

Council Demands Changes In Food Service

by Clint Zweifel
news editor

The Residence Hall Council said they are unhappy with their food plan and demand changes in the service offered by ARA food service at a meeting Nov. 7.

The council sent a letter of complaint to ARA Food Service Manager, Joe Lutgen, that highlighted the areas the council is unhappy with. Complaints brought up at the meeting were

variety of food offered, healthiness of the food offered, cleanliness of the Under-ground, and the account plan offered by the university.

Jason Peery, Residence Hall Council president,

said he feels the university and ARA are not taking the residence hall students into consideration.

"Things are getting progressively worse," Peery said. "There is no concern for the 86 people that live here and eat there everyday."

Peery said two of the council's

main complaints are lack of variety of food and its healthiness. He said students do not have enough variety of food to choose from.

"We don't believe it's a healthy diet for a student," Peery said.

He said ARA has responded to some of the complaints the council has had. The council asked for a breakdown on the nutritional value of foods, which has now been set out in the cafeteria.

Peery said the council asked for an extra entree, which has been added.

Dave Roither, SGA vice-president, who was present at the meeting said he agreed with the council's demands.

"This affects everybody (who lives in the dorm) three times a day," Roither said. "Something really needs to be done as soon as possible. There are people over there who are really depressed about it."

He said the university may have to look into getting another food service company, even if there is a cost increase for the university.

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An International Bite



Photo: Christopher Sutherland

FOOD FEST: Students sample different types of cuisine at a food festival at the International House on Nov. 12. The event was part of International Student Week activities.

Second Language Learners Given A Hand

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

Thirty students from Central America and the Caribbean visited UM-St. Louis on Oct. 29. The event was scheduled to promote interaction between UM-St. Louis Spanish students and students involved in English as a Second Language (ESL).

Susana Walter, Spanish Club advisor, said the plan was to be sensitive to people who are learning a foreign language.

"These students are not only learning a foreign language, but also a for-

ign country," Walter said. "The day went as planned and even better because there were more ESL students than expected."

The ESL students are currently enrolled in classes at Harris Stowe College and Florissant Valley College. They will study in the United States for two years on scholarships paid by their respective governments.

UM-St. Louis students performed skits in Spanish to begin the afternoon. The ESL students presented the audience with information about holidays in their country.

Polly Knight, UM St. Louis Span-

ish student, said the ESL students are adjusting well to the English language.

"Some of them had the impression that we (UM-St. Louis students) spoke Spanish as well as they did English," Knight said. "Not true. The ESL students were less hesitant in their conversation."

The Spanish Club provided refreshments for all who attended. Both ESL students and UM-St. Louis students enjoyed the socializing.

"I talked to several guys from El Salvador and Guatemala," said Laura MacAdam, UM-St. Louis Spanish student. "I didn't understand them, they

didn't understand me, it was fun."

Walter said the day was beneficial because it was something that can not be replicated.

"It gave the students the opportunity to communicate," Walter said. "At least it made students appreciate the situation."

Starting in January of 1994, ESL will be made available to UM-St. Louis students. The ESL courses will be offered in cooperation with Washington University and will be taught by WU professors, but classes are to be held on

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Residence Hall Council Demands

- More health-conscious food
- Cleaner eating area, utensils, dishes, trays, floors and counters
- Extended breakfast hours
- Better interaction between employees and students
- Vegetarian options

Diversity In UM System Becoming Key Issue

UM- St. Louis Leads Four Campuses In Diversity

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

A campus diversity presentation was outlined by Chancellor Blanche Touhill at the UM-St. Louis Senate meeting on Nov. 9.

