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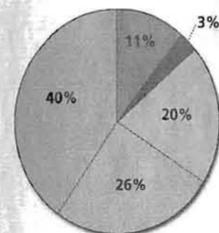
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#### Web poll results:

How did you spend your snow day last week?



- Sledding
- Ice skating
- Catching up on work
- Nothing
- What snow day?

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What was your reaction to the results of the "Super Tuesday" primaries?

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

# Assembly supports voting student curator

By JESSICA KEIL

Staff Writer

The Student Government Association assembly approved a resolution favoring giving a vote to the student representative to the Board of Curators Friday.

Currently, the student curator on the Board of Curators cannot vote with the rest of the members.

Bryan Goers, president of SGA, said the student curator resolution was a "way to show [to the curators] that the students care and want to

### Quick Read

In addition to approving a resolution giving the student curator a vote, the assembly learned about an anti-affirmative action bill making its way through the Missouri legislature.

vote."

The resolution was voted on by the assembly thereafter and passed by a large margin.

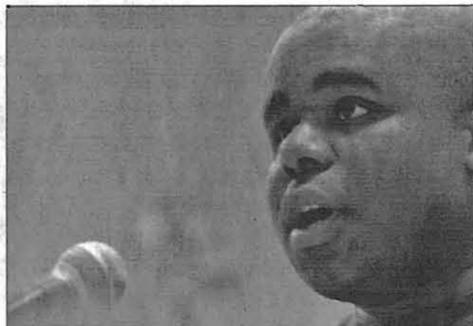
There was, however, some commotion after the SGA meeting which centered on the resolution vote. Two

SGA representatives from the same club, the Physics and Astronomy club, voted - one for and one against - the student curator resolution.

The SGA assembly also passed another resolution supporting the work of Gordon H. Lamb.

This resolution was a way for the assembly to thank Lamb, the UM system's interim president, for his service to the school since April 9, 2007.

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Kelcy Siddall, senior, economics, discusses an affirmative action proposal during Friday's SGA meeting.

Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

## PAINTING FOR A CAUSE . . .



Sofi Seck • Staff Photographer

Liz Fihro, junior, history, paints on a section of cloth as part of Project Linus on Thursday in the Millennium Student Center. All the pieces will be sewed together to make one large blanket for terminally ill children.

## MISSOURI PRIMARY

# Missouri chooses Obama, McCain

By SARAH O'BRIEN

News Editor

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama won the popular vote in Missouri last Tuesday during the "Super Tuesday" primary elections while Arizona Sen. John McCain won the Republican vote after the win was projected for former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Sen. Hillary Clinton was in the early lead for Missouri and lost by little more than 1 percent with 48 percent of the vote to Obama's 49.2 percent.

In addition to Obama's win in Missouri, he won the support of 19 out of 30 states. Sen. Hillary Clinton still has more delegates total across the nation.

### Quick Read

Three Republican candidates split the Missouri vote, but John McCain edged out a win, and despite losing Missouri to Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton still has more delegates total across the nation.

There was a strong turnout in the primary, with the majority of voters choosing Democratic candidates, one of the largest differences being 4,364 votes for John McCain in St. Louis City and 47,675 total votes for Barack Obama.

Political experts credit Obama's huge win in St. Louis because of the city's large student and African American voter turnout for the candidate.

Obama has received the endorsement of Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill as well as the endorsement of Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Edward's son.

See PRIMARY RESULTS, page 14



### How Missourians voted . . .

Barack Obama	49.2%	John McCain	33%
Hillary Clinton	48%	Mike Huckabee	31.5%
		Mitt Romney	29.3%

## KIRKWOOD CITY HALL SHOOTING

# Tension erupts in violence at Kirkwood City Hall

By SARAH O'BRIEN

News Editor

Last Thursday night, a man walked into the city hall building in Kirkwood and opened fire, killing five city officials and wounding the mayor and a few others before being fatally shot himself.

Charles "Cookie" Thornton had a volatile relationship with the city of Kirkwood after numerous outbreaks during council meetings in relation to the ticketing of his illegally parked business vehicles.

Thornton had attempted to sue the city on numerous occasions for the ticketing, which began in 2000 after the city began to "tighten up" regulations in the Meacham Park neighborhood where Thornton lived and ran his business.

According to Paul Thornton, the brother of the shooter, Charles had invested most of the last eight years in the struggle with the city of Kirkwood, including mortgaging his parent's Florida home.

Charles even filed a federal lawsuit against the Missouri Supreme Court, an attempt which was dismissed less

### Quick Read

Charles "Cookie" Thornton killed five and wounded several others during a shooting spree on Thursday in Kirkwood. Two Kirkwood police officers eventually shot and killed him.

than two weeks earlier.

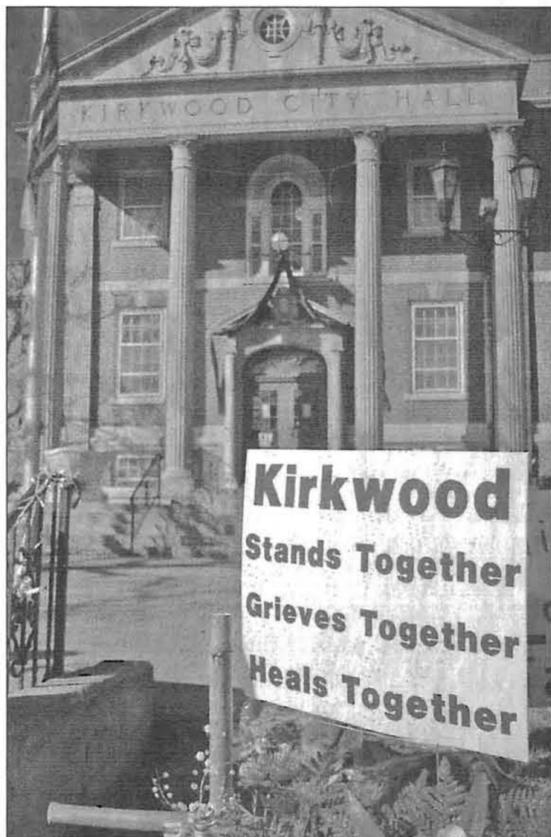
Charles was notorious at the city hall for consistent displays of dissidence. He often described the city of Kirkwood as having a "plantation" mindset, going as far to prove his point as to bring bales of hay and pictures of donkeys and braying like a donkey in front of city hall.

Charles was much respected in the neighborhood of Meacham Park where he worked with the youth of the neighborhood.

His colleagues and neighbors remember Thornton as an "eccentric" person, who was friendly to everyone.

They also cite that Charles was obsessed with the ordeal against the city of Kirkwood.

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Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Mourners started a memorial outside the Kirkwood City Hall for the city council members and police officers who were killed there Thursday.

Stay Current with this week's weather

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hi/Low: 30/24 Precip: 80%	Hi/Low: 31/17 Precip: 20%	Hi/Low: 39/28 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 46/29 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 28/24 Precip: 40%	Hi/Low: 34/25 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 41/29 Precip: 0%

Weather predictions taken from NOAA national weather system.

# CAMPUS CRIMELINE

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

STEALING OVER \$500 -  
UNIVERSITY MEADOWS

Sometime between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., the victim had his laptop computer stolen from his bedroom. The victim advised that he left a friend with a key to his apartment and instructed him to leave it unlocked when he leaves. Apparently the doors were left unlocked to both the apartment and the victim's bedroom. The victim also advised that some money and credit cards were taken and used off campus for two purchases. The investigation is still ongoing.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE - SIDEWALK  
NEAR KATHY WEINMAN CENTER

The victim reported that around 9:35 a.m. he was assaulted while walking near the South Campus MetroLink. The victim advised that he was approached by a vehicle on East Drive near the South MetroLink. The passenger got out of the car and came up to the victim and hit him with his fist, then got back in and fled in the vehicle. The victim indicated that he knew the driver of the car as a former coworker, and that they have had an ongoing disagreement for some time. The investigation is continuing to try and determine the identity of the suspect(s).

STEALING OVER \$500 -  
UNIVERSITY MEADOWS

Sometime between 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., the victim had his laptop computer stolen from the living room area of his apartment. The victim advised that his roommate was home until 2:30 p.m. and that his computer was sitting on a table in the room. The victim is unsure if the doors to the apartment were left unlocked. No forced entry into the residence was found. The investigation is still on-going.

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. To report any corrections that need to be made, please contact The Current at 314-516-5174 or by email at [thecurrent@umsl.edu](mailto:thecurrent@umsl.edu).

In the Feb. 4 issue of The Current the following corrections need to be made:

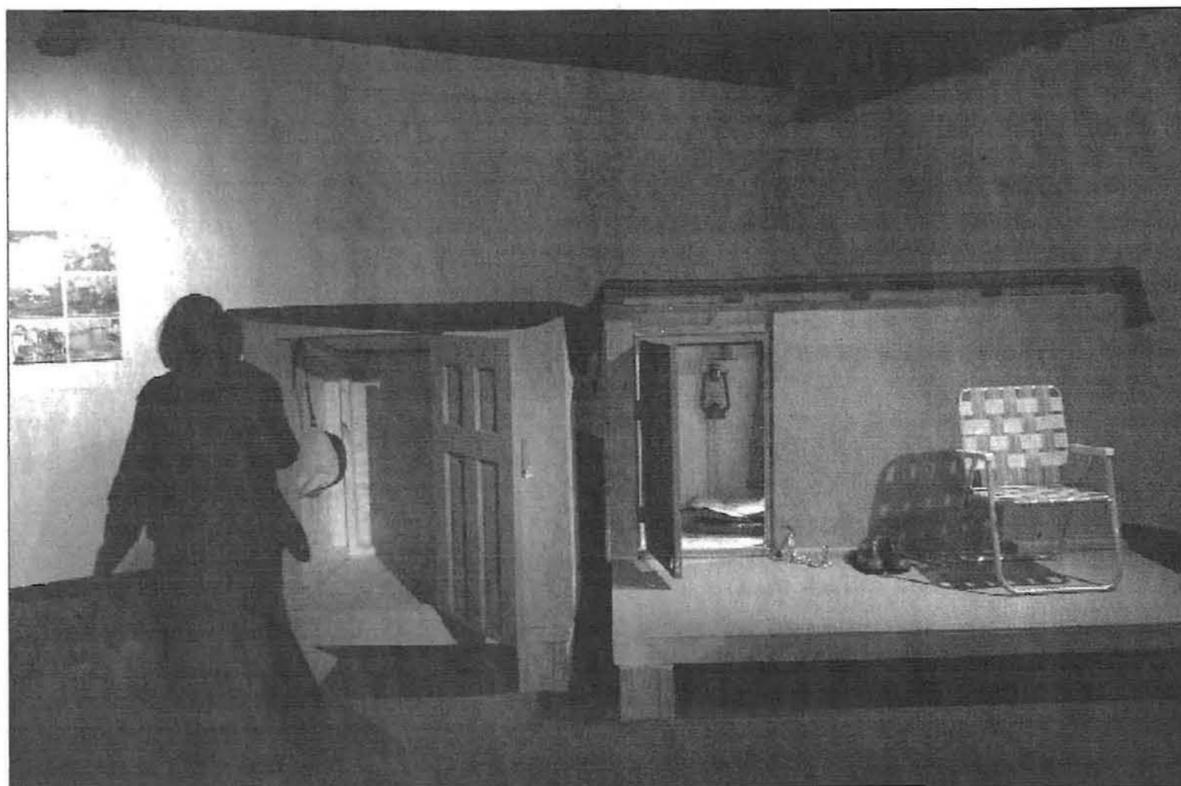
In the story, "Amnesty International advocates for human rights around the world," the story incorrectly stated that plastic graves named two dead soldiers (an American and an Iraqi.) The names actually were those of an American soldier and Iraqi civilian.

In the story "Oh the weather outside was frightful..." the Student Government president's name was misspelled. The correct spelling of his name is Bryan Goers.

In the Upcoming Games sidebar, the time of the women's basketball game against SIUE on Feb. 14 was incorrectly stated. The game will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building.

Also, the SGA meeting was actually held on Feb. 8.

# ARTISTIC VISION FOR THOSE IN NEED



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

A plywood hut designed by Mad Housers, Inc. is part of 'Urgent Shelters,' running now through May 31 in Gallery A at Gallery 210.

# What's Current

Your weekly calendar of campus events

MONDAY, FEB. 11

## Chemistry Colloquium

"Utilizing Technology to Develop the Next Generation of Food Ingredients," Jon McIntyre, Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs, The Solae Company. 4 p.m. in 451 Benton Hall. For more information call 5334.

## Hip Hop Trivia Night

UM-St. Louis Series of Hip Hop Culture Trivia Night hosted by Associated Black Collegians as part of Black History Month celebrations. 7 p.m. in the Pilot House.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

## Sex and Relationships Panel

"Conversations and Controversies" Interfaith panel on Sex and Relationships. Religious leaders from the Catholic, Lutheran and Jewish communities will be discussing this topic. 1 p.m. in MSC 316. For more information call 3455.

## Make the Most of your Learning Style

Find out how you learn and process information best. Do you learn easily by listening, watching, or doing? All students are welcome event held from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM in MSC 225. Call 5300 for more information.

## Study Abroad Information Session

Information sessions cover: types of programs available, scholarships and financial aid, earning academic credit, application procedures and much more. Held in 261 MSC from 3:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

## Unmet Mental Health Needs

The influence of Health Insurance on the Unmet Mental Health Needs of Children with Special Health Care Needs. Meets in 301 Lucas at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

## Housing and Homeowner Association

Housing and Homeowner Association: Impact on St. Louis Sales Prices and Communities. This five person panel discussion meets at 3 p.m. in 126 J.C. Penney Conference Center and is free to all students.

## Cupid's Arrow Couples' Dinner

Available to the first 15 couples that register (\$10 per couple) and includes sinner, souvenir glass and spoken word. 7:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Contact Antionette Dickens at [adgg7@umsl.edu](mailto:adgg7@umsl.edu) for more information.

## Women's University Mentoring Project

WUMP's goal is to empower students to realize their talents and potentials. Women professional volunteer to mentor a student. 3 p.m. in 427 SSB. Call 4749 for more information.

## Sexual Responsibility Week

Health, Wellness & Counseling along with WAVES Peer Educators will host Sexual Responsibility Week. Stop by for Valentine's Day promo items and candy, education and prevention items. Contact 5414 for information.

"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](mailto:thecurrent@umsl.edu).

All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

## 2-Ball Soccer Tournament

This is the deadline to enter Campus Rec's 2-Ball Soccer Tournament. Teams are co-ed comprised of women and men. Register at the Capus Rec Office 203 Mark Twain, or call 5326.

## Pack The Stands Night

Join the Tritons as they play rival SIUE. Women at 5:30 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m. Free for faculty, staff, students and alumni with UMSL ID. Free food and prizes, including t-shirts. Held in the Mark Twain Building.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

## Statehouse Sisters

Join us in a conversation with Women Leaders. The event is free and open to the public beginning at noon in Century Room B MSC. Call 4727 for more information.

## Submit to Litmag

Litmag is currently accepting poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction and art/photography submissions. This is the deadline for consideration in our yearly contest (\$50 prizes for each creative writing genre). Please send submissions to [submit\\_2\\_litmag@yahoo.com](mailto:submit_2_litmag@yahoo.com). If you have questions, please contact Jaime Wood at [jrw5x8@umsl.edu](mailto:jrw5x8@umsl.edu).

## Winning the Battle

Hosted in 225 MSC from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. This workshop illustrates the steps and techniques to become a person who does NOT procrastinate. Call 5300 for more information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

## MFA 10th Anniversary Reading Party

Listen to the authors read from their new works. Visit with the authors and enjoy delicious refreshments. Receive a free copy of the book *Natural Bridge*. R.S.V.P. to 5789. For more information call 5442.

## Financial Aid FAFSA Workshop

Come and find out information on the latest changes to Financial Aid and how it affects USML Students. 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the University Center, Room 64. Call 6807 for more information.

## Mystery Bus

This month the University Program Board wants students to explore the body and all of its different movements. Where will the students be this month? Buses will pick students up from the Honors College by 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 18

## Show Me The Women

Dayna Stock, manager of the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life and political science doctoral student, examines the role of term limits in this downward trend and finds that a shortage of women candidates contributes to the decline. Meeting in 211 Clark Hall at noon.

## How To Paraphrase

"Putting it in your own words" is the key skill in writing a successful research paper. This workshop offers a clear explanation of the technique and practice. Held in 409 SSB at 1 p.m.

## Hip Hop Homophobia

Hosted in the Pilot House at 7 p.m. by Prizm and Associated Black Collegians. This is an interactive presentation and there will be food provided.

## Chemistry & Biochemistry Colloquium

"Sweet Medicine: New Carbohydrate-based Strategies for Cancer Treatment," Marc D'Alarcao, associate professor, San Jose State University. Coffee at 3:45 p.m. Hosted at Benton Hall 451.

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# UMSL police chief responds to campus safety alert concerns

By **CARRIE FASISKA**  
Managing Editor

Robert Roeseler, UM-St. Louis police chief, was invited to the Chancellor's Cultural Diversity Initiative meeting to discuss campus safety and concerns that were raised about campus security notifications.

Chief Roeseler spoke to the group about campus safety and the activities within the unit.

He disclosed the Campus Crime Act that is annually published and required by the U.S. Department of Education as well as the Campus Security Task Force report that is sent to the governor.

The Campus Security Task Force report examines current operations and emergency plans.

It lists all of the emergency operations that have been put into place or are being implemented on campus and those parties that are responsible for the plans of that operation.

The Campus Crime Act has statistics and information about the crimes that have been committed on the University's campus.

"Crime statistics are low but have gone up," Roeseler said. He said he believes this is because of more student residents on campus.

The police are keeping a closer eye on the residential areas on campus including Mansion Hill, University Meadows and residential halls on South Campus.

After looking over the Campus Crime Act, Gwen DeLoach-Packnett, co-chair of the Initiative, asked Roeseler what the police were doing about crime on South Campus.

Roeseler explained the police meet with student residents at the

beginning of the year and recommend things they can do to prevent crime such as traveling with a buddy, locking up expensive goods and calling the police escort if the students do not feel safe.

Roeseler told the group that Mansion Hill is the most challenging for the police because the University does not own all of the apartments. The streets and those residences that are not University property are under Normandy police jurisdiction making enforcement difficult.

The new joint substation in Mansion Hill that UM-St. Louis and Normandy police share has been working well according to Roeseler.

He said when a call is made from Mansion Hill, one car from each station is sent so that each jurisdiction is accounted for.

The Initiative members also expressed concerns about campus-wide e-mail notifications on crime around campus. Roeseler explained that notification of crimes are sent out if there is an ongoing investigation of a felony or if a felony occurred that is a potential threat to the students.

"Notification is required by the [U.S.] Department of Education" Roeseler said. The e-mails are sent out to alert and protect the campus, help solve the crimes and allow parents and students to know whether or not campus is safe.

Malaika Horne, chair of the initiative, expressed concern about the way that suspects are described in the e-mail notifications and possible racial profiling.

"Getting descriptions can be difficult," Roeseler said. After the crime has been committed, victims are often in a state of trauma making it hard to get a detailed description.

Roeseler expressed that the po-

lice want to include as much information in the alerts about the suspect as they can to help solve the crime.

Although the Clery Act does not state that race must be included in a description, the police use it when they feel it will help them find the suspect.

"There is a big difference between a white male and a black male," Roeseler said, but admitted that sometimes racial differences are not easily identified.

UM-Kansas City police do not use race descriptions and UM-Columbia police officers use race in suspect descriptions sometimes.

Roeseler was asked what the procedure is when questioning someone that fits the description of a suspect.

He said the officer should ask for an ID, find out why the person is on campus, whether or not they are a student or staff member and ask them about their whereabouts during the time the crime took place so that they can determine whether or not they are questioning a possible suspect.

Roeseler also said every officer helps the person understand why they are being questioned by explaining the situation.

"Abuses are what push the line to racial profiling," Roeseler said. He admits that not every officer in area districts are going to follow procedures, but there is a system in place that tracks information about every officer's stop to try and prevent abuse.

After Roeseler's presentation, the initiative felt more discussion was needed about a possible recommendation to the UM-St. Louis police to exclude race in the descriptions of suspects within e-mail notifications of crime.

## 'EXCELLENCE IN BLACK'



Courtesy A. Strong • Staff Photographer

Terrance Smalls stresses the importance of leadership by helping others at a speech during "Excellence In Black," a black tie event Saturday night in the Millennium Student Center Century Rooms.

## Valentine's Day offers reminder for heart health

By **JEREMY TRICE**  
Staff Writer

Last Monday marked the beginning of Heart Health Awareness Week.

Every year, the event is set up by Kathy Castulik, health educator for UM-St. Louis.

Castulik said, "This year was the biggest," with 1,028 participants in two days. At the table were heart health giveaways and literature on facts, myths and heart disease symptoms.

"For women, the leading cause of death is heart disease, not breast cancer," Castulik said. "Women also have different symptoms than men when having heart attacks."

Castulik said she has also "focused on risk factors for heart disease" and that "nobody is exempt."

"I have a lot of students setting appointments for nutrition, weight loss, exercise and how to be healthy at any size," Castulik said. "That means plus sized men and women."

"There are a lot of misconceptions that if one is overweight or even obese, they're not healthy," Castulik said.

"There is research showing that anybody, regardless of their weight or build can lead a healthy lifestyle. It's called behavior modification through exercise and nutrition," Castulik said.

Castulik also received feedback for participants with diabetes through the Heart Health Awareness Week.

Diabetes is a serious risk factor for heart disease. She also says that she is "in the process of organizing a support group through Health, Wellness and Counseling Services for diabetics."

Castulik also provides diabetes self-management one-on-one. The program is free to students with diabetes. Castulik also works with the students' personal physicians to encourage self-management of the disease.

She also provides cholesterol screenings for only \$25, which can be charged to Student IDs or paid by cash or check.

Through Health, Wellness and Counseling Services, Castulik is the health educator and diabetes educator and also offers ALC testing for diabetics.

"ALC measures an individual's overall reading for a three month period of average glucose readings," Castulik said. "This includes good days where glucose should be and not so good days where glucose is too high or even too low. So after all of this combines, it then gives an overall average reading."

"ALC is something very important that all diabetics should have done," she said.

"Most diabetics go through their physicians for ALC testing at least twice a year, and others quarterly depending on the physician's request," Castulik said.

For those who are interested in diabetes assessment and/or a support group, cholesterol screening and other heart health information, call Kathy Castulik at 516-4657 or contact her at castulik@umsl.edu.



