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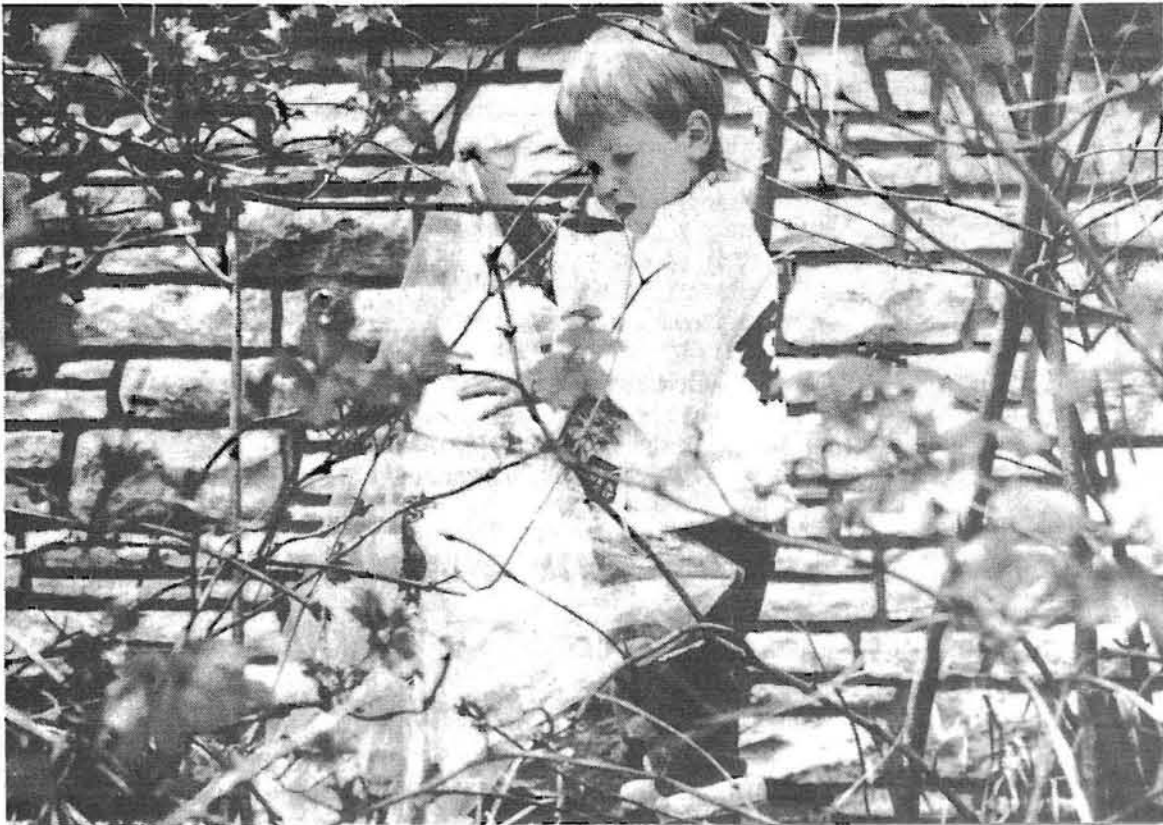


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Patrick Gilbert and his family drove from Illinois to help clean up the Jewel Box in Forest Park Saturday.

## King Verdict Discussion Planned

A discussion concerning the Rodney King verdict that was handed down last week is scheduled to be held in the J.C. Penney Auditorium today.

The discussion, sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity at UM-St. Louis, is planned for members of the campus community and is scheduled to run from noon until 1:30 p.m.

Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, said that the discussion will be an opportunity to exchange comments about the verdict. He said that there will be no speakers and that he will preside over the discussion, acting as a facilitator and processor for the comments made.

He also said that the discussion will be "an opportunity for anybody on the campus to share their views, their feelings about the outcome of the federal trial."

Four Los Angeles police officers were tried for violations of King's civil rights. Two of the officers were found guilty, and two were found not guilty. Three of the four were found not guilty of all charges after being tried in state court last year for related offenses. The

verdict handed down then sparked riots that caused billions of dollars in damage to the Los Angeles area.

Seay said that he was pleased with the most recent verdict, "because it gives us another opportunity to respect the federal government."

Seay also pointed out that there was disparity between the juries in the

two trials.

"I am pleased because the jury [this time] was a better representative of the population it serves," he said.

The jury in the previous trial was made up of 10 Caucasians, one Asian and one Hispanic. The jury for the federal trial included nine whites, two blacks and one Hispanic.

## Staff Member's Car Stolen From Parking Garage "C"

A vehicle on the UM-St. Louis campus was stolen Tuesday, April 13.

Chief of UM-St. Louis Police John Pickens said the owner of the vehicle is an employee of UM-St. Louis. He said she noticed the vehicle, a Chevrolet Blazer, was missing Tuesday evening. The vehicle was parked in garage "C." The victim reported the incident to campus police on Tuesday April 13 at 5:18.

The vehicle was recovered Wednesday April 14 at 5:05 a.m. at 3918 Sherman Avenue by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police. At the

scene of recovery, the vehicle was missing all of its windows, wheels and tires. The battery had also been removed.

Pickens said he thought the motive of the theft was for parts.

"This theft was one that was taken for parts. It is different than one that was taken for joyriding," he said.

Pickens also said the chance for recovery of the parts is small because there is no way to identify the stolen parts.

"It will be fairly difficult because the parts we're dealing with have no serial numbers," said Pickens.

## Students Organize Men's Group On Campus

by Stacy Kardasz  
Current news reporter

UM-St. Louis has okayed another new group on campus. The name of the new organization is Men's Leadership Development (MLD). The group was founded by juniors Scott Bailey and Corey O'Brien, with Steve Scruggs as a faculty advisor. The idea for the group originated in a political science class taught by Dr. Michael MacKuen.

The group has appointed officers for the 1993-94 academic year, with O'Brien as the president, Bailey as the secretary/treasurer, Eric Barnhardt as the Student Government Association representative and Bill Ross as the

Director of Social Affairs.

The organization's objective is to heighten awareness of issues concerning men. When asked what the exact goal of the group was, Scruggs responded with this statement.

"We want to address such issues as our present philosophies, attitudes, behaviors and actions that foster and support the unacceptable aspects of being today's 'typical male.' We want to address these issues in order for us to make the necessary changes to allow us to become true role models reflecting this new male image in society."

Scruggs said the group's agenda would consist of discussing issues such as abuse and violence, dating and rela-

tionships, sex and sexism, and the roles of father, husband, supervisor and friend in today's world.

MLD encourages women on campus to participate in open forums, which they will announce later, and give the "crucial input that seems to be lacking in today's male leaders."

"As we saw in the election of 1992, the abilities of men to lead effectively came into question," said

O'Brien. "We therefore want to analyze the difficulties incurred by those

men and learn how to develop the leadership skills needed to avoid similar difficulties in the future."

Membership in the organization is open to all students, and currently consists of such campus leaders as Andy

Masters, president-elect of the SGA and Bill Ross, student comptroller. Another member, Eric Barnhardt, is the vice-president of the Political Science Academy, while Scott Bailey is the vice-president of the Spanish Club and Bill Farnsworth is the News Editor of the UM-St. Louis *Current*.