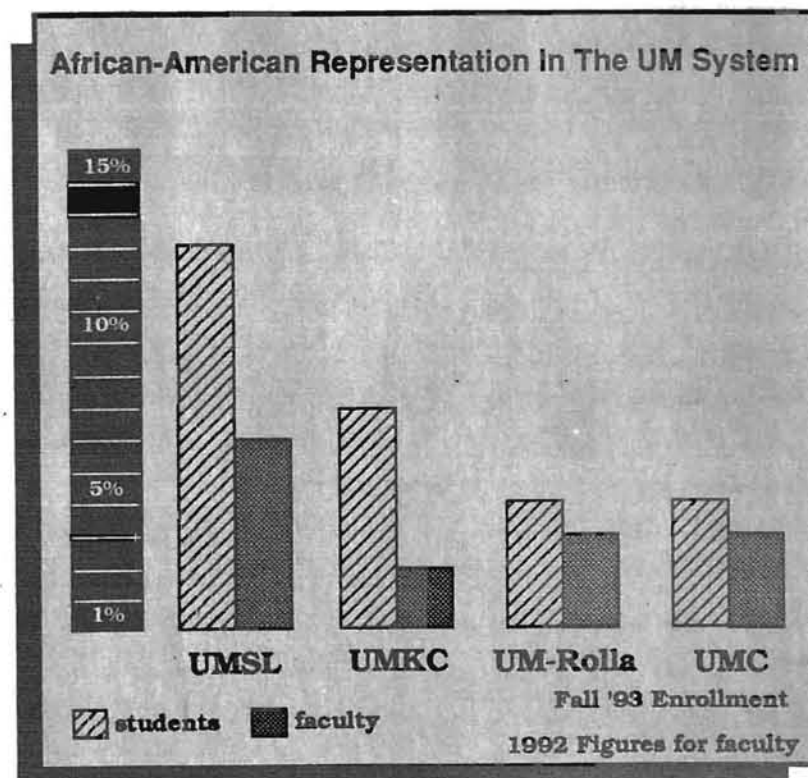
Touhill's presentation was previously made to the University of Missouri Board of Curators on Oct. 28.

In the diversity report, Touhill used slides and statistics to provide the Board with goals, set by UM-system President George Russell last year, that UM-St. Louis has achieved.

Russell's recommendations included creating a diverse faculty and student body, facilitating transfer students from community colleges to the four-year university setting and establishing an oversight group to monitor the progress of diversity on campus.

The slides illustrated the progress UM-St. Louis has made in the past year.

African enrollment increased to 10.4 percent from 9.9 percent. An unconfirmed report states this number is near 12 percent for the winter semester. The number of African-Americans



holding full-time faculty positions has tripled since 1988 to 27.

The report also showed an increase in positions occupied by women. Women faculty increased to 38 percent from 36 percent. Women full-time staff is 61 percent, down from 62 percent last year.

Transfer students increased to 720 from community colleges located in the metropolitan St. Louis region. UM-St. Louis has assigned an adviser for

1992-93 to meet with community college students.

Fred Hall, Board of Curators member, said Touhill did an excellent in her presentation.

"I am just one curator," Hall said. "But it is my observation that she (Touhill) is sensitive of the need for diversity on campus. She has an excellent plan to achieve diversity for the St.

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UM System President Encourages Increase In Student, Faculty Diversity

by Clint Zweifel
news editor

Student and faculty diversity on college campuses continues to be an issue universities are dealing with. The issue does not pass up the University of Missouri.

At the Board of Curators meeting Oct. 28, UM system President George Russell said the university has an underrepresentation of minorities by both students and faculty.

Minority Faculty Representation

"The numbers are so disconcerting that you know we need to do more," said Morris Manning, director of UM communications, referring to the percentage of black faculty in the UM system.

Manning said there is a problem associated with increasing the diversity of faculty at universities everywhere, not just in Missouri. He said the underrepresentation of black faculty stems from a low number of blacks with doctorate degrees.

Manning said instead of competing with other universities for the limited number of blacks teaching candidates, the university is working with other colleges to increase the pool of blacks with doctoral degrees. He said UM is working with other universities by referring black students to other schools who are interested in a pursuing a de-

Wendell Ogrofsky, UM-Rolla vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said the university is working with minority graduate students at the university to entice them to pursue further degrees, giving them an opportunity to teach.

He said the university has also made more funding available to increase the number of black faculty.

"It's necessary in today's world," Ogrofsky said. "It has to be done in an affirmative way."

"It will create the type of campus we would all like to see—a representation of society."

Minority Student Representation

Low "Sandy" MacLean, UM-St. Louis vice chancellor for Student

Affairs, said the university is trying to increase the number of minority students by building a relationship with area industry and high schools.

He said the university works with area businesses to get funding for pre-collegiate programs. Although these programs are not all considered minor-

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Morris Manning, director of UM communications, referring to the percentage of black faculty in the UM system.

gree that their particular school does not offer.