## Close call: Car accident on campus

Kelly Dobos, senior, studio art, and Alycia Hinderliter, senior, studio art, were rear ended on Monday Feb. 4 at the entrance to campus at Florissant Road and Bellerive Drive. The two women were turning onto campus in front of the fine arts painting building. Hinderliter said, "We were in the left lane waiting to make a left turn onto campus. Next thing we know, we hear screeching tires and we flew forward." The students reported no major injuries.

Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Crews demolish building in Hollywood Park complex

Last week, crews completed the tearing down one of the buildings in the Hollywood Park complex on Florissant Road near Oxeye Drive. The University owns the apartment buildings and contracted First Line, Inc. for the demolition.

"The property was difficult to rent without substantial, costly improvements. Thus, the property was declared surplus and demolished," said Reinhard Schuster, associate vice chancellor of Managerial and Technological Services. "The building was partially occupied in recent years," he added.

As of now, no plans to rebuild or new construction have been announced.

#### House committee passes new version of immigration bill

A small clarification has been added to Missouri House Bill 1463, which requires higher education institutions, including the University of Missouri, to certify that they have not knowingly enrolled illegal aliens. Rep. Jerry Nolte (R-Glad-

stone) is sponsoring the bill.

The original bill asked for certification that universities did not "admit" illegal aliens. Scott Charton, director of University Communications for the UM system, said since the University of Missouri and other universities accept admittance from more students than who actually enroll in college, universities ask that the language be changed.

The special committee on immigration in the Missouri House of Representatives passed the new version of the bill on Thursday.

The bill will now go to the House floor for deliberation. To read more about the bill, go to <http://www.house.state.mo.us/billtracking/bills081/bills/hb1463.htm>.

#### Higher education committee hears intellectual diversity bill

Rep. Jane Cunningham (R-Chesterfield) spoke to the Missouri House Higher Education Committee Tuesday about HB1315, a bill she is sponsoring that would require universities to make sure they have taken steps to ensure intellectual diversity and the free exchange of ideas in classrooms.

This bill has been called the Em-



Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor  
Demolition crews from First Line, Inc. tear down a vacant building in the Hollywood Park complex on Florissant Road.

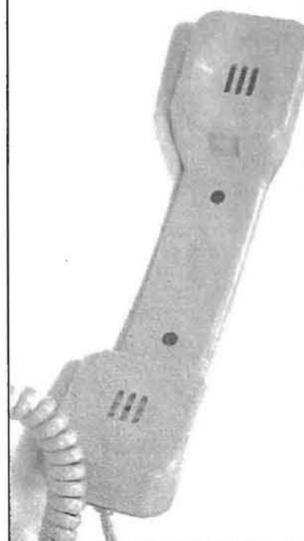
ily Brooker Higher Education Sunshine Act. This is the second year Cunningham has introduced legislation after a student at Missouri State University felt she was discriminated against because of her religious

beliefs. The bill asks a report be sent to the Missouri General Assembly, outlining the steps taken to ensure that all sides of political, religious and other issues are presented in a fair

and balanced way and that students have appropriate ways to complain made available to them. To read the bill in full, go to <http://www.house.state.mo.us/billtracking/bills081/bills/hb1315.htm>.

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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

# Administrators should not have final say on 'student' fees

At the last Board of Curators meeting, something interesting happened.

They decided to table the vote on student fees. At first glance, it may have seemed insignificant as nothing but a simple decision to hold off on a vote.

The precedent set because of the wait is one that students in the University of Missouri system will probably not take much interest in but one that they should appreciate.

When it came time to vote on student fee increases, our student representative to the Board of Curators, Tony Luetkemeyer, spoke up, not only for the students at the U-M-Columbia campus, but all students in the UM system.

Each time student fees are sent to the curators for approval, they are given with a sort of seal of approval from the students, kind of like a sticky note that says the students have reviewed these fees, voted on them and have given their stamp of approval.

During the Student Government Association meeting in December, student representatives at UM-St. Louis did just that, as did other stu-

dents at the other UM campuses.

From there, the recommendations of the students are sent on to each campus' administrators.

The administrators can choose to change the recommendations. In fact, in November 2006, students recommended a \$2 fee increase in the student activity fee, but when the fee increase was presented to the Board of Curators, Chancellor Thomas George recommended a \$1 fee increase instead.

The fee increase was actually a new dedicated fee, which needed the approval of the entire student body, not just a handful of student representatives.

This time around, student fee increases were hard to set since Senate Bill 389 placed a cap on them.

At UM-Columbia recently, students of the Missouri Students Association (UM-Columbia's version of UM-St. Louis' SGA) voted on an increase of \$2.32 for the Student Health Center because they did not know what the cap would be set at yet, so they estimated low.

When the cap was announced at 4.1 percent, the students' increase was well below that cap, so admin-

istrators decided to recommend a fee increase higher than what the students had suggested: an increase at 4.1 percent.

So the Finance and Audit Committee of the board received a recommended increase of \$3.66. This is what the administrators had recommended, not what the students had approved.

Student Curator Tony Luetkemeyer asked the board to table the vote to approve the fee increases since the administrators at UM-Columbia did not listen to the students' input about how much they wanted their fees to go up.

The board made the right decision to table the fees.

Ignoring students' say on these fee increases could have set a large precedent that administrators can set student fee increases without student input.

Administrators are not the one paying these fees. The money is coming from students' pockets.

The Current applauds the board's decision and our student curators for stepping up to the plate and fighting to make sure the students' voices are heard.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

# Middle East hinders chance of first female president

It was 2005 when the United States met its first female president...on television when actress Geena Davis portrayed the nation's head of state on network ABC's "Commander in Chief."

Hollywood makes it look a lot easier for a woman to call the oval office her own. Just ask Hillary Clinton or Victoria Wood-

hull, who was the first woman to run for U.S. president in 1872, before women even had the right to vote.

We have come a long way, with 86 women serving in Congress currently, so there is no doubt the nation is ready for a female commander in chief. In February 2007, a Gallup poll found that 88 percent surveyed would vote for a woman president, compared to 53 percent in 1969, the year Clinton graduated from Wellesley College.

Americans are well beyond the argument that a woman cannot command authority because people will not take her seriously with a run in her stocking or smeared lipstick.

But is the rest of the world?

The idea of a female president goes as far back as 1940, when Khertek Anchimaa-Toka was acting head of state in People's Republic of Tannu Tuva, which later became part of the Soviet Union. Then in 1974, the first woman to carry the title "president" was Isabel Martineze de Peron of Argentina.

Nations like Israel, Chile, Ireland, Panama, Guyana, Sri Lanka and more have had females as presidents. But the problem with a democracy is that it will only be willing to accept as many women in power as the people and society are willing to support it freely.

In a survey of 46 countries by the Pew Global Attitudes Project in December 2007, the only nation where participants said women make better leaders than men was Brazil. Fifteen percent said women make better political leaders while 10 percent said men and 75 percent said both sexes make equally good leaders.

In contrast, nations like Mali (65 percent), the Palestinian territories (64 percent), Kuwait (62 percent), Pakistan (54 percent), Bangladesh (52 percent), Ethiopia (51 percent) and

Jordan (49 percent) said men make better political leaders than women.

In Pakistan, where the late Benazir Bhutto was named the first female president of a Muslim nation, only eight percent preferred a female leader. To read more about the survey, go to: <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/650/women-leaders>.

These attitudes from patriarchal, non-democratic countries, even those that even elect female leaders, are not accurate signs of the nations' real political culture aimed toward women. Was Pakistan really any better off than the U.S. because of a woman president? The manner in which Muslim leaders have dealt with other female leaders from around the world is not representative of how they would treat U.S. female leaders.

Leaders of predominantly Muslim nations would not take women seriously. According to the Quran, "Men are in charge of women, because God has made some excel (faddala) some of the others [Verse 4:34]."

The Times of London reported on Thursday that Saudi Arabia's religious police jailed a 37-year old American woman for sitting with a man at a Starbucks in Riyadh.

What does this say if Hillary Clinton were to negotiate with these leaders? Middle East leaders do not respect females the same way America has come to treat them as equals.

Our nation's next leader has a strong bearing on the future of the United States' conflict with the Middle East. While President George W. Bush has strong ties with Saudi leaders, that may not be the case with someone like Hillary.

While a woman is just as capable as a man to handle the job of president when it comes to the economy, immigration, education and such, it is the attitudes and perceptions of outsiders concerning females that will negatively affect U.S. foreign relations in that area of the world.

I do not want to say this country will never have a female president, but the time is not now. I think this will be possible someday, but not Jan. 20, 2009.



By PAUL HACKBARTH  
Editor-in-Chief

STAFF VIEWPOINT

# Gardasil does not cure herpes

Gardasil, for the confused, is not a feminine hygiene product, not a new form of birth control and certainly not a cure for cervical cancer. Regarding cancer, however, the efforts of multiple states' legislatures and a high-dollar marketing campaign by the drug's manufacturer, Merck, would have you believe otherwise.

As a rule, when writing about the impact of a drug, if a generic name cannot be used, I prefer not to name it at all for fear of ethical implications. However, at the moment, Gardasil is currently one of a kind in the treatment of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

Gardasil is a three shot vaccination that has proven effective in the prevention of HPV - particularly the common strains designated 6, 11, 16 and 18. No, it is not a cure for HPV.

Once you have HPV, all this vaccination will do for you is ensure that if the strain contracted is one of the above, you would not likely contract any of the other three.

So, what does this have to do with cervical cancer? Strains 16 and 18 have been shown to cause a mutation in cervical cells that lead to cervical cancer. So, again, no, Gardasil is not a cure for cancer.

It is, however, a good bit of preventative medicine that would vaccinate young women between the ages of 9 to 26 from a virus that is predominately, but not exclusively, sexually transmitted.

The virus strains that can be prevented have been linked to the development of a malignant cancer that has a mortality rate right behind heart disease and breast cancer.

Lawmakers in 26 states and the District of Columbia are pushing for legislation that supports mandatory vaccinations for all females in the public school systems of those states. For the cynical, yes, Merck made campaign contributions to several of the sitting governors or other

politicians in those states. Not surprisingly, the first roadblock these potential statutes faced was the notion that all girls have lots of sex and parents clearly cannot impart any level of moral education upon their children. This was particularly outrageous to the conservative right-wing sects of most states.

The second hurdle was the religious question, which was approached from multiple angles. Some religions forbid the use of medicine or any sort in favor of spiritual healing methods.

This is not to be discounted, as several courts have recognized the right of practitioners of certain religions to refuse blood transfusions, for instance.

Also, among the Muslim community, a woman in the target age range of Gardasil would be rarely, if ever, be alone in the company of a male that was not an immediate family member, making premarital sex virtually impossible. Most states have since included an "opt-out" clause that allows parents to elect not to have the vaccine on medical or religious grounds.

What about men? Boys will be boys, after all, and what is to stop them from engaging in promiscuous acts and then entering in a monogamous relationship and passing on HPV to his partner? That is an argu-



By STUART REEVES  
Columnist

ment I am far more sympathetic to.

At the bottom line, I see this as particularly effective preventative medicine, but at the same time as a questionable attempt at a paternalistic practice by many state governments. Education should be the emphasis.

Just as many young women take the responsibility of starting a birth control regimen when they become sexually active, so too, should they be informed that this vaccine is out there.

For those that can make what seems like the virtually impossible distance from adolescence to marriage without having sex, likewise, getting this vaccine would not be a bad idea before the wedding night.

Some concerns have been raised as to the efficacy of the vaccine. Since June 2006, approximately 3,500 adverse reactions, including three deaths in the US and 28 miscarriages have been reported to the FDA. However, when submitted to the FDA, these reports did not include any significant patient information.

In the grand scheme, if one assumes a 100,000 patient population, which would certainly be modest in this case, this is a less than 4% adverse reaction rate, meaning that the vaccine has shown to be overwhelmingly effective at this point. Only the results of longer-range studies, many currently in progress, will be able to tell us for sure.

So, there you have it folks. Calling Gardasil a cure for cancer or even intimidating as such in advertising is a flat out wrong. However, making it available to the public and raising awareness of its effects as a preventative measure against an aggressive form of cancer is certainly a duty we owe the women of our society.

It is not the legislatures that should enforce this. Rather, it should be the role of medical professionals, counselors, educators and parents.

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# UNDERCURRENT

By Danny Reise • Asst. Photo Editor

## What are you doing for Valentine's day?

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Matthew Sheppard  
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"I have to go to a basketball game because it is mandatory for the pep band."



Paige Dubman  
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"Wailing in self-pity and playing piano at the pack the stands game."



Paul Paradoski  
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"Playing in a basketball game then taking Nate Whittaker to dinner."



Nate Whittaker  
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"Going out with my lovely date Paul Paradoski."



Megan Degonia  
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"Going to Spencer's and making a novelty bag."

distinction? Just wondering. Perhaps you should use the word "ghetto" a little more conservatively since you might offend one or several groups of people. Also, it made no sense in the context that you used it.

There are plenty of bars in the city that have not been around as long as the Delmar Lounge, so I do not believe that its location is what is keeping the place in business.

Furthermore, Pinup Bowl is also a three o'clock bar, which makes you wrong again.

PS You want to go somewhere not ghetto? Try Chili's or Applebees.

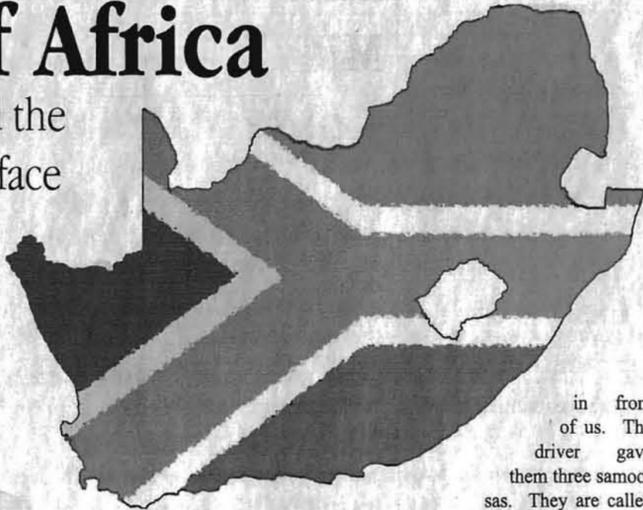
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STUDY ABROAD

# Out of Africa

## District Six and the judgments we face as humans



By THOMAS HELTON  
Columnist

We both could see them. As the car stopped behind the others at the light, she rolled up her window that was cracked a few inches. I watched as the mother with the child on her back took some food from the car

here, but they are warm triangle pastries with meat and potatoes in them, no bigger than a round donut.

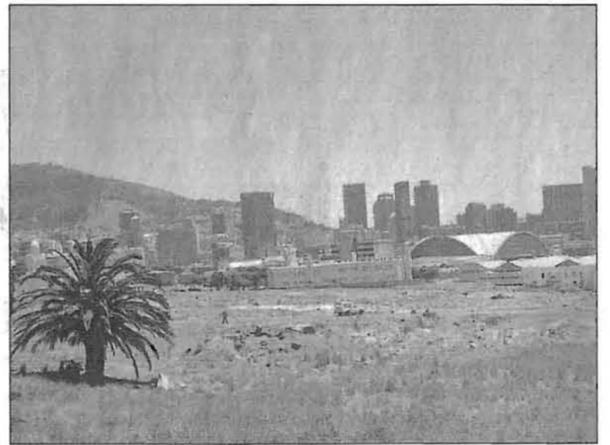
"They are called street children, their mothers have to beg on the street with their kids to eat. It's sad

at first but you get used to it. They are on every corner." That is how she summed it up to me. Just a half an hour earlier before going into the grocery, I ran into a man picking food out of a garbage can and eating it as fast as he could. He did not look homeless or poor even. I wanted to offer the man some money or food, and give a blanket I just bought to the mother and kids. I did not. I know why, but I should have. Maybe that is the way to make a difference in the world.

I have thought about telling people if they send me money, I will buy bags of fruit and take them to a township, then I can take pictures and video of how happy the kids and people are. It is a lot to take in even though I have been here for over three weeks now. It just hit me one hundred percent yesterday that I am in Africa. It is easy to forget.

Needless to say, I have stopped judging altogether, both people and places.

District Six is one of those stories



Thomas Helton • Columnist

District Six is an area that the South African government attempted to segregate into an all white district. Native families were evicted and buildings were demolished. Since the government gave up their attempt in the late sixties, the site has remained virtually unchanged, home to thousands of homeless South African families.

from South Africa that just hits you, and not because it is graphic or intense (which it is) but because when you go there, it is still District Six.

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STAFF VIEWPOINTS

# He said... She said... What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

Valentine's Day is supposed to be a special day where lovers can spend all the time needed together, right? For me, it is a holiday that is not all that big of a deal.

You could go as far as to say that I hate Valentine's Day. It is because around that time, save for about once or twice in the past, I have no cause to celebrate the holiday. I mean, what is the point of a guy doing certain things on one day that can be done in those other 364 days?

If Valentine's Day makes you miserable and you want to be happy around all the lovesick couples you see together holding hands and showing public displays of affection, here is my suggestion: show them how you feel.

Make them feel as miserable as you. My suggestions would be to perhaps annoy them as much, even if means just saying "Get a room!" if you catch them in an all-out make out session.

Gross! No one's stomach should have to endure that, unless of



By JEREMY TRICE  
Staff Writer

with these problems and you will have more money in your wallet. However, I do not really condone this.

If your love "runs deeper than the ocean and sea" but you cannot stand the thought of Valentine's Day together, then get her something. It does not need to be a \$400 gift that you feel you have to impress her with. Show her you care, but let her know how you

course, it is you.

There is no surefire way to avoid the holiday, gentlemen. So if you have that special lady you have to deal with who, unlike you, likes the holiday, well then, I do not know what to tell you.

If you are one of those guys that want to save money and not waste it for some gift that you know she will not appreciate, then dump her. That way, you will not have to deal

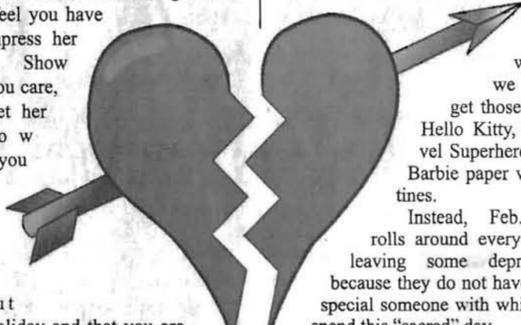
feel about the holiday and that you are doing it for her.

There are going to be women who love Valentine's Day, gentlemen. If you hate the holiday, your best bet is to get a girlfriend who feels the same way about it.

Remember back in the third grade when there were parties for every holiday? Remember when, on Valentine's Day, it was required to bring valentines for everyone? Where have those days gone? Why did they ever have to disappear? We should bring them back. Let us band together to start a Valentine's Day revolution



By ANGIE SPENCER  
Proofreader



where we all get those little Hello Kitty, Marvel Superhero and Barbie paper valentines.

Instead, Feb. 14 rolls around every year leaving some depressed because they do not have that special someone with which to spend this "sacred" day.

This is one of the most commercially driven holidays. The National Retail Federation puts out a yearly survey and projects how much is going to be spent on Valentine's Day goodies.

The "2008 Valentine's Day

to profess their undying love for someone else? What is wrong with the other 364 (or in this year's case 365) days of the year? Why not do something special for your sweetie on Feb. 15, everything is on sale and you can get a reservation,

It is rather ridiculous to put so much effort forth on just one day when the love can be spread around to another 360 plus days throughout the year. Just putting the seat down when you are done, changing out the laundry and picking up your dirty socks off the floor, all without being asked, would show love just as much as flowers and chocolates.

What is wrong with a nice text message, Facebook message or the old-fashioned phone call to say something sweet or maybe those three special words everyone loves to hear?

This may sound like the ravings of a lonely, bitter woman but this woman does have a date for Valentine's Day. However, it will not take place on Feb. 14, but the weekend after, and that is OK by me.

Small gestures mean a lot, so do not save them all for just one day. Spread the love.

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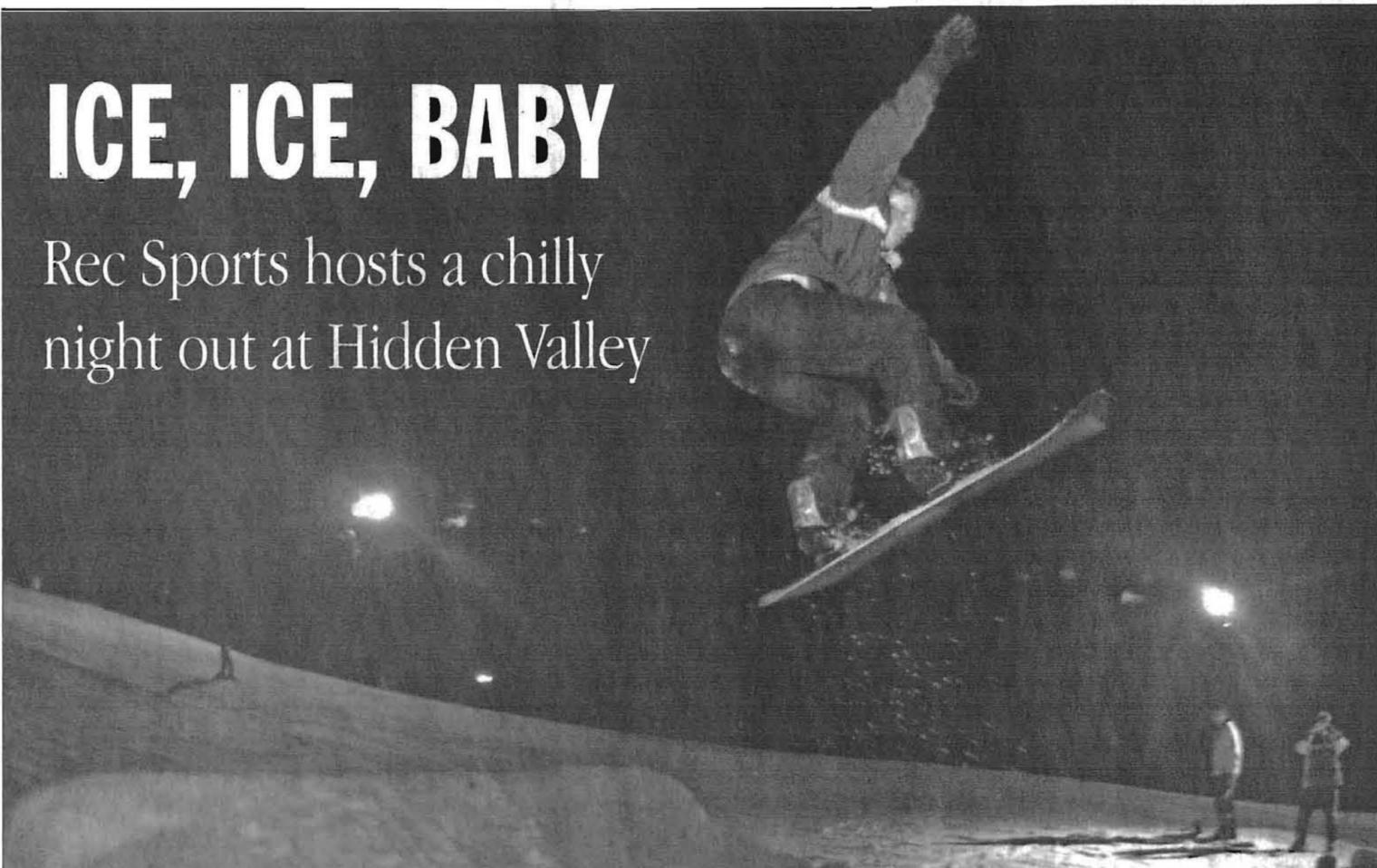
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## ICE, ICE, BABY

Rec Sports hosts a chilly night out at Hidden Valley



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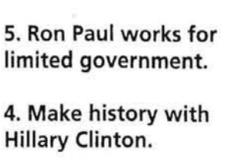
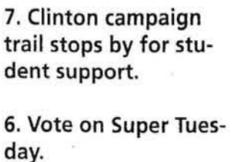
(TOP) Peter Hantack, junior, undeclared, jumps off of the 20-foot kicker during the Hidden Valley Ski Trip on Friday night. At least 75 students from UM-St. Louis attended the ski trip. Students could sign up for one-hour ski lessons. (RIGHT) SGA President Bryan Gogers skis out at Hidden Valley during UMSL night on Friday. (ABOVE) Peter Hantack slides a box rail on a borrowed board in the Badlands Terrain Park.



