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## "To shuffle off that mortal coil"

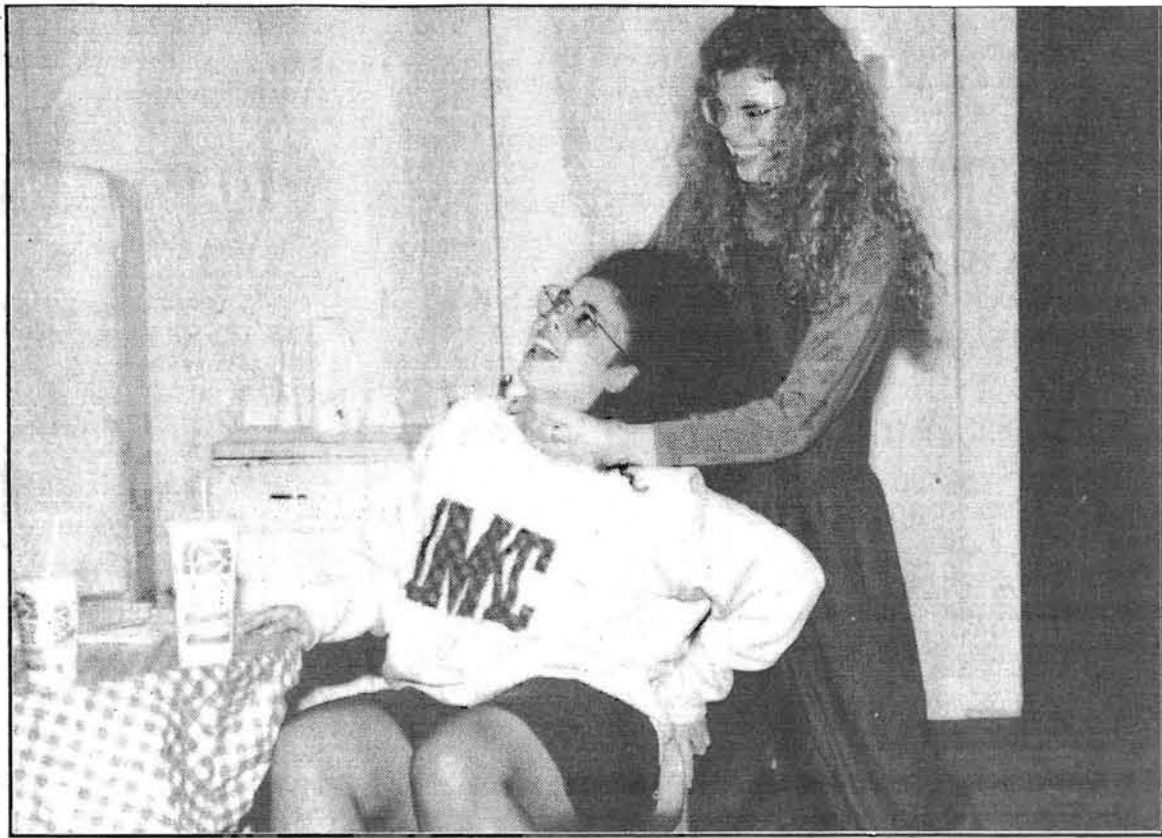


Photo: Jeff Parker

Competition for parts in the University Players' production of Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water" may have gotten a bit out of hand. The tryouts were held Thursday, Feb. 11.

## Intramural Basketball Player Dies

### Man Dead After Suffering Heart Attack in Mark Twain Gym

by Clint Zweifel  
Current news reporter

A man died of a heart attack on the night of Feb. 18 after participating in an intramural basketball game in the gymnasium located in the Mark Twain Building. He was 27 years old.

The player, Aubrey Doss, was not a student at UM-St. Louis but was a guest of UM-St. Louis students.

According to Joseph Washington, Assistant Chief Medical Officer of the Normandy Fire Protection District, the incident was reported as a seizure to the dispatcher.

Doss complained of breathing difficulties to another player during the game. After that, he collapsed onto the floor. Janet Evers, Staff Fitness Coordinator at UM-St. Louis said she and the UM-St. Louis police felt a "faint pulse" immediately after Doss collapsed. Because there was a faint pulse, "massage stimulation" was administered by a UM-St. Louis police officer. Massage stimulation is administered to people experiencing a slow heartbeat. It is administered by rubbing the victims chest in order to stimu-

late the heart. The Normandy Fire Protection District was called at 7:28 p.m. and arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Doss' pulse stopped and CPR (Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation) was administered by an Emergency Medical Technician from the Normandy Fire Protection District. The resuscitation attempt was continued on the way to DePaul Hospital, Washington said.

Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful and Doss was pronounced dead at DePaul, the cause of death was listed as a heart attack.

Rich Meckfessel, Athletic Director at UM-St. Louis said, "This is not the first time this has happened and anytime during physical activity there is always danger [of] this occurring."

According to Meckfessel, there have been three deaths in the past in the Mark Twain Building during basketball games. In the 1970s, a referee died of a heart attack while officiating a

basketball game. Ron Tyler, a varsity basketball player for UM-St. Louis, died in April of 1982 while participating in a game. In June, 1990, a referee collapsed and died of a heart

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- Rich Meckfessel  
UMSL Athletic Director

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## University Implements New Public Access Policy

by Russell Korando  
managing editor

A silver lining may have appeared in the cloudy issues surrounding Spike Lee's visit to the UM-St. Louis campus last Nov. 30.

Strengthening the language, and smoothing out gray areas, for guest appearances at UM-St. Louis, were the intentions of the Chancellor's Public Access Committee (PAC) meeting Jan. 8.

The committee met as a result of Filmmaker/director Spike Lee's appearance at UM-St. Louis. Lee was paid \$14,000 by various on-campus student organizations to speak at the J.C. Penney Building Nov. 30, 1992.

Two off-campus groups (Morehouse College Club and the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association), assisted in paying the fee as well.

The visit to UM-St. Louis was Lee's first public appearance following the release of the film he directed, "Malcolm X."

According to the contract, Lee agreed to a press conference with the local press, and he gave permission for UM-St. Louis to videotape him, for "archival purposes only." And, while Lee spoke to the audience for his contracted two and a half hours, he insisted that the local news stations turn off their video equipment after five minutes of taping.

Lowe S. MacLean, UM-St. Louis vice chancellor for student affairs, said Lee's absence from the press conference was unavoidable. In his contract, Lee had agreed to meet the press before he spoke.

"There was some misunderstanding there," MacLean said. "Unfortunately, [Lee's] plane was late. I think if it would have arrived on time, we would

have had no problem with the press conference."

Lee was scheduled to arrive at 7 p.m., but his plane forced his delay until 8:15.

Bob Samples, director of university communications for UM-St. Louis, said the university had consulted other colleges in their efforts to put together a more strict policy for the university.

"We've asked several other universities if they have similar policies concerning this issue," Samples said. "Some did, and some didn't. I'm very satisfied with what the committee recommended. I have to applaud the access committee for dealing with the multiple issues involved with someone of Spike Lee's notoriety."

Samples said the contract for the Lee appearance, didn't stipulate whether or not news cameras could be used. Samples added, the university would not prohibit the St. Louis media access to filming or interviewing a guest. He also said Lee's appearance

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Spike Lee created controversy last semester when he requested that all cameras in the room be turned off during his talk with students.

## UM-St. Louis Has Lower Crime Rate

by Clint Zweifel  
Current news reporter

Crime on college campuses has been put under a deeper scope resulting from the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990. The federal law requires campuses to publish statistical information about crime that is reported on their campus.

UM-Kansas City police Chief Jerry Garret said that "old-fashioned stealing" is the most prevalent crime on his campus. Many of those items are purses that were left on an unattended office desk. He estimates that 80 to 90 percent of the crimes committed on the UM-Kansas City campus are preventable. Garret said, "Many people have naive ideas about [crime on] universities. A university does not imply sainthood."

Garret uses a part-time 10-student patrol, along with 23 commissioned officers who work under him. The student patrol is uniformed and carries walkie-talkies to report any problems to the police. The student guards are the "eyes and ears" of a

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### International House

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### Rivermen Baseball

### Campus Reminder

Applications for Student Government Association officer candidates are due by March 1 at the SGA office, 262 U. Center.

## Enrollment Figures Lower Than Originally Believed

by Krista Goodin  
associate news editor

As of Jan. 29, UM-St. Louis administrators had reached their enrollment goal for the winter semester. However, as of Feb. 5, the number fell below what was expected.

Roosevelt Wright, vice chancellor for academic affairs, and the academic deans set a goal of 95,000 credit hours for this semester. Original enrollment figures showed that students had enrolled for 99,232 hours.

Enrollment numbers are finalized at the end of four weeks of school.

Last Tuesday, final figures were released showing only 94,817 credit hours. The difference,

4,415 hours, was the number of hours that students have dropped or schedules that were cancelled due to failure to pay fees.

Glenn Allen, director of records, registration and student information systems, explains.