"We are working to develop a plan for getting more minority professors," Manning said. "To keep African-Americans on the path for doctoral degrees."

"Instead of competing with the Stanfords we need to work with them and make the pool bigger."

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From the editor's desk

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

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New car, caviar, four-star daydream, think I'll buy me a football team... Pink Floyd, 1973



marketing, I'll give them that.

For the most part, lost in the name shuffle of Kroenke, Fran Murray Jerry Clinton and Jim Orthwein has been Walter Payton's name. Payton has been mentioned as a declining factor in the football equation, but never asked, why.

When I first heard of the fledgling group putting together an effort to acquire a franchise, it was a pleasant, but not surprising, to see Payton's name included.

It wasn't surprising because Payton had just concluded the most productive career as the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Payton surpassed Jim Brown's record by more than 2,000 yards—a record thought that would stand a generation because of the importance placed on passing by NFL teams.

It seemed to be a no-brainer: Payton would be a perfect fit for what he could add to player selection and development. There was certainly no one in Bidwell's ownership with this capacity.

Payton's addition to the NFL's Hall of Fame this year and his position as a partial owner would lend to the credibility needed in league meetings. He would give the whole franchise an aura that teams like the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers (with Joe Montana) enjoy.

So, even though I have never conversed with any of these people, as an astute observer of the *Post* may point out if they would see this story, all of these things I just mentioned are common knowledge to NFL "Big Fans."

I'd like to see Payton's name resurface if we are rewarded a team Nov. 30. But he obviously doesn't have the type of money it takes for the panhandlers in the *Post's* sports department to jockey for him a better position.

What a nice fit it would be. The Los Angeles Raiders gave the NFL its first black head coach. We could go a step better and have Payton as an owner.

Unfortunately, the only color prevalent at this stage is green.

In 1973, the St. Louis Cardinals (football team) were on the verge of two consecutive NFC East championships and the only two non-strike playoff berths in franchise history.

Bill Bidwell had hired a successful coach from the college ranks in Don Coryell and the team was led on the field by the likes of Jim Hart, Jackie Smith and Mel Gray.

They're all gone now. The team went to Phoenix in Bidwell's divorce from St. Louis—and still has yet to prosper—while Hart, Smith and Gray are just memories from old highlight films.

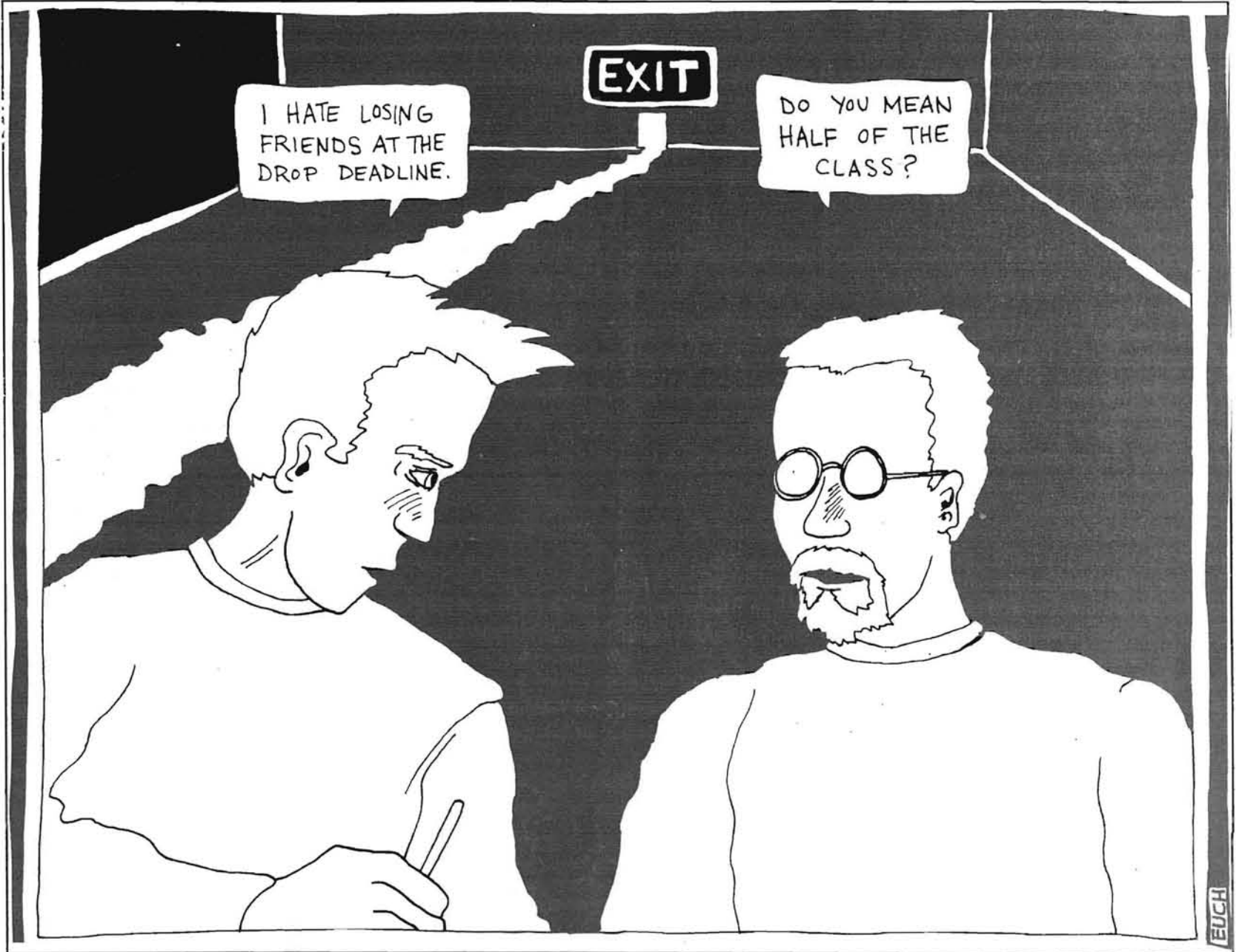
In a few days, St. Louis will either have a new franchise—or it won't.