When asked about the possible negative implications a group such as

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**Steve Scruggs**  
Faculty Advisor, MLD

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## Korando Elected Editor For *The Current*

by Clint Zweifel  
associate news editor

Russell Korando, managing editor of *The Current*, has been named editor of *The Current* for the 1993-94 school year.

Korando was elected by the staff of *The Current* on March 28, and was subsequently appointed by the University Senate Student Publications Committee on Friday, April 2.

"I appreciate the recognition of my hard work [at *The Current*] and hope they realize it will continue. It will take 100 percent effort to make *The Current* as good a paper as possible," he said.

Michelle McMurray, who is presently the editor of *The Current*, said Korando deserves the job.

"In the past few years Russell has done the job above and beyond the call of duty. I am confident in his abilities as editor," she said.

Korando listed specific goals for improving the quality of the paper. He said lowering the number of spelling and grammatical mistakes will be one of his most important concerns.

He also wants the paper to publish



Photo: Cedric Anderson

Russell Korando (left), editor of *The Current* for the 1993-94 year, and Michelle McMurray (right), editor for 1992-93, attended the *Current* reunion Friday night at the Alumni House.

at least ten pages every week. With a larger paper, Korando said, *The Current* will be able to expand and focus more directly on coverage of the campus.

"I want to work closely with each department," he said.

Korando wants the campus community to realize that *The Current* is open to all students who are interested. He said the paper is made up of many

between *The Current* and each campus department will allow for better stories and more complete coverage of the campus.

"I would encourage all departments to feel that they can use *The Current* as a tool to get their message across. That can be done in a professional type of manner — not in a rah-rah type manner," he said.

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## Administration Takes Steps To Avoid Parking Sticker Forgeries

by Michelle McMurray  
editor

Changes have been made to make illegal Continuing Education parking stickers more noticeable to campus police, said David Klostermann, assistant dean of continuing education and outreach.

Klostermann said a different system is being used so campus police can identify stickers issued from the department. He refused to be specific as to what the changes were.

"The police will be able to tell right away by the changes we made if the sticker is illegally acquired. It will be obvious," Klostermann said.

A month long investigation by *The Current* revealed several UM-St. Louis students had obtained and were using the stickers illegally so they could park

closer to campus buildings.

Klostermann said the stickers are normally secure in the office, but when people are registering for classes, stickers are on the tables with the other materials.

"A lot of time, the stickers are mailed out. Now, whenever a staff member needs to leave the registration desk, they will take the stickers with them," he said.

Any action taken against students involved in illegally obtaining or displaying continuing education parking stickers will be kept confidential said Karl Beeler, assistant to the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"Disciplinary action is protected by the Buckley Amendment and is held in confidence by the university. I cannot confirm or deny if any action will be taken," Beeler said.

## Savan Reschedules Lecture

by Diana Davis  
of *The Current* staff

Leslie Savan was known as a pretty little girl who had brains, which she still does. She decided to become a writer, which she still is. She developed the vocabulary of a walking dictionary, which she still uses effectively. She took a job with the *Village Voice*, where she still works. She decided to do advertising critiques in a column called "Op Ad," which she still writes. She agreed to lecture at UM-St. Louis, which she did not.

Leslie Savan was scheduled to lecture here on Thursday, February 25. Unfortunately, her arrival in St. Louis coincided with the worst snowstorm to hit the area this winter. The squall, which dumped 12 inches of snow in as many hours, closed schools and universities, cancelling Ms. Savan's speech.

By Friday, however, the roads had been plowed and the sidewalks shoveled. Local residents beat a path to the home of Brenda and Tom McPhail on Westmoreland to give a warm reception to Savan, who has been nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize.

At the reception, Leslie graciously greeted the guests alongside her father, Sid Savan, a lecturer in the UM-St. Louis communications department, and her brother,

Glenn Savan, author of "White Palace." After introductions, the guests mingled freely amidst the tinkle of glassware and the chatter of multiple conversations.

There, over the artichoke dip and Swedish meatballs, Leslie listened to loud laments over the cancellation of her lecture. She felt sad about disappointing so many who were interested in what she had to say.

She promised to return to present her talk.

Leslie Savan is true to her word. The columnist will be making her comeback to UM-St. Louis on Monday, April 26, at 2 p.m. She will lecture in 126 J.C. Penney on "The Politics of Advertising."

"By the politics of advertising," Savan said, "I mean the way in which we, as consumers, are pushed and pulled by advertisers to lean in one direction, to think in a singular, conventional way, to be manipulated so that our loyalties are cultivated, to be flatteringly told that we are unique individuals, so that advertisers can sell us all the same things. What a paradox!"

In addition to her regular column, Savan has been published in *Redbook*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Working Woman*, and a variety of other magazines. Her writing is pointed, witty, zany and intense. Her lecture promises to be the same.

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Exhibit of recent articles concerning Asian Pacific Americans. Woods Hall, 3rd floor. April 19 through April 30  
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Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for each session

### Rodney King Dialogue--The Day After

An open discussion of the impact of the verdict resulting from the recent Rodney King trial will be held the day after the verdict is publicly announced. Time: 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the JC Penney Building.

### Native American Observance--A Pow Wow

The campus will recognize the contributions of American Indians: Three Rivers Pow Wow, June 12, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. South Campus.

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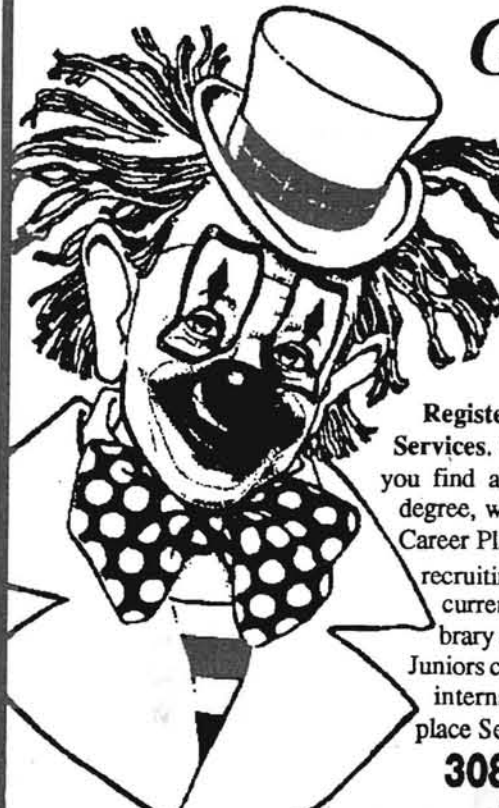
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## Justice And Peace

For many Americans, faith in the justice system was restored when a federal jury in Los Angeles handed down a verdict of guilty to Sgt. Stacey Koon and Officer Lawrence Powell for violating the civil rights in the beating of motorist Rodney King after a high speed chase. Officers Timothy Wind and Theodore Briseno were acquitted. Koon and Powell could get up to 10 years in prison and be fined up to \$250,000. It was brought to the attention of the nation by George Holliday, who happened to be trying out a new videocamera that night.

While the country waited and watched after 32 hours of deliberations, the first trial a year ago found the officers not guilty on all charges. The results of that verdict sparked one of the worst riots in history with more than 50 deaths, hundreds of injuries, and a billion dollars in property damages mostly in the poor sections of the city.