"Cancellations and drops," he said. "I didn't cancel that many, but there's a daily course drop and every time that course drops, credit hours drop."

The head count, the total number of students attending UM-St. Louis, had been projected at 11,125 students, Allen said. That goal was made, even after Feb. 5, with a total of 11,181. But the number of credit hours is where the university obtains its income.

"Head count is not that important to me

because you transfer head count into the actual number of average credit hours that the head count will generate," Wright explained. He went on to say that a very high head count with small numbers of credit hours per student may not reach goals. However, it is possible to fall short on head count and reach goals if those students average a large number of credit hours.

"I think that's the case with us," Wright said. "We're not overly concerned with head count as much as we are about the final semester credit hour count."

The breakdown of head count, according to each school, shows the College of Arts and Sciences well ahead of the other schools with 4,352 students. The School of Business was next with

1,133, and education students totaled 1,004.

There are also 2,222 graduate students on campus this semester. Nursing, evening college, school of optometry, UMSL Express and 15 cooperative engineering students comprise the 2,470 remaining students.

Allen also said that minorities represent approximately 15 percent of the student body.

When asked if he was surprised at the difference in credit hour figures, Allen said, "Oh no! During the first four weeks of school you always have a considerable loss. And this was an abnormally low loss. I'll be honest," he continued, "I'm well-pleased with the winter enrollment."

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## Students Ride New Metro Link

by Marcus J. Buggs  
assoc. business manager

Metro Link is closer to being a reality than ever before. Students and faculty of UM-St. Louis experienced the smooth ride on Metro Link Feb. 12.

The ride started at the South Campus and traveled approximately 7.5 miles in 15 minutes, with a maximum permitted speed of 55 mph, to the main terminal at 700 S. Ewing near Market St. and Jefferson St. The light rail vehicle (LRV) seats 72 passengers and has standing room for an additional 106 passengers. For those passengers in wheelchairs, four positions per car are available. Metro Link consists of a fleet of 31 double-ended LRV's powered by overhead electrical wire. Inter-



Photo: Jeff Parker

Students were able to ride the Metro Link from the uncompleted station on South Campus to the main terminal west of downtown St. Louis. Tours of the facility were given by Bi-State Development Agency officials.

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## Retention Rate Lowest On St. Louis Campus

by Clint Zweifel  
Current news reporter

UM-St. Louis retention rate of freshmen is lower than the other three schools in the UM system.

The freshman retention rate is the percentage of freshman students that return after one semester of course work. According to 1992 statistics, the retention rates for UM-St. Louis, UM-Kansas City and UM Columbia are 60 to 61 percent, 63 percent and 80 percent respectively. According to 1991 statistics the retention rate at UM-Rolla is 74 percent.

But, according to Glenn Allen, Director of Records, Registration and Student Information System, there are reasons for the differences in the statistics. He said many students will go to UM-St. Louis for one or two years in order to take prerequisite courses for the degree the student plans to pursue. The student can then transfer to a university that offers their particular degree of interest, since most of the credits are transferable to other schools.

Carol Heddinghaus, Director of

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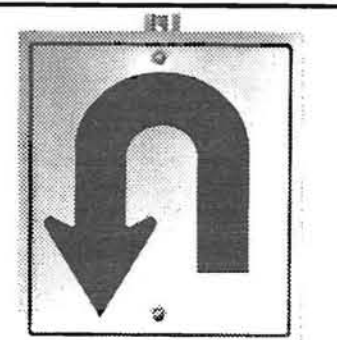
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## Campus Adopts New Policy After Spike Lee Incident

Thumbs up to the Chancellor's Public Access Committee (PAC) which was formed after an embarrassing fiasco causing considerable bad press for the university.

It happened last November when film director Spike Lee visited the UM-St. Louis campus for what was thought to be a public forum. A minor ruckus occurred with the news media when Lee demanded cameras be turned off after five minutes into his lecture. Donn Johnson, a reporter from KTVI protested, which resulted in a shoving match.

A controversy rose around the fact that in a public university did Lee, as a public figure, have the right to demand the cameras off.

The (PAC) committee has laid down specific guidelines to be followed by guests of the university who make public appearances at UM-St. Louis. These guidelines will hopefully ensue that the university is not ever put in the position of a possible lawsuit again due to students pushing people around and nearly damaging equipment worth thousands of dollars.

One of the most important guidelines puts events like these in the hands of the people who are trained professionals in the area of dealing with celebrities. The Director of University Relations has to approve all news releases and ensure media access and will also state whether cameras are permitted. Another guideline of major importance states that the security of the event is the responsibility of the campus police and any arrangements must be approved by them.

The office of student affairs will be in control of ticket distribution, to ensure that students, who attend this university and pay activity fees, will take priority over a non-student groups.

A policy like this was much needed, unfortunately it was the result of ridiculous behavior by someone who knew better.



## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

### Student Upset About SGA's Handling Of Comptroller Position

Dear Editor:

After reading the article in today's *Current* titled "Students to Vote on SGA Comptroller," I feel that important information about this issue was left out by your reporter, Bill Farnsworth. There was no mention of the fact that a huge debate surrounded the issue in the SGA meeting on Feb. 3. Mr. Farnsworth also failed to mention that this new position would be a paid position like the other officers of SGA. Also unmentioned was the fact that the verbal vote taken initially called for a hand count.

In order to do this, according to the SGA constitution, there must be a quorum of members in good standing present. The secretary of SGA left the meeting after reading the

minutes and was unable to substantiate whether such conditions were present. So, after much argument and confusion, the officers proposed that we suspend our much honored constitution until after the vote on the position was taken. The constitution was suspended and, to the chagrin of many present, the comptroller position passed. I should mention that we never voted to reinstate said constitution.

Is there something extremely amiss here? Why wasn't the issue of the comptroller tabled until the next meeting? How can a constitution be suspended? What would happen if 20 senators of the United States decided to suspend the Constitution until an issue they wanted passed was voted on? It is unthinkable in that instance, and to rational people, unthinkable for the SGA, but they did it. And the

issue that the officers of SGA were championing was passed without a quorum. If the constitution can be suspended at will, why is the stipulation of a quorum included in the constitution?

Why is the paid secretary not present at a meeting where attendance is taken of assembly members who, incidentally, are not paid? For that matter, why are the officers of SGA paid. The officers of the organizations I belong to aren't paid and it isn't an available option.

I do not pretend to know what all the answers are. I do know that it is a pity that four or five people can manipulate the proceedings of a SGA meeting to meet their agenda, and not only do very few people object, but our campus newspaper distorts the facts to make it seem like everything

is kosher and nothing happened.

For the students voting on new officers, you have the right to make your voice heard. Is it fair that four or five people are paid a salary to represent you? Is it fair that you are not made aware of what really goes on in SGA meetings?

For right now, someone please explain to me how such an outrage can occur and go unnoticed and unheeded by our trusty reporters and fellow assembly persons.

Angry and Outraged

Editors note: All letters must be submitted with a name and student number. Name can be withheld upon request. Letters without a name will not be published.

### SGA President Defends Organization And Its Leaders

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the letter to the editor criticizing both SGA and *The Current*, of which a copy was sent to the office of Student Government. I would like this opportunity to clear up the inaccuracies and respond to the mistruths that try to unfairly blemish the image of SGA and what we have accomplished this year.

First, the author criticizes the coverage by News Editor Bill Farnsworth. What article were they reading? This article stated that the SGA assembly decided to put the office of comptroller on the April ballot, included the known details of the office, addressed the implications of the new office by quoting both students and administrators and mentioned that some concerns expressed by the assembly were taken into account by the offices of SGA and would be discussed at the March 3 meeting.

When Congress passes a bill, you read the next day about the details of the bill and what affect it will have on

you and me, not who stood up and said something when it was on the floor. And to my recollection, only one person present at that meeting strongly voiced his problems about the office, and he wasn't even a voting member of the assembly.

Secondly, this author claims Mr. Farnsworth "failed to mention that this position would be a paid position. But actually, the assembly absolutely did not determine whether or not this new position would be paid at all. It was only determined that it would be discussed at a later date.

Thirdly, this author inaccurately states that "officers proposed that we suspend our much honored constitution." What? There was a motion by an assembly representative to suspend the rules, which is legal. Check the official audiotape from the meeting and look it up in Robert's Rules of Order.

Also, the chair determined there was quorum at the meeting and this was carefully double checked by the SGA secretary after the meeting who did verify that there was definitely a quorum.

Perhaps the blatant mistruth which really triggered me to respond was when the author kept referring the the "paid secretary" and the "four or five" officers of SGA that are paid a salary. There are only two officers of SGA that are get paid at all that being the President and Vice-President who rake in \$1.00 dollar per hour. The secretary has never been paid, the treasurer has never been paid and no other member of the assembly has ever been paid. Does the author have a particular motive in mind when they try to obviously give this administration a bad reputation by stooping so low?