I'm what is referred to as a "Big Fan" of pro football, a passion that was instilled in me during crisp Autumn days when we played adjacent to George M. Nuff Elementary School in the Junior Football League (JFL) in St. Charles. Ironically, my start in football came at the same time the Cardinals were at their best.

However, we must get on with our lives, with or without the Stallions (puke!), because we have the best goalie in the NHL and a smilin' "Golden Brett" again.

It certainly has been interesting watching the good old boys in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* sports department write articles to bait Columbia millionaire Stan Kroenke into spending \$150,000 million, for a chance to suit up every Sunday with the big boys.

Good intentions, or not, it was shameless to watch our city's only daily beg for money from daddy big-bucks. The first reference to Kroenke called him "Stan the Man" after legendary batsman Stan Musial. What



"May I Have Consent To Kiss You?"

University In Ohio Implements Unrealistic Physical Contact Policy

Commentary



by Christine McGraw
managing editor

At Antioch University you better believe it if someone says they don't want to be kissed. Or hugged. Or have intercourse. If you don't take it seriously, it could mean your college career.

This is hilarious. A small liberal arts school, in Yellow Springs, Ohio, has a sexual offense policy that requires students to give and receive verbal consent for every act of affection, from touching to kissing to sexual intercourse.

In addition, if an Antioch student—male or female—fails to disclose having a sexually-transmitted disease and has intercourse with another stu-

dent, it could mean a suspension of three months or more.

The 13-page policy, which was recently revised, covers issues such as rape, sexual assault, insistent or persistent sexual harassment, non-disclosure of a known positive HIV status, and non-disclosure of a known sexually-transmitted disease. Marian Jensen, the dean of students at the college said they are trying to teach college students to talk reasonably and sensibly about intimacy.

"Those of us who know college students know that people get assaulted," she said, "and get taken advantage of, or wake up in the morning feeling very uncomfortable about what happened the night before."

The policy spells out what the school considers appropriate sexual behavior, such as: "Asking 'Do you want to have sex with me?' is not enough. The request for consent must be specific to each act."

Jensen defends the policy by saying, "... maybe she was afraid to tell you she didn't like it. [the sexual con-

tact]."

If someone doesn't like something, shouldn't they say so? Nancy Reagan coined the phrase, "just say no," and it applies not only to the drug issue but, call me crazy, I think it would work just as well in this situation.

Men shouldn't be forced to walk on egg shells when they take someone

I don't think its the university's responsibility to call the shots on dating.