There are many contributing factors which could be responsible for the conviction of the two officers. The jury in the federal case was more representative of the people of Los Angeles with two African-Americans jurors, and was frequently seen as a plus, unlike the first trial held in Simi Valley which had none. Added tearful testimony from a female officer who said she was afraid to help King because of teasing from colleagues, and King's testimony were reported to be helpful. The jury worked under the added pressure that an acquittal of the officers could cause possible riots all over the country though they say the threat of a riot didn't sway their decision.

King has apparently had his share of trouble with the law even serving prison time for robbery. It is a fact that King was trying to outrun the police. They had no right to beat him like an animal, and to laugh about it on the radio is despicable.

This verdict should send a message that regardless, everyone is entitled to have their civil rights protected under the Constitution.

Just as those two police officers who violated King's civil rights were found guilty, so should those men who beat truck driver Reginald Denny the day of the riots also be found guilty.



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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

### SGA Election A Farce; Leader Should Resign

The Student Government Association election was a farce. When I went to vote, two women students were sitting at a table telling other students how to fill out the forms. They told me to write down my student number and how to mark the answer sheet in order to have my votes counted. They never asked to see my student ID so they could verify that my face went with the number I wrote down. If I had wanted Andy Masters and Dave Roither to lose (which I did) I could have gone to other students on campus, written down their student numbers and voted for my write-in pick.

While I am at it, I not only call for another Student Government Association election with more stringent security measures, I call for the resignation of Andy Masters (and by association Dave Roither). Andy Masters acquired an illegal parking sticker from someone he did not know (but a sticker he knew to be illegal) and placed it on his car for more than a year "because everyone else was doing it" (if everyone else jumped off the building, Andy, would you go?). When Andy found out about the investigation by the Current staff, he removed his sticker "because he thought he might get into trouble." At least you were honest, Andy. You could have claimed to believe this guy in the underground when he said it was perfectly legal. Maybe there is hope for

you, as you aren't a true politician yet (just well on your way).

I feel that Andy Masters should have to pay some sort of penalty, as should everyone else who used the illegal stickers. Could using illegal parking stickers be an offense punishable by expulsion? It was certainly fraud. I do not think that we should have someone who admitted to committing a crime on campus be our representative. This should be a place of higher learning, not where the "perks" for politicians start early. If Andy is using illegal parking stickers now, what will he be doing when he gets elected to Congress or (etc.)? It is high time for politicians to abide by the rules that everyone else has to live by. The administration should punish the people who used the parking stickers, and expulsion would probably not be too harsh. Andy you should have reported the gentleman in the underground who was selling the stickers instead of trying to beat the system.

Julie Hodges

#### More SGA Problems

Contrary to your reporting in the April 12th issue of *The Current*, I did not complain at the April 7th SGA assembly meeting about "the lack of information concerning when voting would occur for the SGA election", I

did complain about the SGA elections, but the issues raised were: 1) the continuing disenfranchisement of South Campus Evening College students, and 2) the general lack of student participation in campus elections. Once again, there were no election polls set up for South Campus evening students for the recent SGA elections. SGA said it was due to "poor planning." This is not unusual, but because of the controversy over last years SGA elections (an election grievance was filed by an Evening College candidate for student president and promises made by our SGA leaders, this years disenfranchisement was unexpected.

At the April 7th assembly meeting, one election committee member responded to criticism by blaming South Campus student organizations for the absence of polls. This person stated that the polls were lacking because we didn't volunteer to work them. This is like blaming the victim for the crime! SGA and the election committee had the responsibility to see that all students were given an opportunity to cast a ballot, regardless of who volunteered for election duty. To blame South Campus students for this problem is cowardly and betrays the trust of UM-St. Louis students, especially those of us on South Campus.

The point is taken, though, that student organizations of South Campus need to unite and work harder to insure that we are represented fairly in

all aspects of student activity. Are you listening, South Campus student leaders?!!

Dan Frey

#### Don't Blame White Males For Everything

What seems to be the predominate attitude circulating these days is the belief that white males are the root of all historical evil. Apparently, we have forgotten our lessons once again. A quick peek at the facts might reveal a black civilization called Egypt severely oppressing those other than its native sons — namely, the wandering Jews. Let us not forget the Arabs and their brown-skinned fanaticism and the rise of Islam across Europe over the centuries. And who can ignore the Asians, the murderous Khans, galloping across the open plains in search of conquest. Intertribal warfare on the great continent of Africa is yet another fine example of human treachery. The great "peaceful" Native American Indians: kill to become a brave.

Yes, Mr. Taylor, we are all guilty in some degree of being less than perfect, and it is a crime I've grown accustomed to. My whiteness, and your blackness, are colors only. Let them not define who we are. Instead, let us forgive and forget, and work toward a better future.

Craig Tegeler

## Students Who Pay To Park Get Ripped Off; Reader Charges

Everyone who has ever driven a car on the campus of the University of Missouri at St. Louis has had to deal with the parking problem. I should clarify this: Everyone who has ever driven a car branded with an orange student parking sticker has had to deal with the parking problem. Students at this university must arrive on campus at least thirty minutes prior to the start of class in order to drive past hundred of empty parking spaces that would be perfect. Instead of parking and going to class the student must continue to search for spaces designated for student use only (which are few and far between). The student passes many empty spaces marked faculty/staff only.

I now know how a thirsty African-American in the 1950's felt when the only water fountain in sight said "whites only". This thirsty human being had to walk out of the way in order to find a water fountain marked "colored". People today are appalled at the treatment received by African-Americans at the hands of Caucasian Ameri-

cans, but discrimination is still rampant in this country and on the campus of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. The faculty and staff here preach tolerance while they enjoy, even demand their personal good fortune to have close and ample parking while other people, solely on the basis of standing at the university must hike miles to class. Students pay tuition to attend this university, this in addition to other government funding pays the salaries of the employees at the University. Students are also required to pay an additional fee to park on campus. We actually pay for the privilege of parking in the remotest areas of the campus. We must scale large hills on our way to class each morning. I can understand the importance of having handicap designated spaces. People who have physical problems should be given the closest spaces to the buildings. But why do faculty and staff members have the next best spaces, while students who pay for parking, are forced to park out in the "pea patch". I know that faculty members do not pay for parking. Why do they get the good spaces for free when we pay for substandard

spaces. I was under the apparently misguided impression that the University of Missouri at St. Louis was an institution for equal opportunity in education. I feel that my rights were to Equal Opportunity in Parking are being denied to me. Most of the faculty and staff look fit enough to walk from even the farthest edge of campus (as if I am stupid enough to schedule my first class of the day after 9:30 am). I have a solution to the entire parking problem on campus. Have no designated spaces (except handicapped) and have all spaces on a first come, first served basis on the entire campus (yes, even Woods Hall). If I choose to arrive on campus early I should have my pick of parking spaces, not just the pick of the worst spaces on campus as I do now. If I do not arrive early I will have to take my chances with the remaining spaces. Faculty and staff should not be given preference over anyone for parking at UM-St. Louis. I would still be willing to pay a fee for parking (if everyone at the University has to pay the same fee, I do not feel that the

students should have to pay while the faculty parks free, but that is another issue) and I commend the snow removal crew here on campus for their excellent work. I feel that opening the parking lots would alleviate the parking problem (and do away with the need to illegally park). Of course the establishment will scoff at my idea and brand me as a radical but the same things were said about allowing African-Americans to use "white only" facilities less than 30 years ago.