I don't mind criticism, in fact, I welcome it. But criticism must be accurate, specific, and constructive for it to be taken to heart. Just as President Clinton stated when he spoke here in St. Louis last Thursday, "Come to me with your ideas of change. But be specific."

Lastly, this author states that they just want someone to explain to them how such an "outrage" can occur. It didn't. The position still has to pass referendum, there aren't four SGA

officers paid, and the constitution was not suspended. This person didn't leave a name for us to explain this to them!

If you have questions about procedures or policies concerning what we feel is in the best interest of the student body, then come to the SGA office and inquire about them, that is what we are here for. Don't use the campus newspaper as a weapon to make inaccurate allegations and unfairly influence 12,000 students in an attempt to ruin the image of an organization and its leaders.

P.S. I am thoroughly disappointed in the lack of discretion and journalistic integrity of *The Current*, in this matter. It is disappointing to see *The Current* print a letter containing so much information that they also knew was false just because the editor "really needed to fill up space." Furthermore *The Current* broke their standing policy stating that in order to print this letter, all letters to the editor must be submitted with a signature and a student number.

Mike Tomlinson  
SGA President

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# Campus Service

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## Career Placement Helps Students Locate Employment

One concern for freshmen is career opportunities upon completion of their educational program. UM-St. Louis has an active Career Placement Service, which helps students locate employment.

In 1991, 102 employers visited the campus to interview prospective graduates. A few of these included: Southwestern Bell, Pepsi, Emerson, the major and regional public accounting firms, government agencies

and school districts.

Students enrolled at UM-St. Louis have an opportunity to participate in a Cooperative Education Program. This University program provides either full-time, part-time or summer employment in a position related to their major field of study. Companies hiring UM-St. Louis students through this program include: McDonnell Douglas, Monsanto, FAA, Xerox, Maritz, Sigma Chemi-

cal and more.

A report issued in 1992, by Career Placement Services, indicated that in 1991, UM-St. Louis graduates had an overall placement rate of 79 percent. This is based on an annual survey of graduates.

Placement rates for the School of Business Administration were, 74 percent in accounting; 70 percent in management information systems; 55 percent in finance; 68 percent in marketing and 86 percent in management.

Graduates from the College of

Arts and Sciences had a placement rate of 68 percent.

In 1991, 86 percent of the graduates from the School of Education found teaching positions. Graduates certified in reading, modern foreign languages and middle school enjoyed a 100 percent placement rate.

Graduates from the School of Nursing had a placement rate of 100 percent.

Salary averages for UM-St. Louis graduates in 1991 were right on target with national averages. Public accounting, computer science and man-

agement information systems majors averaged \$28,000 yearly; business administration and science majors averaged \$25,000. Education majors averaged \$22,800 yearly, and at the graduate level, the average salary was \$24,000. MBA's received an average \$31,000, while other graduate degrees averaged \$30,000.

Visit the Career Placement Services early in your college career to explore your interests and begin a career plan. Career Placement is located in 308 Woods Hall.

drew such a large contingent of local media because of his national popularity.

"The news media may have special needs," Samples said. "We can accommodate them now, with our new authority."

The PAC set these guidelines for UM-St. Louis during the Jan. 8 meeting, to strengthen their authority with university guest speakers.

"A clear statement that the chancellor of the university has the final responsibility and authority in determining the use of university facilities.

"The vice chancellor for student affairs is responsible for access to all student events and will require fair and equitable distribution of tickets.

"The vice chancellor for student affairs will have responsibility for the negotiation process between student groups and external guests.

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"Final security responsibility rests with the UM-St. Louis Police Department and all security arrangements must be approved by them.

"Addition of a question: Is this activity a public forum or a private appearance or performance?"

A part of Samples' new authority is the control of whether or not certain guests can be videotaped. But the university must also provide the media with an assurance of reasonable access.

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Approximately 100 employers are expected to attend the fair, hosted by UM-St. Louis and Mineral Area College. Support will also be provided by 45 other colleges and universities. The fair

offers an opportunity for you to meet with a variety of companies to interview for entry-level positions. You may also practice your interviewing skills and obtain information about employment opportunities.

Advance registration may be completed through Career Placement Service office, located at 308 Woods Hall. Pre-registration is \$5 and must be submitted by March 1. On-site

registration is \$10 and job fair time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free parking is available.

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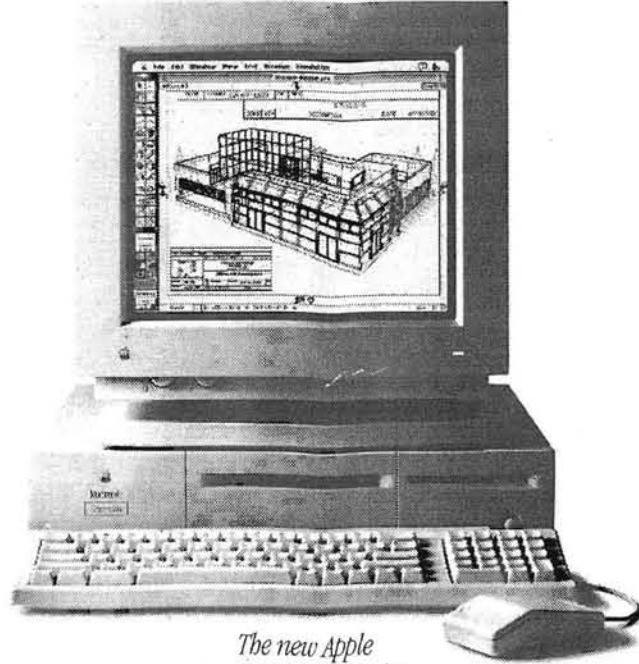


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Wright agreed. "I'm very pleased that we're only 200 credit hours short," he said. "I think what is important around the whole issue of attaining goals is that this is the first time we had tried to set goals. So I'm satisfied with the outcome." Wright doesn't think the lower number of credit hours will affect the university's budget.

"I think the 95,000 credit hours ... there was a certain cushion built into that. It was sort of like a top estimate," he said. "Obviously we're talking a little bit of money (from 200 credit hours), but it's nothing significant." Allen explained that a large number of students will continue to withdraw until the 12th week of school. "Between now and the end of school, there will be well over 3,000

hours dropped," he said. "The thing about it is that the refund period is over with." Up through the 25th day of the semester, students are able to receive between 50 percent and 90 percent refund when dropping classes. Feb. 15 was the last day to cancel courses and receive a refund.

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Institutional Research and Budget Planning, said that Rolla's higher retention rate was explained by the fact that many students come to Rolla sure they want a degree in engineering, leaving no reason for the student to transfer to another university. According to class of 1986 statistics, within a four-year period, nine percent of the student body at UM-Rolla, 10 to 11 percent at UM-St. Louis, 40 percent at UM-Kansas City and 52 percent at UM-Columbia graduated within a four year period.

Allen explained, "UM-St. Louis is predominantly a part-time institution with an average student load of 9 hours," lengthening the time it will take to obtain a degree. Allen said that for many students the length of time taken to get a degree depends on their financial situation and that they may have to

hold a full-time job to compensate for lack of funds. For example, Allen said, 15 students at UM-St. Louis who enrolled there 14 to 16 years ago are still working on their bachelors' degree. Heddinghaus said that Rolla's low graduation rate may be a result of the fact that 132 hours are needed for an engineering degree, while most degrees only require 120 hours. Grade point averages for undergraduates at UM-St. Louis, UM-Rolla and UM-Columbia are 2.66, 2.75 and 2.77 respectively. Grade point averages for UM-Kansas City were not available. Allen said differences in statistics among the UM system are a result of each particular university serving the needs of a unique student body.

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attack in the gymnasium while officiating a Show-Me game. According to Evers, Doss participated often at intramural pick-up games at UM-St. Louis, which are held regularly on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the gymnasium in the Mark Twain Building. Meckfessel called Doss an "outstanding basketball player" who had played at Vashon High School, Yirginia Commonwealth College and Tennessee State University. Bob Samples, Director of University Relations, said that, "The incident is unfortunate and we [at UM-St. Louis] feel sadness for the family."

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grated with the regional bus system, Metro Link will provide access to major employment, retail, office, recreational, educational, cultural and medical centers. It will be in full-service in July of this year. "I think light rail will be wonderful for the campus," Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill said. Touhill was one of many faculty that took advantage of the of the 15 minute ride.

Metro link will have 20 station locations, 15 at street level, three in subways and two on existing bridge structures. More than 2,000 park-n-ride spaces will be available along the route.