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## Rats, it's 2008: The Year of the Rat

By JESSICA KIEL  
Staff Writer

Feb. 7, 2008 at midnight began the Chinese New Year. Celebrations for the holiday in China will go on for 15 days, and the Chinese Student Association at UM-St. Louis is joining in on the festivities.

Shu Yang, junior, business, and member of the Chinese Student Association explained that 2008 is the year of the rat. Persons born in this year according to Chinese culture are considered "smart and athletic" says Yang.

There are 12 different animals representing years on the Chinese calendar (based on a lunar cycle unlike the Western calendar), which some students might remember from the placemats at their favorite Chinese restaurant. These animals include the ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and the pig. Each of these animals represents the qualities that a person born during their year might possess throughout her or his life.

According to Chinese belief, every 12 years in a person's life can mean either "extra fortune" or "very bad luck" depending on the luck of the draw.

For example, Yang was born in 1987, the year of the rabbit. In 1999, she turned twelve in her home city of Nanjing, China. She remembers this year as being filled with fortune and even acquired a large sum of money on the first of the year. In 2011, the year of the rabbit will be back, and Yang hopes that her 24<sup>th</sup> year will be as prosperous as her 12<sup>th</sup>.

Although the start of the Chinese New Year may have seemed like an average Thursday here in the United States, in China they were partying like it was...well, the year of the rat. Back home, Yang would have celebrated much like Americans do on Dec. 31.

"In China the whole family gathers together to celebrate. They have

dinner together and set off fireworks at midnight. This is called 'Shou sui,'" Yang said. "The next day there is chaos in the streets and people parade as long and winding dragons, or sometimes lions. We believe the loud drum sounds [made during the parades] will evict evil."

Throughout the 15 day Chinese New Year, some cities may even set off fireworks every night, although recently many cities have stopped doing so due to safety regulations. During the New Year, families may also place "spring festival scrolls" on their outside gate to protect them from evil.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the New Year, there are lantern shows throughout China. This is the last day of celebrations and often includes more dragon symbolism.

The dragon is the only fictional animal on the Chinese calendar and is extremely revered by the Chinese.

"The dragon symbolizes China", explained Yang. "All Chinese kings wear dragons on their clothing to show power."

Clothing is also very important to everyday Chinese culture, as well as for the New Year. On the first day of the New Year, the Chinese will often change their wardrobe. Yang explains this as, "new clothes for a new year and new beginnings".

The Chinese Student Association at UM-St. Louis recently put on a fashion show in Rolla to display the many facets of Chinese clothing and to celebrate the coming of the New Year. The clothing spanned 1,000 years of dynasties and 13 members participated. The members will be performing this again in March for the Chinese Student Association's "China Night" in the Pilot House.

Also highlighted at "China Night" will be the food, which includes traditional dishes served in China for the Chinese New Year.

See YEAR OF THE RAT, page 7



Elizabeth Gearhart • Illustrator

Year of:	Quality:	If you were born in:
Rat (2008)	Smart, Active	1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996
Ox (2009)	Hardworking	1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997
Tiger (2010)	Ambitious	1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998
Rabbit (2011)	Neat	1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999
Dragon (2012)	Strong	1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000
Snake (2013)	Popular	1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001
Horse (2014)	Cheerful	1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002
Sheep (2015)	Elegant, Accomplished	1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
Monkey (2016)	Clever	1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
Rooster (2017)	Deep Thinker	1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
Dog (2018)	Loyal, Honest	1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
Pig (2019)	Kind, Chivalrous	1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007

# Online classes offer flexibility

By Tom Schnable  
Assistant Sports Editor

Whether a student is going to school full-time and working 30 hours a week, taking required classes for a specific degree program or perhaps even agoraphobic, he or she may have taken a course offered online.

Students take online courses for a variety of reasons including being too busy, not having enough time or not wanting to leave the house. Fortunately, UM-St. Louis offers online courses ranging from Business Ethics to Modern Greek, and all points in between.

Jacob Neely, junior, communication, has difficulty finding time to attend classes. As a member of the baseball team, Neely travels a lot, especially in the spring semester.

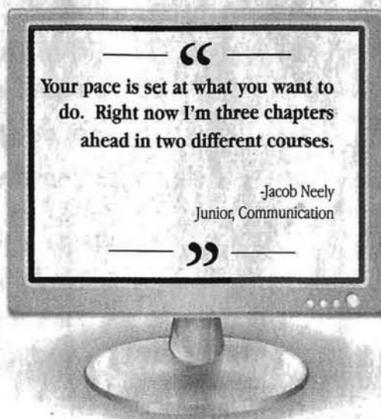
Luckily for Neely, like all other communications majors, he has a "core" amount of classes to take that are only offered online.

"You can learn on your own," Neely identifies as the best asset of taking online courses. "Your pace is set at what you want to do. Right now I'm three chapters ahead in two different courses. I'm traveling for baseball, so being ahead is the best way to do it."

Many students would argue that the pace and flexibility of online courses are what is best about taking them. They are not alone, as some teachers would agree.

"Certainly one of the main positives is flexibility for students who are full-time," says Dr. Roger Bullis, who teaches an online screenwriting course that is available through the Media Studies program. "It allows students to take classes they couldn't normally take."

Bullis is like some other professors at UM-St. Louis, in that he instructs at other colleges as well as here. However, unlike other professors, Bullis teaches at East Carolina, something he would not be able to do



if not for online courses.

"It's also positive when you have a professor from North Carolina, for example, who would not be available to teach a course in St. Louis," Bullis said. He also notes that teachers are not the only ones who can live many miles away and still attend online courses.

"I've had students who have taken internet courses from all around the world," said Bullis, who has been teaching courses related to film for almost 12 years. "It gives you an opportunity to interact in a way that maybe isn't traditional."

While Neely and Bullis look at the positives of online courses, they both concede that there are some negative aspects to it as well. Neely thinks that online courses sometimes present pitfalls.

"(Students) tend to forget about it more, because you're not going to the classroom everyday," he said. "Also, sometimes books aren't exactly enough. You sometimes need an instructor to be there to ask questions."

Some problems also occur with the technology itself, as Bullis has experienced in his time.

"There are technology issues that you may not have in a traditional

classroom," said Bullis, who shares a story about when the phone company cut the power lines while he was leading a discussion via a web cam, leaving his students in the dark. "That doesn't happen very often, but when it does, there's nothing you can do about it," he said with a chuckle.

Still, some students prefer the old-fashioned way of taking courses. Segen Teame, sophomore, nursing, took a communication course and was surprised when the course was only offered via the Internet.

"I just thought a communication class should be in class," Teame said. "You would think interacting would be the key to it versus chatting away, writing papers or discussing questions online."

Most students and teachers would most likely agree that choosing to take an Internet course over a traditional classroom varies by the subject.

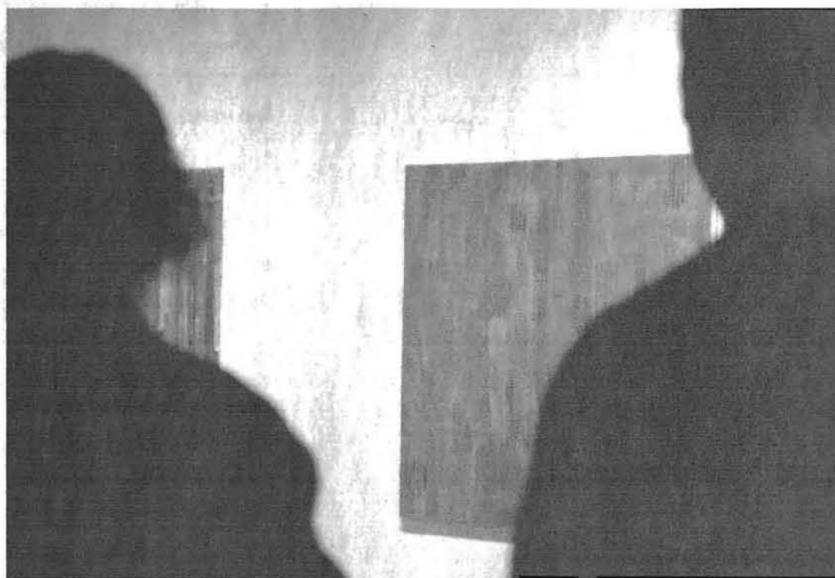
"It just depends on the course," Neely said. "Right now I'm in German 2, and if I wasn't in the classroom everyday, there's no way I'd be able to do well."

As the world gets smaller and smaller as technology continues to improve and brings us all closer together, and students continue to add activities to their already jam-packed schedules, it stands to reason that more and more students will be enrolling in online classes.

Universities offer entire undergraduate and graduate degrees solely online.

It should only be a matter of time before UM-St. Louis joins that fraternity, and people can complete their entire education without ever leaving their homes.

## EVERYTHING IS GOING DIGITAL



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Digital Environments opened at Gallery Visio on Jan. 24. Mike Miller, the artist, described the exhibit: "This work is about space, using old technologies to present the new." Miller uses traditional painting and printmaking to create the appearance of digital imagery. He is an assistant professor of art at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Gallery Visio is open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the exhibit runs through Feb. 14.

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"We normally make dumplings for luck, noodles for long life, fish for surplus and rice cakes for a more prosperous year," Yang remembers. "And sometimes we cook a coin into a dumpling. If you are the one to eat it, you are lucky for the whole year".

Last year, Yang and her roommate at the University Meadows, "made a whole lot of food" for the New Year. "At midnight we called our parents to give best wishes for the year." In return, Yang's parents may send her money in a red envelope.

"Red symbolizes good fortune. Parents and grandparents give money in red envelopes called 'ya sui qian' on the New Year" says Yang. "We decorate with a lot of red too".

Overall, the traditional practices of Chinese culture during the New Year seem to center around good fortune. Even simple tasks such as cleaning one's room on the New Year, should translate later into having a clean room all year, as well as keep evil from the room.

Finally, the year of the rat is here. For 2,000 years the Chinese have been celebrating the New Year, and Yang, along with fellow members of the Chinese Student Association, hope that this year is luckier than ever.

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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Best bets on campus this week:

**Michael Feinstein concert for romantics:** Just in time for Valentine's Day, singer Michael Feinstein, noted for his romantic recordings, sings selections for the American songbook. Performance at the Touhill on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

**'Rakugo' Japanese traditional comedy:** Performance of traditional Japanese comic theater but in English. Performance at the Touhill on Friday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.

**'Tosca' opera:** One of the world's most beloved operas, a late valentine's gift. Performance at the Touhill on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

**Gallery Visio: Digital Environments** Objects and artifacts from the digital age are filtered back as patterns in traditional fine arts media such as oil painting and printmaking.

**Gallery FAB: Assorted Printmakers.** Noted printmakers were invited to submit works for this exhibit, but the works displayed often range far beyond the world of prints. Through Feb. 14.

**PPRC Gallery: Point-of-view: JeffVanderLou:** The on-going photo exhibit series features photos shot by residents of another St. Louis neighborhood, JeffVanderLou, plus archival photos that illustrate the character and history of that neighborhood. The exhibit also runs at the Scott Joplin House Museum.

## TOP iTunes DOWNLOADS

1. New Soul - Yael Naim
2. Low - Flo Rida featuring T-Pain
3. Don't Stop the Music - Rihanna
4. Love Song - Sara Bareilles
5. With You - Chris Brown
6. See You Again - Miley Cyrus
7. Sorry - Buckcherry
8. Take You There - Sean Kingston
9. Free Fallin' - Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
10. Piece of Me - Britney Spears



# Dinner and a movie: Valentine's date staple

By CATE MARQUIS  
A&E Editor

Dinner and a movie is a tradition for any date, and it works for Valentine's Day too. You just need the right restaurant and the right movie to make it special.

We have a selection of restaurants for you, with a range of styles and price levels, in a separate article, but which movie should you pick for your "dinner and a movie" date?

This year, there are not as many good date movies available for Valentine's Day. Many of the heavy-hitting Oscar contenders are a bit too heavy and hitting, with searing dramas the norm, and the light romantic comedies are mostly a bit too light-headed to be worthwhile. However, we do have some suggestions for good date movies. After you select a romantic restaurant using our handy list of recommendations, you might want to consider these movie suggestions.

**Atonement:** A tragic, romantic film. "Atonement" is also part mystery and a lushly beautiful historical film set in 1930s England and moving forward to WWII. Keira Knightley and James McAvoy star as two young people, of very different social classes, who are swept up in events following a false accusation made by her imaginative younger sister. Directed by Joe Wright, who also directed "Pride and Prejudice," with a screenplay by Christopher Hampton ("Dangerous Liaisons"), based on the best-selling novel by Ian McEwan, it is also nominated for seven Oscars. This is the pick for those who like tragedy, drama, romance and history.

**Juno:** A movie about teen pregnancy does not sound much like material for a comedy or for a date movie, yet "Juno's" hilarious, rapid-fire dialog and down-to-earth story make this Oscar-nominated comedy a must-see. Ellen Page as the title character is marvelous, but the film is surprisingly wise, with a bit about finding true love as well. "Juno" is

a very funny film and a good date movie choice for a couple with a sense of humor.

**Diving Bell And The Butterfly:** This film seems unlikely too on the surface, but this wonderfully imaginative French-drama about the high-powered editor of a fashion magazine who is struck down by a paralyzing stroke, is actually an uplifting and dryly witty story about life and love. This is the choice for the couple willing to think, and read subtitles.

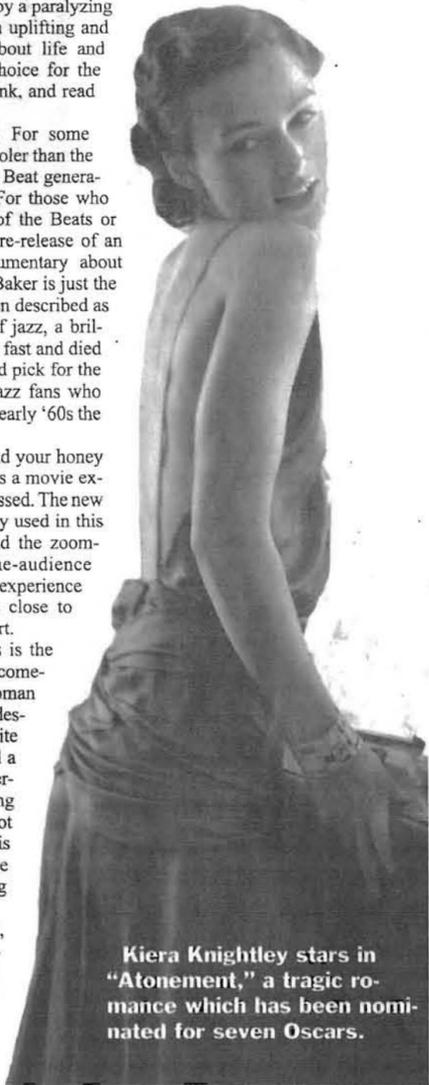
**Let's Get Lost:** For some people, nothing is cooler than the late 1950s era of the Beat generation and cool jazz. For those who cannot get enough of the Beats or who love jazz, this re-release of an award-winning documentary about jazz musician Chet Baker is just the ticket. Baker has been described as the "James Dean" of jazz, a brilliant talent that lived fast and died young. This is a good pick for the serious-minded or jazz fans who find the late '50s and early '60s the coolest.

**U23D:** If you and your honey are fans of U2, this is a movie experience not to be missed. The new 3D movie technology used in this film goes far beyond the zooming-things-out-at-the-audience trick to bring you an experience that is getting eerie close to being at a real concert.

**27 Dresses:** This is the traditional romantic comedy option about a woman who is always a bridesmaid. It is not quite "Four Weddings and a Funeral" but Katherine Heigl's appealing performance does a lot to lift the movie. This is the movie for those who want something light.

**Cloverfield:** OK, this is the most off-beat choice, but might work as a date movie if you are both fans of science fiction

and producer J.J. Abrams. The handheld camera might make some queasy and some monster movie fans have complained about not getting a good look but hey, he does go back for the girl, and that is romantic, is it not?



Kiera Knightley stars in "Atonement," a tragic romance which has been nominated for seven Oscars.

By CATE MARQUIS  
AND STEPHANIE SOLETS  
A&E Editor and Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. While most have covered the basics - chocolates, flowers, a nice greetings card - deciding what to do Valentine's Eve can be a tough decision, since everyone wants to make it a night to remember.

One choice for the night out is to have dinner and see a movie. There are plenty of places to take that special someone on Valentine's Day, even if that special someone is you. Ranging from traditional to unique, the following restaurants are sure to make anyone's Valentine's Day very special.

**Fitz's American Grill and Bottling Works:** Tired of those fancy and frilly restaurants that seem to plague every Valentine's Day and drain the bank account dry? Try a new, more casual approach with Fitz's, located in the Delmar Loop. Relax and enjoy a burger, have a delicious salad, or choose one of the many other entrees. Want more? After dinner, take your date to the Tivoli theatre for some popcorn and a movie. This has all the ingredients for a perfect evening - and everyone's bank accounts will be intact.

**Lombardo's:** For those looking for a more traditional approach this Valentine's Day, look no further than Lombardo's Italian restaurant. In business since 1934, the Lombardo family knows how to do Italian. The extensive menu has everything any Italian fan could desire, from a delicious Portobello Mushroom appetizer to an exquisite Veal Parmigiano. For those on a budget this Valentine's Day, Lombardo's provides excellent Italian cuisine at reasonable prices. For more information, visit the Lombardo's website at <http://www.lombardosrestaurants.com/>.

**Monarch Restaurant and Wine Bar:** For those looking for unique

cuisine this Valentine's Day, enjoy Monarch Restaurant and Wine Bar. This gorgeous restaurant located at 7401 Manchester features meals from France, Asia and the American Southwest. The menus change seasonally to offer the latest in international dining. The menus provide a more formal dining experience, while the bistro and wine bar provide a more casual dining experience. The bistro cuisine is lighter to accent the many varieties of wine available in Monarch's wine cellar. For a full menu, visit <http://www.monarchrestaurant.com/>.

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**Melting Pot:** Located in the Delmar Loop, this restaurant offers a different take on Valentine's Day. It is perfect for both young couples as well as older couples. It offers a quiet atmosphere, perfect for couples looking for a low-key Valentine's Day. There are fondues for every taste, including cheese, meat, vegetarian and chocolate. The most notable would be the fiesta fondue, made of high quality salsas and cheeses. The Melting Pot is perfect for Valentine's Day and for any other occasion!

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## Love don't cost a thing

By ANGIE SPENCER  
Proofreader

Valentine's Day comes around only once a year and it has to be perfect. Yet many of us are on a limited budget. Here are a few cheap, but still romantic, ideas for a very special Feb. 14.

**A Walk In The Park:** Go for a walk in the park. Creve Coeur Lake, Forest Park and Tower Grove Park are all great options. Dress warmly and go for a nice stroll, just the two of you. You can walk, you can talk and you can even watch the sunset. Grab a blanket, sit on the grass and just enjoy the moment.

**Go Fly A Kite:** This may sound cheesy and childish, but it can be more fun than you think. Grab a Spiderman or Power Puff Girl kite from the dollar store or Target and fly away. Just make sure there is a breeze outside.

**One Word - Picnic:** This can be done either inside or outside. Prepare a basket of your favorite sandwiches and snacks and have a nice, cozy, intimate picnic with your love interest.

**What's Cooking?** Cook dinner and spend a night in watching each other's favorite movie. It is easy. Go to the store: pick out what is for dinner and cook it together.

No matter how it turns out, the fun had trying will be completely worth it. You can always order a pizza if it turns out terribly wrong. Then sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company.

**Love On Ice:** Go ice skating. Even if skating is not your thing, slip on a pair of skates, lace them up tight and hit the ice. This will be a great way to break the touch barrier if you have not yet, because one of you will probably fall. So hold hands and skate until your fingers freeze or your legs are tired.

**Go sledding:** If the weather allows, sledding is a great date idea. Art Hill is one of, if not the, prime sledding spot in St. Louis. Sit on the sled together, race to see who can get to

the bottom faster or who can go further. Have the loser treat the winner to a cup of hot chocolate.

**Just Get Out:** Drive to the country and stargaze, if it is a clear night. While the price of gas may limit how far you can actually drive, the countryside is not too far away. So, after you have done the dinner and flowers thing, go on a drive, park your car, lie on the hood or open the sunroof and gaze at the stars until it is too cold to bear. Be sure to wish upon a star because there is no knowing what can happen.

**See a movie:** During warm weather, you could grab your favorite munchies and drinks and head to a drive-in movie theatre.

Unfortunately, nearby drive-in theaters in Missouri and Illinois are closed until spring, but there are still plenty of movie choices, and you might even try a different theater, instead of just picking a movie at the closest theater. The Moolah in the city just west of Grand and Lindell has comfy leather love seats with little tables for snacks or drinks, and a big wide screen.