Julie Hodges

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this could have, Farnsworth replied, "We don't want the campus to see this as a negative move. Rather, we hope that through MLD, we can better address the needs and concerns of men and how men can have a more con-

structive role in society. We also want to explore the concerns that women have when they interact with men in day-to-day life." Scuggs emphasized the point that MLD is not meant to be a sexist orga-

nization.

"It is simply the result of a number of male students who have realized that there is a need to change the male role as it relates to the society of today."

Informal meetings of MLD concerning the planning of the first official meeting and the drawing up of a constitution have already taken place.

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different types of people.

"I feel that *The Current* may be the most socially and ethnically diverse group on the UM- St. Louis campus," he said.

He said that students can receive valuable experience while working for *The Current*.

"A college newspaper should provide the opportunity for practical experience. That should be the number one goal of any newspaper," he said.

Korando, who has worked at *The*

*Current* since fall 1991, is currently the managing editor for *The Current* and is a sports correspondent for the *St.*

*Charles Journal* and will be completing a mass communications degree in the 1993-94 school year.

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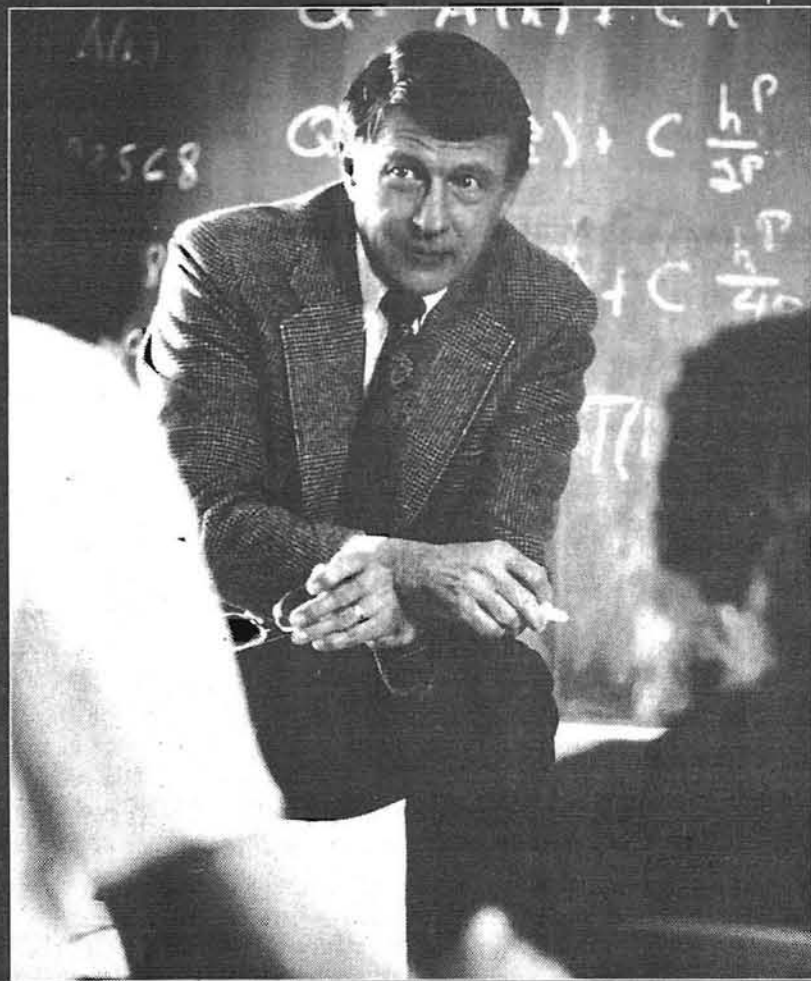
listed as the candidates who filed for the positions.

The 1993-94 student senators are: Benjamin Ash, Lisa DeLorenzo, Chris Delph, M. Scot Fague, Sharron Hilliard, Angela Hornaday, Natascha Johnson, Michael Jones, Charles Masters, Lisa Niswonger, James Penneys, Warren Price, Girard, Riehl, David Roither, Fredrick Ross, William Ross, John Russell, Carlo Sanfillippo, Stephen Savis, Raymond Schmidt, Cheryl Stevenson, Douglas Wilding, Steven Wolfe, Sara Wolfand Stephen Young.

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## Campus Paper Celebrates Four Decades of History

### Current Staff Hosts Reunion For Alumni

by Dana Cook  
features editor

History made history last Friday when the first-ever *Current* staff reunion was held at the Alumni House. Staff members from many years attended the event, which was organized by editor-in-chief Michelle McMurray.

"When I took over as editor last summer, I found some old paperwork in which someone had written down some stuff about doing a reunion," McMurray said. "I got in touch with the director of alumni relations and she offered to help me find people. So, I decided it was time to have one."

Most of the night was spent rekindling old friendships and swapping memories. But some pleasant surprises did occur. One of the former staff members who was unable to attend the event called to talk to some of his old buddies.

Marty Hendin, sports editor from 1966-1970, saw a friend of his at the reunion. The funny thing about it was that neither he nor the friend knew that the other was an UM-St. Louis alumnus or that each had worked on *The Current* in the past.

Another interesting part of the night was when the older staffers compared notes with the more recent staffers.

After McMurray gave her speech

thanking everyone for attending, Hendin talked of the changes he saw at UM-St. Louis since he was a student.

"I was a freshman when Benton Hall opened for classes," Hendin said.

Last year's managing editor, Max Montgomery, showed the age difference of the people attending by responding, "It was being renovated when I was a freshman," prompting a huge laugh from the audience.

Thirteen former editors, the present editor and next year's editor attended the event, with many other present and former staff members also enjoying food, drink and good memories that evening.

A new tradition was started when McMurray handed over a cup to next year's editor Russell Korando. The cup is to be engraved with their names and respective years of service.

"Just being an editor of *The Current*, I feel that I'm making a part of *Current* history. I thought it would be nice to start a new tradition at the reunion that will be passed on to the future editors of *The Current*," McMurray said.

McMurray said she was very excited about the way the night turned out and she hopes that it won't take another 33 years to have the former staffs of *The Current* to get together and discuss what was, what is and what will be.



Photo: Cedric Anderson

Many of the former editors of the student newspaper showed up to share memories and swap stories at the first-ever staff reunion last Friday.



AND THE WINNER IS: Walt Jaschek (center) hosts the first Elf Awards in 1975 with Roy Unnerstall (left) and Paul Fey (right). Jaschek and Fey are now partners who own a successful advertising agency that has clients world wide.

### Newspaper Has Seen Many Changes

by Michelle McMurray  
editor

The University of Missouri-St. Louis newspaper is probably one of the few in the country that is older than the school it covers. In 1960, the *Tiger Cub* was the student publication of the university when it was known as the Normandy Residence Center. The first editor of the *Tiger Cub* was Jackie Conrad and the first publication was November 23, 1960. The first office was off-campus in the facilities used by the *Normandy Courier*. The paper was issued monthly and financed by subscriptions, contributions from boosters and money raised from car washes. When the St. Louis campus became part of the University of Missouri system in 1963, the name was changed to the *Mizzou News*. The first editor of the *Mizzou News* was George M. Killenberg and the office was moved into the Country Club Building. His sister, Mary Killenberg-Riley, who became editor the next year, said that in those days the staff brought their own typewriters and the office was a large closet that was shared by many other organizations.

After the Riverman was introduced as the mascot for UMSL, the students and the administration wanted to change the paper's name because they

felt the former name was more representative of the Columbia campus than the St. Louis campus.