"I think that a lot of people that live on the route will be happy," said Mary Gillespie, who was recently appointed to the University of Missouri Board of Curators. Metro Link will travel for 18 miles using rights-of-way, structures and facilities. Included are the rail deck of the historic Eads Bridge, the Washington Avenue-Eighth St. railroad tunnel, the Union Station baggage tunnel and



Photo: Jeff Parker

Bi-State Development Agency officials were on hand to answer any questions about the Metro Link system. nearly 14 miles of railroad trackage that have been out of use for decades. "We're very excited about it," Lowe S. MacLean, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs said. "A large number of students will have good access to Metro Link...It's a true advantage for us." When asked how it will benefit UM-St. Louis, Mike Tomlinson, president of the UM-St. Louis student gov-

ernment, said that this opens up a new door to UM-St. Louis. "This is the best thing you can do to capitalize on recruitment," Tomlinson said. Metro Link will lay the groundwork for future extensions to Belleville, a North-South St. Louis County Segment, St. Charles, and other population centers throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

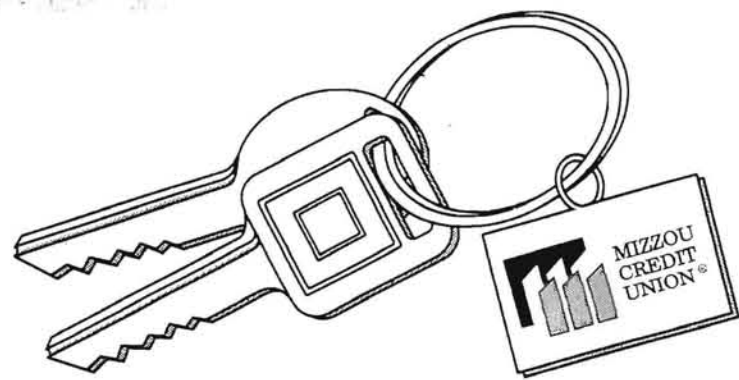
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program that he called "assurance and deterrents." Ron Mason, chief of police at UM-Columbia, said that burglary and larceny are the crimes most often committed on his campus. He explained that larceny is a theft committed by a person who is legally in the area of the crime when they committed it, while burglary is an illegal entrance into the area where the person committed the crime. According to Mason, UM-Columbia uses a program he calls "full education and awareness" to deter crime before it occurs. Campus Alert Network is one of those programs. All

employees of the University occasionally meet with one of the 34 commissioned officers to express concerns or to suggest ideas on how to deter crime. Then, an occasional bulletin is sent out to inform the employees of any news involving crime on campus. Mason said the UM-Columbia campus also has an extensive alarm system in the police station. It allows the other buildings to tie in for a more efficient system that can warn of intrusion or fire. A Crime Prevention Program works with student groups to understand the goals of each group and find out what can be done to achieve them. Mason said, "It really is a communication breakthrough

that has allowed for an ongoing relationship [with the campus community]." Bill Blackman, police chief at UM-Rolla, said one of his eleven commissioned campus officers meets with the dormitory housing managers every two weeks to conduct floor meetings on crime. Blackman said, "The open door for conversation allows us to see what the needs of the students are." John Pickens, police chief at UM-St. Louis, has 17 commissioned officers under his command. He uses the school newspaper and plans to institute seminars on self-defense and pamphlets to provide information on ways to deter crime. He said that more communication between the police and the campus community will "bridge the gap" between them, allowing for more reporting of crime. He said, "The student can only be as safe as the precautions they take, and they must adapt to their surroundings."

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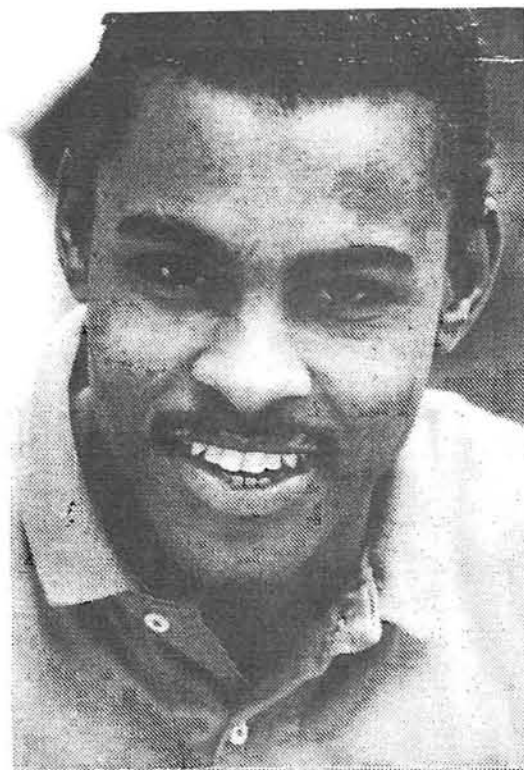
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## From Campus To Community: Roither Does It All

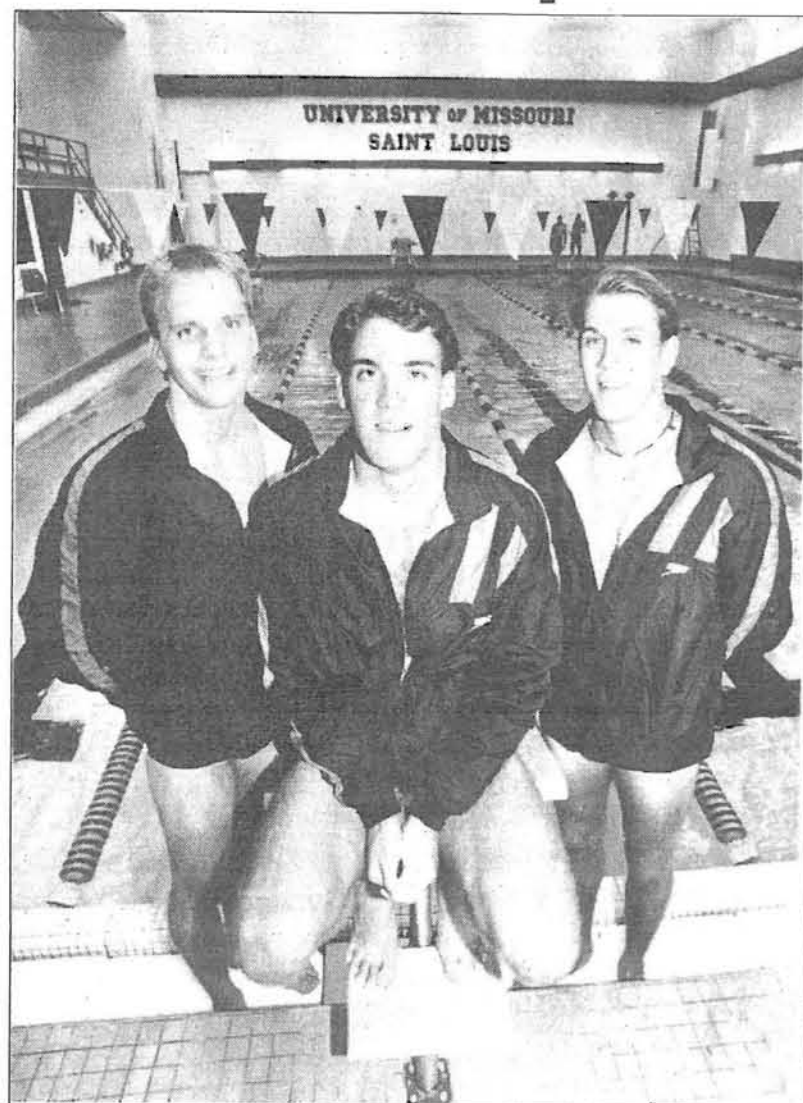


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PORTRAIT OF A WINNER: Dave Roither (right) helped the UM-St. Louis swim team earn freestyle relay records last season.

by Dana Cook  
features editor

Most college students know it takes a lot of stamina to maintain sanity while juggling school, a part-time job and life.

Try and imagine the zeal it would take to balance that and an office in the Student Government Association (SGA). Then try adding a membership on the swim team, maintaining a 'B' average in school and planning to run for a public office.

Dave Roither, UM-St. Louis SGA Vice-President, accomplishes all of the above and still finds time for himself every evening.

Other than his position on SGA, Roither is a student in the Pierre Laclède Honors College and a member of the record-holding UM-St. Louis swim team. Roither is now planning to run for Alderman in Crestwood, Mo., Ward 3.

"I was looking for something else to do next year," Roither said. "I reached the point that, if I wanted to go into politics, I wanted to start a public career, and the person I'm running against has been in for 10 years. I don't think someone should be in a position for that long. I started following some of the events in the city and started thinking, 'Hey, I could really win this.'"

Roither's interest in politics started when he was ten years old. He said he learned about politics by spending time

with his dad.

"I just started watching [politics on television] with my dad and he'd sit there and [complain] 'Grrrr! Raaarr!' " Roither explained. "He was a blue-collar worker and it was right in the middle of a 12-year Republican stretch. 'Damn it,' he'd yell, at the TV."

Roither is not actively campaigning for the office yet. He said he is waiting for the end of the swim season. He plans to campaign by going door-to-door. There are nearly 1100 homes in the ward, in which he is running for office.

"I'm going to try to maintain a lot of personal contact," he said. "I think people feel it's important for a candidate to go out and show he cares."

Referring to himself as a "very, very liberal Democrat," Roither said national politics are not the way they should be. He said politics are supposed to work from the individual

on up, but they don't.

