triumph over Lewis

By **TOM SCHNABLE**
Assistant Sports Editor

"We got up early in the second half," said Goetz, who was happy with the team's pressure and intensity.

Almost ten minutes later, Lewis would get the equalizing goal. The coach felt there was a defensive breakdown which allowed the Flyers to tie it up. The teams would go back and forth for the rest of the half, neither one being able to score the deciding goal. So it would have to be decided in extra time.

The Tritons again dominated the play in the overtime period, and it seemed almost an inevitability when sophomore Amy Fox recorded the game winner from ten yards out. "We were fortunate to finish it out in overtime," said Goetz after her team's triumph.

The goal came just before time was about to run out in the first extra period.

Overall, Goetz was happy with the play in the midfield, especially junior Krisie Muesenfechter and sophomores Maggie Gabris and Sarah Stone.

The altered lineup forced the girls into new roles, but they excelled together. Of course the game also could not have been won without the efforts of the goal scorers Ellis and Fox.

The women finished out their trip with a game against Wisconsin-Parkside, and then return to action with games at home against Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky. The team will look to improve its record and continue to ascend up the GLVC standings.

SHORT FUSE

Mixed Martial Arts knocks out other sports



By **LAGUAN FUSE**
Sports Editor

I think I have a new favorite sport. Baseball is great, but over the past few months, mixed martial arts has seriously grabbed my attention. The Ultimate Fighting Championship is hands down the best MMA promotion out there, but there are others that are making their way into the mainstream.

I have watched the UFC for many years, and I am really glad to see the boost in popularity it has gained in the last few years.

I remember when it did not matter what weight class you were in, and it was all about your fighting style. Fighting styles are still the heart and soul of MMA, but weight classes help to avoid size advantages.

The UFC is about to start a new

season of its reality TV show, "The Ultimate Fighter." This is one of the few reality TV shows that I can watch because I know at the end of the show, two competitors will battle in the octagon.

If someone in the house gets mad because someone ate their cereal, they can take it out in the match. It would be nice if the same thing happened on every reality show.

I was really looking forward to UFC 75, the most recent UFC fight card. I was really interested in the fight between Quinton Jackson and Dan Henderson. Jackson won the fight and became the undisputed light heavyweight champion. The best part is that it was free.

It is always a great day in sports

when an athlete can hold their head up high and say that they are the best in the world.

Boxing comes on HBO and Showtime, but UFC holds pay-per-view fight cards on Spike, a non premium cable channel. Pay-per-views usually give the fans what they pay for. I have found that sometimes you might get disappointed - not disappointed with the results, but with the effort the athletes put into the match.

Once again, that is why I love the UFC. If both fighters are somewhat lazy in the match, it does not matter because the match is only three rounds. So much for 10 rounds of boxers hugging and dancing around the ring. If there are any boring fights, they can only last 15 minutes.

I thought about going to see a UFC fight live, key words: thought about. I am a fan, but if getting two good seats means paying \$1000, I think I will just watch Spike. I am not sure if MMA has completely overshadowed boxing, but I really can see that happening over the next few years.

UFC President Dana White has been doing a great job of promoting MMA and if the success continues to grow, mixed martial arts may become a dominant mainstream sport in America.

As of now, MMA has a growing fan base, and I am one of those fans. Baseball season is almost over and football is just beginning, but in the UFC someone is always getting knocked out.

AT THE TOUHILL

Beethoven finds new home at PAC



Courtney A. Strong • Staff Photographer

Arianna String Quartet performed Beethoven's String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 132 Sunday, Sept. 9. From left to right: John McGrosso-Violinist, David Gillham-Violinist, Robert Meyer-Violist, and Kurt Baldwin-Cellist.

BY ELIZABETH STAUDT
Staff Writer

The Arianna String Quartet, the UM-St. Louis artists-in-residence, delighted a Touhill audience on September 9, 2007, in another of their series of concerts featuring Beethoven quartets.

John McGrosso, first violinist of the Arianna String Quartet, introduced the fourth program of "The Complete String Quartets of Ludwig van Beethoven" series at the Touhill Performing Arts Center's Lee Theater on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The fourth program consisted of the string quartet in F Major, opus 18, number one, followed by the string quartet in Bb Major, opus 133 and, after a brief intermission, the string quartet in a minor, opus 132.

While the Arianna String Quartet played distinctly for the beauty of Beethoven's music, being teachers, the quartet sought to make

Beethoven's classical density approachable for everyone through a detailed introduction and extensive program notes which included the pieces' history, influences, and technical details.

The program was designed more for music lovers than music majors. Any student interested in classical music could enjoy the concert, regardless of musical knowledge.