The theater is in a restored old Moolah Temple, with wild, rococo Moorish architecture, and the refreshments are gourmet, including the martini bar in the lobby.

**Come out and play at the zoo:** Nothing beats a nice train ride through the zoo to see the bears, cats and elephants.

Get off at any stop and look at all the St. Louis Zoo has to offer. Although the Zoo train shuts down if the weather is an issue, you can still stroll around. In cooler weather, some of the animals are livelier and you may be more likely to see them out in their yards.

**White Castle:** Yeah, that sounds cheap but on Feb. 14, reservations are a necessity to get a seat in this castle o' love. So, enjoy some tiny burgers and cheese fries with your honey and have a wonderful Valentine's Day.



Amanda Helgen and Andrew Iqbal have dinner at 400 Olive, which is known for its urban grill entrees.

## 400 Olive: Dining in elegance

By STEPHANIE SOLETA  
Staff Writer

While many St. Louis natives are not usually fans of dining downtown, there are many good things about the restaurant 400 Olive, located at that address in the downtown Hilton hotel. 400 Olive is a fantastic dining experience, indulging both the eyes and the palate. The beauty of its décor and the deliciousness of its food make it worth the trek.

The first concern about going to 400 Olive was the parking. Anyone who has been to St. Louis knows that it is not easy to find a good parking space downtown in the middle of the day.

Most would brace for the worst, since 400 Olive is located in The Hilton downtown. Surprisingly, people who dine at 400 Olive are eligible for free parking. This is quite a relief. Since parking worries are no longer a valid concern, nothing should prevent people from being excited about this extraordinary dining experience.

Upon entering the restaurant, one cannot help but be completely amazed. The beauty of the restaurant will take anyone's breath away. While some may feel underdressed in khaki's and polo shirt, other pa-

**400 Olive**  
★★★★☆  
Located at 400 Olive St. in downtown St. Louis  
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**Hours:**  
Mondays - Sundays  
6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
and  
5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

trons dress casually as well. Business casual attire is completely acceptable. Some may feel the need to dress more formally, and that is acceptable also, especially during the dinner hours. On our visit, the waiter seated us promptly, but one cannot stop looking at the stunning surrounding beauty of the place.

The black and gold color scheme complimented the beautifully crafted wooden tables and chairs. The glass chandeliers were absolutely gorgeous, sparkling with a beauty all their own. Patrons can be so taken in by the lavish surroundings that they almost forget to look at the menu.

400 Olive considers itself an "urban grille." The menu offered a va-

riety of items, from soups and salads to burgers, sandwiches, and other entrees. There were no extremely unique items on the menu to try, so I decided on the grilled chicken pasta. 400 Olive also offers a "create your favorite pairing" (pair up a soup with a salad), which looked like a good option for another time. The wine list was also impressive, offering over 20 different kinds of wine.

Out of curiosity, we requested the server bring the dinner menu to look over. After reviewing the dinner menu, the lunch menu appeared to be quite a bargain. While the lunch prices were not cheap, the dinner menu was, from a college student's perspective, rather expensive.

Patrons can enjoy the lovely atmosphere of the restaurant until their food arrives. Surprisingly, the food came out very quickly. This may make some question the food's quality. However, the grilled chicken pasta was divine. The roasted tomatoes, baby spinach, Kalamata (Greek black) olives and Borretane onions (round and preserved in vinegar) complimented each other superbly, and the pasta was cooked to perfection. It is sure to make anyone's taste buds dance for joy.

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# Staying in for Valentine's day? Cuddle up with a romantic movie

By CATE MARQUIS  
A&E Editor

You do not have to go out and spend a pile of cash to have a romantic Valentine's Day. You can stay in, fix a romantic dinner for two, with some candlelight, and then cuddle up with a romantic movie or two.

All you need is to rent some DVDs. This list of romantic movies for Valentines Day includes some familiar favorites and some films you may not have heard of (but which are very good). It includes recent films now on DVD, some drama, thrillers and comedies, Hollywood classics, even some silent comedies, and some in foreign languages. They are all very good films with a romantic streak, even if they are not all purely romances.

**Recent films:** Here are some picks from last year to the start of the decade that suits the mood.

**Pride and Prejudice (2005):** Keira Knightly stars in this refreshingly realistic period adaptation of Jane Austen's novel. It is beautiful, entertaining and romantic.

**Chocolat (2000):** It is not primarily a romance but it has romantic flavor, plus eye-candy for both, in the form of Johnny Depp and Juliette Binoche.

**Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind (2004):** It may be a very surreal movie but it really is all about the power of love.

**Stage Beauty (2004):** This little seen but charming film also stars Claire Danes, along with Billy Crudup, set during the time when the English law that said only men could play women's roles, about a rivalry between a famous actor and a would-be actress.

**The Illusionist (2006):** Set in early 20th century Central Europe, this atmosphere drenched drama is a very romantic tale about a magician, played by Edward Norton, obsessed



Courtesy of www.rgmind.com

Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman star in Casablanca.

by love. As a mystery it does not always work, but the acting and the feeling of romantic longing does.

**Movie rental favorites:** These are romantic favorites commonly found at the rental store but a bit older than the above list.

**Annie Hall (1977):** Woody Allen's movie about mismatched lovers in Manhattan is perhaps his best comedy and certainly his most romantic, as he stars with Diane Keaton, in the role that made her a star.

**Edward Scissorhands (1990):** Tim Burton's fairy-tale meet Frankenstein movie really is a wonderful romance, starring Johnny Depp and Winona Rider.

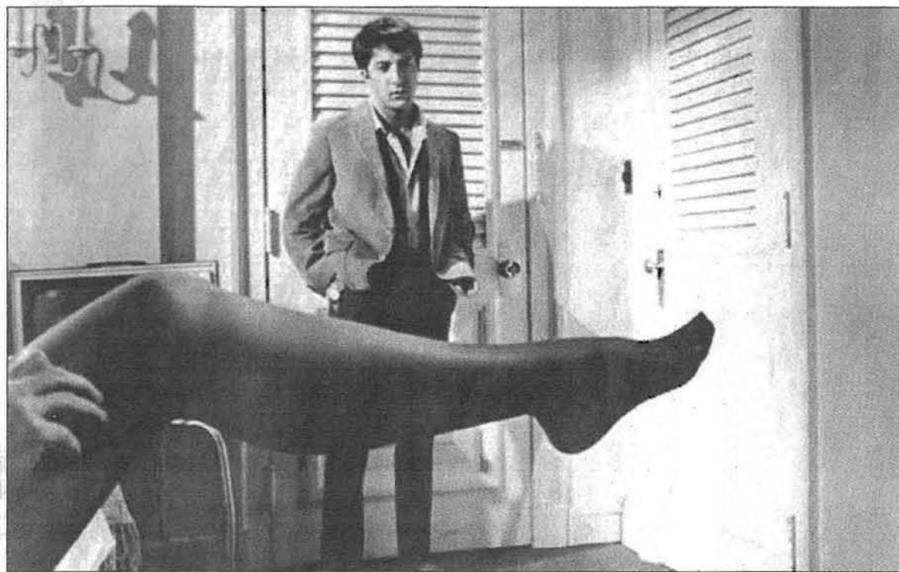
**Impromptu (1991):** This historical romance about composer Fred-

eric Chopin, played by Hugh Grant, and the independent early feminist woman who wrote under the name George Sand, played by Judy Davis, is a rollicking romantic comedy.

**Classic Hollywood:** Once, the best comedies were always romantic comedies. Many of these are comedies, but there are dramas and thrillers as well.

**Dramas and thrillers:**  
**Casablanca (1942):** The number one classic romantic drama for many people, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman has two people caught up in the events of World War II. It has iconic images, and classic movie lines and a great romantic story.

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Courtesy of www.filmreference.com

The Simon and Garfunkel song "Mrs. Robinson" was written for the movie "The Graduate," starring Dustin Hoffman.

## Hollywood romance is music to our ears

By CHRIS STEWART  
Staff Writer

All movies depend on music, but a few of them are made by it. As we approach Valentine's Day, it would be uncouth not to take a look at the emotion-filled ballads that have made movies too. You might even add these sound tracks to a cozy romantic dinner at home.

Behind every great romantic movie is a great love song. The great movie/song pairings in Hollywood history are the result of the right heart-wrenching images being matched with the perfect tear-jerking tunes. It is a risky procedure for a filmmaker, but if they succeed in disarming their audiences efficiently enough, then anything is possible. It is in this moment of vulnerability that the right song, if it is really the right song, can work its magic. So here they are, without further ado and ranked in descending order: the five love songs that made their movies.

**"That Thing You Do" - That Thing You Do:** When you make a movie about a band that becomes hugely popular because of one song, then it had better be a fairly spectacular piece of music. It is hard to not

be won over by the song "That Thing You Do" which, like the movie, is an endearing mix of '60s naiveté and pop sensibility.

**"The Graduate" - Mrs. Robinson:** While "The Graduate" is far more ironic and satirical than romantic, it was definitely made by its soundtrack. The then unknown Simon and Garfunkel were enlisted to score the movie, and in doing so wrote some of the most enduringly popular songs known. "Mrs. Robinson," about the film's main character, is so well known that most people know the lyrics, but have no idea what they are singing or that it is about a movie.

**"The Lion King" - Can You Feel The Love Tonight:** Representing not only animated movies, but also musicals, "The Lion King" had everyone feeling the love in 1993. While it is impossible (and potentially dangerous) to try to argue one Disney film or song as the best, "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" was definitely the biggest. Thanks to Elton John's popularity-guaranteeing vocals the song became a crossover hit that got massive airplay on radios.

**"Titanic" - My Heart Will Go On:** For about three years after "Titanic" broke all box office records in 1997, you could not walk ten feet

without hearing this song. Every restaurant, mall and radio station seemed hell-bent on playing this song. Celine Dion's soundtrack to "Titanic" is by far the best selling of all time. "My Heart Will Go On" somehow managed to embody exactly what made fans of "Titanic" (and in 1997 everyone was a fan of "Titanic") fall in love with the movie. For anyone less than swept off their feet by "Titanic," there was an agonizingly long time when the rest of the human population seemed to be trying desperately to convince the cosmos that Jack's frozen dead heart was still, somehow, somewhere, going on.

**"Casablanca" - As Time Goes By:** The song, a fairly popular tune before the film came out, was added into the movie against the will of some studio executives. The great success of the song is the way that it operates within the film's story. For the two lovers, Rick and Ilsa, the song is a nostalgic reminder of their brief time in Paris. For the audience, it becomes a bittersweet expression of the time, the place, and the people. All great love stories walk the line between triumph and tragedy. Playfully, mournfully, "As Time Goes By" drifts along this line while anchoring its characters firmly to their own doomed passions.



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

The 'Trustworthy' exhibit will remain in Gallery 210 through March 22.

## Gallery 210 displays 'Trustworthy' art

By CATE MARQUIS  
A&E Editor

Kansas City artist Archie Scott Gobber named his exhibit, currently at the campus Gallery 210, after one of his artworks, a glass panel sign-like piece that spells out the word "Trustworthy" in a very sketchy way.

"As I was working on the piece, some of the glass panels would come loose, falling to the floor and breaking. It was frustrating," Gobber said at the exhibit's opening reception. "Then I had the idea I would just incorporate the broken glass panes on the floor as part of the work and change the remaining panes to reflect that it was not a trustworthy sign."

The artist reversed two of the letters and left gaps at either end of the word to help convey the unreliable nature of the piece, making it look makeshift and patched together.

The portion of the artwork that deliberately lies on the floor at one end of the piece provoked some confusion when the artwork was exhibited at one gallery. "We came in and found the janitor attempting to sweep up the pile of broken glass," Gobber said.

His work has a political commentary aspect to it, as shown in the way he has advertised his exhibit, proclaiming, "Archie Scott Gobber is Trustworthy" much as a politician might during a campaign. The political commentary, however, is more on the nature of political discourse than about specific issues.

He was sly and evasive about any overt political stands in his work, insisting that it was just how the viewers themselves interpreted were interpreting the art.

The ironic, the seemingly accidental and elements of the 1930s sign painting pervade Gobber's works. An old-fashioned sign painter at heart, Gobber always saw himself working as a commercial graphic artist. Unlike many students who major in fine art but end up doing commercial art, Gobber gradually drifted into fine art while attending Kansas City Art Institute.

The bold colors, sharply defined shapes, uses of text and commercial signage elements of his work reflect this early interest.

All of his works involve text messages, although the meanings may be multi-layered or ironic, the artist told the crowd who filled the gallery at

the opening.

While the political aspect might be more opaque, the ironic elements were clear. One of the largest pieces in the exhibit is a large painting with flowery border in primary colors and a curly script that read "In Loving Memory of You." The use of a phrase associated with funeral memorials but with the sentiment directed at the living viewer is designed to produce an unsettling jolt.

The exhibit has two other variations on this theme, a favorite according to the artist. One was a small monochrome, sepia toned version of the large sign-like work, and one was etched on reversed mirror that overwrites the statement as "In Memory of Loving You."

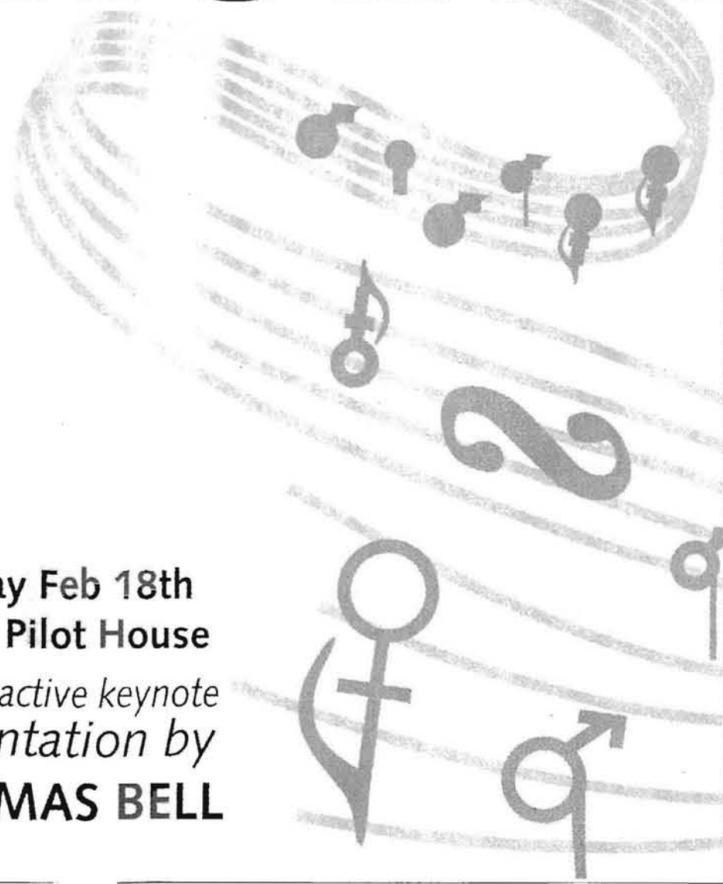
A few works were more overtly political. His "IranTexas" has the two words butting up against each other, with the Iran portion somewhat larger.

This reflected the facts that George Bush is now very concerned about Iran but also that prior to being running for President, he was the governor of Texas.

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# SPORTS

## Women's Basketball



Photos by: Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor

Courtney Watts, senior, guard, brings the ball down the court during a close match against Drury on Saturday in the Mark Twain gymnasium. The Tritons lost 71-68.

## Tritons go 1-2 during homestand

UMSL wins over Oakland City, comes up short versus Rockhurst, Drury

By TOM SCHNABLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team started off game one of a five-game home stand in fine fashion on Tuesday, when it beat Oakland City 89-75. However, the Tritons failed to sustain that success, losing their next two games to conference opponents.

In Tuesday's victory, the women entered the UM-St. Louis record books for the second time in less than a week. Against Quincy on the final day of January, the Tritons made 16-33 three pointers. Tuesday against Oakland City, the team went 17-32.

Senior Courtney Watts recorded the first double-double of her career, scoring 18 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Of her 18 points, Watts shot 4-7 from beyond the arc. Senior Taylor Gagliano tallied a team-high 19 points.

"Tuesday we played very well as a team," said Coach Lisa Curliss-Taylor. "We hit 17 threes, so obviously we were shooting well outside. Overall, it was a good effort."

When teams shoot well from the perimeter, it can lead to a sense of confidence.

It can also lead to an increase in turnovers and a decline in post play, which Curliss-Taylor identified as the problems in the team's 75-66 defeat to Rockhurst on Thursday.

"The style of play we play is up-and-down the floor, and when you play that kind of style, you're going to have a lot of turnovers," said Curliss-Taylor, whose team turned it over 19 times. "Lately, a lot of those turnovers have been unforced."

Rockhurst opened up the game with an 11-2 lead, but by the half the Tritons had clawed their way back to lead by three. However, Rockhurst dominated play in the second stanza,

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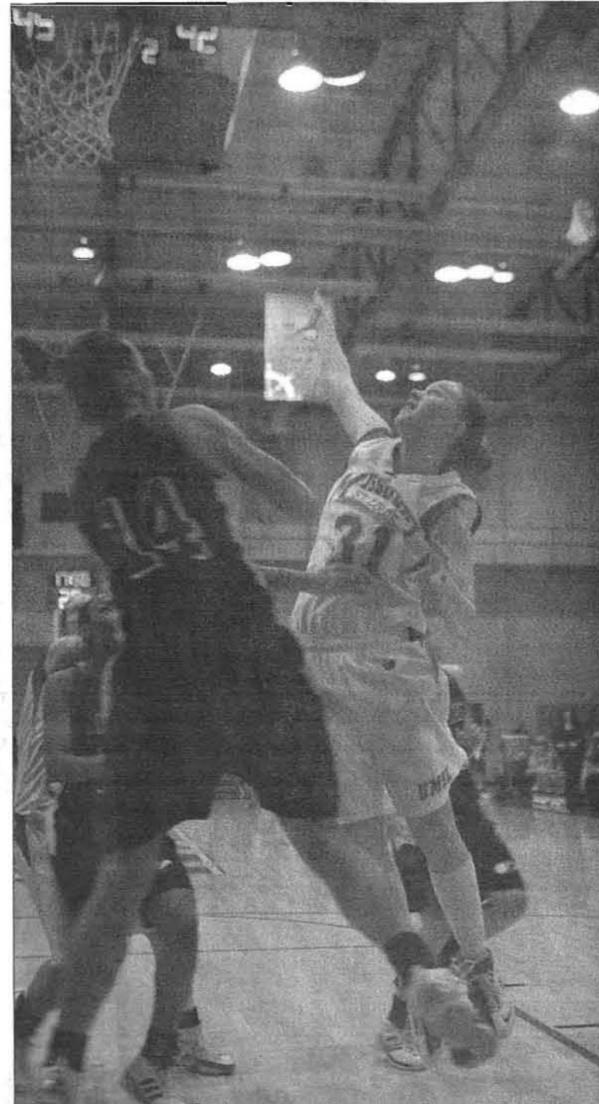
The Tritons will face the SIU-Edwardsville Cougars Thursday during Pack the Stands Night at 5:30 p.m.

outscored the Tritons 35-23. UM-St. Louis shot just under 30 percent from the field.

"We started the game off bad," said the coach. "We ended up going in with the lead at halftime, but we still weren't playing the way we should play. Our momentum was down, and we were doing careless things, and we were just completely out of sync."

The Tritons performed much better Saturday afternoon, but came up just short of upsetting sixth-ranked Drury, falling 71-68.

Drury raced out to an eight-point halftime lead, and led by as much as 11 in the second half. The Tritons then went on a 14-4 run early in the half, and finally caught the Panthers



Kelly Carter, freshman, guard, had two rebounds and scored 10 total points against Rockhurst on Thursday, but UM-St. Louis came up short, losing 75-66.

with just under two minutes to play.

The Tritons took a lead by the narrowest of margins, 68-67, with 1:08 to play, but Drury went 4-4 from the foul line from there to take the victory.

Gagliano scored 14 of her team-high 18 points in the second half to lead the upset bid, including 4-4 from three-point distance. Watts, senior

Leslie Ricker and freshman Kelyc Hulbert each added eight points.

The losses dropped the Tritons to 6-15 on the year, and 3-10 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The women host Edwardsville on Thursday, which is 'Pack the Stands' Night, before completing their home schedule with a game against Quincy.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Kelly Carter

Kelly Carter, 5'7" guard, scored 10 points in Thursday's game against the Rockhurst Hawks.

Carter is a freshman majoring in elementary education.

She is from Bloomington, Ill., and played four years of basketball at Bloomington High School before joining the UM-St. Louis Tritons.

Carter played 36 minutes in the Tritons' last two games against Rockhurst and Drury, totaling 14 points in field goals and free throws.

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Women's Basketball

Feb. 14  
vs. SIU-Edwardsville  
5:30 p.m.  
\*Pack The Stands Night

Feb. 16  
vs Quincy  
5:30 p.m.  
Senior Night

#### Men's Basketball

Feb. 14  
vs. SIU-Edwardsville  
7:30 p.m.  
\*Pack The Stands Night

Feb. 16  
vs Quincy  
7:30 p.m.  
Senior Night

#### Roller Hockey

Feb. 16  
at Illinois  
8 a.m.

Feb. 16  
vs. Truman State  
Noon

## Men's basketball rocks the Hawks

By SCOTT LAVELOCK  
Staff Writer

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team inched a little closer to a conference tournament berth with a crisp offensive effort in a 64-48 win over cross-state rival Rockhurst on Thursday in the Mark Twain Building.

That victory, in addition to wins by Lewis and Wisconsin-Parkside that night, temporarily vaulted the Tritons into a tie for fourth in the GLVC West with Quincy and Rockhurst, only one game behind SIUE for a spot in the tournament.

"The only thing we can control is the current game we're playing," Head Coach Chris Pilz said. "I thought our guys came out and approached it that way."

The Tritons took advantage of that outside help by reaching a new level of efficiency with the ball, turning it over only five times the entire night. Their previous season-low was eleven, and point guard Jason Black thinks that the team's preparation was a big key for its smart play.

"We had three straight intense practices," said Black, who scored nine points and committed no turnovers. "Anything we felt wasn't helping us out, we had to run or do push-ups. You turn the ball over...push-ups. So we just had three great practices, and we wanted to carry that over into the

game."

It was Black whose three-pointer to start the second half squelched the momentum that Rockhurst had carried into the locker room, as they had erased an eight point UM-St. Louis lead and tied the game in the final seven minutes of the first half.

The Tritons had struggled from beyond the arc in the first 20 minutes, going only 2-9.