"What you see happening, is the U.S. Congress passes a bill, then it goes down to the states. The states all pass a similar bill. Then the city goes, 'Well, we have included this ordinance,' and then all the little cities say, 'Now every citizen has to do this and this.' I guess that's what they call trickle-down politics."

Roither said he wants to contribute new ideas and be available to people who need someone to listen. He said even though people won't admit it, they do want change.

Before he got into politics Roither, 21, spent a lot of his time in the water. He started swimming around the age of five and hasn't stopped since. He is part of two freestyle relay records the Rivermen currently hold. While attending Lindbergh High School, he

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Photo: Alfie Ali

THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS: Dave Roither, as SGA vice-president, helped bring Homecoming back after a nine year absence.

## International House Stretches Beyond National Boundaries



Photo: Dave Floyd

International House president Venkat Pulumat wants American students to become a part of their organization also.

by Michelle McMurray  
editor

The International Student Organization hosted a welcome pizza party for new international students. Fifty students enjoyed pizza, soda and other snacks. Venkat Pulumat, president of the organization, said the turnout was a good motivation to work on future events.

"Every semester we welcome new students back. We think it is important for the international students to get to know and interact with one another," he said.

Pulumat said many of the students get homesick and suffer from culture shock.

"Having the international house to take refuge is comforting and helps them feel secure," he said.

Pulumat also said an important goal of the organization this year is to expand to include American students.

"It benefits us both. We can learn about Americans and they can learn about us. Being a part of this organization has taught me a little about many cultures," Pulumat said.

Another international student, from New Delhi, Ananda Som, said he enjoys being a part of the organization. He studies optometry at UM-St. Louis.

"It is a good idea to have a place for the international students to hang out. I am involved in many of the activities," he said.

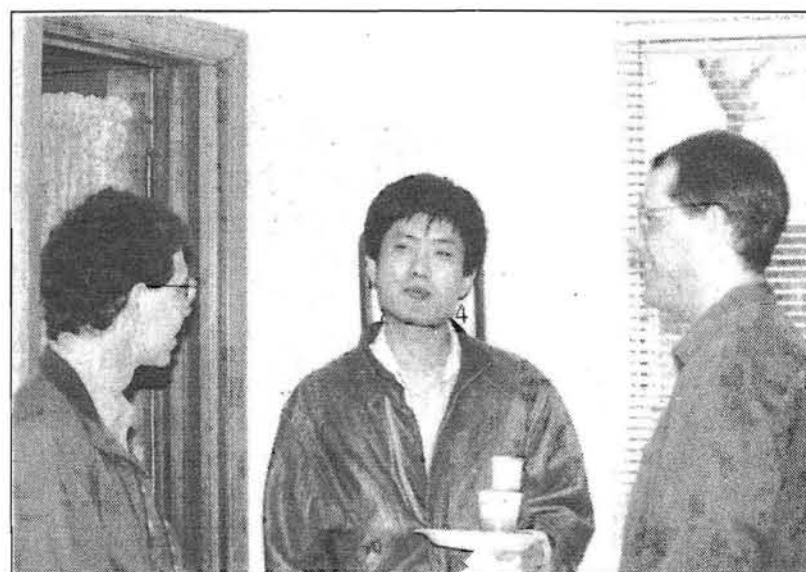
Pulumat said another reason the organization wants to get stronger is for the potential increase of interna-

tional students due to the recruiting efforts of Sandy McLean, vice chancellor for student affairs. McLean went to Southeast Asia last year to recruit students for UM-St. Louis.

"This organization plays an important role in the recruiting efforts. One of the main concerns of new students is the international group on campus. We need to be strong to give advice and moral support," Pulumat said.

Vinita Bhatia, a graduate student, is doing a survey to access the needs of the international students once they arrive on campus. To participate in the survey, call the International House at 553-6641.

All students, faculty and staff, are welcome at the International House everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 7946 Natural Bridge



One of the many activities the International sponsors is a pizza party.

## Author Leslie Savan To Speak On UMSL Campus

by Diana Davis  
of The Current staff

An interesting woman will be lecturing on our campus. An affluent advertising executive's daughter, raised in University City and Creve Coeur, she matured to become a bohemian, acrimonious critic of advertising in New York.

She took one writing course in her senior year at college, and for the past two years, has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in criticism. She's a nationally prominent writer who took the time to call a UM-St. Louis student writer for a phone interview (from her sickbed where she was recovering from the flu). She's a nice New Yorker. What a fascinating ambiguity! Would you like to meet her?

You'll get that chance. Leslie Savan will be on campus Feb. 25. She will deliver a lecture at 11 a.m., in 126 J.C. Penney, titled "The Politics of Advertising."

"By the politics of advertising, I mean the way, in which we, as consumers, are pushed and pulled by advertisers to lean in one direction," Savan said. "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 thing. What a Paradox!"

Savan in herself, is a study in inconsistency. How did a psychology major end up as a journalist?

"Well," Savan responded, "when I was a psych major, I wanted to work with psychotics, so I had an internship at a half-way house where patients were in transition from a mental hospital to independent living. I was not good at it. I became very frustrated. Therefore, I went into ex-



Leslie Savan will share her expertise with UM-St. Louis students Feb. 25.

perimental psychology—where one does research and writes up reports. I thought the ideas were great, but the form of writing was so boring. I was talking to a father of a friend of mine, who happened to be a psychiatrist, and he suggested that I try journalism. And I did."

Savan rejected a job with *The Wall Street Journal* to critique advertising in a column called "Op Ad" for the *Village Voice*. Here are a couple Savanisms:

"Music is a universal language and all that, but more importantly, cola is the universal solvent. Fit for any lifestyle, its image mutable, cola is truly fluid. Aesthetically, at least on American TV, where hard liquor ads are banned, soda spots are the kickiest, and they've become the alcoholic content of advertising...."

"Nike, Reebok, BKS, Con, Keds, ASICS, Etonic, even L.A.-softened Gear

—like the basic sex words, sneaker names punch their presence into the world with a lot of guttural aggressive K sounds...."

"I think that I am a good writer,"

Savan said. "And yet, sometimes I have problems accepting that because, for me, writing is very hard. I sometimes wonder if I'm good enough. I'm slow in relation to some other journalists I know. I must go over and over my work. The biggest problem I have is getting started." Savan has a fabulously rich, extensive vocabulary. Quizzing her on how she developed that ability proves this.

"I love to play with words. If anything, I force myself to seek the better word, sometimes that means scrambling for the dictionary, and sometimes I just sit and ruminate. I love to use words at an etiological level—if the root of the word resonates with the meaning of the sentence. I don't like flat pieces. I want to be entertained with how the writer is thinking," Savan said.

Her work is pointed, witty, thoughtful and intense. Savan said she would like to be doing something else career-wise

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## Modest Rocker Isn't Looking For Fame

by Brad Touché  
entertainment editor

When a musician gets three or four hit singles under his belt, you would expect to recognize the name. Yet, there are quite a few people who don't associate the name Jude Cole with hit singles.

Cole's 1990 breakthrough LP, *A View From 3rd Street*, spawned three hits. Namely, "Time For Letting Go," "House Full Of Reasons," and the Top 5 water-mark hit, "Baby It's Tonight."

Now, two years later, Cole returns with an even stronger LP titled *Start The Car*. The first

single off of this record, "Start The Car," and his latest, "It Comes Around," are getting a lot of airplay, but his name is still not all that well-known. None of that bothers Cole, though.

"I don't have Bruce Springsteen-type dreams," he said. "I'm just not in a hurry to be a huge superstar. That's why this album took so long to come out. I mean, there is so much [musical] product out there being thrown at fans, and most of it's like there's one good song on the record and you end up never listening to the thing. I really try to make my records good from top to bottom. I like to take my time with it."

Cole hails from a small town in Illinois, about 20 miles east of the Iowa border. The town is East Moline, and Cole gained a lot of experience just playing in the local bars. By the age of 13, he was fronting one of the region's most popular rock and soul bands. At 18, he picked up and moved to L.A.

"It was more of a necessity than a choice," he confessed. "I was 18 and I couldn't find a job. I was trying to get on at the shops, and I didn't really have an in. But I was lucky 'cause I had a friend from East Moline who was living out there and he let me crash with him until I could get on my feet."

Through this friend, Cole found his first gig in Moon Martin and the Ravens as lead guitarist and co-lead vocalist.

"That was a trip for me, especially since I was only 18. It didn't pay very well, but at that point I probably would have paid him. I mean, going to Europe three times a year and everything else—it was just a far cry from anything I had ever done."

But after that band broke up, Cole found work as a side man in a few other bands. But it didn't last.

"The decision to go solo was not an easy one for me," he admitted. "Especially since I come

from a town where you don't think you're better than anyone else. It's like, let's be a band. But I just got tired of working my ass off to get paid and treated poorly by other musicians. I was on the sidelines while I watched other people's careers rise or fall. It almost made me quit."