And what happens if an innocent kiss slips by without consent.--you're expelled from school?

If the goal is to curtail date rape and assaults of that nature, it won't work. Even if a woman is kissed against her will, the chances of her "telling" are few and far between.

Anyway, how does the school plan to enforce these codes. Are their physical contact police lurking around campus?

Not all parts of the program are unreasonable, though. It is important to let your date or partner know of any sexually-transmitted dis-

cases you might have, but again, is it the schools responsibility to play sex police.

The school also requires all students to attend a workshop about sexual offenses, consent and behavior every year they are at the institution. And if a rape is reported on the Antioch campus, the alleged perpetrator is removed from the campus immediately.

In addition, a one-credit self-defense workshop is offered each quarter, and the school offers support groups for survivors for sexual offense.

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Not one letter to the editor came across my desk this week. I guess everyone is in a state of bliss and harmony with the going's- on at this campus. Write to me. We'll both feel soooo much better.-- RLK

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sit through a Blues game (yeah, right) but you still want to see the Rivermen skate around, they're going to be playing home games at a new rink in Fenton called The Forum. Games will probably be on Thursday nights at 10:15 p.m. It's not for sure yet but if you want to find out all you need to do is to call the Hockey Hotline at 522-0600.

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not be afraid to see what the program has to offer them.

"It's recommended that students have a 2.5 grade point to participate in the Exchange, but some schools will accept students with less than that," Bohnenkamp said.

Students who are worried about credits transferring from one university to UM-St. Louis should not let this influence their decision. Most credits will be fairly easy to transfer back to UM-St. Louis.

The only catch being that a student's major department has the final say on what they choose to accept, said Bohnenkamp.

Tuition for the exchange should not cause much more distress than pay-

ing for UM-St. Louis every semester. The program is set up with two plans. One plan allows the student to pay the UM-St. Louis tuition, while the other allows the student to pay the tuition for the school he or she chooses to attend. The payment plan that comes out the cheapest will be used by the student.

"Most of the schools in the program are state universities or regional universities and their costs are quite comparable to ours," said Bohnenkamp.

However, students are expected to pay for living expenses at the university they choose to attend.

Students interested in the program should go to the Honor's College to get complete information about the program.

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ity programs, he said, they are a good way to recruit minority students.

"They encourage students to go into science and mathematics," MacLean said. "They are natural feeders for us."

He said the university also has two employees working with community colleges in the area to recruit students and help students already interested to transfer. He said this is important since Forest Park Community College provides the most black transfer students to UM-St. Louis.

Ogrosky said recruiting minority students is only one-half of the job. Once the student is at the university, the school needs to make sure the student stays there or the recruiting effort was in vain.

He said minority students face special problems at universities, especially socially which can cause them to drop-

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turns await the future of this genre that is all too occupied with wimps and wusses. 3 1/2 stars.

Muzza Chunka-Fishy Pants

(Rowdy Records): Touring with bands like Rage Against the Machine and Tool have really primed this band up for the bigtime, whether they like it or not. They tend to opt for the aggression of Tool in a package that is full of tightly knit rebellion. A common, but sincere marketing concept in the '90s. The music though is tough and exciting. "Float" is a song that surmises all of what this band offers, musically and lyrically. It's about the music business and their place in it. Another great track is "Loaded," which was released as a 7 inch earlier this year. 4 Stars

out of school.

"Minority students face problems in a college environment that other types of students don't face," Ogrosky said. "The minority student may be the only non-majority student in a class. They are lacking in social opportunity."

Manring said although UM does want to increase black enrollment, the university does not want to set specific quotas. Instead, he said the university will start recruiting early for black students.

"We want to get into the process of earlier recruitment from high schools," Manring said. "By setting up recruiting centers that lead a path toward the University of Missouri. Looking at ways to increase retention rates for minority students to make sure they are getting what they need to succeed."

Afghan Whigs-Gentlemen

(Elektra) Gentlemen is the fourth album for these Cincinnati natives. It's also their biggest departure.

Once a Subpop band, now a major label group threatening to become even more present on the music scene, Gentlemen is an album about relationships and drugs. Singer and guitarist Chris Dulli approaches these aspects head on, much like Henry Rollins without sugar coating them with techniques like metaphors.