"We came into halftime, and the coaches said that we've got to knock down the open shots," said Black, who transferred to UM-St. Louis from Division-I Samford University. "They said for me and the other guards who had been passing up some open shots to shoot them and be confident."

Rockhurst stayed in a 2-3 zone to keep them shooting from the outside, but that triple by Black, as well as one by Adam Kaatman a couple of minutes later, helped force the Hawks into man defense and allowed UM-St. Louis to control the tempo in the second half.

"Kaatman is a guy who has earned himself some more minutes, persevering and fighting, and he can shoot it," Coach Pilz said. "People are starting to zone us a little bit, so we're going to have to get some guys in there who can shoot it."

Kaatman, a 6'9" swingman who transferred from Meramec, was making his first start of the season after a scoring a team-high 14 points in the Tritons' previous game against SIUE. He made a pair of threes on Thursday, finishing with eight points.

Tim Green led all UM-St. Louis scorers with 15 points and was instrumental in the second half run that put the game away. With eight minutes left and the Tritons leading by eight, they peeled off 10-0 run that gave them a 58-40 advantage.

The run was triggered by a cheap elbow from Rockhurst's Jake Meyer directed at UM-St. Louis's Dave Ward. The officials missed it, but Paul Paradoski responded by nailing a three pointer.

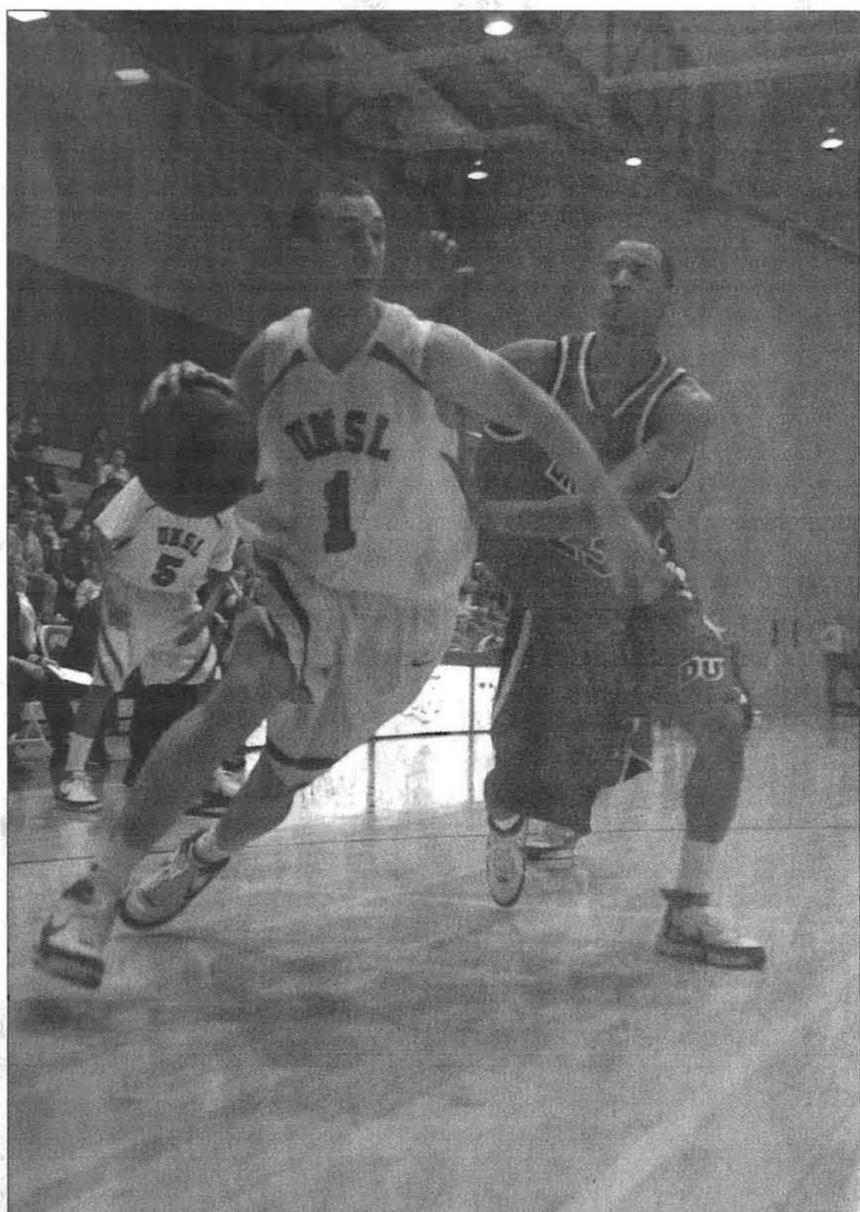


Jason Black  
Point Guard



Adam Kaatman  
Forward/Center

## I FEEL THE NEED, THE NEED FOR SPEED



Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor

Paul De Chellis, senior, forward, tries to use his speed to beat Drury player Jamel Grant on Saturday. The Tritons lost 68-55.

SHORT FUSE

# Coaching for the game or for the opportunity?

The Tritons, both men and women, defeated the Norse on Thursday night. Last week, I said that the Tritons needed to focus to defeat the Northern Kentucky Norse, and since the men's team won 71-63 and the women's team won 56-51, I think they did just that.

During the women's game, Mary Slaughter and Kristi White led the team with 30 points. Another key factor in the game was that the Tritons were able to limit NKU senior, Angela Healy, to only six points. Healy is currently ninth in the conference, averaging 14 points per game.

It was a big surprise to see UM-St. Louis give up 21 turnovers in a game and still pick up the win. Taylor Gagliano was the only player in the game for the Tritons who did not have a turnover.

Northern Kentucky had a hard time going against teams in Missouri because they not only lost to the Tritons, but also to the Missouri S&T Miners on Saturday. The Miners picked up the 66-42 win and sent NKU home on a two-game losing streak.

On the men's side, the Tritons were led by Tim Green, but the team also had three other players who scored double digits in the game. NKU came into the Mark Twain Building with only one conference loss on their record for the season, but the Tritons made sure to change that.

Some of the stats for the Tritons are really impressive for the game. UM-St. Louis finished with 18 as-



By LaGuan Fuse

Sports Editor

sists on 21 made shots and all but one player finished with an assist. The Tritons gave up 11 turnovers in the game, which is an improvement when looking at turnovers in the last three games.

I said that the Tritons needed to watch out for NKU's Dennis Gagai, who earned Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 14. Gagai did not cause too much of a problem for the Tritons as he only scored nine points in the game. All nine points came from behind the arc.

UM-St. Louis defeated the top team in the GLVC East and now is tied for fourth place in the GLVC West with SIUE.

The Tritons were not as fortunate when the Bellarmine Knights stepped onto the Chuck Smith court. The men lost 65-54 and the women lost 84-73.

Bellarmine's Dzafla Larkai is currently 14th in the GLVC in scoring averaging 15 points per game

and against UM-St. Louis, he scored a game high 22 points. Paul Paradoski was right behind him as he chipped in a team high 20 points for the Tritons.

The Tritons were not able to get to the line much in the game that may have cost them. Bellarmine made 18 of 26 shots from the line while UM-St. Louis made 5 of 8. I guess this is what people mean when they say that free throws can win you the game.

The women's game ended with a higher score but the same result. Three players for the Tritons finished the game in the double digits, but it was Bellarmine's Angela Smith who led the game in scoring with 27 points.

Hopefully this loss will not slow the team's momentum because if the Tritons hope to move up in the standings, they will need to pull off wins against Quincy an SIUE, who are currently tied for fourth place in the GLVC West.

This may be a battle to strategy or consistency, but either way, these games need to be won. Picking up a win against NKU was a perfect way to end a losing streak, but the team needs to keep in mind that this is not the time to continue an up and down streak.

The next couple of games for the Tritons are away games and each game becomes more important if UM-St. Louis wants a spot in the conference tournament. There is still time and there are still games to play. The only thing that needs to happen now is to put the ball through the net.



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Painter Scott Gobber talks with a guest about his piece "Yes You" at his opening at Gallery 210. "Archie Scott Gobber Is Trustworthy" consists of work from the Kansas City based conceptual artist and will be on display at Gallery 210 until March 22.

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Another sign-like work, "Welcome Home," repeats and divides the words, so that it not only says "welcome home" to returning troops but also asks them to "come home." Two signs that say "Made In China" are filled with misspellings, with patched together and falling apart elements, making one think of shoddy work.

Another painting depicts the familiar "Hollywood" sign in Los Angeles, except that a mudslide has caused part of the sign to sink, leaving only the letters "HO" and "OD" for you to interpret as you will.

Another large work is much more comic and a bit of feisty challenge to the viewer. It covers the wall with square swatches of flowery, antique wallpaper of various patterns in pastel colors. On each square is printed, in various flowery scripts, the words "You Pussy." The name of the piece is "Yes, You."

You might laugh, as I did, if you are a woman seeing this piece, but if you are a man, you might cringe instead. Gobber confessed he is always uncomfortable talking about this piece because, as a man, it seems so challenging and insult-

ing to male viewers. Interestingly, he notes that women seem never to be bothered by it, reacting with amusement instead.

Archie Scott Gobber is an artist of some note, and one of his works was apparently snatched up by a gallery during the art opening event on Jan. 24. His exhibit "Trustworthy" continues through March 22 in Gallery 210, located near the North Campus MetroLink station. The exhibit is free and open to all. For more information, visit Gallery 210's Web site at gallery210.umsl.edu or call 314-516-5967.

# Love, players will be in air during 'Pack the Stands'

This Thursday, Feb. 14, love will be in the air. So will the women and men of both the UM-St. Louis and SIU-Edwardsville basketball teams as they play each other at the third annual Pack The Stands night at UM-St. Louis.

Pack the Stands is a night planned by a committee of staff members, coaches and administration from the athletics department, faculty (including those from the alumni association) and students as a way to bring the students, faculty, staff and alumni together to cheer on the Tritons.

Rachel Sommerer, Pack The Stands Night Committee Co-Chair, wants attendees to enjoy the atmosphere of community while showing support and school spirit.

"Pack the Stands is an opportunity for all populations at UM-St. Louis to come together and enjoy an atmosphere of community while showing Triton spirit in support of our women's and men's basketball teams. It's really about showing our support for and appreciation to one another en masse here at UMSL because together we make up a great institution," she said.

With the night falling on Valentine's Day, there are activities that will focus on couples. Roses will be



By Angie Spencer

Proofreader

handed out to the night's attendees and any donations will go to Relay For Life. There will also be a craft area as well as a balloon artist and face painter for kids so parents can enjoy the games, and halftime activities that pertain to the special day. Also during halftime at the men's game, the winner of the Banner Wars will be announced. Departments and student groups were encouraged to enter the Banner War. The prize: bragging rights and a trophy that they get to keep until next year's

event when they will pass it down to the 2009 champions.

Also, there will be giveaways like T-shirts and over 40 door prizes as well as free food to draw people to the game. Cadence Rippetto, senior, communication and media studies, believes that the competitor will also be a draw.

"We play rival SIUE, and this is the last time we will play them because they are going Division-1 next year, so that is a draw in itself," she said. The women will play at 5:30 p.m. and the men will play at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free to all who have an UMSL ID.

Sommerer said, "The festive spirit of this event promises is what being a Triton is all about."

Lisa Curliss-Taylor, head coach for the women's team, hopes the night will add to the team's performance.

"It is fun as an athlete to have a good crowd to play in front of. Hopefully people will get there early enough for the women's game. We try to play the same every game, but having more support from fans adds to our adrenaline," she said.

Keep a look out for flyers, e-mails and ads for more information. Come make this year's turnout better than in years past.

STATS CORNER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

GLVC Standings		
Team	Conf. (W-L)	Overall (W-L)
Drury	11-2	18-3
Southern Indiana	6-7	12-9
SIU-Edwardsville	5-8	10-8
Rockhurst	4-9	8-13
Quincy	3-10	9-12
UM - St. Louis	3-10	8-13
Missouri S&T	0-13	3-18

Box Scores			
February 9	1st	2nd	F
Drury	37	31	68
UM-St. Louis	19	36	55

February 7			
UM-St. Louis	1st	2nd	F
UM-St. Louis	27	37	64
Rockhurst	27	21	48

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GLVC Standings		
Team	Conf. (W-L)	Overall (W-L)
Drury	11-2	19-2
Missouri S&T	10-3	16-4
Quincy	9-4	14-7
SIU-Edwardsville	7-6	14-7
Rockhurst	3-10	8-13
Southern Indiana	3-10	8-13
UM - St. Louis	3-10	6-15

Box Scores			
February 9	1st	2nd	F
Drury	35	36	71
UM-St. Louis	27	41	68

February 7			
Rockhurst	1st	2nd	F
Rockhurst	40	35	75
UM-St. Louis	43	23	66

ROLLER HOCKEY

GPCIHL Standings		
Team (Division 1)	Overall (W-L-T)	Pts
Lindenwood	12-0-0	24
UM - St. Louis	12-2-0	24
UM - Columbia	9-5-1	19
Illinois	4-9-0	8
Missouri S&T	3-10-1	7
Middle Tennessee	2-11-1	5
Illinois State	1-10-1	3

Box Scores				
February 9	1st	2nd	3rd	F
UM-St. Louis	3	6	2	11
Illinois State	1	0	0	1

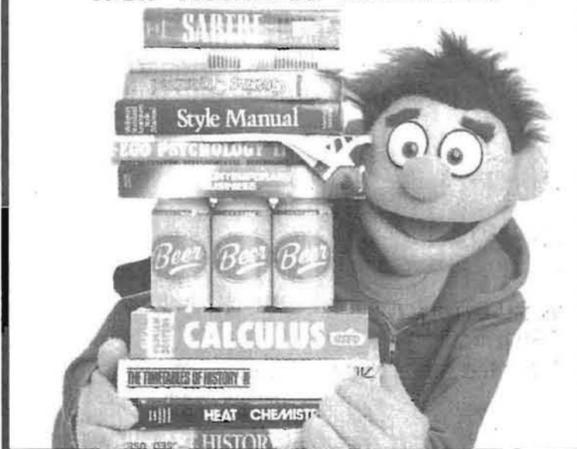
February 9				
UM-St. Louis	1st	2nd	3rd	F
UM-St. Louis	4	1	3	8
St. Charles CC	0	4	0	4

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GAME REVIEW

# Out of this galaxy

By CHRIS STEWART  
Staff Writer

From its humble beginnings, the Mario dynasty has grown into one of the most prolific and recognizable of all video games.

The title's latest arrival, Super Mario Galaxy, is the perfectly balanced marriage between graphics and simple gameplay that Mario fans have been waiting for.

Available for the Nintendo Wii, Super Mario Galaxy overwhelms with imagery so completely that it takes a moment to realize that at its core the game is very simple. Galaxy creates a whole new realm for Mario to live in, but he is the same old Mario.

When it comes to game plots, the creators of Mario clearly feel that if it is not broken, do not fix it.

To state the plot of Super Mario Galaxy, it would be hard to distinguish from its predecessors.

Back again is the evil Lord Bowser who is causing trouble his favorite way by kidnapping Princess Peach. To rescue Peach, Mario must travel from one exotic place to another jumping on blocks and enemies while collecting coins and stars.

Around this core story are woven some of the most creative and entertaining settings found in any gaming experience.

Whether land, water, air, or space, Super Mario Galaxy adds untold amounts of imagination and ambitious design to classic Mario levels.

Visually, the game is utterly irresistible and often striking. From gravity-bending star flights to icy levels playing as "penguin Mario," the game gives Nintendo the best chance they have had yet to show off and they take full advantage. Boosted by a fully orchestral score (as stragely persuasive as ever) it is a game so large, detailed, and colorful that you can get lost in it.

To navigate the cosmic expanses of Super Mario Galaxy, players use the Wii's nifty dual remote system.

For those unfamiliar with the Wii system, this means that you have a remote in each hand and spend most of the time waving them around and pointing one of them at the screen. Thus Galaxy is given an added layer of interaction and is the kind of game that is as fun to play as it looks.

Super Mario games have always been flavored by the fun and slightly odd characters that Mario meets along the way. This cast of characters grew with each new Super Mario game to a great extent.

As the newest and biggest game, Galaxy boasts an enormous and well-nurtured group of familiar faces and settings.

Flying from planet to planet, Mario travels through so many complex settings that the game could easily have been numbing. Super Mario Galaxy keeps things moving fast enough that even at its busiest it still feels linear. No matter how wild things get, you can still

usually find a pipe to escape through.

During his quest, Mario gathers stars from dozens of unique and fun stages. Mostly stars and floating space formations; these stages also stand alone as entertaining individual challenges. The linearity of the tasks on each star makes them all fun to re-explore. Thankfully the game allows players to do this, providing a floating space station from which Mario can launch to any stage he chooses.

The amount of freedom in the game is astounding and the tasks and battles are rarely difficult. Lots of exploring reveals many hidden treasures. This is a game that rewards the senses.

mains empty. No trees, no buildings except for 24 of a promised 2,000 new houses to the displaced families. A museum was opened that remembers the area, but it is hard to forget, as it is a huge empty space in the middle of a big cosmopolitan city.

According to the tour guide, most of the families still live in the township they were forcefully relocated to, and the materials stolen from the construction are still used as housing in the township.

I have not yet visited a township but I will soon. Until then, I will not say much as I want my readers to know what it is if you do not already know.

To address one issue of my usage of the words whites, coloured, blacks and Indians, I would like to clarify. Racism is different in South Africa. People here no longer see skin color and people classify themselves as coloured, black, white or Indian (as in from India). While saying coloured in the United States might cause some problems, here, it is now in my everyday language, as it is in everyones.

From South Africa, Cheers!

## DISTRICT SIX, from page 5

District Six sits right in the city centre and at one time was the home to some 60,000 South Africans, most of who were freed slaves. There were houses and shops. It was a town, think of it like University City but with more people and buildings, about the same surface area.

In 1966, the government decided that area should be for whites only, at which time few whites lived there. This was so that whites could live closer to the city where they work. The government gave the residents five years to leave.

After less than three years, no one had left. So, the white government got upset and decided to just go in and evict everyone and bulldoze everything. I mean, everything. Well, after that, they wanted to build for the whites; houses, apartments, shops and such. Every night all of the progress would be undone, and all of the materials would be missing. Eventually security guards were put in place for the night, well, they disappeared too.

The investors finally decided it was no longer profitable to build or relocate there, so to this day, it re-

## RESTAURANTS, from page 8

**Top of the Riverfront:** Located in the heart of downtown at the Millennium Hotel, this rotating restaurant is perfect for those "dizzy" with love this Valentine's Day. It offers a first class menu and a view of St. Louis unlike any other.

This would be a perfect location for a dinner at sundown. Be sure to bring your wallet with you—the menu items can get a bit pricey. However, many argue that the view is well worth it. Great for a Valentine's Day splurge.

**The Gardens at Malmaison:** Enjoy this charming restaurant among the rolling hills of St. Louis. It began as a barn in 1843, and in 1926 it became "The Old Barn Inn".

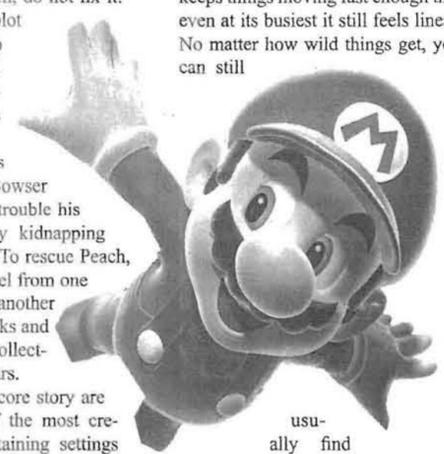
Now it is a fabulous French restaurant. The menu at this unconventional restaurant changes with the seasons. The winter menu offers an excellent grilled Cornish hen in a

mustard demi-glaze sauce. This restaurant is four-diamond rated (AAA), so it is sure to please.

**Cyrano's:** This romantically decorated restaurant in Webster Groves not only has the right look for Valentine's Day, but has good food at a much more affordable price than the plush Monarch.

Cyrano's has a good selection of date worthy options, although it is not a long menu. It does offer great dessert, coffees and drink options, so if you are going out only for dessert, not the whole meal, this is the spot.

This restaurant is the latest incarnation of an old St. Louis romantic favorite, with various locations and owners but now owned by the same people as BARcelona and Roxane in Clayton and Boogaloo in Maplewood. Cyrano's is located at 603 E. Lockwood and the website is <http://www.saucemagazine.com/cyrano>.



## ROMANCE, from page 9

**To Have And Have Not (1944):** Husband and wife Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall met on the set of this Howard Hawks film noir, Bacall's first film.

It is more a minor classic but the sparks certainly do fly between them when they are on screen together. You know how to whistle, don't ya?

**Rebecca (1940)** Alfred Hitchcock's adaptation of a famous romantic mystery is considered one of the best by the master of suspense.

**Comedies:**  
**Pat and Mike (1952):** The quintessential Spencer Tracy-Katherine Hepburn love-hate battle of the sexes comedy. Hollywood has been trying to re-create this magic for years.

**Bringing Up Baby (1938):** One of the original screwball comedies,

with Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

Baby is the name of a tiger. It is very funny, wonderfully romantic and very crazy.

**Philadelphia Story (1940):** Love, divorce, marriage, high society, slapstick and bitingly witty dialog all come together in one of the best films of all time, starring Katherine Hepburn, James Stewart and Cary Grant.

**It Happened One Night (1934):** Claudette Colbert as a spoiled heiress and Clark Gable as an unemployed reporter, are forced to travel together, in a wonderful comedy from Frank Capra, who gave us "It's A Wonderful Life."

**Some Like It Hot (1959):** Ranked by many as the funniest comedy of all time, this tale of musicians hiding from the mob in an

all-girl band, stars Marilyn Monroe at her best, with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemon.

**African Queen (1951):** Unlike the other classics on this list, this one is in color.

Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn are an unlikely pair, a straitlaced missionary and a scruffy riverboat captain, in constant conflict as they try to make their way up a steamy river in remote 1940s Africa.

**Silent:**  
**City Lights (1931):** The silent era was called the Golden Age of Comedy, and the romantic comedy was born in the silent era. This is a Charlie Chaplin classic, with a sad and sweet love story to counterbalance the comedy. The final shot will break your heart.

Foreign language but still the

language of love:

**Amélie (2001):** Audrey Tautou stars in Jean-Pierre Jeunet's candy-colored valentine to a fantasy version of Paris, with a tale of romance and an offbeat waitress. It is sweet, funny, charming and romantic, all at once.