Bill Ruzicka, with the permission of then-managing editor Barbara Duepner, gave the newspaper its last name change. On November 18, 1966 *The Current* was born and Duepner became the first editor under the new name. The offices of *The Current* were housed in the University Center, and in January of 1977, the Blue Metal Building became the new home away from home for hundreds of staff members who would pass through the doors to try their hand at journalism.

Information for this story was compiled from *The Emerging University* by Blanche M. Touhill and *The UMSL Current*, 1966.



## Legacy Passes From Generation To Generation

by Dana Cook  
features editor

A newspaper, like everything else, sees many changes over its lifetime. Since its birth in 1960, the student publication of UM-St. Louis has changed as much as the face of the campus has changed. Over the years, the name of the campus and its publication have changed.

Throughout the four decades that there has been a student newspaper on this campus, many people have left their mark on what is now known as *The Current*.

Friday, for the first time ever, former and present staff members got together and swapped stories of the trials and tribulations they experienced during their tenure at the newspaper. Although the purpose of the publication has remained the same, each decade has seen its own traditions and customs. And each staff group had its own unique qualities.

### The '60s

The first student publication was the *Tiger Cub*, which first rolled off the presses November 23, 1960. When the campus was established as part of the University of Missouri system, the name of the publication became the *Mizzou News*. Mary Killenberg-Riley, editor of the *Mizzou News* in 1964-1965, attended the reunion and talked of her memories of that time.

"Our newspaper office was actually a big closet," Riley said. "We had one junky, old typewriter that was given to us. But we brought in our own portable typewriters from home to work on."

Their office was located in the Country Club Building (also known as the Administration Building), where most campus offices were located in the beginning. According to Riley, the office didn't have much of anything. When they needed furniture or other things, Riley said they would send Bill Burns, "an older student" who was also a cartoonist, to hunt for the requested items, which he sometimes found in the boiler room — what they called the "dirt room."

Her recollections also included hanging out at Spiro's and the intramural basketball team the paper sponsored. When the name of the team came to mind, she chuckled as she said,



Current file photo

Some of the staff members from the '80s generation

"the *Mizzou News* Wazoos."

The relationship between the administration, faculty and the press staff has been, at times, strained. But Riley remembers the relationship as a good one.

"One of the best things about being there is that we felt close to the faculty. They were very accessible," Riley said.

The student publication has led to careers some former staff members would never have thought they would lead. Riley remembered one day when a basketball player came in complaining about the way a story had been written. She challenged him to do better. That former staff member is Gary Clark, who now writes for the *St. Louis*

**"Our newspaper office was actually a big closet. We had one junky, old typewriter that was given to us. But we brought in our own portable typewriters from home to work on."**

**—Mary Killenberg-Riley  
Former editor of the *Mizzou News***

*Post-Dispatch*.

Riley also played a part in helping the campus become a safer environment. She said one of her crusades was to get a traffic signal put up on Natural Bridge before a tragic accident took place.

The goal of the student publication in the '60s was the same as it is now.

"We tried to change things that needed changing and to represent the students' voice to the administration and sometimes the administration's voice to the students when you felt they were right about something," Riley said.

According to Riley, UMSL wouldn't allow the St. Louis campus publication to keep its name because of its affiliation with the "mother campus."

Bill Ruzicka, a staff member in the '60s, couldn't attend the reunion but sent a letter saying it was he who gave *The Current* its new name to go along with the image of the newly adopted Riverman as the campus mascot.

Another '60s staff member who attended the reunion was Marty Hendin, sports editor and assistant sports editor between 1966 and 1970. Hendin is currently Vice-President of Marketing for the St. Louis Cardinals. His fondest memories of working on the *Current* staff are of the friends he made.

"Our group was like a fraternity or sorority because we did everything together socially," Hendin said.

Hendin recalls several marriages of *Current* staff members and standing in each other's weddings and watching each other's kids grow up.

"These are some of my best friends," Hendin said. "I've known them for two-

thirds of my life."

Some of the traditions Hendin recalled were of the cheers members of *The Current* would start at the basketball games asking the crowd for the letters in University of Missouri-St. Louis. They would even scream "Give me a dash."

During his days as a *Current* staff member, Hendin recalls that all of the student organizations were close and they did numerous things together such as have parties and attend games.

### The '70s

The '70s were a time of change for *The Current* and the nation as a whole.

But the staff still found time to start many traditions that lasted for some years after their genesis. Quite a few of the staff members from '70s attended the reunion, and their stories were among the zaniest. Roy Unnerstall, business manager 1973-74; Genia Weinstein, editor 1978-79; Paul April, ad sales and Around UMSL editor 1973-74; Tom Wolf, editor 1976-77; Walt Jaschek, editor 1974-75; and Bill Wilson, ad director 1975-76, were among some of the '70s crew that were there.

Among their fondest memories were the Elf Awards. These awards were named after "The Elf Squad," a cartoon by Gary Hoffman that ran weekly in *The Current*.

"The Elf Awards were a way to package a year's worth of inside jokes and have an end-of-the-year smorgasbord," Jaschek said.

The first Elf Awards ceremony was held April 27, 1975 at the Heritage House. During the conversation about the Elf Awards, Unnerstall asked Jaschek, "Was that the year you dropped your pants?" Jaschek replied, "I can neither confirm or deny."

Unnerstall said the Elf Award was a golden, plaster elf. He received one for Lofty Ethics. Genia Weinstein, another editor from the '70s, said she also received a few Elf Awards, but was reluctant to say what for.

"All of the Elf Awards I remember are X-rated," Weinstein said. "They were pretty racy. Every Elf Award I ever got had sexual connotations."

April said he remembered being amazed at what he could do with his press credentials.

"Movie stars would come into town and I would get calls to go meet movie stars. I had lunch with Beau Bridges," April said. "The Blues used to honor my press credentials. I probably went to more Blues games at that time than I did at any other time in my life."

Jaschek summarized what it was like during his reign as editor by comparing it to the movie "All the President's Men."

"*The Current* in the mid-70s, when I was editor, was the Woodward-Bernstein era. Suddenly everyone wanted to be an investigative reporter," Jaschek said. "Everyone wanted to be Woodward and Bernstein and that was great because there were 15,000 people on the staff. It was a fantastic and exciting time. It was *All the President's Men* with lots of investigating and uncovering scandals in every nook and cranny."

One of the "scandals" Jaschek remembered was when the Student Center decided to remove Dr. Pepper from the Student Union and replace it with Mr. Pibb. This dastardly deed, in 1976, sparked the formation of the Dr. Pepper



Current file photo

Before computers were fully accessible to the campus staff members used the "old" cut and paste method of page layout.

Defense League (DPDL).

"The level of campus activism at that time was such that the place erupted and it formed the DPDL. There were T-shirts, rallies, major press coverage and letters from the president of Dr. Pepper," Jaschek said. "The Dr. Pepper Defense League was a parody of campus activism."

### The '80s

According to Cedric Anderson, director of photography from 1984-1988, the '80s were like the "quantum leap syndrome." He said people were becoming editors-in-chief with little or no experience with *The Current*. He cited Steve Brawley and Kevin Lacostelo as examples. Anderson said Brawley was the calendar editor the year before he became editor-in-chief and Lacostelo wasn't affiliated with the paper at all. Anderson said Lacostelo was actually the vice president of the Student Government Association the year before he became editor-in-chief.