All of the Arianna String Quartet's concerts are free to any student to further bring classical music to the masses.

The string quartet in F Major, opus 18, number one, was paired with the string quartet in Bb Major, opus 133 "Grosse Fuge" by the Arianna String Quartet because "they really demonstrate (Beethoven's) excellence as a composer" according to McGrosso's opening remarks.

The second movement of the first quartet offered a passionate and romantic contrast to the classical discipline of the first movement. McGrosso

believes "It's really (Beethoven's) daring that's on display."

Patrick Bergin, senior, music education, remarked of the notoriously dense second quartet, opus 133.

"That's as close to rock and roll as you get for 1825" which is when the piece was composed. The concert's program notes that twentieth composer Igor Stravinsky commented about "Grosse Fuge" as "this absolutely contemporary piece of music will remain contemporary forever."

The final piece, also composed in 1825-26, presented five movements of a romantically tuneful strings arrangement which McGrosso declared to be the most "openly expressive" quartet of the evening. Certainly, the third movement, aptly titled "Holy Song of Thanksgiving to the Divinity by a Convalescent, in the Lydian Mode," poignantly highlights the depth of Beethoven's struggle with illness and his gratitude for his recovery.

The concert concluded with a

standing ovation which recalled the Arianna String Quartet to stage several times to receive the audience's enthusiasm.

The Arianna String Quartet is made up of violinists John McGrosso and David Gillham, violist Robert Meyer and cellist Kurt Baldwin. All four men are associate professors at UM-St. Louis in the music department.

The Arianna String Quartet has been working through all of Beethoven's string quartets since last Nov. and will complete the series this December.

The musicians play each program, containing two or three quartets, twice: once at the Sheldon Concert Hall and once at the Lee Theater at the Touhill.

The fifth program in the series will be Nov. 14 at the Sheldon Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. and then Nov. 18 at the Touhill Lee Theater at 4:00 p.m. As always, the program is free to students.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Clayton's pot of gold: Kilkenny's Irish Pub

BY SHANNON MCMANIS
Page Designer

The stereotype of a drunken Irishman is offensive to some, but certainly not to this Irishwoman. I can drink with the best of them but alas, I have been "that" girl at the pub. Do not judge, we have all been there, unfortunately some more than others (you know who you are). But where to go to enjoy such debauchery?

Seeing as how St. Louis is abundant with Irish Catholics, the Irish watering holes are plentiful. One of my personal favorites is Kilkenny's Pub in Clayton. A bragging point of

Kilkenny's Irish Pub

★★★★☆
Located at 20 N. Central Ave, Clayton, Mo.

314-725-0161

Hours:
Mondays - Fridays
11 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.
Saturdays
5:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

the place is the nearly 100-year-old cash register, which is still in use and sets the mood for the rest of the bar. It is small enough for an intimate atmosphere, but the booths and tables are large enough for your entire party. And the drink specials are rockin'.

Every Monday and Thursday is bucket night. A bucket of six ice-cold beers is only \$8 for Bud, Bud Select, Bud Light and Busch. If you are a Michelob man, then the price is hiked to \$9 for a bucket.

Tuesdays feature \$1.50 bottles of Bud, Bud Light, Bud Select, Busch and Rolling Rock.

Wednesdays are Draft Nights. It only costs \$2 for domestic drafts, \$2.50 for Micro-brews and \$3 for an imported draft.

Friday night offers \$2 16 oz. margaritas.

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A&E ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

Gallery 210: Short story authors readings

Authors Jaimee Wriston Colbert and Gladys Swan read from their works, 7 PM. in Gallery 210. Colbert reads from new collection "Dream Lives of Butterflies." Swan reads from most recent book "A Garden Amid Fires." Free Info: 314-516-5590.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Mercantile Library's Artist's Panel Discussion on photography.

Second annual Artists' Panel Discussion focuses on photography, and includes photographers from their current exhibit "Faces of Labor," at 6 p.m. Discussion followed by light refreshments. Free. Info: 314-516-6740.

Rec Sports horseback trail ride registration deadline

Deadline for horseback trail ride on Sept. 22 at Ace Stable, 9115 Natural Bridge Rd. Free Register at the Campus Recreation office. Info: 314-516-5326.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Catholic Newman Center 'Great Getaway' at Babler Park

The Catholic Newman Center sponsors "Great Getaway" today and Sept. 22 at Babler State Park in Wildwood, Mo. Trip includes team building, games, cheese-ball-eating contests and bonfire gathering. Cost: \$5. Info: 314-385-3455.

ONGOING

Gallery Visio: 'Back To School' art exhibit

First exhibit of the semester features 3 regional artists. Through Sept. 21. Free.