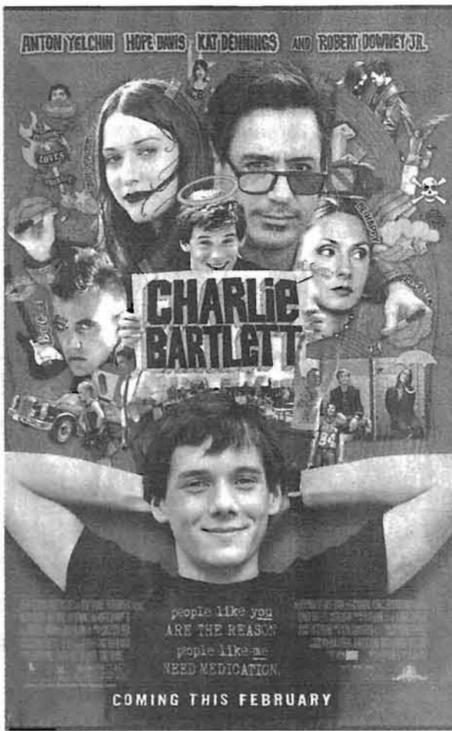
**Lady Chatterley (2006):** This recent French version of the very English story about illicit lovemaking is more romantic rather than just sexy. It is dramatically strong and well-acted. There is still plenty of sex—come on, it is French.

**Wings Of Desire (1987):** The German title means the "The Sky Over Berlin" but the English title seems a better fit for Wim Wender's surreal, multi-layered fantasy about an angel, played by the great Swiss actor Bruno Ganz, who falls in love with a human.

## 400 OLIVE, from page 8

400 Olive is highly recommended to anyone looking for a nice place to celebrate a special occasion, or for those who just want a nice lunch or dinner downtown. Its beauty and delicious food make it a place everyone can love. 400 Olive would be a very special place to take someone for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner!

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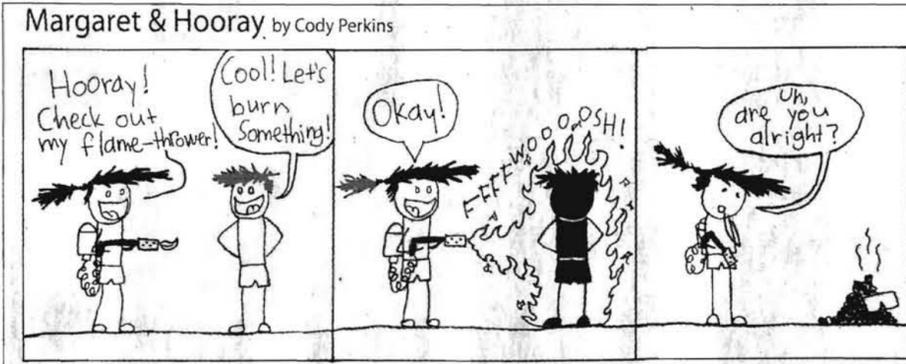
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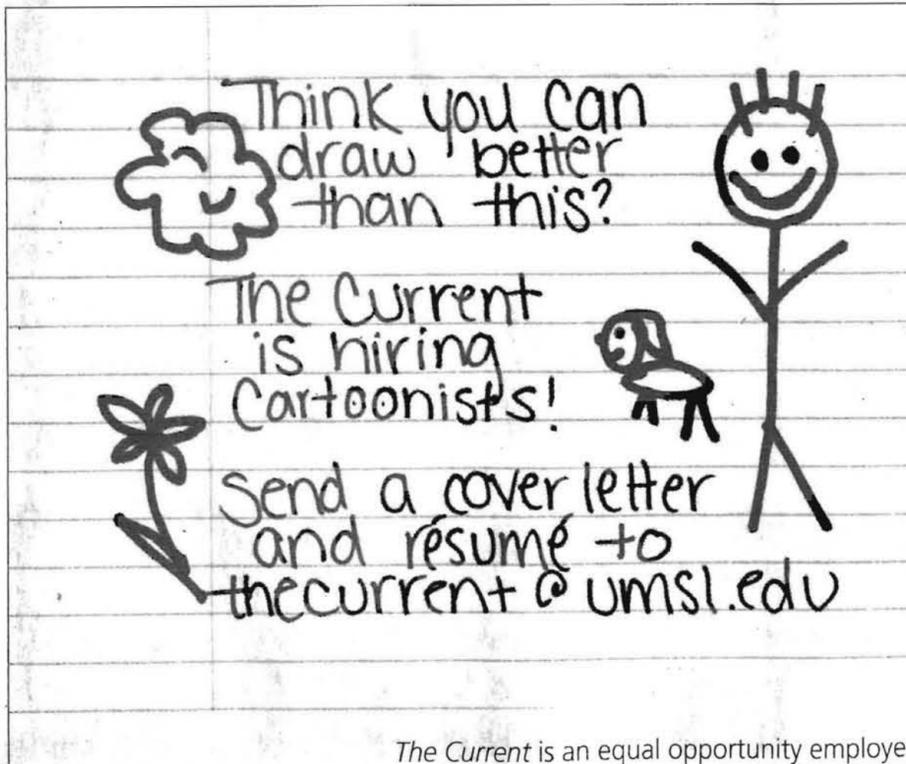
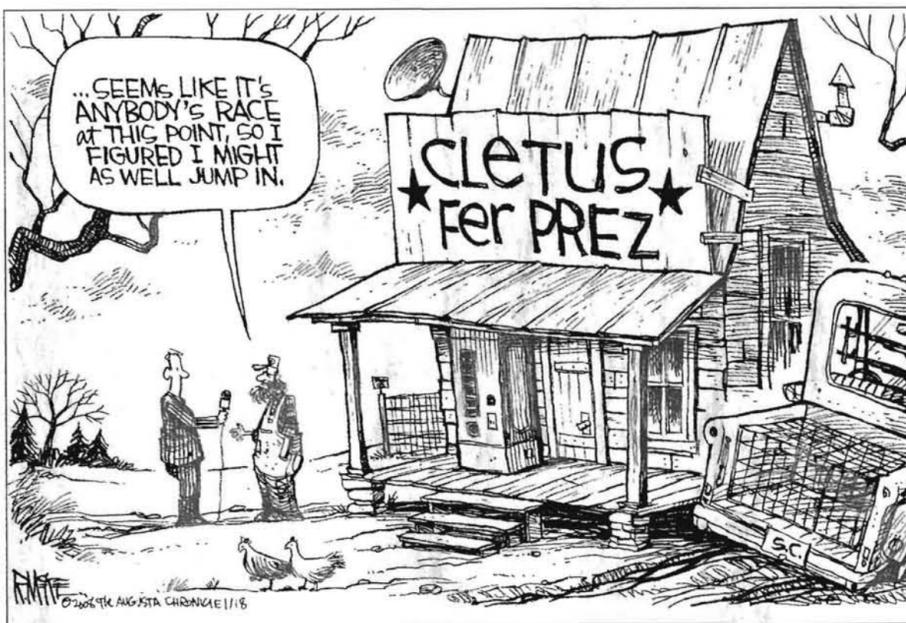


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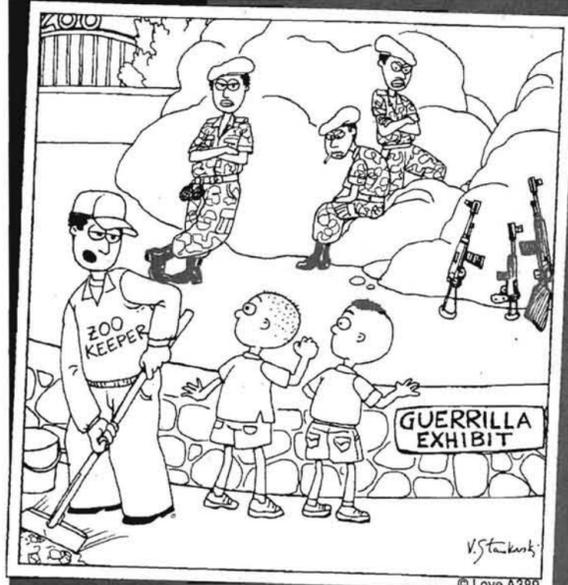
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by Linda Thistle

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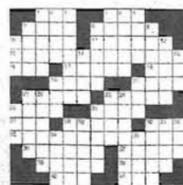
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(March 21 to April 19) It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

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(April 20 to May 20) Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

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(May 21 to June 20) A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

**CANCER**  
(June 21 to July 22) Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There will be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

**LEO**  
(July 23 to Aug. 22) Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

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(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted, but this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It is also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It is not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights, but clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 to March 20) You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers might soon have something special to tell you.

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**PRIMARY RESULTS**, from page 1

Obama also took Kansas City in Missouri and St. Louis County with 117,108 votes, nearly 63 percent.

Clinton dominated outside of the Metro area, winning counties such as St. Charles by about 3 percent, Ozark by 34 percent, Osage and Cape Girardeau by more than 15 percent.

According to the BBC, Hilary Clinton so far has received 25 more delegates (1095 total) than Obama, but 5 less states' popular votes.

However, according to MSNBC, Obama has a slight delegate lead over Clinton as of Saturday, Feb. 9 in the primaries and caucuses, leading 31 to Clinton's 9.

On Saturday, Obama swept the Louisiana, Nebraska and Washington caucuses and primaries winning Washington over Hilary by 37 percent, as well as a caucus in the U.S. Virgin Islands. On Sunday Obama won Maine with 59%.

However, the inconsistency in reporting delegates won by the Democratic candidates gives in-

sight on the closeness of the race between party candidates.

On the Republican side, McCain has received 719 delegates to Huckabee's 234 across the nation, and won 12 states compared to Huckabee's 7. as of Saturday. Ron Paul, still in the race, has received 14 delegates so far.

McCain received 33 percent of the vote in Missouri, while 31.5 percent voted for Huckabee and 29.3 percent voted for Mitt Romney, who has since dropped out of the race.

McCain, however, is the current front runner for the Republican party nomination. Huckabee still trails in the race, insisting that he does not want to be the vice president.

The winner of the Missouri primary has been successful in winning the presidency except one in the last 100 years. The exception was in 1956 when former president Dwight D. Eisenhower beat out Adlai Stevenson, former Illinois governor.

**SGA MEETING**, from page 1

In addition to the resolutions, Kelyc Siddall, member of the Black Leadership Organizing Council, provided information to assembly regarding a recent affirmative action campaign.

"Ward Connerly is a California businessman who is working in five states including Missouri to get ballot initiatives passed that will end affirmative action," Siddall said. "Although deceptively called a 'civil rights initiative'...this initiative seeks to turn back time and give up the gains made by many leaders a generation ago."

BLOC hopes that Missouri, unlike both California and Michigan, can keep Connerly from gathering the signatures he needs to put the "civil rights initiative" on the November 2008 ballot.

David Wasinger, member of the UM Board of Curators, is the attorney for the "civil rights initiative." BLOC and many other students in the UM system are in direct conflict with Wasinger's belief that affirma-

tive action should be ended in universities and beyond.

In other business, Goers explained to the assembly what the Board of Curators approved during their most recent trip to UM-St. Louis.

The board approved a 4.1 percent increase in tuition, a 2.8 to 4.5 percent increase in housing (depending on which location) and a 5 percent meal plan increase for next year.

Student fees, however, were tabled until the next board meeting because the UM-Columbia students did not approve some of the fees brought forth to the board.

In addition, Goers announced to the assembly that Gary Forsee, newly appointed president of the UM system, will be visiting UM-St. Louis on Monday, Feb. 25.

Students are encouraged to attend the open reception at noon in the Century Rooms for a question-and-answer session with the new president.

Other news at the meeting included information from the Catholic



**Andrew Walker (FOREGROUND), sophomore, business administration, votes in favor of a resolution giving a vote to the student representative to the Board of Curators during Friday's SGA meeting.**

Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Newman Center about the upcoming Social Justice Month.

The group, in coalition with Pi Kappa Alpha, will be holding an all day and night Shantytown on March 6 to raise awareness on homelessness. Other issues that the Newman Center intends to cover during the month include hunger awareness and capitol punishment.

**KIRKWOOD**, from page 1

Paul Thornton believes that Charles' anger with city was legitimate. Paul found the note that Thornton had left in his room which read, "The truth will win out in the end."

Earlier, John Hessel, city attorney, had approached Thornton offering to drop the thousands of dollars in fines against Charles if Charles would drop the lawsuit against the city.

"We don't want to collect money from you," Hessel had said. "We want you to let it be, and we'll let it be," to which Charles replied, "I'm never going to let this go."

Charles did not drop the lawsuit, and even picketed in front of Kirkwood City Hall with signs suggesting that Hessel was a dishonest attorney.

According to Hessel, who was giving a presentation to the council when the shooting began, Charles entered the council chambers and was covering two guns with a "piece of cardboard."

Charles dropped the cardboard and shot police officer Tom Ballman, 37, who is known for his help relaying information when Shawn Hornbeck and Ben Ownby, two kidnapped boys, were found in Michael Devlin's Kirkwood home.

Charles had already shot Sgt. William Biggs before entering the chambers. It is believed that Thornton picked up Biggs weapon in addition to his own heavy revolver.

According to Hessel, he saw mayor Mike Swoboda walk behind him before he heard a shot and saw him fall.

Hessel said Charles never fired a shot at him, but that he "had to fight for his life."

Mayor Mike Swoboda was in critical condition at a hospital, but was released Sunday.

Charles' other victims include Connie Karr, who was planning on running for mayor and had previously worked for the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, and councilman Michael Lynch who was a civilian soldier in the Army Reserve.

Wounded in the shooting was Todd Smith, a journalist for the *St. Louis Suburban Journals*, who was shot in the arm.

Maureen Thornton, Charles' former wife, read a statement in which she apologized deeply to the families of Charles' victims: "I do not condone violence, and while I do not make excuses for Cookie, he is my husband and he is a valued loving member of our family and he will be missed."

# CAMPUS RECREATION - SPRING 2008

## 2-Ball Soccer

**Date:** February 20  
**Time:** 7-10pm  
**Place:** Mark Twain Gym  
**Sign Up by:** Thursday Feb. 14  
**Division:** Open  
**Format:** One Night Tourney 6:6

## Table Tennis

**Date:** February 26  
**Time:** 6:45-9pm  
**Place:** 221 Mark Twain  
**Sign Up by:** Tuesday Feb. 19  
**Division:** Men & Women (Beg/Int/Adv)  
**Format:** Singles/ Doubles

## Trivia Night

**Date:** February 21  
**Time:** 7-10pm  
**Place:** Provincial House  
**Sign Up by:** Tuesday Feb 19  
**Division:** Open  
**Format:** 10/Team+ Free Snacks

## Skyzone Dodgeball

**Date:** March 5  
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**HOCKEY** from page 11

Lindenwood still led the Tritons by 1 1/2 games in the standings through last Saturday's action, and were outscoring their opponents this season by a mind-boggling total of 105-10.

In game two on Saturday, the Tritons faced a much tougher opponent in St. Charles Community College, who entered the match with a record of 9-3, tops for any Division-III team in the GPCIHLL. UM-St. Louis jumped out quickly, leading 4-0 after one period.

Aaron Schulz got things going with goal number five on the season, followed by Jason Shields with his seventh. PJ Tallo then connected for an unassisted goal, and only nine seconds later Andy Meade notched his first goal of the game.

It would not be his last, though. He scored on a power play to start the second period and give the Tritons a 5-0 lead. The Cougars would not die as they hammered home four consecutive goals to give UM-

St. Louis a scare and make the score 5-4 at the end of two periods.

Kenny Gales scored two of the goals for SCC, and Gus Maloney and Sean Daft each scored one.

Just when the Tritons needed him the most though, Meade responded. He scored his third goal with 7:09 left in the game to give the red and gold a little insurance, and for good measure put his fourth goal in just over three minutes later. That performance gives him twelve goals on the season.

With 1:05 left, Tallo put the icing on the cake with a short-handed goal, only the second such goal for the Tritons this season. It was Tallo's 13th goal of the season, and to go with his league-leading 29 assists, he now leads the GPCIHLL in total points as well.

Thomas Ames held down the net for the Tritons against SCC the whole way, holding on for the 8-4 win.

**CARDINALS** from page 11

Whoever manager Tony LaRussa decides will roam the outfield at Busch Stadium this year, it appears the skipper will go with a mix-and-match contingent. That means when the Cardinals face a right-hander Duncan, Schumaker and Ankiel will most likely play, and Barton, Ludwick and someone else would appear against lefties.

Arguably the most important part of any team is its up-the-middle defense. In competition at short-stop and second base Aaron Miles, Adam Kennedy and Brendan Ryan are returning, and newcomers Cesar Izturis and D'Angelo Jimenez, who like Gonzalez is a non-roster invitee.

The three pillars of the Cardinals this season will be catcher Yadier Molina, third baseman Troy Glaus and, of course, first baseman Albert Pujols. While each of these

players face no competition at their positions, the questions surrounding them involve their health. All three missed time over the last two seasons due to various ailments.

The biggest concern is Pujols, who is battling an elbow problem that has plagued him since 2003. Pujols recently said that the situation is out of his control, and if the elbow goes he will require likely season-ending surgery to repair it. Surely, if Pujols is gone, so are the Cardinals chances in 2008.

Welcome to the St. Louis Cardinals version 2008! It will only be a matter of time before the season gets under way, and you find yourself in the seats at Busch eating a hot dog and sipping a cold one. My recommendation is that you wait to purchase that jersey, because the player's name on the back might not still be on the team by then.

**BASKETBALL** from page 11

The Tritons were a completely different team in the second half, outscoring Drury 18-6 in the paint, and 17-10 off turnovers, and a field goal by Dave Ward moved him into 22nd place on the all-time UM-St. Louis scoring list with 884 career points.

Sky Frazier whittled the Panther lead to eight by converting an old-fashioned three-point play with 5:44 remaining. Frazier finished the game with 11 points, making all five of his free throw attempts.

It was too little, too late for the Tritons though, as Drury held them at bay with a stellar effort from the free throw line. The Panthers converted on 18 out of its 20 attempts from the charity stripe on the afternoon to finish off the 68-55 victory.

The Tritons shot well from the line as well, with Paradoski going 8 of 10, accounting for half of his 16 points. Kaatman finished with eight points for UM-St. Louis, and Whittaker had seven.

**FANS** from page 10

"I think they should keep doing this because it gets the team riled up, and there are people here who have never been here before," Kinzinger said. "There's a lot of people, so that's making the game really close."

Lisa Brinker, junior, business administration would like to see the promotion extended to other programs.

"Obviously this has brought a lot of people here today and got more

people involved," Brinker, a junior, said. "Maybe they should try doing a Pack-the-Stands Night for the all the other sports teams besides just basketball so that other teams can have crowds like this once in a while too."

The home portion of the basketball schedule is over now, but the UM-St. Louis athletic department hopes that the attendance trend continues as spring sports begin to get underway.

**PACK THE STANDS** from page 10

"It was a big momentum builder. The girls saw that, they fed off that, and we tried to build off that. It was a big shot."

SIUE ultimately had the answer, though. Whitney Sykes responded to Gagliano's triple with one of her own, reclaiming the lead for the Cougars. That led to a 10-1 run which helped SIUE dictate the tempo of the final minutes.

"Last time we played them, they just took us to the hole, so our main goal today was to keep them out of the paint," UM-St. Louis head coach Lisa Curliss-Taylor said. "When we'd keep them out of the paint, we'd go on a run, but then we'd slip up defensively, and they were back in there scoring lay-ups."

Courtney Watts, senior, got the Tritons close again, with a steal and a breakaway lay-up that made it a three-point game with 59 seconds left. The red and gold came up empty on their next two possessions, sealing a 71-68 Cougar victory. The loss eliminated the UM-St. Louis women from post-season contention.

The men were still alive, though, coming into the evening only two games behind SIUE for a berth in the conference tournament.

They started out hot, grabbing a 15-10 lead and moving the ball unselfishly, highlighted by a brilliant drive-and-dish from Tim Green, junior, to Nathan Whittaker, junior, who was making a back-door cut to the basket.

That basket scored two of Whittaker's team-leading 13 points, as well as one of Green's team-leading 7 assists.

SIUE responded with a 13-0 run, over which UM-St. Louis failed to score for over 8 minutes before Jason Black, junior, finally went in for

an uncontested lay-up off a picked off pass.

"We had some defensive mistakes and missed some really easy shots," Pilz said of the run, during which the Tritons did not make it to the free throw line one time. "Getting to the foul line is a very important of any offense. We need to attack the basket strong and sell the foul."

The Cougars led 32-21 at half-time, but back-to-back trifectas by Whittaker put the momentum on the home team's side. UM-St. Louis continued to work away at the lead, and Paul Paradoski, senior, came off a timeout by nailing a three and drawing the Tritons within two with 9:41 left.

Just three minutes later, they took a 48-46 lead on a turn-around lay-up by Dave Ward that he converted into an old-fashioned three-point play.

The ball was bouncing the Tritons' way, both figuratively and literally. The next time down the floor, it was rolling out of bounds, but luckily hit one of the officials, allowing Green to pick it up for the steal and a wide-open lay-up.

SIUE fought back, as Nikola Bundalo gave them the lead with a hook shot that made it 53-52 with 3:14 left. They held a three-point lead in the closing seconds, when the Tritons narrowly missed tying the game on two occasions.

Paradoski jacked up a fade-away three pointer with 14 seconds left that pinballed around the rim, clung to the edge of it, brought the fans to the edge of their seats and finally fell out. Paul De Chellis, senior, grabbed it for the Tritons, who were fouled on their next three-point attempt. Only one of the three free throws went down, and the Cougars hung on for the 59-57 win to improve to 13-9, 6-8 in the GLVC.

# Triton tennis gets into the swing of things

By Scott Lavelock

Staff Writer

Carrying a 2-0 record into the spring portion of its schedule, the UM-St. Louis women's tennis team looked to keep building on their success at the Principia Tournament in Elsah, Illinois last weekend, Feb. 8 and 9.

The indoor tourney was the first event of the new semester for the Triton women, and though it included no competition counting toward the team record, it gave all the players a chance to improve their individual records, as well as gain valuable experience against competition from Principia, Truman State, McKendree, SIUE, and Illinois-Springfield.

Freshman Stephanie Thompson, the number one singles player on the team, led the way for the Tritons, notching a pair of victories in the Flight A singles division. She was

able to collect herself for those two wins after starting off a little slow, losing to Carli Connors of SIUE 6-2, 6-4.

"She was an extremely hard hitter, and I wasn't quite used to her tempo yet, but after a while I got more used to it," Thompson said. "At the beginning I was a little nervous, but once I played my first one or two matches I felt more relaxed and I got in a good rhythm."