There was a lot of friction between the student government and the newspaper staff at that time. Anderson said that former editor Cheryl Keathly used

to write editorials "really ripping the SGA," which in turn caused budget problems with *The Current* staff for the next year.

Anderson also said that editor Earl Swift dug through records to find out that the administration was paying police and/or university staff with parking lot money, which was against their own rules.

Even with all of the negative aspects, the '80s staff still had time to have fun and pull pranks. Anderson remembers softball games and picnics with other student organizations. He also recalled a particular prank they would pull on another staff member.

"Every time it would snow or get icy, we would go outside and spin Cheryl's Volkswagon around because it was so light," Anderson said.

The '80s was the last decade in which the Elf Awards were awarded.

One of the biggest changes that occurred in the eighties was the paper's change from a tabloid size to a full page, which some people still feel was a mistake.

Another big change was the attitude the paper had.

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# UM-St. Louis Campus Club Corner

LEGACY from page 5

by Amy Weicht  
Current features reporter

With April 15 safely behind us, accountants everywhere are breathing a sigh of relief. Long hours, tight

schedules and sleepless nights are just a few of the things accounting majors can look forward to.

For those of you intrigued with decimals and dollar signs, UM-St. Louis has its very own accounting club. Hav-

ing been recognized on campus since 1963, the club's obvious emphasis lies in accounting. The club also offers valuable assets to those majoring in other areas of business. The club's 75 members represent a variety of majors, and activities are planned to benefit everyone. From social gatherings to on-site visits to firms such as Deloitte and Touche, there's always something to be learned. The club offers a variety of workshops and speakers on topics such as interviews, a valuable activity

for any future professional.

According to the accounting club, their general purpose is to expose students to various accounting-related issues and career opportunities and to let them meet people in accounting practice.

On April 16, Tom Tierney of Ehrhardt Tool and Machinery gave a lecture on controllerships and the CMA Exam. This specific lecture let students know that there is an alternative to the CPA title.

On April 30, the club will hold its annual panel of recent graduates. This event allows those in the club to ask questions of those experiencing today what they are working for. At this event, students can learn tips on what to expect in interviews and competition, along with valuable advice on how to get into the field.

Meetings for the accounting club are held every other Friday at 1:15 and last about one hour unless otherwise announced. Locations for meetings can be found posted on the accounting bulletin board in the hallway next to room 489 of the Social Science Building. Semester dues are \$6.00 per semester and are due at the end of the second meeting of the semester. Membership is open to all UM-St. Louis students. All students are welcome to attend the April 30 meeting to see what the accounting club is all about. If you dream dollar signs, this might be just what you are looking for.

"Up until the early '80s, *The Current* ran on the philosophy that journalism comes first, business second," Anderson said. "In came Yates Sanders and it took a total shift toward the business side where it became profit before print."

## The '90s

This fourth decade of *The Current* has already seen some changes and will undoubtedly bring many more.

The paper was updated in 1990 so that computers are now used for production, and *The Current* is now comes out on Mondays instead of Thursdays. Some new traditions have been started, such as Thursday night drinking festivals at Uncle Chunkies. There has been talk of resurrecting the Elf Awards. A new tradition was started the night of the reunion when Michelle McMurray, editor of *The Current*, presented a cup to be engraved with her name and that of next year's editor, Russell Korando.

The relationship with SGA has gotten better under the administration of Mike Tomlinson, but is still somewhat uneasy. The year's big scandal concerned the campus parking situation, an problem that has been plastered across the pages of *The Current* for some time.

"I think the staff has done a really good job this past year," said McMurray. "I would like to see the paper continue to get better and better every year."

Many members of the staff have said that they're looking forward to a very productive year under the leadership of 1993-94 Editor-in-Chief Russell Korando, and hope to continue being the "voice of the students to the administration and the administration's voice to the students when we feel that they've done something right."

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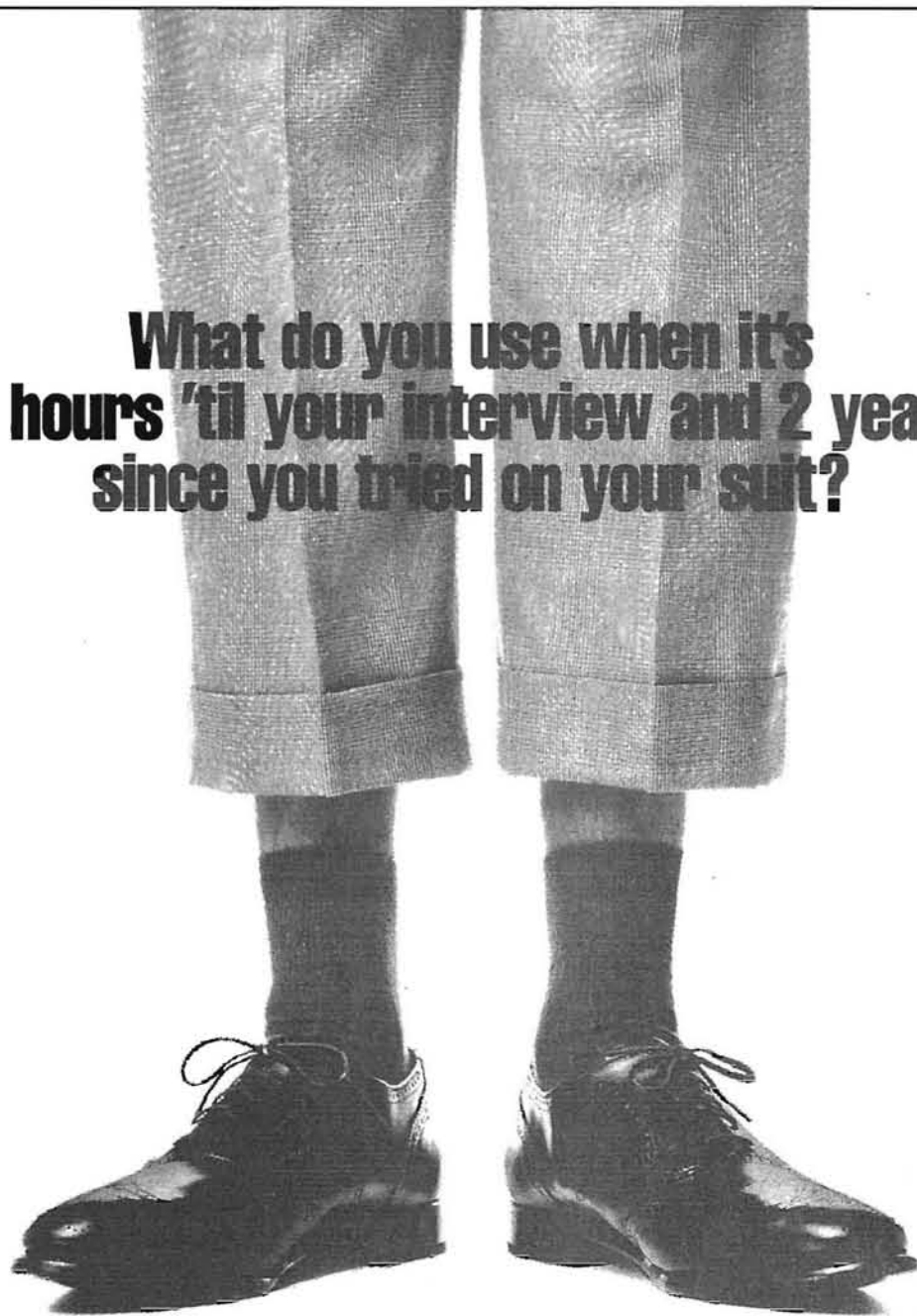
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## Two-Sport Athlete Swings A Heavy Bat

by Pete Dicrispino  
Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis softball team is headed for the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play-offs for the first time in four years. A big reason for the team's success has been the play of freshmen shortstop Nicole Christ.