"But, I just decided to go it alone. I was reaping no benefits for the work, especially no money. And because I was broke a lot, I had a lot of time to write. I certainly didn't have much of a night life."

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# Campus Club Corner

"To the end that school fellowship might be cultivated, the general knowledge of its members be extended, the cause of education be advanced, literary culture promoted and a high degree of school excellence."

These are the standards the men of Sigma Pi strive to achieve. Sigma Pi fraternity first chartered its Delta Zeta chapter to UM-St. Louis campus on April 12, 1969.

As a campus organization, they try to help create a greater since of school

spirit on campus. This is done, in part, by providing activities outside the classroom for students to get to know one another and enjoy themselves.

With all these charitable and social activities, Sigma Pi's are not quick to forget the academic side of their college careers. Last spring, Sigma Pi earned a combined grade point average over and above all other campus Greek organizations. Ironically, the fraternity's combined GPA was 3.14, which we all know is pi in mathematical terms, ac-

ording to Nick Konakci, fraternity president.

Their dedication to academics paid off in the spring semester of 1992 when a team consisting exclusively of Sigma Pi members representing UM-St. Louis, placed eighth out of 19 teams at the National College Bowl in Kansas City. This is UM-St. Louis' highest placement in College Bowl history.

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## SAVAN from page 6

"Ideally, I'd rather be writing a novel," Savan said. "In terms of journalism, however, I've got the best gig in the world. In writing about advertising, I can write about anything; and by working for the *Village Voice*, I can write anything I choose. So, I'm very

appreciative that I have a job with such freedom.

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Incidentally, Leslie is the sister of Glenn Savan, author of *White Palace* and the daughter of UM-St. Louis Department of Communication instructor, Sid Savan.

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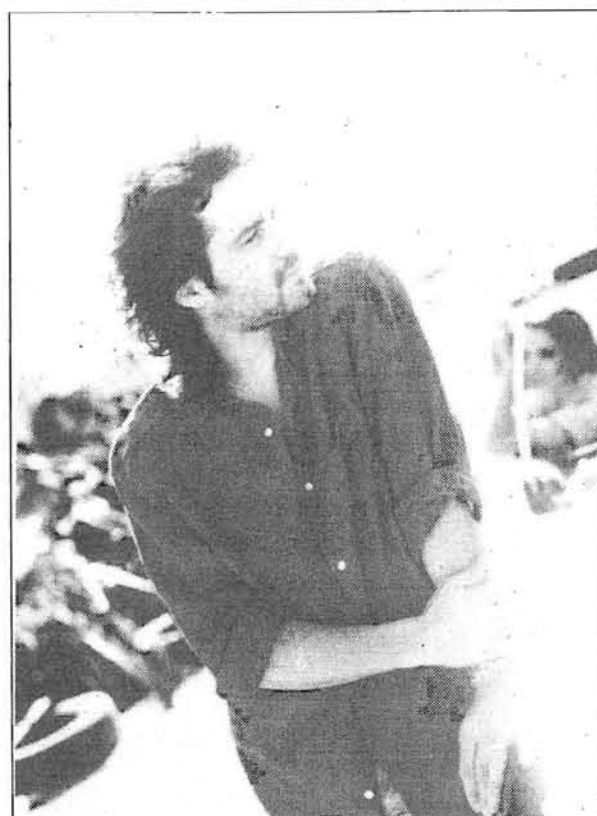
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"I didn't want to tour on the last album, mostly because of the experiences I'd had with the other bands. I kind of got lost in the drinking and drugs and such. Last year I did tour around the country with just an acoustic guitar, and it helped me a lot with getting over the fear of being myself. Plus, now I've cleaned myself up. I got off the drugs, I got married (incidentally to one of Michelle Pfeiffer's sisters), and it feels a lot better. I think I can handle being in charge of the whole show now."

"It may hinder my sales by not being categorized, but I want the freedom to do what I want. I really strive for consistency. It's like I said before, I really try to make the record good from top to bottom. I hope it doesn't sound as pompous as it may have come across, but I really like to take my time with my records and, really, it's my canvas. It's something that I have to hang on the wall and live with for the rest of my life. I want to be able to look back on my records and say, 'Yeah, that was really solid and consistent.'"

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Jude Cole

## ROITHER from page 6

learned to play water polo. He said he was heavily recruited to swim and play water polo in college.

A political science/philosophy major, Roither started his college ca-

reer at UM-Colombia, but he wasn't part of the swim team because he said the coach wouldn't give freshman any money. He transferred to UM-St. Louis after one semester there.

"Mizzou is a great school, but I couldn't get focused down there," Roither said. "There were too many things going on."

But Roither has a different problem here.

"Hey Dave," Roither said to a waiting friend. "How many times a night do I play solitaire?"

"About 60," Dave, the friend, replied. Roither chuckled and said "See, I have so much free time."

When he isn't playing solitaire (his roommate leaves decks of cards all over the house, just to distract him), Roither spends a lot of his free time with what he said is his first love.

"I love to read. I'm a big reader," Roither said. "I try to keep a book in my hand constantly."

One of his favorite authors is Jack Kerouac, but he said he can read just about anything.

Roither said he likes to practice politics in a different sort of way. He likes to go against the grain when he sees a different way of doing something.

"I'm not a very traditional person," Roither said. "I am very demanding. I want it done my way and when I hear 'you can't do it that way,' I just want to scream, 'Why not?'"

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## Wang's World



### Weather's Cold, But Spring Sports Getting Hot

by Jack Wang  
sports editor

Ok, so it's cold outside and there is snow on the ground. Yeah, I've complained about the weather too. I'm looking forward to the thoughts of spring time and warmer weather.

If you need to be reminded about the warmer temperatures, how about opening up the annual Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. Trust me, your temperature will certainly rise after flipping through the pages.

But, seriously, though, the winter sports at UM-St. Louis are coming to an end. The basketball seasons of the Rivermen and Riverwomen will be winding down at the end of February, along with the Rivermen swimming team.

The signs of the warmer temperatures to come are already underway. Spring training has started for the 28 major league teams in Arizona and Florida. Yes, the thoughts even turn to getting that old lawnmower ready for another wonderful grass-cutting season.

Even though the winter sports may be ending, that doesn't mean athletics here are finished for the year.

The spring sports are about to get underway. Like the major leagues, the Rivermen baseball team has been practicing and preparing for the upcoming season. Head coach Jim Brady's squad, led by superb hitters Donnie Jolliff and Bob Mutnansky are nationally ranked.

Also, the Riverwomen softball team has also been getting geared up for the 1993 season. Head coach Harold Brumbaugh has been putting his troops through the usual workouts. The Riverwomen will be led by last season's workhorse pitcher, Kelly Childs.

The Rivermen golf squad is also planning to get the golf season underway. The Rivermen are led by David Rhoads, Levi and Morgan Gonzales, and Matt Tritter, are probably itching to start hitting the tees and start putting.

Over on the tennis courts next to the Mark Twain Building, the men's and women's tennis teams are getting their tennis racket strings tightened in preparation for the season. Rivermen head coach Jeff Zoellner and Riverwomen coach Pam Steinmetz are putting the team through workouts on the court.

The spring season should be an exciting one for all the teams involved. You just know that all the coaches are excited and looking forward to the start of their schedule.

Yet, the coaches and players are not the only ones excited. I must admit that I also can't wait for the spring season of UM-St. Louis athletic events to begin. I'm the type of guy that loves the spring and summer seasons, because it allows me to take part in playing the same recreational sports that is also a part of the spring athletic schedule for the male and female student-athletes of UM-St. Louis.

So, if you're a fan of baseball, softball, golf or tennis, I'd suggest heading out to see any number of the sports this spring. Just think, you'd be able to enjoy watching some action taking place on the diamond, the courts, or on the golf course while you work on that tan or just take in some of that lovely St. Louis spring time weather.

# Road Woes Hurt Basketball Rivermen

## Meckfessel And Co. Lose Six Straight Games On The Road

by Mike Hayes  
Current sports reporter

After closing January with four straight wins, the UM-St. Louis men's basketball team probably wished the calendar never flipped over because they are in the midst of a six-game losing streak.

Pittsburg State handed the Rivermen their most devastating loss in years, Feb. 14, as the Gorillas climbed to a 69-68 win on their home floor, overcoming a seven-point deficit in the last 47 seconds of the game.

"In my 25 years of college coaching, I've never lost a game like this," Rivermen head coach Rich Meckfessel said. "We had the game won. We just let it get away."

The losing streak marks the most consecutive losses a Rivermen team has endured since 1983-84.

Once second overall in the Mid-America Athletic Association (MIAA) and in the run for the conference title, the Rivermen will have to win at least one of their last three games to qualify for the MIAA post-season tournament.

"It's been the most disappointing season of my coaching career because we have the capability of being a very good team, not a great team, but a very good team," Meckfessel said. "We haven't been able to do the little things that would result in wins on the road rather than losses."