Thompson collected her two wins over Jenny Mennerick of McKendree (6-4, 6-2) and Ashley Ragnow of Principia (6-2, 6-2). Mennerick avenged her loss by beating Thompson later in the tournament 7-6, 6-4, evening Thompson's tournament record out at 2-2 and giving the rest of the Tritons an example to follow.

"Personally, I look up to Stephanie Thompson," teammate Annie Gonzalez, junior, said. "She is a very

talented player and a great person on and off the court. I believe she has really brought up the standards of the UMSL girls' tennis team."

Adriana Garcia, junior, also fought well in the Flight A singles division, but came up just short in both of her matches, falling 6-2, 6-2 to Kathleen Brancato of Illinois-Springfield and Maria Occhipinti of McKendree 6-3, 6-3.

Juniors Molly Striler and Sara Davidson did come up with wins in Flight B, though, both over opponents from Principia. Striler knocked off Carey Erwin 6-4, 6-0 in her first match, with Davidson winning her first match as well over Julianna Ko. Davidson took the first set 6-4, lost the second set 5-7, but won on the tiebreak by a score of 10-3.

Both players lost their next two matches, however, with Striler losing to Kelsey Laird of SIUE and Rosana

Romilo of Illinois-Springfield, and Davidson falling against Erin Thomson from McKendree and Ashley McGowan from Illinois-Springfield.

In Flight C singles, Annie Gonzalez came within an eyelash of winning her first match against Lauren Szakielo of McKendree, but lost 7-5, 7-5. Principia's KC Gahlon then outlasted her 6-3, 6-3.

Yuki Takashima, sophomore, lost both of her matches as well to SIUE's Stephanie Clark and Truman State's Kirstyn Sampias.

Despite coming up on the short end of the score in many of the matches, head coach Rick Gyllenborg is encouraged by what he saw during the tournament, especially considering the Tritons are competing with a bare minimum of six players.

See TRITON TENNIS, page 14

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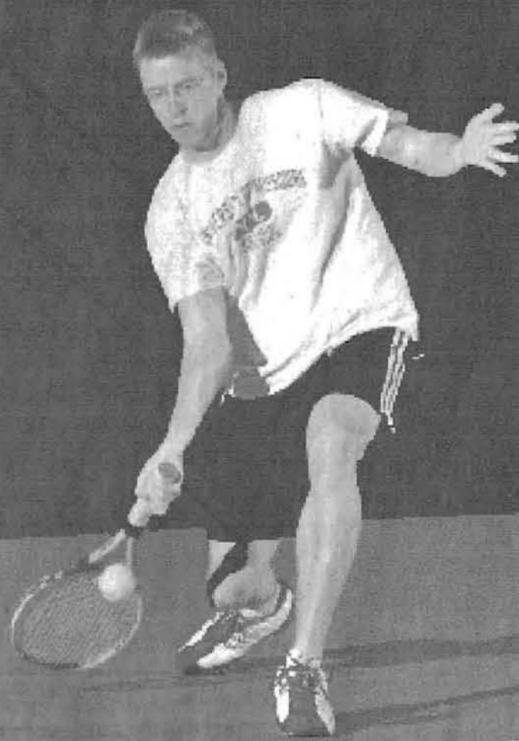
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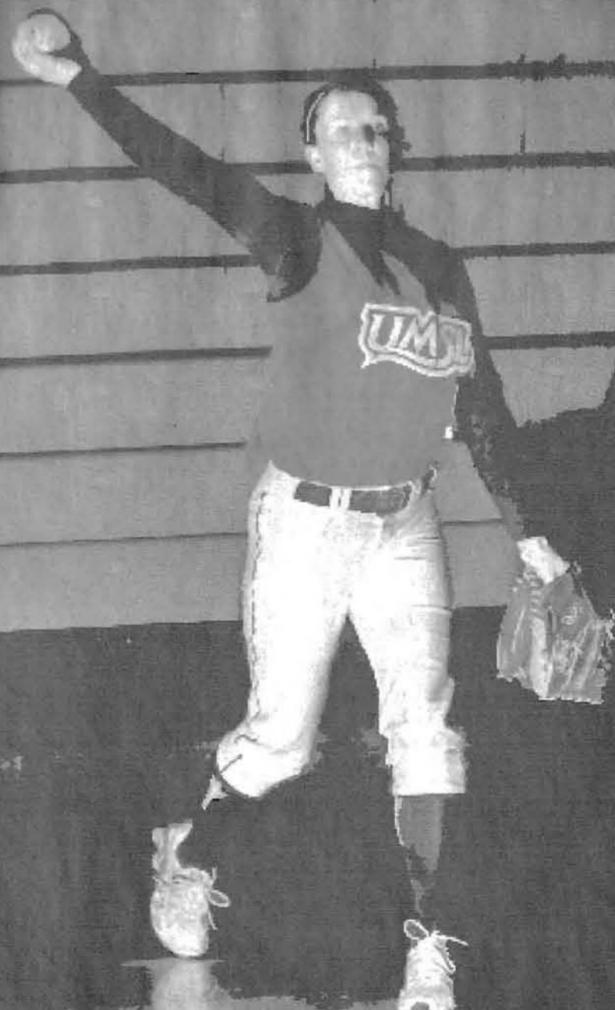


▲ It don't mean a thing  
if it ain't got that swing



◀ Baseball field progress  
goes into extra innings

Softball team sets out to prove  
GLVC rankings wrong



(FROM TOP COUNTER CLOCK-  
WISE) Ryan Burgdorfer, senior;  
Brady Decker, senior, pitcher;  
and Dana Essner, senior,  
shortstop/secondbase/pitcher

# Baseball season is next on deck

By **LaGuan Fuse**  
Sports Editor

In the Great Lakes Valley Conference preseason poll, the UM-St. Louis baseball team was ranked sixth in the GLVC West. Missouri S&T was the only team in the West to be ranked lower.

"It really doesn't mean anything," said Head Coach Jim Brady. "I don't pay any attention to preseason stuff. I don't put a lot of stock in preseason polls. I am not too concerned. I think the guys will prove the critics wrong."

This season the UM-St. Louis baseball team will feature 13 seniors on the roster. The rest will be composed of nine juniors, four sophomores and three freshmen. Last season, the team finished with an overall record of 20-24 and a conference record of 16-20. The baseball team struggled in away games last year, finishing the season 5-16 on the road.

"It's a whole different ball game this year because the league has gone back to aluminum bats," said Brady. "Now things are going to be drastically different than they were in the past because the aluminum bat is going to make up for the run differential suffered in the past. Now you are going to see a lot of high octane offenses and it's a matter of who is going to pitch the best and play defense."

The baseball season begins with a home double header against William Penn on Feb. 16. The team will then take a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii for a five-game series against Hawaii Pa-

## GLVC Preseason Coaches Poll

Team (First-place votes)	Total Points
<b>East Division</b>	
Northern Kentucky (4)	34
Saint Joseph's (2)	29
Lindy (1)	26
Bellarmine	24
UW-Parkside	14
Kentucky Wesleyan	13
Lewis	7
<b>West Division</b>	
Southern Indiana (4)	34
SIU-Edwardsville (3)	32
Drury	27
Rockhurst	19
Quincy	15
<b>Tritons</b>	<b>14</b>
Missouri S&T	6

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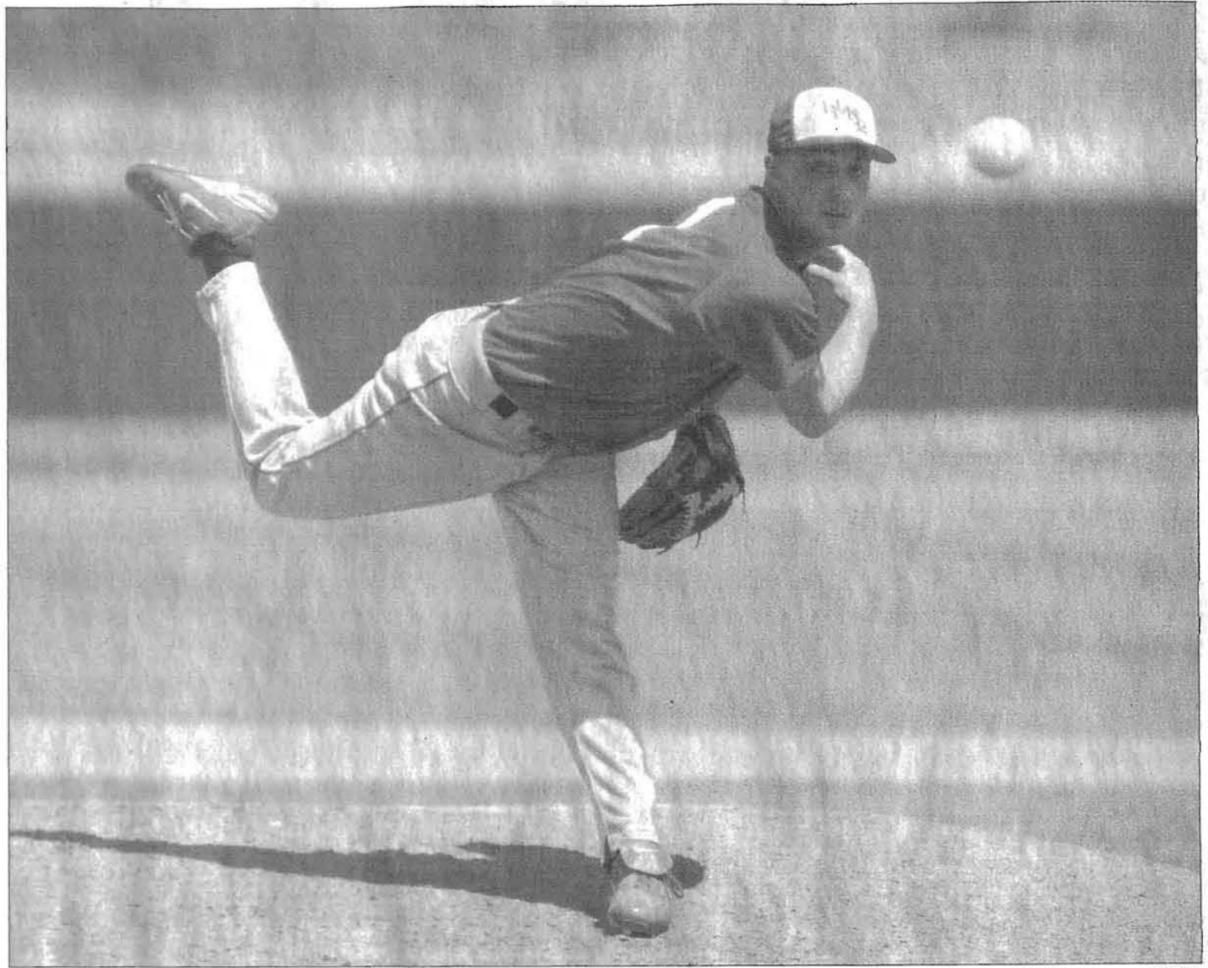
"Every single kid had to raise \$1000 and every single man met his quota. Every single one," said Brady. "It really says a lot about their drive, determination, character and so forth. Every single one."

Brady has plans for the team to enjoy the Hawaiian scenery as well as some of the historical and cultural aspects of the island.

"Not only will it be a great baseball experience for us, but it is going to be an educational experience as well," said Brady. "They will remember this for the rest of their lives. They are a very special group and they deserve this."

The first conference series of the season will be against Saint Joseph's. The Tritons will travel to Rensselaer, In. for a series against the Pumas.

The UM-St. Louis baseball team will no longer play home games at GCS Stadium, home of the Gateway



Kyle Hargis delivers a pitch during a doubleheader against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in the 2007 season.

Grizzlies. Instead the Tritons return a little closer to home. This season, home games will be played at T.R. Hughes Ballpark, home of the River City Rascals.

"It is, without a doubt, the nicest baseball field that I have ever stepped

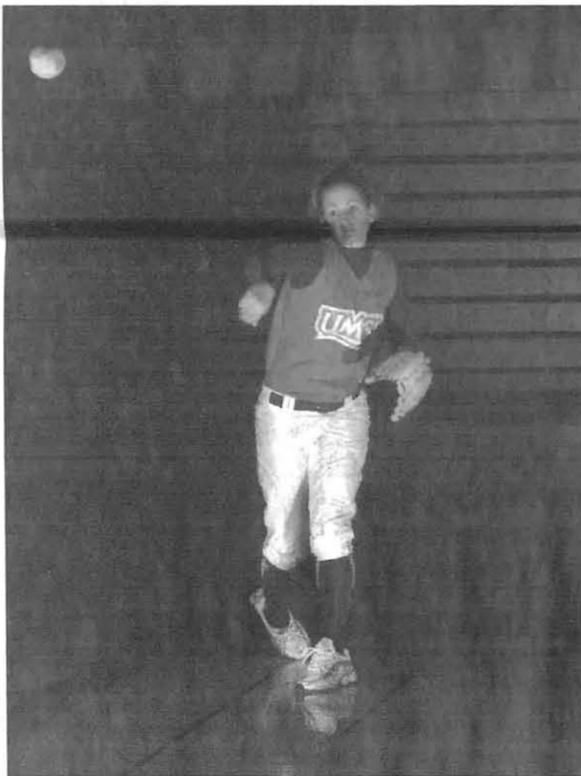
foot on," said Brady. "As far as the playing field itself, I would rate it every bit as good as Busch Stadium."

Brady has high hopes for this season's team. He feels defense is going to be the difference in determining if the Tritons have what it takes to get to

the conference tournament.

"If we play up to our potential and display the same type of mental toughness, as far as preparation is concerned, it could be a very successful year," said Brady. "The big key, and the kids know this, is how good

our defense is going to be. We will be as good as or defense is. Great teams are extremely strong up the middle. And for us, I am not going to lie to you, is a huge question mark. We have to prove that we are exceptionally strong up the middle."



Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor

Jessica Keim, thirdbase, had 45 hits and 27 scored runs in 2007.

# Expectations are high as softball team looks to 'start traditions'

By **Tom Schnable**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Picked to finish in tenth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, there are not many people expecting big things from the UM-St. Louis softball team. Just do not count Chuck Sosnowski among those doubters. As coach of the team, he believes his players have what it takes for a special season.

"I truly believe this is a postseason team," said Sosnowski, who is in his third year with the team. "Softball's a funny game. We have to get the big hit at the right time to win those close games, and if that happens I think we can go far into the postseason."

The question for the coach is whether the team can match his confidence.

"We need to start some tradition," said Sosnowski, who is hoping for success in a program that has lacked it in recent years. "They have to believe they're good players and that they can compete and beat anyone in this country and do well

## GLVC Preseason Coaches Poll

Team (First-place votes)	Total Points
SIU-Edwardsville (12)	168
Lewis (2)	157
Missouri S&T	140
Southern Indiana	131
Quincy	110
UW-Parkside	109
Northern Kentucky	91
Saint Joseph's	91
Lindy	89
<b>Tritons</b>	<b>52</b>
Kentucky-Wesleyan	47
Bellarmine	36
Drury	33
Rockhurst	20

in this conference."

Leading the team on the field will be Casey Dierkes. The senior will hope to start this season as she did the last one, when she hit five home runs in the team's first 12 games. Dierkes rode that hot streak to an all-time school record for home runs in a season with 10. She is also second on the school's career home run list.

"I believe (Casey) is one of our team leaders," said Sosnowski. "How she performs and what her attitude is will have a big impact."

See **SOFTBALL TEAM**, page 3B



Fans line up outside T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo. to catch a River City Rascals game.

## T.R. Hughes Ballpark

The Tritons baseball team will play all home games at T.R. Hughes Ballpark, located at 900 T.R. Hughes Blvd. in O'Fallon, Mo.

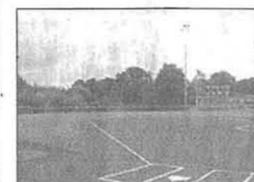
Directions:

- Take I-70 west
- Take Exit 219 and go north.
- Ballpark is about one mile down the road, at the corner of T.R. Hughes Boulevard and Tom Ginnever Avenue

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 16	vs. William Penn (dh)	Noon	April 12	at Missouri-S&T(dh)*	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Hawaii Pacific	3 p.m.	April 13	at Missouri-S&T*	1 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Hawaii Pacific (dh)	Noon	April 16	vs. Bellarmine*	2 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Hawaii Pacific (dh)	Noon	April 18	vs. Rockhurst*	7 p.m.
March 1	at Henderson State (dh)	Noon	April 19	vs. Rockhurst (dh)*	Noon
March 2	at Ouachita Baptist (dh)	Noon	April 20	vs. Rockhurst*	1 p.m.
March 5	vs. Central Missouri	3 p.m.	April 23	at Wisconsin-Parkside (dh)*	Noon
March 15	at Saint Joseph's (dh)*	Noon	April 25	at Southern Indiana*	3 p.m.
March 16	at Saint Joseph's (dh)*	Noon	April 26	at Southern Indiana (dh)*	Noon
March 19	at Central Missouri	3 p.m.	April 27	at Southern Indiana*	1 p.m.
March 21	vs. Drury (dh)*	Noon	April 30	vs. Wisconsin-Parkside (dh)*	Noon
March 22	vs. Drury (dh)*	Noon	May 2	vs. Indianapolis*	7 p.m.
March 28	at Quincy*	7 p.m.	May 3	vs. Indianapolis (dh)*	Noon
March 29	at Quincy (dh)*	Noon	May 4	vs. Indianapolis*	1 p.m.
March 30	at Quincy*	1 p.m.	May 7	at GLVC Tournament	TBA
April 04	vs. SIU-Edwardsville*	7 p.m.	May 8	at GLVC Tournament	TBA
April 05	vs. SIU-Edwardsville (dh)*	Noon	May 9	at GLVC Tournament	TBA
April 06	vs. SIU-Edwardsville*	1 p.m.	May 10	at GLVC Tournament	TBA
April 11	at Missouri-S&T*	3 p.m.			

\* indicates conference opponent (dh) indicates doubleheader



The Tritons softball team will play all of its home games at the UMSL Softball Field, located next to the Fine Arts Building off Rosedale Drive.

The Tritons began play at the UMSL Softball Field on March 16, 1999, defeating Bemidji State, 8-0, in the inaugural game on the field.

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

<b>At Delta State Tournament</b>			<b>March 24</b>			at North Georgia (dh)	1 p.m.
Feb. 15	vs. Arkansas Tech	2 p.m.	March 25	at Florida Southern (dh)	6 p.m.		
Feb. 15	vs. Henderson State	4 p.m.	March 26	at Tampa (dh)	6 p.m.		
Feb. 16	vs. Southern Arkansas	10 a.m.	March 29	at Northern Kentucky* (dh)	Noon		
Feb. 16	vs. Alabama-Huntsville	4 p.m.	March 30	at Bellarmine*	Noon		
Feb. 17	vs. Arkansas-Monticello	2 p.m.	April 5	vs. Wisconsin-Parkside* (dh)	Noon		
Feb. 17	vs. Delta State	4 p.m.	April 6	vs. Lewis* (dh)	Noon		
Feb. 27	at Southwest Baptist (dh)	2 p.m.	April 9	at Missouri S&T* (dh)	2 p.m.		
<b>SIUE Cougar Tournament</b>			<b>Central Missouri</b>				
March 1	vs. Washburn	9 a.m.	April 12	vs. Central Missouri	2 p.m.		
March 1	vs. Emporia	10:45 a.m.	April 12	vs. Missouri Southern	4 p.m.		
March 2	vs. Wayne State	9 a.m.	April 13	vs. Central Missouri	1 p.m.		
<b>MSMU Tournament</b>			<b>April 13</b>			vs. Missouri Southern	3 p.m.
March 7	vs. Pittsburg State	10:45 a.m.	April 15	vs. Hillsdale College (dh)	Noon		
March 7	vs. Washburn	Noon	April 19	at Kentucky Wesleyan* (dh)	Noon		
March 7	vs. Southwest Baptist	4 p.m.	April 20	at Southern Indiana* (dh)	Noon		
March 8	vs. Truman State	9 a.m.	April 26	vs. St. Joseph's* (dh)	Noon		
March 8	at Missouri Southern	1 p.m.	April 27	vs. Indianapolis* (dh)	Noon		
March 15	at Drury* (dh)	Noon	May 1	GLVC Tournament	TBA		
March 16	at Rockhurst* (dh)	Noon	May 2	GLVC Tournament	TBA		
March 20	vs. Quincy* (dh)	Noon	May 3	GLVC Tournament	TBA		
March 21	vs. SIU-Edwardsville* (dh)	2 p.m.					

\* indicates conference opponent (dh) indicates doubleheader

# Baseball games on campus in 2009?

By **Tom Schnable**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The baseball stadium UM-St. Louis has been waiting for could arrive earlier than expected. The administration hopes that the baseball team can begin play in its new home by the start of next season.

"We want to have it up and running here so fans can watch games on campus by the spring of 2009," said John Garvilla, director of athletics. "That's what everybody's shooting for."

Two major roadblocks stand in the way of the field and its completion. First, the building that was once Normandy Hospital must come down, even though Garvilla says the field can be built around the hospital at first if it must. Second, funds must be secured to ensure that the field lives up to the administration's expectations.

The first problem is in the process of being rectified. Although the date for the hospital's demolition has not been set, companies are in the process of bidding for the job. The cost of that project has yet to be determined.

"The hospital, to take it down, because we have abatement issues, we have asbestos, there's a cost to all of that," said Garvilla. "It's going to possibly be in the \$2 million range."

The second problem is a bit more difficult than the first, but it too may be quickly resolved. To have the complex desired by the administration, the whole project could cost in the \$4-5 million range.

Aside from the money the administration has pledged for the project, which is around \$3 million, private funds must also be secured.

While Garvilla says that the amount of money raised thus far through private funding is "absolutely nothing," that may be about to change.

See **BASEBALL FIELD**, page 4B

# John Garvilla offers insight into spring season

BY LAGUAN FUSE

Sports Editor

The Current held an interview with UM-St. Louis' Athletic Director John Garvilla about the current state of the Tritons and what he sees in the near future.

**The Current:** Now that you have been on the job for a few months, what changes have you seen in fan support as well as overall school support for our athletic teams?

**Garvilla:** I was impressed with the school spirit during the Fall semester. We had an energetic group of fans for Soccer and Volleyball games. Of course the teams were exciting to watch and it helped that our Volleyball team went to the playoffs and Coach Goetz, and the Women's Soccer Team, played in the GLVC Championship game. Basketball is a different animal with a number of early games being played during the winter break. Our Women's Basketball team has come close to several upsets and the fans are getting behind Coach Taylor, Coach Westling and the ladies. Our Men's Basketball team has struggled a bit but I am hoping the upset against Northern KY will help to rally the fans around the team.