Christ, who also plays basketball for UM-St. Louis, leads the team with a .392 average, 47 hits, 23 RBIs, and three triples.

"She has a great attitude and works really hard," Riverwomen coach Harold Brumbaugh said. "All the players on the team like her."

Not only does Christ play hectic basketball and softball schedules, she also maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

"During basketball, we had a time-management program and study hall; it helped me with my priorities," Christ said.

Christ, a back-up guard for the Riverwomen hoopsters, is the softball team's starting shortstop. That alone can put a lot of pressure on a freshman.

"She's handled everything great,"

Brumbaugh said.

The pressure of being a two-sport athlete and a starting shortstop as a freshmen doesn't bother Christ at all.

"I try to play relaxed," Christ said. "I try not to put a lot of pressure on myself."

Christ, who has had a great first year, still thinks she has room for improvement. "I still need to improve on my fielding; I need to charge more ground balls."

Christ has had a lot of help during her first year on the softball team. Not only has she received help from the older players, but from assistant coach Kristi Toppins as well.

"Kristi keeps me on my toes, even if it's not what I want to hear," Christ said.

One would think that coming off basketball and heading straight into softball would have taken a physical toll on Christ.

"I usually take a nap during the

day, and also catch up on my rest on Sundays," she said.

Resting on Sundays should help Christ as the team goes down the stretch and into the play-offs. She feels the team has a very good shot of doing well in the post-season. "We proved ourselves in the last three conference

games," she said. "It's looking pretty positive; we just need to round out the rough edges and cut down on the errors."

Christ has enjoyed making the transition from high school to college. "It's been a challenge and it's something I'll remember most about my freshmen year."

So like Bo Jackson before her, Nicole knows basketball and softball.

**"She has a great attitude and works really hard"**  
- Harold Brumbaugh  
Riverwomen head coach



SLUGGER: Despite missing several weeks of softball practice due to the basketball season, Christ leads the Riverwomen with a .392 average, 47 hits, 23 RBIs, and three triples.

## Men's Tennis Swats Webster

by Jack C. Wang  
sports editor

The weather at the tennis courts at the Mark Twain Building may have been a bit cool for the spring season, but Rivermen tennis coach Carl Walker's heart must have warmed after the match against Division III Webster University.

The Rivermen beat the Gorloks 8-1 in team play and swept all three doubles matches. "The weather didn't affect us at all," Walker said. The win improved the Rivermen's record to 3-9.

In the singles matches, number-one player Nick Tanurchis played a tough back-and-forth match against Webster's Chuck Kim. Tanurchis won the first set 6-2, but had to rally to win the second set 7-5. "I had good groundstrokes going," Tanurchis said. "I had some good returns to break him (Kim)."

Both number-two singles player Brett Fredrick and number-three singles player Pat Hahn easily won their matches, beating their opponents by the same score 6-0, 6-0.

"I served and volleyed well," Fredrick said. Teammate Pat Hahn agreed, saying "Brett has a awesome volley."

Rivermen Rich Durbin and Matt Price also won their matches, 6-3, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-0. "My cross-court shots were working well," Price said. "I also had some nice groundstrokes."

Webster's only victory came when El Yasuo defeated UM-St. Louis's Matt Fagala in an exciting three-set match, 6-4, 5-7, 1-6.

But the Rivermen came back in the doubles matches, winning all three matches. Number-one doubles tandem Nick Tanurchis and Brett Fredrick won 6-2, 6-2. The combinations of Pat Hahn-Rich Durbin and Matt Price-Matt Fagala each played eight game pro-sets. Hahn-Durbin won 8-1, while Price-Fagala won 8-4.

Walker and his club must be feel-

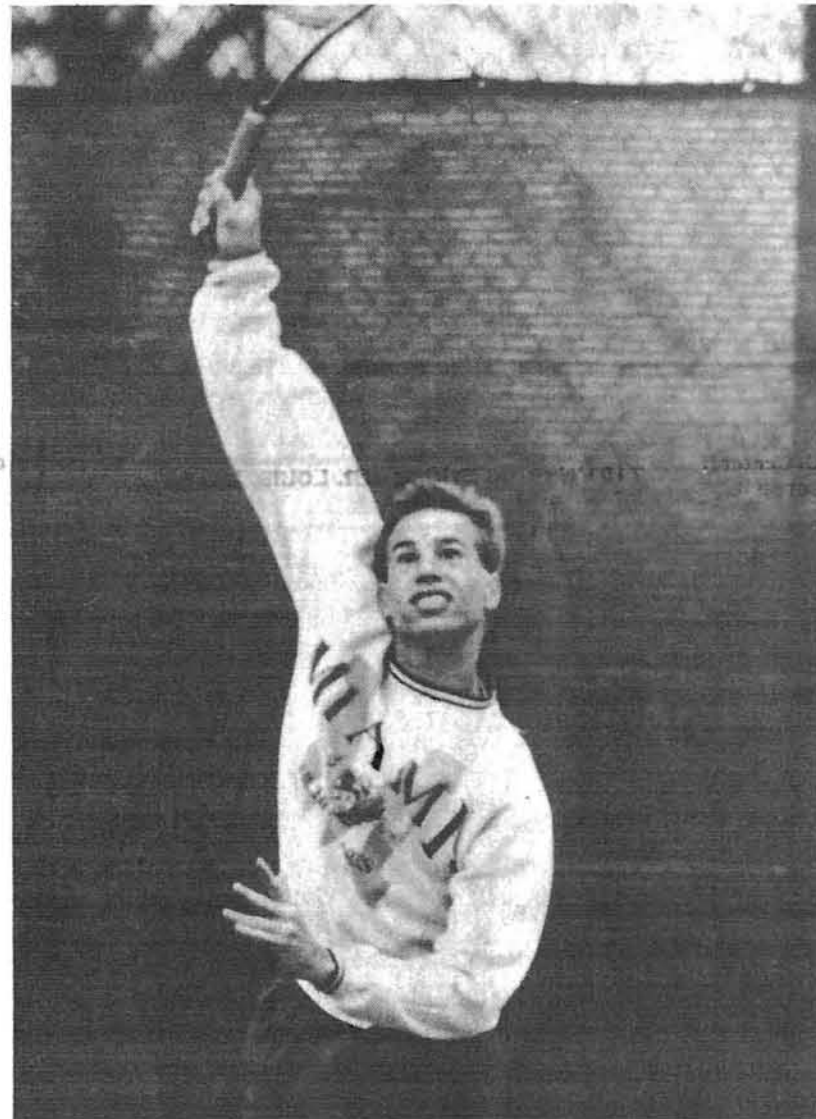


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**Brett Frederick**

ing very good right now. The win over Webster was their second straight win after losing to Northeast Missouri State 8-1 on April 10. The Rivermen's string of two straight wins started with a win against Missouri-Rolla 6-3 on April 10. Now, with the win against Webster, the team is on a roll.