Gallery FAB: 'Daniela Marx Posters' art exhibit - Silkscreen posters, through Oct. 6. Free.

Mercantile Library: 'Faces of Labor' photo exhibit

Photographic portraits by Lee Buchsbaum and Dan Overturf, at the St. Louis Mercantile Library, located on the second level of the campus Thomas Jefferson Library. Through Nov. 18. Free.

TOP ITUNES

DOWNLOADS

1. Crank That - Soulja Boy Tell 'Em



2. How Far We've Come - Matchbox Twenty

3. Good Life - Kanye West

4. Bubbly - Colbie Caillat

5. The Way I Are - Timbaland (feat. Keri Hilson and D.O.E.)

6. Rockstar - Nickelback

7. Ayo Technology - 50 Cent (feat. Justin Timberlake)

8. Wake Up Call - Maroon 5

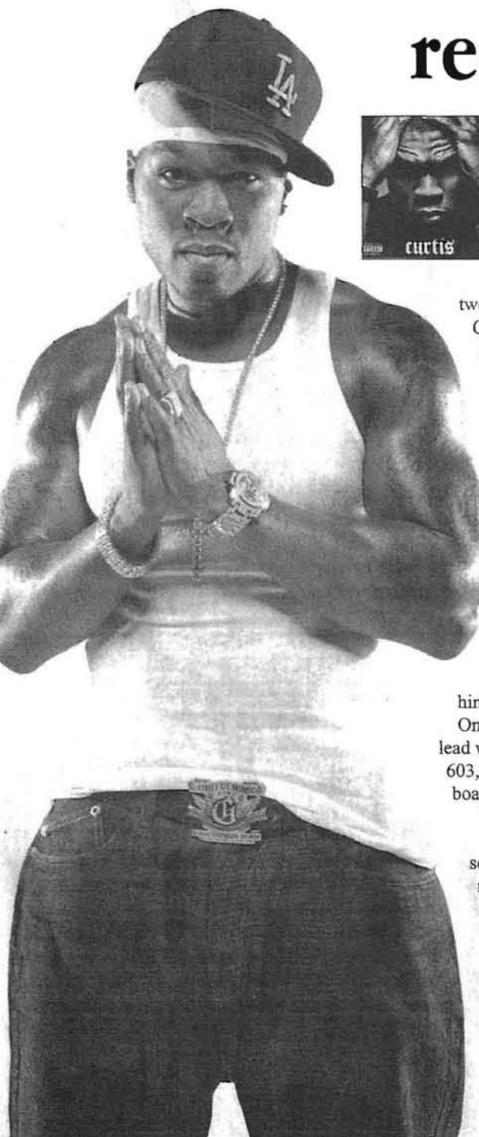
9. No One (Radio Edit) - Alicia Keys

10. Shut Up and Drive - Rihanna

Kanye West and 50 Cent go head to head in record sales competition

'Curtis' vs. 'Graduation'

STORY BY CANDACE ANDERSON • ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR



A sales competition between two rhyming artists, Kanye West and 50 Cent, began on Sept. 11, 2007. At some locations, West's "Graduation" (Def Jam) and 50's "Curtis" (G-Unit/Interscope) went on sale at midnight on the release date.

Nielsen Soundscan, which tracks music sales, reported Kanye West to have sold 437,000 copies of "Graduation" on the first day. In comparison, 50 Cent only sold 310,000 copies of "Curtis."

Curtis Jackson, also known as 50 Cent, or Fiddy, announced his retirement contingent on the outcome of the first-week album sales. 50 said he would retire if West outsold him in the first week.

On Sept. 14, "Graduation" was in the lead with 781,000 followed by "Curtis" with 603,000 copies sold, according to Billboard.

What did the fans have to say? "Off of previous history, 50 will out-sell Kanye," said Rhemone Harris, junior, communication. "One of 50 Cent's albums sold more than Kanye's put together."

50 cent sold 9 million of his first record "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (2003) and 6 million copies of "The Massacre" (2005) according to Nielsen Soundscan.

Some fans of West, however, are impressed by the content, not numbers.

"50 Cent is lyrically shallow,"

said Carlo Manaois, senior, political science, who also said he has not been impressed with most rap on the radio. "I think Kanye will outsell 50 Cent."

"Maybe some of the reason you don't hear deeper content on the radio is because a lot of people can't or don't relate. But if you make shallow music, people seem to gravitate towards it more," Manaois said.

Manaois describes West's music as thought-provoking.

"There is still a lot of good music...hip-hop isn't dead, but you have to look deeper for quality," Manaois said.