Meckfessel cites the Rivermen's recent shooting slump from three-point range as the main culprit in the teams' woes. In the first 17 games, the Rivermen hit 35 percent of their three-point attempts, but in the last six games they dropped off to a paltry 25 percent.

"We don't have great inside scoring and we rely on three-point shoot-

ing," Meckfessel said. "It's pretty plain. If we could have maintained our three point shooting we could have won five of six."

Now the Rivermen have to win at least one of their final three games to qualify for the MIAA conference tournament. Eight of the twelve teams in the conference qualify for the MIAA tournament with home-court advantage going to the top four.

Senior forward Darren Hill doesn't feel it's time to throw in the towel yet though. "Everybody is tired of losing," Hill said. "We lost the feeling of what it is like to win. I think everybody is hungry for a victory."

The Rivermen take on Northwest Missouri State (12-10, 4-8 in MIAA) Wednesday at Mark Twain, in their final home game of the year before wrapping up the regular season at Missouri Western (15-6, 7-5 in MIAA).



Photo: Alfie Ali

Rivermen junior forward Scott Crawford and the rest of the team are reeling from an six game losing streak. Crawford, who is averaging 7.4 points and 4.4 rebounds per game also lost his starting job in an effort to shake up the offense.

### Reporter's Notebook:

## Riverwomen Will Face 1st Ranked Washburn



Photo: Alfie Ali

Surrounded by assistants Victor Jordan and Eric Thompson, head coach Bobbi Morse (center) explains her strategy to the Riverwomen.

by Cory Schroeder  
associate sports editor

There's an old saying that says that there is always light at the end of the tunnel but waiting for the Riverwomen on the other side is Washburn, ranked No. 1 in this week's Division II poll.

It was a long, strange trip for the Riverwomen who suffered losses to Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern, and Pittsburg State. They have a week to prepare for mighty Washburn who feature four players who are averaging in double digits in points and are the number two shooting team in the nation (49.5%).

A heartbreaker started things off with a devastating loss to Southwest Baptist 57-55. With one minute to play, the Riverwomen led 54-53 on a jumper by junior forward Nancy Hesemann. However, Hesemann and senior guard Danielle LaMette committed consecutive fouls to let the Lady Bearcats ice the game from the free-throw line.

"We played like we should have been playing all year," senior forward Liz Squibb said. "That was just the kind of game you win at home but don't get on the road."

Onward to Joplin, Mo. to face the seventh ranked Lady Lions of Missouri Southern. UM-St. Louis had their best shooting performance in weeks (54 percent) but it was not enough as the Lady Lions downed the Riverwomen 76-65. Surprisingly, Missouri Southern center Rolanda Gladen, who is second in the conference in scoring, only had four points. However, teammate Christina Ortega picked up the slack, lighting up the Riverwomen with

six three-point field goals.

"Rolanda got into early foul trouble and had to spend the rest of the first half on the bench," Missouri Southern head coach Scott Ballard said. "She never came out of it and passed up a few easy lay-ups."

Pittsburg State was the final stop, and the Riverwomen hoped to avenge an early season loss, the Gorillas handed them at home. The high powered Pittsburg State offense which ranks third in the nation in field goal percentage (49.4 percent) hit nothing but net, cruising to a 91-50 victory.

**THAT'S WHY THEY'RE SENIORS.** The only offense the Riverwomen could muster against Missouri Southern came from seniors LaMette and Squibb. Squibb scored 23 points, and LaMette added 14. The rest of the team combined for 28 points.

**HOT FOOT.** Freshman guard Bindu Balakrishnan has been inactive due to a burn on her left foot that she suffered at her part-time job. Balakrishnan has missed three weeks and has just begun practicing again.

**STINGY DEFENSE.** Despite a 9-13 record, the Riverwomen have managed to contain the top scorers of the conference. The chart below takes a look at the player's season average and what they did against the Riverwomen.

**DOUBLE-VISION.** Squibb has had 11 double-double games where she has recorded double digits in points and rebounds.

**DOUBLE-VISION PART II.** Squibb also ranks among the MIAA conference leaders in two categories. She is 11th in scoring and third in rebounding.

### Riverwomen's Stingy Defense

| Team | Player           | Season Avg. | Avg. |
|------|------------------|-------------|------|
| UMR  | Joe Kvetensky    | 18.2        | 17   |
| MSSC | Rolanda Gladen   | 17.6        | 10.5 |
| LU   | Lanita Turner    | 16.7        | 10   |
| CMSU | Gina Blanks      | 16.4        | 14   |
| PSU  | Dani Fronabarger | 16.0        | 9.5  |

## Brady's Bunch Ready To Start Tough 1993 Baseball Season

by Jack C. Wang  
sports editor

That sound you just heard over on Rivermen Field is the sounds of bats hitting the baseball a long way. To Rivermen head baseball coach Jim Brady, that sound would be like music in his ears.

The Rivermen, who are ranked 10th in Collegiate Baseball's Division II pre-season rankings are cranked up and ready to start the 1993 campaign; a campaign that is loaded with a 56 game schedule.

"My hope is to live up to the national ranking and that we can improve on it and be in the top five," Brady said. "But my hope is to eventually get to the College World Series."

Brady believes that the pre-season ranking that the Rivermen have attained is a "double edged sword." "It's an incentive for other teams to save their best pitchers for us, but on the flip side of the coin it's a challenge for our players to live up to the expectations of the ranking," Brady said.

One of the more noticeable things about this year's roster is the number of newcomers to the squad, especially with the pitching staff. "I'm very pleased with the progress of our pitching staff," Brady said. "We have a number of quality arms. We have never been this deep, and five or six of our guys could easily be the top guy for another Division II program. The strength of this team is the pitching."

The hurlers are led by senior right-hander Andy Runzi, who earned First Team All-Region after posting a 1992 record of 8-2, with a 2.06 earned run average and a team-leading four shutouts. "Runzi will prove that his 92 season was no fluke," Brady says. "He is the backbone of this pitching staff, and will get the ball in the big games."

Other hurlers expected to contribute this season include junior transfer right-hander Marty Henry, a pitcher that Brady said should see a lot of innings. "He was drafted by the Houston Astros but didn't sign," Brady said. "He will be reckoned with."

Senior right-hander Blaine Shetley is another cog in the pitching staff. "Blaine's a bulldog," Brady said. "He gave us some outstanding efforts last year." Brady also mentioned right-handers Matt Logeais, Trevor Wolfe, Chuck Shaffer, Greg Shepherd, John Kovac, and lefthanders Tim Stratman, Dave Schroll, Kevin Merkel and Gary Lecour as members of the staff expected to log some innings this season. Newcomer right-hander Chris Dumm is expected to take over the closer role this year. "Chris is a gritty competitor who wants the ball in situations with the game's on the line," Brady said.

As for the infield, a big change will take place on the diamond. The Rivermen have lost standout second baseman Mike Landwehr and shortstop Brian Rupp. Rupp, Rivermen fans will recall was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and is currently in the minor league system of the Cards. "As a whole, we're better than the group last year," Brady said. "When you lose two exceptional players like Rupp and



Current File Photo

Center fielder Donnie Jolliff is the catalyst for the Rivermen offensive attack.

Landwehr, who was the best combo at UMSL ever." Taking over in the infield will be newcomers Jeremy Kagan, Todd Kunz, Dave Jolliff and Jeff Peer. Backup infielders include Brian Moriarty and Dan Eagan.

The outfield is led by center fielder Donnie Jolliff, who earned First Team All-South Central Region after hitting .344, nine home runs, 49 runs batted in, and nine stolen bases. Jolliff, who reminds some people of the Rivermen's own version of the Cardinals' Ray Lankford. Like Lankford, Jolliff is the Rivermen's most important player. "For

us to be successful, Donnie has to get on base and make things happen. Defensively, he has no peer in center field," Brady said. "He's our franchise player." Brady's only concern is the off-season knee surgery that Jolliff underwent. "It's a

cause for concern, because he has missed the pre-season." The corners of the outfield will be manned by Jeff Eye and Brady Burk. "Burk is a rock steady, solid player who handles the bat well," Brady said. "Jeff always finds a place in the lineup who was our most consistent hitter the last three weeks of the season last year." Backup outfield support will be provided by Dan Chinnici, Dave Chapin, who's currently injured as a result of a holiday-time skiing

accident, and Kelly Thornton. Thornton is one player that Brady is extremely high on. "I don't want to put the monkey on his back since he's only a freshman, but he's got the ability to hit the ball hard and has some pop in his bat to go deep," Brady said. "I like the way he's progressed. He could be a jewel down the road for us."

Bob Mutnansky is the designated hitter for the Rivermen this season, after putting up some very impressive numbers last year. "Mutt" batted .340, and set school records for most home runs (13), and RBIs (52). "He's the best power hitter at this school," Brady said. "He has quick, strong wrists. I'm so glad he's with us and is an integral part of the team."