The music is much more surreal and creates better settings than their past stuff, like on Congregation, but its true power lies when the combination of these two aspects work to a T as "Debonair" and "What Jail Is Like." 4 Stars.

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Louis campus."

Other Senate Business

Touhill commended the Student Government Association for their strong efforts to make Homecoming a success. Homecoming was attended by 180 UM-St. Louis students.

"It was great to see students having fun," Touhill said.

Touhill announced that UM-St.

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the UM-St. Louis campus.

International students will participate in an English language assessment, and based on results may be required to take ESL courses. ESL courses may also be taken upon request.

Roosevelt Wright, vice chancellor

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"If we need to invest money now it will pay off in the long run," Roither said. "What we are seeing is the university needs to seriously reconsider its contract with ARA."

He said the university should respond to the demands of the council since unhappy residents do not make good advertising.

"If I was looking into living at a dorm I would want to talk to one of the students that live there," Roither said. "Right now they have 100 students who are not selling the program well."

Rick Blanton, associate director of Student Activities, said he believes there are enough entrees available to the students. He said, though, that if a student was to eat health foods only

Louis would continue efforts to increase enrollment by displaying advertisements in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Business Journal and area billboards

Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said students are taking advantage of telephone registration. MacLean said 35 percent of the students registered have done so by telephone

for Academic Affairs, said the start of the program is something the international students deserve.

"The establishment of the new ESL Program is an important step toward further serving the needs of the international students on our campus," Wright said.

they could get bored with the selection.

"Sometimes you have to look harder for the health foods but that's the same everywhere," Blanton said. "There are options there."

Blanton said the Director of Student Activities, Bob Schmalfeld, meets with ARA Food Services Manager, Joe Lutgen, on a regular basis and discusses the menu cycle. He said menu changes could be brought up at that time.

"It's only through the users feedback that we can see of strength and weakness," Blanton said. "We want the food service to be as good as possible for all users."

Lutgen could not be reached for comment.

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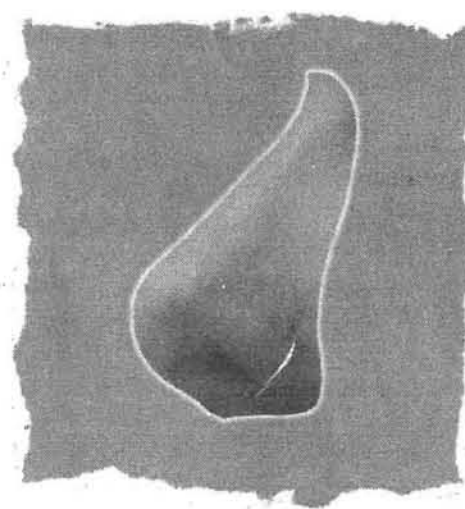
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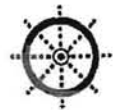
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Speak No Evil



Native Americans Victimized By Sports

by Cory Schroeder sports editor

'Redskin,' as defined by Webster's dictionary, is a reference to a Native American usually meant to be offensive. But for some reason, a NFL franchise based in Washington D.C. continues to use that racial slur as their nickname.

Offense is just what Native Americans have taken. Susan Harjo, president of the Mourning Star foundation, a non-profit American Indian rights group, met with Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Washington Redskins, to discuss changing the team nickname and mascot. She had this comment to say after the meeting.

"I was simply told that it would cost too much to make all the changes and he didn't think it was derogatory anyway," Harjo said.

Cooke, who is descended from an English settler, even went so far to say that Native Americans should consider it an honor to have a football team named after them. Harjo had this response.

"It's the offended class that gets to say what the offense is and to offer the nature of the remedy. Calling someone a Redskin is the equivalent of calling someone a n****r; there is no polite way to put it. If the team was the Washington Blackfaces or the Washington Yellowskins, not a person in the world would say, 'Wow, am I honored!' You'd have a race riot," Harjo said.

The situation in Atlanta is just as bad if not worse. The tomahawk chop, a cheer used by Atlanta Braves fans, promotes an old age stereotype of American Indians that they are warlike savages. The fans who dress up in ceremonial headdresses and smoke peacepipes have no regard for American Indian religions that employ both.

"Eagle feathers play an important role in the spirituality of Native Americans. Faces are painted in a sacred way," said Clyde Bellecourt, director of the American Indian Movement. "The use of the tomahawk chop by the Atlanta team promotes an image of a half-naked savage on a violent warpath. This is not the image we want our children to grow up with."