Harris said 50 Cent will undoubtedly outsell West. "When you listen to 50 Cent, you don't hear a lot of samples," Harris said. "50 is a better artist and a better business man."

West used a sample from Daft Punk's song "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" to make his single "Stronger."

In Harris' opinion, using samples shows a lack of creativity.

"However, 50 put out lackluster singles that may hurt album sales," Harris said.

50 Cent had five singles before his album released: "Get Money," "Amusement Park," "Ayo Technology," "Follow My Lead" and "Straight to the Bank."

"Kanye had two good singles: 'Can't Tell Me Nothing' and 'Stronger,'" Harris said. "But 50's fan base is bigger."

"If there is any loyalty, 50 should not have a problem outselling Kanye," Harris said.

But only time will tell.



STATS CORNER

WOMEN'S SOCCER

GLVC Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Northern KY	7	0	0	1.000
Quincy	7	1	1	.833
Rockhurst	6	1	1	.812
UW-Parkside	5	1	1	.786
Drury	6	2	0	.750
Saint Joseph's	4	1	1	.750
Bellarmino	5	3	0	.625
SIU-Edwardsville	3	3	1	.500
UM-St. Louis	3	3	2	.500
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375
Lewis	3	5	0	.375
UM-Rolla	3	5	0	.375
Southern Indiana	1	4	1	.250
KY Wesleyan	1	7	0	.125

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

Sept. 14 at Lewis: W (2-1 OT)

Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
2 Hoff, R.	1	1	-	-
7 Pitterle, J.	1	-	-	1
9 Lee, R.	2	-	-	-
11 Muesenfechter, K.	1	1	-	-
12 Fox, A.	4	2	1	-
13 Campbell, K.	1	-	-	-
15 Gabris, M.	4	2	-	-
17 Ellis, S.	2	1	1	-
10 Hampton, J.	2	2	-	-

Player	Min	GA	Saves
00 Behrmann, M.	99:56	1	6

MEN'S SOCCER

GLVC Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Northern KY	8	0	0	1.000
Rockhurst	5	0	1	.917
Indianapolis	7	1	1	.833
Quincy	6	1	1	.812
Drury	6	2	0	.750
Lewis	6	2	0	.750
UW-Parkside	6	2	0	.750
SIU-Edwardsville	3	1	1	.700
Bellarmino	6	3	0	.667
UM-St. Louis	3	3	0	.500
Southern Indiana	4	4	0	.500
UM-Rolla	3	4	0	.429
KY Wesleyan	1	6	1	.188
Saint Joseph's	1	6	0	.143

Sept. 9 vs. Drury: L (1-2 OT)

Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
5 Horan, D.	1	1	-	-
7 Smith, J.	-	-	-	-
9 Huber, C.	1	1	1	1
10 Spencer, B.	3	-	-	-
15 Clarkin, C.	2	-	-	-

Player	Min	GA	Saves
1 Bober, M.	108:14	2	2

VOLLEYBALL

GLVC West Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	Streak
SIU-Edwardsville	11	3	.786	W5
Rockhurst	10	3	.769	W1
Quincy	9	6	.600	L3
Southern Indiana	7	5	.583	L1
Drury	7	6	.538	L1
UM-St. Louis	6	7	.462	W1
UM-Rolla	1	14	.067	L5

Sept. 15 vs. Southern IN: W (3-1)

Player	K	E	TA	A
1 Brinker, L.	0	1	5	58
2 Baumstark, C.	1	3	7	0
3 Eisnaugle, S.	7	10	32	0
5 Holstein, C.	0	1	3	1
6 Nichols, H.	11	3	36	0
12 Cook, E.	13	3	37	0
13 Medina, C.	15	4	38	0
14 Trame, C.	17	7	39	0

K - Kill **E** - Error **A** - Assist
TA - Total attempts

Sept. 12 vs. Central MO: L (0-3)

Player	K	E	TA	A
1 Brinker, L.	0	0	3	26
6 Nichols, H.	6	5	32	0
8 Williams, S.	3	1	9	3
12 Cook, E.	8	7	28	0
13 Medina, C.	4	4	23	1
14 Trame, C.	13	7	36	0
3 Eisnaugle, S.	7	5	18	0
5 Holstein, C.	0	0	2	0
7 Kinzinger, K.	0	0	0	9

Sept. 11 vs. UM-Rolla: W (3-0)