"The team is starting to jell," Walker said. "Our number-one through four players are really coming together."

Walker believes that No. 5 Matt

Price and No. 6 Matt Fagala will improve as well. Both players are freshmen, and Walker believes they are having some difficulty right now. "They will get more experience and that will improve their skills," Walker said. "The No. 1 and 2 doubles team are playing very well right now," Walker added.

The string of recent wins bodes well for Walker and the team. "All three conference games will be a good indicator of how well we do in the MIAA," Walker said.

## UM-St. Louis Sports Notebook

by Jack C. Wang  
sports editor

### Runzi Wins "Pitcher of the Week" Honors

Senior righthander Andy Runzi was named the MIAA "Pitcher of the Week" after recording two shutout wins against Lincoln University and Missouri-Rolla. Runzi has not allowed a run in nearly 15 straight innings of work. In the two wins, Runzi allowed just eight hits and three walks, while striking out 10. He is currently 4-1, with an ERA of 3.50. Runzi leads the pitching staff with 25 strikeouts. Runzi earned a spot on the third team Division II All-American last year, and was named a pre-season All-American by Collegiate Baseball Magazine.

Other Rivermen hurlers with good success this season include righthanded reliever Greg Shepherd (0-1, .000 ERA, five saves), righty Matt Logeais (3-1, 1.08 ERA), and lefthander Tim Stratman (3-0, 1.44 ERA).

Among the leading hitters for the Rivermen are third baseman Todd Kunz (.425, two home runs, 18 runs batted in), shortstop Jeremy Ragan (.367, eight RBIs), and designated hitter Bob Mutansky (.359, five HR's, and a team leading 11 doubles and 21 RBIs).

### Baseball Team Rolling With Four Consecutive Wins

"Impressive" is the key term being used to describe the UM-St. Louis baseball team right now.

After winning the Rivermen's doubleheader home opener against MIAA opponent Lincoln University, the team continued their strong hitting and great pitching. Since the sweep against Lincoln, the Rivermen have reeled off four straight wins, outscoring their opponents 43-10. The Rivermen have improved their record to 15-5 overall and 10-3 in the MIAA.

The Rivermen won three games against Missouri-Rolla. Ace righthander Andy Runzi improved his record to 4-1 with a five-hit shutout of the Miners. Runzi got help from Greg Shepherd, who got the last two outs to notch his fifth save of the year in the 3-0 win. Righthander Chris Dumm earned his second win of the year in relief against Rolla in the second game, with freshman outfielder Kelly Thornton driving in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth as the Rivermen pulled out the win 4-3.

In the third game against Rolla, the Rivermen's bats exploded for 20 runs and junior righthander Matt Logeais picked up his third win. Lefty-swinging first baseman Jeff Peer muscled up for two home runs, and outfielder Brady Burk also hit a home run — his first of the season. The rivermen cruised to an easy win, 20-1.

Junior righthander Marty Henry picked up his first win of the year, allowing seven hits and three runs in seven innings while defeating Division III Washington University 16-6. Rivermen third baseman Todd Kunz, catcher Jeff Eye, centerfielder Donnie Joliff, and designated hitter Bob Mutansky each drove in two runs in support of Henry.

The Rivermen are slated to play SIU-Edwardsville on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. and Greenville on Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be held at Ballwin Field.

### Meckfessel Reloads With New Recruits

With the loss of senior standout Rivermen basketball players guard Steve Roder, forward Mike Moore and forward Darren Hill, head coach Rich Meckfessel has two new faces joining the team next year.

Meckfessel announced the signings of 6-foot-2 guard Randy Willis of Lutheran North and 6-foot-

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**Softball Team Qualifies For The Playoffs**

by Pete Dicrispino  
 Current sports reporter

For the first time in four years, the UM-St. Louis softball team has qualified for a spot in the conference tournament. The Riverwomen finished third in the South Division of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association after winning one of three final conference games Tuesday (April 13) at Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, MO. Only the top four teams in the South and North Divisions advance to the MIAA Tournament.

UM-St. Louis finished the conference schedule in third place in the South with a 6-4 record. The Riverwomen have not placed among

the top four since winning the MIAA crown and advancing to the national tournament in 1989.

"It feels good to make the conference tournament," Riverwomen coach Harold Brumbaugh said. "We have a good team now, we should be strong the next few years."

The Riverwomen lost the first two games Tuesday to Missouri Southern's Lions, 2-1, and Pittsburg State's Lady Gorillas, 6-3, before winning the final game against Southwest Baptist by a score of 4-2. Ironically, their four losses have all come against the Lions and the Lady Gorillas, losing twice to each club. The team had a 1-0 lead against Missouri Southern heading into the last inning, but a controversial call on what

appeared to be a foul ball enabled the Lions to score two runs for the victory.

"The umpiring has hurt us in a lot of games," Brumbaugh said. "It's about time we started to get some calls that go our way."

The Riverwomen have lost 10 one-run games this year.

"We get close against these teams, but then it all falls apart," Brumbaugh said. "It's hard to figure out."

Against Southwest Baptist, center-fielder Colleen Duffin led the way offensively, going 4-for-4, and Kelly Childs pitched 6 2/3 strong innings for the win to improve her record to 10-7. Pitcher Jill Stockdale recorded the final out, making her first save of the season. It was also the team's first save.

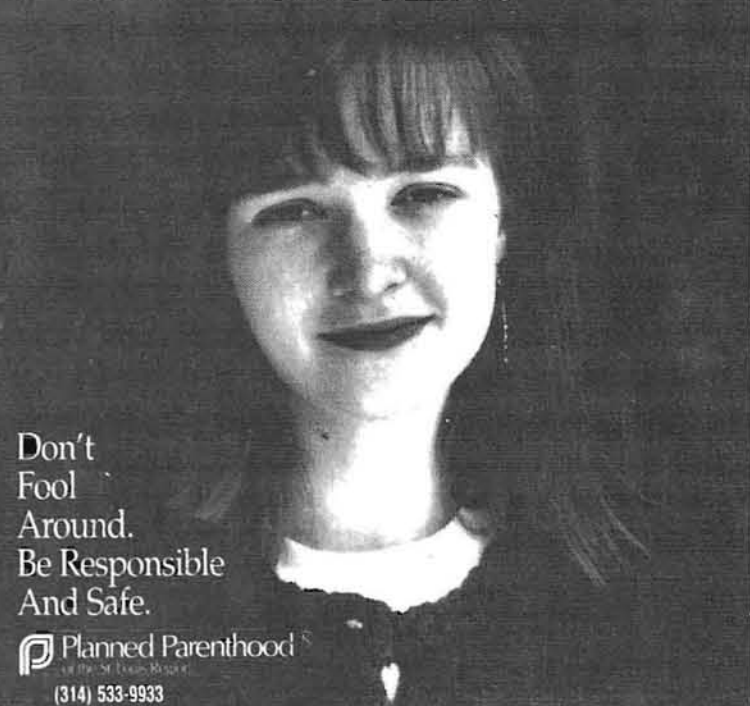
"It's amazing that the girls stay up after two tough games," Brumbaugh said. "But we did a nice job in coming back and beating Southwest Baptist."

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5 forward Rodney Hawthorne of East St. Louis High. Willis averaged 17.8 points and 6.4 rebounds per game last year, and is also considered an outstanding shooter, hitting 37.6 percent from 3-point country. Hawthorne averaged 10 points and six rebounds for East St. Louis High last season.

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