How can people so blatantly insult Native religion. Suppose the New Orleans Saints fans decided to emulate Catholicism as part of their routine. What if they carried crosses, had a mascot dressed up like the pope, annointed their foreheads with ashes, and displayed enlarged replicas of the Holy Communion Sacramental bread while drinking from chalices filled with wine? Would Catholics consider these routines anti-Catholic? I think so. This is exactly the same situation.

It is discouraging to think that Native Americans are the only ethnic group to have a professional sports team named after them. Some honor.

It's not meant to insult them say some. It's all in fun others say. Native Americans are just too sensitive insist others.

"What's the big deal? The Atlanta Braves have always shown Native Americans in a very positive light," Ted Turner owner of the Atlanta Braves said in a interview with the *New York Times*. "We use the Brave symbol, and we take pride in it. I see no reason to change it."

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Rivermen Basketball Preview

Rivermen Look To Erase Memory Of Last Season's Nine-Game Collapse

by Cory Schroeder sports editor

With 10 new faces, the UM-St. Louis men's basketball team promises to have a new look if not a winning season.

The Rivermen only have one senior and sophomore sensation Lawndale Thomas returning from last year's 11-15 squad but head coach Rich Meckfessel isn't worried.

"With last year's team being one of the best we've had in a long time until February killed us with injuries and a few other problems," Meckfessel said. "I think it's a good thing to be starting over."

At one point last season, the Rivermen were in second place in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association standings. But they lost a school-record nine straight games and fell out of league playoff contention.

Despite the losses, the team has actually improved in a few areas like the inside where the Rivermen will feature five players over 6 feet five inches.

"A lot what we do we'll revolve around the post players," Meckfessel said. "In the past years when we threw the ball inside the other team wasn't too concerned but it will be different this year."

With the strength inside, the Rivermen appear at this point appear to be weak around the perimeter with the loss of sharpshooters Darren Hill, Steve Roder, and Jim Robinson. But returning are freshman sensation Lawndale Thomas and promising senior Malcolm Hill. Both Hill and



Rich Meckfessel

Thomas shot over 38% from the three point lane. Also recruits Kevin Willis and Marcus Albert have considerable range.

"The three point basket is an integral part of the college game," Meckfessel said.

With having such a young team, the defense is always the slowest to come around.

"The potential to be good defensively is there, but I don't think we're there yet," Meckfessel said.

Meckfessel's Task. With all the new faces, Meckfessel has the task of weaving together a unit out of all the different personalities.

"In basketball, chemistry is more important than any other sport," Meckfessel said.

Toughest Challenge. For their second game of the season, the Rivermen will have to travel to Columbus, Ohio, to face the Division I Ohio State Buckeyes from the Big Ten Conference.

Who Are These Guys? New Faces Are In Abundance

by Cory Schroeder sports editor

A Look At The Rivermen By Position

Point guard. Back is Thomas who was named to the MIAA-All Freshman team last season despite playing behind leading scorer Steve Roder.

"We've seen things that indicate that Lawndale has really matured as a player and a person which is really important for a point guard," Meckfessel said.

Thomas' name is not permanently etched on the starting line-up. Junior transfer Marcus Albert played at Howard County Junior College and was courted by several Division I schools.

"Marcus was an outstanding playmaker at the junior college level," Meckfessel said.

Both are promised to see a lot of minutes, and Meckfessel even hinted that both of them could be on the floor at the same time.

Shooting guard. This was Jim Robinson's spot, a late season starter from last year's squad who knocked down 15 three pointers, until he became academically ineligible.

The top candidate appeared to be junior transfer Shawn Caldwell. Caldwell averaged over 20 points a game for Shelby State Community College last season. However, Caldwell hurt his back in practice and has been slow to recover.

"He missed almost a month and it really has set him back," Meckfessel said.