Player	K	E	TA	A
1 Brinker, L.	2	0	3	29
6 Nichols, H.	8	4	20	0
8 Williams, S.	2	0	5	2
12 Cook, E.	6	0	20	0
13 Medina, C.	7	1	18	2
14 Trame, C.	12	2	21	0
2 Baumstark, C.	7	1	13	0
4 Brown, J.	0	0	2	0
5 Holstein, C.	0	0	1	0
7 Kinzinger, K.	0	0	0	12
9 Barnard, N.	1	0	3	0
11 Walker, M.	2	2	7	0
15 Mattingly, K.	2	4	7	0

Spotlight Game

Volleyball.
 Sept. 22 at SIU-Edwardsville (8-3)
 SIU-Edwardsville ranked first in 2006 GLVC Standings

CD REVIEW

All the pieces fit for psychedelic Dozemarypool's 'Three Pieces'

By ELIZABETH STAUDT

Staff Writer

I was first handed the latest Dozemarypool CD, "Three Pieces," at a small dinner and music party when the conversation moved to the local St. Louis scene. The CD rode around on the floorboards of my car for a good month before I rediscovered it and finally took a listen.

The music sways like a tripping hippie wandering through a crowd of forbidding strangers. Indeed, often times the vocals seem a bit lost in the music but remain so soulful as to reach out and evoke sympathy for the forlorn singer.

The opening track "Yes" gives off a Muse and early Radiohead feel but the rest of the CD quickly progresses to include more psychedelic distortions and experiments. "Curious The Cat Killer" follows "Yes" by picking up the pace and taking up more of the band's pop rock influence.

Tracks like "Close Robot" and "Redressing" pick up a more electronic jazz feel. "Dream" is distinctly jazzy with seemingly random segments of nearly hardcore distortion thrown in to intrigue the listener. "Delay" slows everything down from the driving core of "Redressing" to a mellow float through a blurred musical landscape.

At times "Three Pieces" is Pink Floyd but then it transitions to an Aphex Twins and The Shins cross before breaking out some U2 stylings.

Some Dozemarypool music is meant to be danced to while other tracks inspire a solemn night of

drinking and contemplation. Dozemarypool cannot easily be classified as anything except fluid. Even Ryan Stoutenborough's vocals are almost always indiscernible, blending in with the music in a My Bloody Valentine way, but the wealth of emotions behind his words are communicated by the strength and tone of his voice.

While definitely unique for the area, Dozemarypool seems to draw on some of the psychedelic influences such as those that created bands like the local shoe-gazing group Stella Mora. Dozemarypool is not nearly as far into the noise pop genre, however, being more pop than noise, and so more closely resembles People Noise from Lexington, Ky. Local fans of The Red Water Revival will also enjoy Dozemarypool.



Dozemarypool
 "Three Pieces"
 ★★☆☆☆

Dozemarypool, originally formed across the river in the St. Charles area, has been making music in St. Louis nearly since the turn of the century. This past March, Dozemarypool released their new CD "Three Pieces," a follow-up to the full length self titled LP, a compilation of tracks from 2001 until 2003, which was finally released in 2005.

The three-piece band involves brothers Stoutenborough, Ryan on guitar and vocals and Andy on drums, along with Keith Mangles on bass. Dozemarypool has played in the standard local St. Louis venues including Cicero's, The Red Sea, and the Way Out Club. On September 22, they will take the stage in Blueberry Hill's Duck Room. Their album "Three Pieces" is for sale through the ever-popular iTunes.

KILKENNY'S, from page 9

On Saturday the pub opens at 5:30 p.m. From open till 8 p.m. there are \$2.50 Anheuser Busch pitchers. After 8 p.m. the price increases to a whopping \$3.50 per pitcher, which stands until closing time at 1:30 a.m. This offers a great opportunity to drown any sorrows that might arise from an evening of Cardinal baseball, or hopefully even celebrate a win.

If any of these specials do not appeal to you, worry not, for there are 25 bottled beers behind that mahogany bar. And 11 draft choices as well. There are also 6 house wines sold by the glass: Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, White Zinfandel, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Just in case you are actually hungry when you enter the pub, you should know that there is a menu. Even the Irish have to eat. There are plenty of appetizer choices, plus wraps, sandwiches and all the other usual pub food.

The homemade potato chips are particularly good, and far outshine

any of the generic dips that come along side them. There's a little something for everyone, a legion style menu if you will, with American, Greek and Mexican cuisines all making an appearance. And when I say American, I mean American. There should be a separate menu just for the hamburgers, since there are 10 varieties to choose from, each more delicious than the last. Food is also available for carryout and catering.

The dark wood of the bar and cozy atmosphere of the joint makes for a fun and casual evening with friends. The pub is available for private parties and you can find it in the heart of Clayton's business district. Parking can be a little difficult at times.

Hours of operation are as follows: Monday - Friday 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The pub has recently made the decision to stay open on Sundays, but official hours have not yet been established.