**The Current:** Which areas, if any, still need improvement?

**Garvilla:** I think winning and creative promotional ideas will change the atmosphere at UMSL. We want to entertain the fans with solid performances by our student athletes and turning the games into events. The responsibility is ours to draw our fans back to the athletic arenas in which our teams play.

**The Current:** Are there any new developments in creating a UM-St. Louis Tritons' mascot?

**Garvilla:** We have made some strides, but the project will take time. It is important for students, faculty, staff, alumni and our supporters to get acclimated to the change in the name and the primary mark that has been developed. I would like to hear from others if they feel we are ready for the new mascot.

**The Current:** Since the university still does not have a baseball field on campus, where will this year's home games be held?

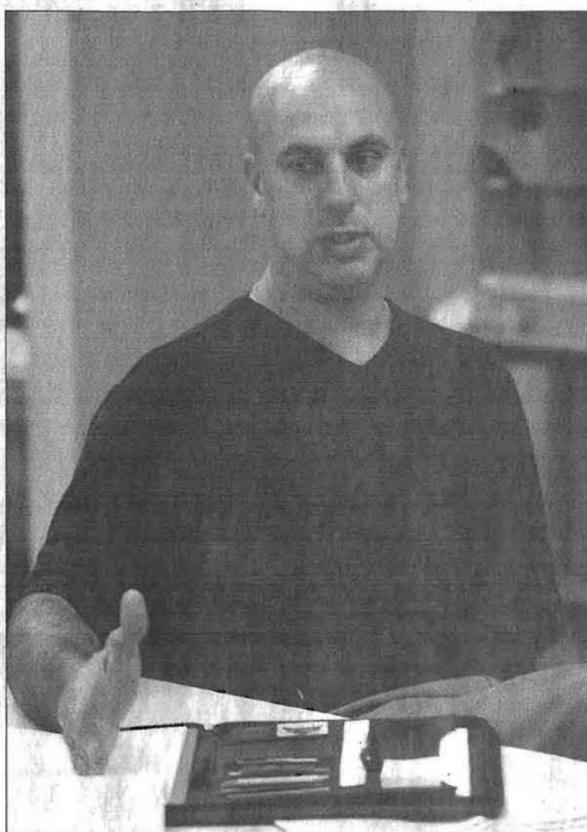
**Garvilla:** The Baseball team will be playing at TR Hughes Stadium in O'Fallon. I am confident the team, and their fans, will enjoy the park. It is one of the nicest minor league parks I have seen.

**The Current:** Will there be transportation for students to any of the games?

**Garvilla:** Unfortunately, there will not be transportation. The cost to rent the facility and transport our students is taxing on the budget. However, if the students were interested in selecting a game, or two, to do something special and draw a crowd, I will work on providing transportation. We (Mr. Coonrod, Student Life and Athletics) did it for the UMSL versus Mizzou Basketball game and we would not mind doing it again for our students.

**The Current:** Has the new Triton's website received the response which you had hoped?

**Garvilla:** Yes, the website has received a favorable response. I appreciate Coach Lauer, our former Volleyball Coach, personally taking on this project. J-Web has worked



John Garvilla discussed his plans for the athletic department last summer after he was named new athletic director.

out a number of kinks and continues to work with us on fine tuning the site. As you know an Athletics website is a primary marketing and information piece for a university. I believe the UMSL Athletics website is beginning to tell the Tritons story. Our soon to be published electronic newsletter and the Triton Zone, our

new radio show on the U (12 p.m. - 1 p.m. every Thursday), will also prove to be valuable internal and external marketing pieces for the university and UMSL Athletics.

**The Current:** How is the athletic department planning on promoting the university's golf teams since none of the tournaments are

in St. Louis?

**Garvilla:** Promoting intercollegiate golf programs is a difficult task at any university. You turn on the TV and Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson are drawing huge followings wherever they play. Unfortunately, unlike fan supported PGA and PGA, collegiate golf does not receive the same type of audience. Golf tournaments are played on a Monday and Tuesday when students are in class due to golf course availability. However, the golf programs will receive a great deal of coverage on our website, in our newsletter and on the Triton Zone. We also believe our Golf teams will have successful seasons.

**The Current:** Has the search for a new volleyball coach started? When will the decision be made?

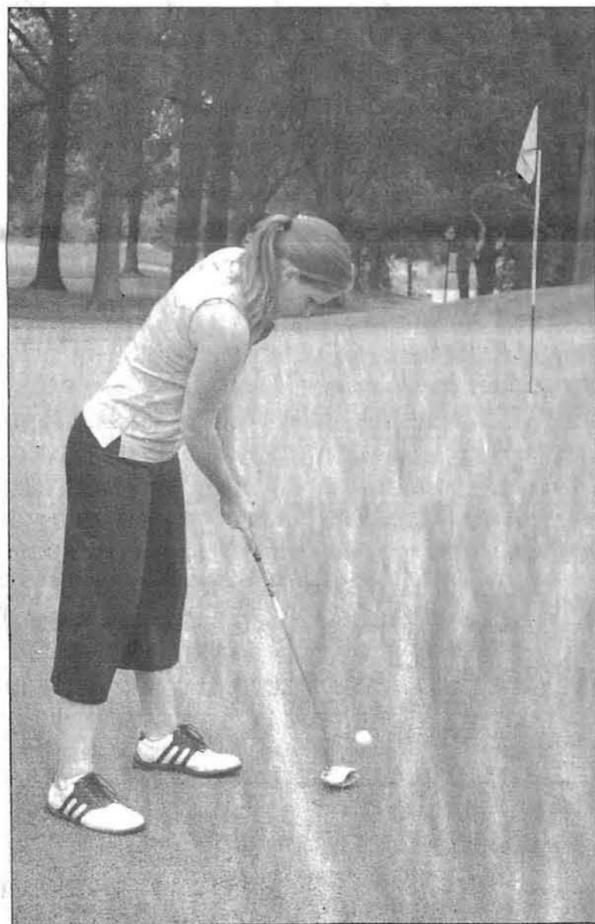
**Garvilla:** This week we will receive the pool of applicants from Human Resources and we will begin to review the candidates and their materials. Dr. Cole, Asst. AD for External Relations, will head the Volleyball Search Committee. He has been a Director of Athletics at two colleges and he has experienced group of administrators, coaches, staff and faculty on the committee. Mr. Coonrod and I will also be interviewing the candidates. We hope to have a coach in place within 4-6 weeks. I truly believe the Volleyball program will become an upper tier member in the GLVC and the region in the next few years. Coach Lauer and the ladies made huge strides this past season and I believe our new coach will help take it to the next level.

**The Current:** What is your opinion about how basketball teams are playing?

**Garvilla:** I mentioned, in my first response, a few things about the teams. I rarely use the word "Great" but I told Dr. George, last week, that the university made a "Great" hire in Coach Taylor. The ladies are feeding off of two outstanding coaches and they are leaving it all on the court. Each of our players is willing to take hard charges, dive into the stands for a loose ball, foul hard, and take the last shot when the game is on the line. Coach Taylor and Coach Westling are in the process of building a successful program. Coach Pilz was here in the UMSL Basketball glory years. He knows what it takes to be successful. Although the team has had some frustrating moments the win against Northern Kentucky is a good indicator that we can play with the best in the GLVC when the effort is there. The men's team just needs to develop more consistency in its' play.

**The Current:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Garvilla:** I appreciate the support and encouragement our team (Campus Recreation and Athletics) has received to date. I know change can be difficult at times but it is critical we build a platform of success and that comes through raising the bar. I believe much is expected of us by our student body. I appreciate that pressure and we promise to deliver in the way of better service in the Mark Twain Building (cleaner and healthier facility), student athletes and coaches giving their best effort in the academic and athletic arenas, being service minded in the community and on campus, and providing top flight intramural and recreational opportunities.



Senior Shannon Vallowe, seen here practicing for the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational in August 2006, played in all 12 tournaments in the 2006-2007 season and finished with a scoring average of 88.9 and had a season low round of 81 at the UMSL Invitational.

## Golf teams go for the green

After *Golf Digest* ranked the UM-St. Louis men's golf program 16th in the nation of Division II schools last fall, Head Coach Dustin Ashby will see if the rank will continue in the team's spring season, which starts Feb. 24 at the Doyle Wallace Classic.

Players like junior Matt Thomas will return to lead the golf team. Last season, Thomas was UM-St. Louis' top finisher in five of 12 tournaments and had a team best scoring average of 76.9.

Teammate Tim Swoboda, sophomore, finished with the team's second best scoring average of 78.2.

The women's golf team will tee off against Lindenwood on March 26 for the start of the spring season.

Head Coach James Earle enters his fifth season with the women's team, and while the team has lost some players over break, returning players will be key to the Tritons success this year.

Senior Erin Konkol returns this season to possibly lead the team again in scoring average. In the 12 tournaments she played last season, she finished with a team best scoring average of 81.7.



Dustin Ashby  
Men's Golf Head Coach



James Earle  
Women's Golf Head Coach

### MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

Feb. 24	at Doyle Wallace Classic	TBA
Feb. 25	at Doyle Wallace Classic	TBA
Feb. 26	at Doyle Wallace Classic	TBA
March 7	at Drury Spring Invitational	TBA
March 8	at Drury Spring Invitational	TBA
March 9	at Drury Spring Invitational	TBA
March 23	at Bellarmine Invitational	TBA
March 24	at Bellarmine Invitational	TBA
March 25	at Bellarmine Invitational	TBA
March 28	at Wisconsin-Parkside Invitational	TBA
March 29	at Wisconsin-Parkside Invitational	TBA
April 4	at Spring Regional	TBA
April 5	at Spring Regional	TBA
April 6	at Spring Regional	TBA
April 13	at GLVC Championships	TBA
April 14	at GLVC Championships	TBA
April 15	at GLVC Championships	TBA
April 19	at Spring Regional #2	TBA
April 20	at Spring Regional #2	TBA
April 21	at Spring Regional #2	TBA

### Men's Golf Team Roster

- Tim Cochran
- Michael Marchbanks
- Ryan Miller
- Padraic Kerr
- Josh Klaus
- Ryan Penfield
- Denny Reagan
- John Siracusa
- Tim Swoboda
- Matt Thomas
- Luigi Wewege
- Matt Winslow

### Women's Golf Team Roster

- Sarah Cissell
- Leslie Fischer
- Erin Konkol
- Ashley Stout
- Shannon Vallowe

### WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

March 26	vs. Lindenwood	TBA
March 27	vs. Lindenwood	TBA
March 31	at William Woods (Tanglewood Golf Course)	TBA
April 1	at William Woods (Tanglewood Golf Course)	TBA
April 4	2008 Gateway Ladies Collegiate Championships (Gateway National Golf Links)	TBA
April 5	2008 Gateway Ladies Collegiate Championships (Gateway National Golf Links)	TBA
April 11	at McKendree (Cardinal Creek Golf Course)	TBA
April 12	at McKendree (Cardinal Creek Golf Course)	TBA
April 18	at Lewis (Prairie Bluff Golf Course)	TBA
April 19	at Lewis (Prairie Bluff Golf Course)	TBA
April 26	at GLVC Championships (Kokopelli Golf Course)	TBA
April 27	at GLVC Championships (Kokopelli Golf Course)	TBA

### SOFTBALL TEAM from page 2B

Another player the coach identified as a team leader is Jessica Keim. Also a senior, Keim is the only player who predates Sosnowski. As the team's hot-corner resident, Keim hit .294 and had 27 runs scored.



Jessica Keim

The coach hopes that her experience will guide a team who is lacking in that department.

"(Jessica) has been through this conference," said Sosnowski, "And she'll step up and be a leader for us as well."

The team's pitching will determine a big part of the team's suc-

cess. At this point, the coach thinks that the team's pitching is its greatest strength.

"Pitching right now is head and shoulders above everything else," said Sosnowski, who identified the entry of four new pitchers, two junior-college transfers and two freshmen, as his reason why.

"I really think if they keep us in the ballgame, which I know they will, it's our job to come out tough offensively and put some runs up four them."

The Tritons will be tested early. They will go on the road for three tournaments, where they will match up against several nationally-ranked teams.

"Going out in these early tournaments and winning some ball games I think will be key," said Sosnowski. "We go out and show up, beat some of these nationally-ranked teams, that's going to be big as far as our team confidence."

The Tritons will have to wait until March 20 before they play their first home game.



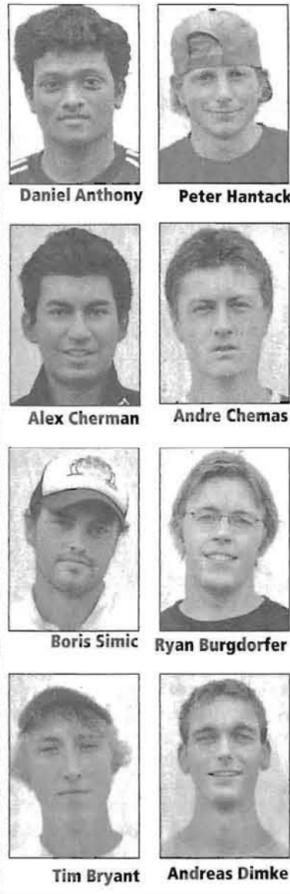
Dana Essner (#5) chases down a fly ball hit by a UM-Rolla player as Alex Pepin (LEFT) comes sliding in to attempt the catch during a game last spring.

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# Red and Gold prepare to make a racquet

By **SCOTT LAVELOCK**  
Staff Writer

Forget about the weather. The UM-St. Louis tennis teams do not even bother to wait for the seasons to change before they crank it up for part two of their respective seasons. After two months of individual workouts and conditioning following their fall seasons, both the men and the women began official practice on Jan. 14, getting indoor court time at Frontenac Racquet Club and Chesterfield Tennis Club. Both teams hope to translate that hard work into a successful spring and continue the positive trends from the fall.

The women's team carries a 2-0 record into the spring with wins back in the fall against Webster and Principia (games against two year schools are considered exhibitions, so their victory over Lewis & Clark does not count toward their record). The men's team currently stands at 3-2, after going 3-1 last autumn and then falling in an indoor match against Wash. U. on Feb. 1.

With games approaching that quickly, the quality of the teams' workouts have been steadily increasing in the eyes of head coach Rick Gyllenborg. However, he acknowledges that because the team can only get space at the indoor facilities about seven or eight hours a week, it may take a while before the teams are in top form.

"The good thing is that we get indoor time, so we don't have to be like you guys [the baseball team] and fight for gym space," said Gyllenborg, now in his 13th year at UM-St. Louis.

"The bad thing is that we only get a fraction of the amount of time we are allowed. That isn't enough to be truly match ready. But we're doing very well under the circumstances."

The teams hope to be hitting their stride by the time they have their first outdoor match on March 8 against Division-I Western Illinois. Considering they will have only been practicing outside for a week at that time, though, the Tritons' primary expectation will be to focus on the opening of the conference season March 21 against Lewis.

For the men, that will be the first step toward that elusive second place finish in the GLVC.

"We came off of last year really disappointed, in that we believed we were the second best team in the conference, and we did not prove that when it came time to play Rockhurst," Gyllenborg said. "Now we have to go out and prove it."

The team will go as Andy Dimke goes. Last year's GLVC Freshman of the Year went 15-8 in singles matches, spending most of the year in the number one slot, and helped carry the Tritons by going 10-1 in the team's 11 wins.

Boris Simic and Ryan Burgdorfer are the only two seniors on the squad. Now in his fourth year playing for UM-St. Louis, Burgdorfer has been named the team captain and is someone the team looks to for experience

and leadership.

Both had solid records as well last year, with Burgdorfer going 11-4 in singles and Simic highlighting his play with an 18-10 doubles record.

Peter Hantack and Andre Chemas are the other returners, but the team will rely heavily on freshmen Tim Bryant, Alex Cherman and Daniel Anthony, all of whom will likely be starting.

"They're finding out real quick that college tennis is real different from high school," Gyllenborg said of his freshmen. "But they're talented, and we're expecting some really big things out of them."

As young as the men's team is, they look like wily veterans compared to the women, who have no seniors and are captained by junior Adriana Garcia as they try to improve on last year's 5th place finish in the GLVC West.

They are well on their way with a 2-0 record already, but a couple of setbacks in the off-season have made the road a little tougher. Stacy Goodman, who would have been in the number two slot, is out for the spring with an ACL injury. In addition, Sara Helbig, who was slated for the three spot, transferred to Meramec.

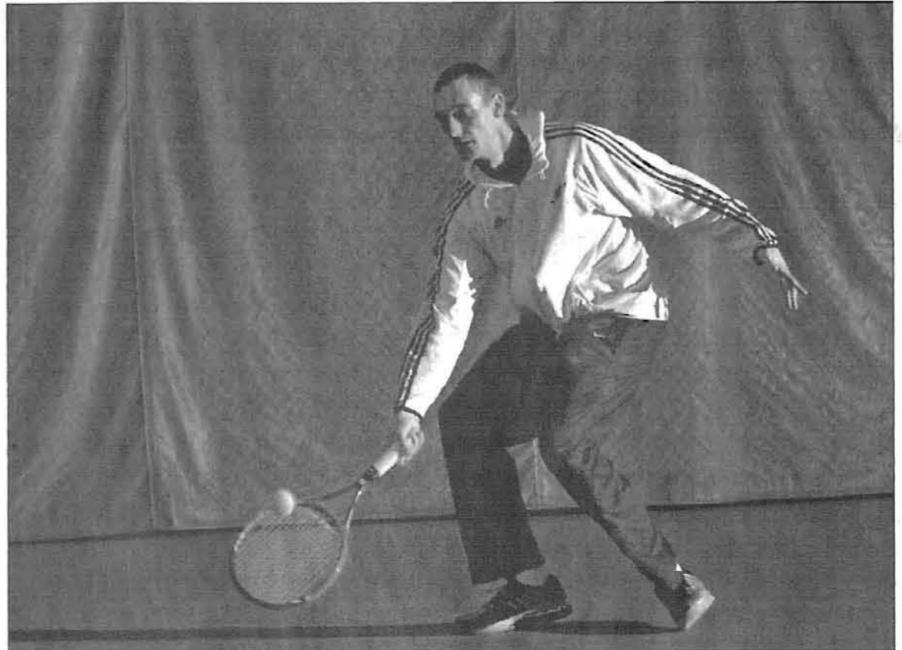
"We're certainly at a disadvantage not having those two girls, but I'm extremely pleased with how all of the girls have responded," Gyllenborg said. "They have done a fantastic job of not letting it bother them."

Only six players remain on the roster, so all of them will be starting in both singles and doubles. They will be led by freshman Stephanie Thompson at the number one spot, but Gyllenborg also sees a lot of improvement out of Garcia, Molly Striler and Sara Davidson, all juniors.

"They've now played two years of college tennis, and I expect them to know what is expected of them," Gyllenborg said.

Annie Gonzalez and Yuki Takashima round out the lineup for the women, who started the spring portion of their schedule indoors on Friday at the Principia Tournament.

Keep an eye out for those results, as well as the rest of the season's action as the Tritons represent UM-St. Louis on the red and gold courts just to the north of the Mark Twain Building.



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Sophomore Andreas Dimke prepares for the upcoming spring season for men's tennis. Dimke is an international exchange student from Germany and joined the tennis team last year.

MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Feb. 15	at Principia Tournament	TBA
Feb. 16	at Principia Tournament	TBA
March 8	WESTERN ILLINOIS	10 a.m.
March 15	at Northwest Missouri State	10 a.m.
March 15	vs. Cowley County CC	2 p.m.
March 17	at Maryville	4 p.m.
March 18	JOHNSON COUNTY CC	2:30 p.m.
March 19	EMPORIA STATE	2:30 p.m.
March 21	LEWIS*	2 p.m.
March 22	SAINT JOSEPH'S*	10 a.m.
March 25	LEWIS & CLARK	3:30 p.m.
March 28	at Bellarmine*	2 p.m.
April 4	SIU EDWARDSVILLE*	2 p.m.
April 5	SOUTHERN INDIANA*	10 a.m.
April 7	MCKENDREE	3:30 p.m.
April 11	at Indianapolis*	2 p.m.
April 12	at Northern Kentucky*	10 a.m.
April 15	at Quincy*	2 p.m.
April 18	ROCKHURST*	2 p.m.
April 19	DRURY*	10 a.m.
April 25	at GLVC Tournament	TBA
April 26	at GLVC Tournament	TBA

WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

March 8	WESTERN ILLINOIS	10 a.m.
March 10	MISSOURI SOUTHERN	1 p.m.
March 15	at Northwest Missouri State	10 a.m.
March 15	vs. Cowley County CC	2 p.m.
March 18	JOHNSON COUNTY CC	2:30 p.m.
March 19	EMPORIA STATE	2:30 p.m.
March 21	LEWIS*	2 p.m.
March 22	SAINT JOSEPH'S*	10 a.m.
March 28	at Bellarmine*	2 p.m.
March 29	at Kentucky Wesleyan*	10 a.m.
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\* denotes GLVC opponent / CAPS denotes home game

BASEBALL FIELD, from page 2B

The Athletic Director and his team have made a pitch to a 'major corporation' who might be interested in investing in the project, and now they are just waiting on their response.

"It will be probably a three to six month wait to hear what they have to say, and as we develop relations, should they decide they want to do a portion of this or none at all, we'll take it to another corporation," said Garvilla.

"But we're feeling really good about this corporation," he went on to say. "We have similar missions, the demographics fit and they want to have a presence in this area, so we had a very good meeting with them."

Garvilla's desire is for a complex that does more than host baseball

games. He wants a venue that will be open 12 months out of the year.

"We want a win-win-win situation," said Garvilla, "Where the institution wins, our corporate partner wins and the community wins. It allows for campus rec activities. It allows for us to hold concerts there and it allows us to hold events like the Special Olympics."

The stadium itself figures to more than just a field with some seats. Included in the project are a number of bells and whistles, such as a press box, grandstand, covered batting cages, clubhouse, offices, athletic training room and an umpire's room.

For the 2008 season, the Triton baseball team will be playing its home games at T.R. Hughes Field in St. Charles.



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<p><b>Skyzone Dodgeball</b> Date: March 5 Time: Wed 6:30-9pm Place: Skyzone Rec Center Sign Up by: Thurs Feb 28 Division: Open Format: One Night Tourney 8:8</p>	<p><b>Table Tennis</b> Date: February 26 Time: Tues 6:45-9pm Place: 221 Mark Twain Sign Up by: Tues 2/19 Division: M &amp; W (Beg, Int, Adv) Format: Singles/Doubles</p>

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