At catcher, Jason Wilson returns for his sophomore season after finishing at .279 with 20 RBIs and earning Freshman of the Year honors. "Jason's worked hard this off-season," Brady said. "He's bulked himself up nicely up to 170 pounds. The ball is jumping off his bat, and his catching was solid last year." "If we stay healthy and play to our abilities, we have a chance to be a very good baseball team," Brady said. The season and home opener for the Rivermen is against Missouri Baptist on Mar. 2 at 2:30 p.m.

**"If we stay healthy and play to our abilities, we have a chance to be a very good baseball team"**

—Jim Brady  
Rivermen coach



# UM-St. Louis Alumni Makes It Big With The St. Louis Cardinals King Of The Basketball Hill

by Cory Schroeder  
associate sports editor

Marty Hendin began typing stories for the UM-St. Louis student newspaper, but now he rubs elbows with August A. Busch III for the St. Louis Cardinals as vice president of marketing.

"That's a Winner," is Jack Buck's famous line touting a Cardinals' victory, but fans remember these words because they are plastered all over newspapers, magazines and television.

Hendin's brainchild, the Cardinal's 100th anniversary gala, won critical acclaim and awards from advertising and promotion agencies around the country.

"My American History degree really came in handy with the gala campaign, as far as research," Hendin said.

Hendin has long been a staple of the St. Louis community, since his days spent at University City High School. After graduation, Hendin enrolled at UM-St. Louis and immediately became

active as president of the pep club, the Steamers, and began writing sports stories for *The Current*, where he was promoted to sports editor.

"I was very shy in high school and working on *The Current* allowed me to meet people and make friends that have lasted forever," Hendin said.

With four years of college journalism under his belt, Hendin moved on to the Tri-County Journal, which is now the Fairview Heights Journal, a division of the St. Louis County Suburban Journals. With Hendin leading the way, the tradition of hiring *Current* staff members for the Suburban Journals began.

Tri-County Journal was looking to write sports stories to compete with the Belleville East newspaper. Hendin was handed the job and soon began covering the St. Louis Cardinals. He made valuable connections that would help in his future endeavors.

"Public relations was looking for some new ideas and I applied for the opening of assistant PR director,"



Photo: Alfie Ali

St. Louis Cardinals vice-president of marketing Marty Hendin was a recent guest at the fifth annual Alumni Family Night.

Hendin said. "One thing led to another and I rose through the ranks to my present position."

Hendin served as president of the Alumni Association during the early

by Mike Hayes  
Current sports reporter

Senior guard Darren Hill is playing his only season at UM-St. Louis, but he has definitely made his presence felt.

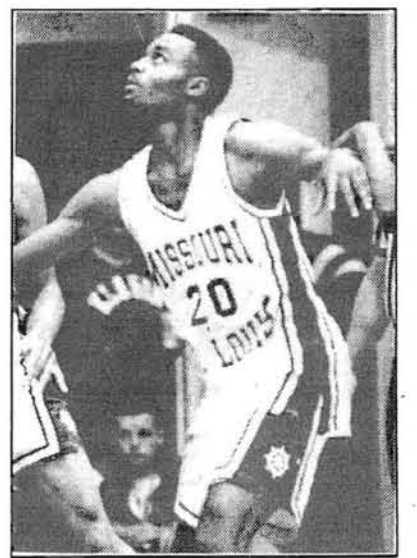
Hill, of Chicago, has led the Rivermen in scoring and rebounding all year. He currently averages 17.7 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Hill has no problem reaching the basket with a 33-inch vertical leap and was named Mid-America Athletics Association (MIAA) Player of the Week for two weeks running in January.

"Next to Chris Pilz, he's been the best player we've had in my 11 years," Rivermen head coach Rich Meckfessel said. "That's quite a compliment."

Pilz led the Rivermen to a school record of 22-6 during the 1990-91 season and earned second team All-American honors.

Being content with success is something Hill wants no part of.

"I'm never satisfied with my game," Hill said. "I know I can do better. I'm just never pleased. I'm not that type of player."



Darren Hill

Hill, cousin of teammate Malcolm Hill, came to the Rivermen program after transferring from Division-I Murray State.

Hill expected a bit of a drop in the competition level, but that wasn't what he found.

"I underestimated D-II coming in. It was a rude awakening when I came here," Hill said. "The only difference between the two is the height and fame. The talent is the same."

For a team that has been plagued by inconsistency all season, Hill has been the definition of consistency. But the 6-foot-4-inch, 185 pound Hill is more interested in helping his team out of their slump than in individual accolades.

"My goal is to make the playoffs," Hill said. "I'm going to play hard and hopefully everybody plays well so the seniors can go out like champs."

With the season quickly winding down, no one has to tell Hill that his college basketball career is nearing its end. He knows that each time he laces up his shoes he is getting closer.

"I've been aware, but I'm trying not to think about it," Hill said. "When it comes, emotions will flare up. I can't complain though, because college basketball has been good to me over my four years."

When it's all over, Hill wants to be remembered as "the skinny kid who jumps out of the gym." And he wants people to say, "Who was that masked man. He comes out of nowhere."

Hill is hoping that his last game with the Rivermen is just the end of another chapter in his basketball life and not the end of the book. He wants to start the next chapter immediately after the season.

"Hopefully, I can play professional ball somewhere... the CBA (Continental Basketball Association) or overseas," Hill said. "But, if it doesn't happen, then I'll be back to pursue my degree."

Hill feels that he needs to work on his strength and ballhandling, along with getting his jump shot "to where it is superb."

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# Softball Team Looking For Success On The Field

by Pete Dierisplno  
Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen softball team plans to make people forget about their 13-30 record in 1992, with a new attitude and a host of talented newcomers.

Talking to Riverwomen Coach Harold Brumbaugh, one would think he just won the lottery. He is excited about his new cast.

"We are deep in hitting this year and all the girls are capable of handling the glove," Brumbaugh said. "There's no easy outs in our lineup this year."

Last year, injuries killed the Riverwomen, and with very little depth, players often played out of position. This won't be a problem this year. Brumbaugh is carrying 14 players this year, and they can each play two to three positions.

"I'm very excited about all our multi-position players," Brumbaugh said.

Senior pitcher Kelly Childs believes the team's depth is important.

"We have a lot of versatility. A lot of people can play many different positions," Childs said. "It will be a big key."



Current file photo

Softball head coach Harold Brumbaugh is happy to have a team filled with quality and depth.

"With all our players, if we run across any injuries, another player should be able to step in and help," senior infielder-outfielder Jenny Sinclair said.

With all of the multi-position players, Brumbaugh might have a hard time making out his lineup.

"The hardest part is figuring out where to bat everyone in the order," Brumbaugh said.

Here is a look at some of the other keys for their success.

**NEED TO DRIVE IN MORE RUNS.**

"We left too many people on base last year," Brumbaugh said.

**CUT DOWN ON ERRORS.**

Riverwomen lost too many games a year ago thanks to their defense.

**PRODUCTION FROM BOTTOM OF BATTING ORDER.**

"Three or four people hit well last year, we need to have more hits for a higher average," Sinclair said.

**STAY AWAY FROM INJURIES.**

"We need to get through the first month healthy," Brumbaugh said.

"I just want to be over 500," Childs said.

"500 would be a big improvement," Sinclair added.

Whatever happens it will take a lot to damper Coach Brumbaugh spirits. "It's going to be a good year."

Now here is a sneak peek at the 1993 Riverwomen:

**SENIORS**  
Sharon Payton - Steady third

baseman, who should hit .260 to .280.

Kelly Childs - Look for a banner year from this right-handed work horse, will get help this year with two other pitchers on roster.

Beth Palisch - Great defensive first baseman, needs to improve on last year's .163 average to stay in the lineup.

Jenny Sinclair - Consistent hitter who bunts well, is working hard on improving defense.

**JUNIORS**

Erin Hurt - Plays all three outfield positions very well, knee surgery in off-season may cut down on speed and range.

Jill Stockdale - Great athlete who should push Childs for ace of the pitching staff.

Colleen Duffin - Should be team's lead-off hitter, will also see action as team's number three pitcher.

Gina Cooksey - Starter at second base, has good range and speed, will probably hit second in the order.

Stephanie Nicolas - Fastest player on team, strongest arm in the outfield, needs to work on hitting to become the complete player, should see plenty of action as defensive replacement and pitch-runner.

Angie Kaighin - Great athlete and



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**WORKHORSE:** Senior righthander Kelly Childs is the ace of the pitching staff, with a 2.76 ERA in 33 games last year.

very aggressive outfielder who gets to the ball well, should see plenty of work.

Stephanie Adelman - Only returning junior, versatility, durable athlete who should see time at catcher and in the infield.

Dina Whelchel - Starting catcher who handles the pitchers well, could be long ball hitter, should bat number four in the order.

**SOPHOMORES**

Jeri Mass - Only sophomore on team, returns after a .330 season as a freshman, moves from lead-off hitter to either number 3 or 4 spot to drive in more runs.

**FRESHMEN**

Nicole Christ - should start at shortstop, great fielder, will miss first eight games, as she finishes up women's basketball season.

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