ENVIRONMENTALISM, from page 5

While it is highly thought that being environmentally friendly is costly, the practice becomes cheaper by the day, and in fact, cheaper than using old technology.

In some states such as New Mexico, a house can be outfitted with solar panels or wind turbines for as little as \$10,000 after government subsidies.

That is essentially a one-time fee, some maintenance down the line assumed, but any excessive energy generated by a private citizen has to be legally bought by energy companies. So in fact, it can be profitable to be an environmentalist.

Religion plays a large role in voting behavior. Just as some religions are more highly looked upon in certain governmental bodies, so is environmentalism.

Think about the likelihood of a non-environmentalist becoming governor of California. This is unfortunately just as likely as a Muslim becoming president of the United States, or even governor of Texas.

For those who fancy Google for research, one of the first sites found on environmentalism is <http://environmentalism.com>, which on the first page it opens with "Environ-

mentalism is not about a desire to have cleaner water and air."

It is now a full-fledged religion, and its main tenet is "raw nature" as god-like, and Mankind as a plague infecting it."

Whether or not this is true will probably never be settled, however, it is evident that environmentalism is setting the standard in nearly every walk of life and becoming the new paradigm of the Western world.

Not only are cars and large machinery affected by environmentalism, but now it seems that everything is affected. It is difficult to not know what environmentalism is, or be cognizant of the ideas.

The National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) questions how if environmentalism is a religion, that is can be taught in schools.

The U.S. Constitution calls for the separation of church and state. If environmentalism did become a church, how would the US Supreme Court handle this?

If everyone were an environmentalist, would anyone care?

Would teaching environmentalism become the same as saying the pledge of allegiance in elementary school?

SEX AND GENDER, from page 6

"Even the activities they like to do, all of this plays into how they look at each other and talk to each other," said Koziol.

"And if they can understand where they come from through the exercises that we do in class and appreciate someone else's opinion so that they can talk to each other better, then I feel like I have succeeded."

Koziol said she hopes her students continue to be open with other people when they meet them. She said if her students have an issue and it comes to someone not understanding what is happening, they can think ask questions such as "Where did they come from?", "What's their background?" and "Why are they thinking this?" instead of "What they are thinking?" so they can keep communicating and keep understanding.

Bridget Member-Meneh, sophomore, business administration, said this class has made her more socially outgoing in groups of strangers and more aware of the different issues that were discussed in the class.

According to Member-Meneh, the films they watched in the class caused her to analyze everything differently; everything she looks at she now sees with a different perspective.

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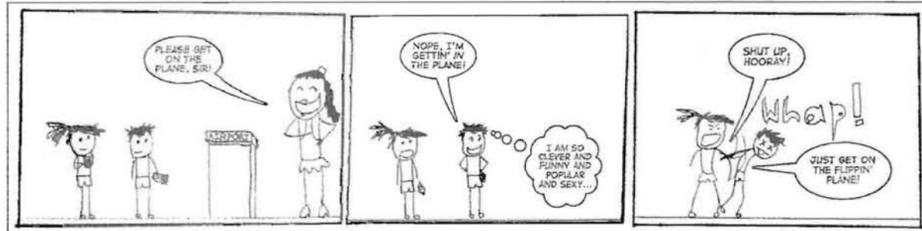


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- Sentry's command
- Pull behind
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- Teammate
- Youngster's transport
- "Oops!"
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- "American Buffalo" playwright
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- Old calculator
- Peace opposite
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Your ideas earn you the respect of your colleagues. But you will have to present some hard facts and figures if you hope to persuade those who make the big decisions to support you.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Keep those bright Bull's eyes focused on the project at hand. Avoid distractions. There will be lots of time for fun and games later. Expect to get welcome news this weekend.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
You soon might have to decide about moving a relationship from its current status to another level. Do not let anyone influence your decision. It must be yours and yours alone.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
You finally can get off that emotional roller coaster and get back to focusing on your goals without interruptions through the rest of the week. A nice change is due by the weekend.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Trying to make an impression on some people runs into a bit of a snag at first, but it all works out. An old and almost forgotten personal matter once again needs attention.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 Sept. 22)
A rise in your energy level helps you finish an especially demanding task. Take some time now to spend with family and friends before starting a new project.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
This is a good time to re-establish contact with trusted former associates who might be able to offer good advice regarding that career change you have been contemplating.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your resourcefulness combined with a calm, cool approach help you work your way out of a knotty situation and avoid a potentially serious misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A calm, quiet period allows you to recharge your energies. But you will soon be ready to saddle up and gallop off in pursuit of your goals.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Family matters need your attention. Check things out carefully. There might still be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It is a good time to take a stand and show as much passion on your own behalf as you do when arguing for the rights of others. You might be happily surprised by the reaction.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
You bring sense and sensitivity to a confusing situation. Things soon settle down, leaving you free to enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation with friends and family.

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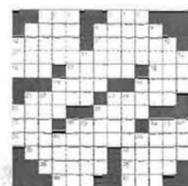
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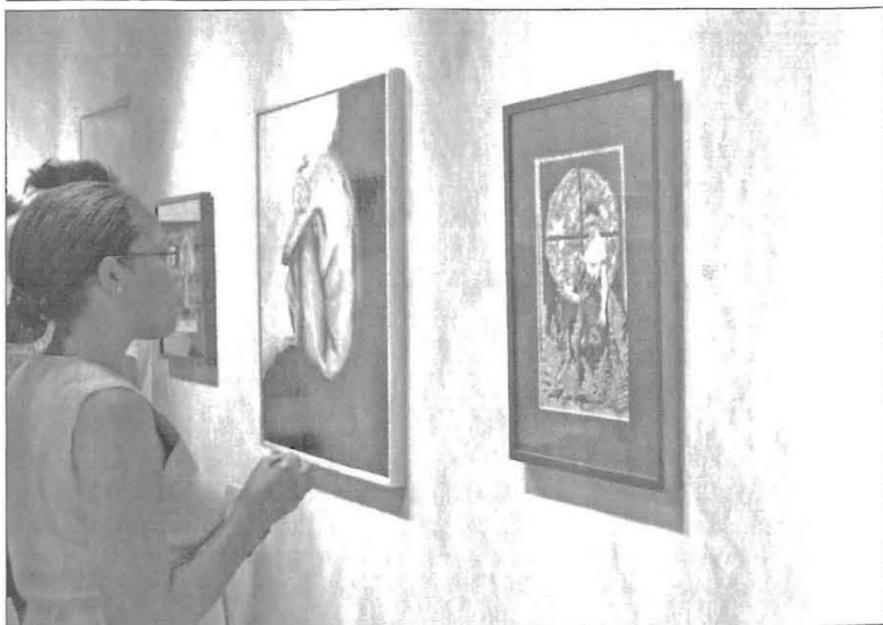
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Erika Malone, from the office of Transfer Services, also a graduate student at UMSL, views "Breaking Through" a botanical collage done by Dinise Mustain from the exhibit "Back to School".

'Back to School': Back to art at Gallery Visio

By UYAMA UMANA-RODGERS

Staff Writer

Gallery Visio has opened this school year with a fabulous display.

The new exhibit at Gallery Visio, the student-run art gallery on campus, is called "Back To School". The exhibit features the work of a trio of artists in various media.

Several of the pieces are executed wonderfully by Dinise Mustain. This artist lights up her frames with unique mixed media botanical collages. She begins by purchasing seeds in winter growing the seeds in her greenhouse each summer then harvesting them to create pure art. Her choice of flowers

is great and the colors are vivid. The petals are distinct and delicate, making for not only original, but interesting art. These thought provoking pieces warrant three words: wonderful, wonderful and wonderful.

She also adds a bit of whimsy with her pieces that incorporate paper cut-outs of people. They are intricately and ornately covered with petals, hand made papers and other materials.

She has one piece in particular I am partial to call "Going with the flow." The hues of blues representing water bounce off the beige and deep plum flowers drawing to mind a summer day by the pond gazing at the water lilies in profound reflection.

Another well-placed art installation was done by another of their featured artists Sunny Santos. One six-panel series of work she has installed is entitled "Gossamer World". This series depicts a woman in various poses of vulnerability. There is a mysterious, dark shadowy shading on one side, a bright radiating white

on the other and the pinkness of her flesh centered between them both. The series takes you along the various streams of her movements, the movement in her sorrow and the movement through her process of life. The darkness symbolizes the past, the white symbolizes the future, the healing and the hope. This was an excellent depiction of humanness.

Another artist that has several pieces on view in Gallery Visio's exhibit is Alicia Scolorici. I loved that she used items like coffee mugs and bottles to bring to the viewer's senses their warmth. I could almost smell the coffee. She has a four-piece medley called "Friends" and it burns with red and orange tinged colors. I could picture those cups in a café being caressed by the hands of old companions gossiping, laughing and talking about life.

Gallery Visio's "Back To School" exhibit runs through Sept. 20. Gallery Visio is located in the lower level of the Millennium Student Center, near the Nosh.

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"There is a lot of money in Russian securities right now, and I was able to help develop portfolios for investors."

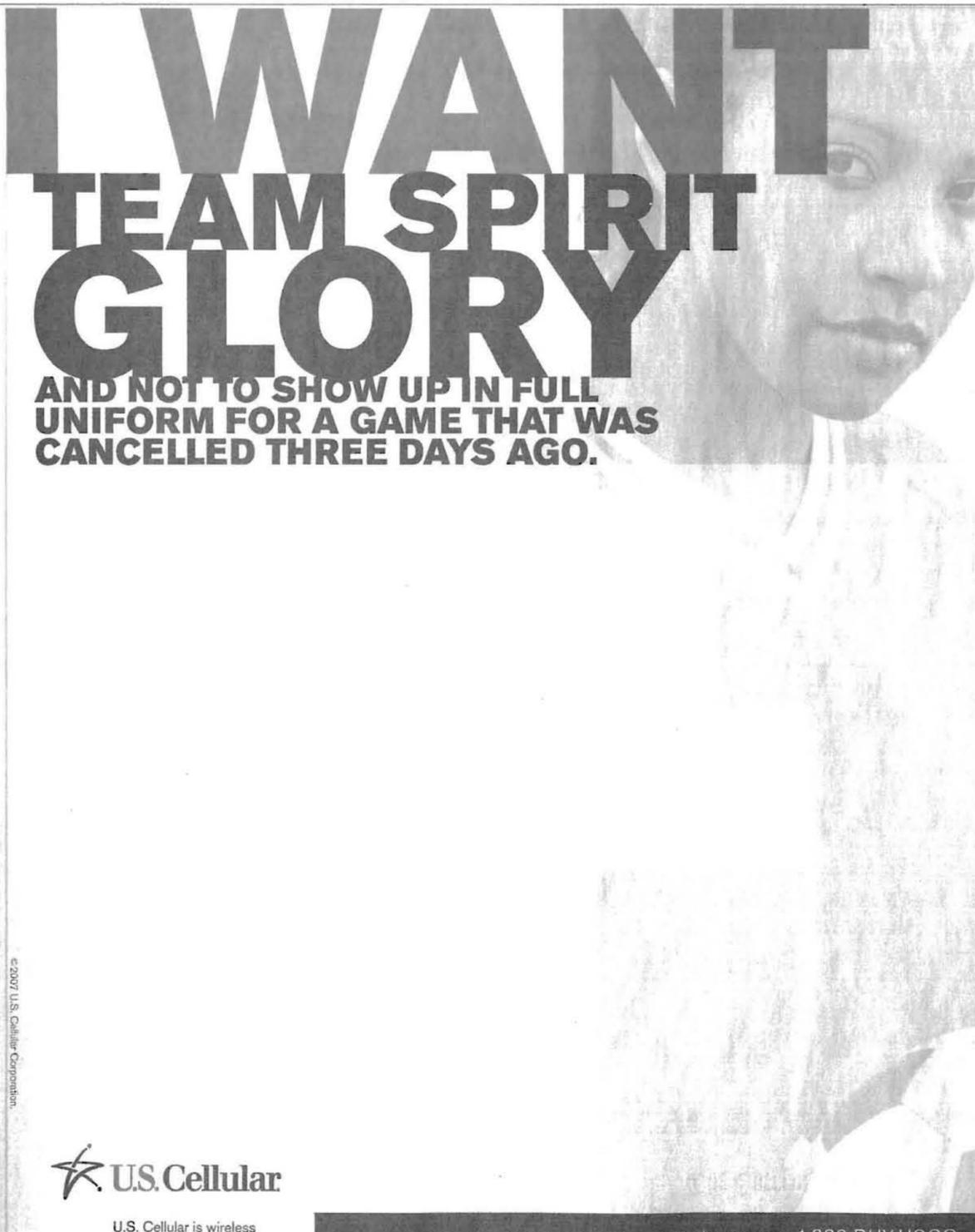
When asked why he chose Siberia, Schuler said he wanted a unique experience and challenge, and to culturally diversify himself.

Part of the challenge Schuler experienced in Siberia was with the climate. "It isn't like what people think."

It got up to 90 degrees over the summer, and since there is no air conditioning, it made working difficult. Then again, it also got down to 45 degrees in August."

Schuler also got the opportunity to travel during his stay in Siberia. He said that students in AIIESEC will often get together and travel. Schuler was able to see many places in Siberia and Russia, including St. Petersburg and Moscow. During these trips, students will often stay with other members of AIIESEC from the city they are visiting.

"The skills developed through the internship experience are the most important thing," Schuler said. "Building confidence and adaptability are very important these days, especially if you are interested in working for a multinational company."



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