Meckfessel expects Caldwell to bounce back but freshman Randy Willis has also made a good impression. Willis

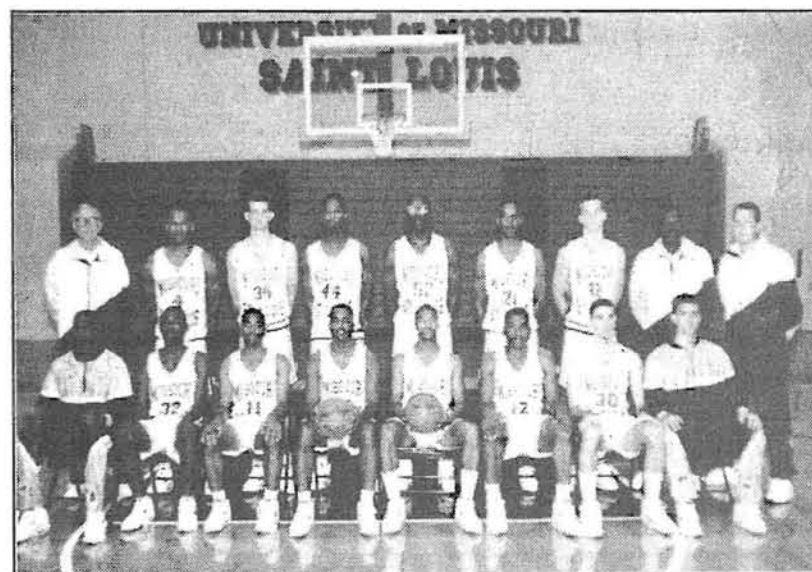


Photo: Dave Floyd

BIGGER, BETTER, FASTER: The new Rivermen will feature additional inside punch from Marvin Smith (#44), Kevin Tuckson (#52), and Rodney Hawthorne (#21).

was one of the top three point shooters in the area last year for Lutheran North high school. His outside range will be sorely needed without Robinson.

"He (Willis) has very good court awareness and a good feel for the game," Meckfessel said.

Small Forward. Without scoring legend Darren Hill, who led the Rivermen with 17.8 points per game and 188 rebounds, this position comes down to a standoff between returning senior Malcom Hill and junior transfer Michael Graves. Hill saw limited action last season but appears to be the frontrunner. Graves is very strong and has a nice touch from the outside.

"Those are probably the only two that will see time at that position," Meckfessel said.

Although Meckfessel speculated that junior transfer Rodney Hawthorne could see action there later in the season.

Power Forward. Hawthorne appears to be the lock here. Three year starter Scott Crawford, projected back-up Bryan Silver, and the bulky Jermaine Morris all are not returning. It's Hawthorne's show almost by default.

"From day to day he's been our most consistent player," Meckfessel said. "He's almost been a starter from the first day of practice."

It's also possible 6-7 Kevin Tuckson could get some minutes here.

Center. The rumours are true 6-6 Marvin Smith is for real. Smith is already being compared to former post player Kevin Brooks, who led the Rivermen to the Sweet 16 of the Division II national tournament in the 1987-88 season.

"Smith put in a very impressive performance in our scrimmage Saturday," Meckfessel said. "He could play

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Women's Basketball After College Not An Impossibility

Rebecca Dames of *The Current* staff

Monica Steinhoff began an early career of basketball at the age of five. She played first for St. Charles Borromeo elementary school, then she played at Duchesne High School in St. Charles, where she also played softball and threw the discus in track.

Steinhoff also played for Kutis, a team in the Amateur Athletics Union. Finally, she played for four years at UM-St. Louis.

During her career, she has won many awards. In high school, the Pioneers placed second in state, losing the championship game by one point. She also holds every scoring record at Duchesne. And has won the Best Man Assist award.

Steinhoff was voted to the NCAA Division II All-American team her

freshman year at UM-St. Louis. She was second in the nation scoring three-point shots, and she holds several scoring records at UM-St. Louis: most points in a game; most points in a season; most three-point shots per game and most three-point shots in a season.

Steinhoff graduated from UM-St. Louis in August with a degree in Physical Education and is currently teaching at Progress South in the Fort Zumwalt district.

She has followed the sport from day-one and really enjoys getting into it.

"I just enjoy getting out and running with the ball," said Steinhoff.

Although Steinhoff has not played for the Riverwomen for two years, she still has magic. She is 5' 7" and a

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Monica Steinhoff

The Quote Box



Riverwoman basketball head coach Jim Coen on implanting a system that will center around the three-point basket.
"I like to call it chuck and duck."

UM-St. Louis athletic's die-hard fan Mitch Waymer on the Rivermen basketball team.
"Who are these guys?"



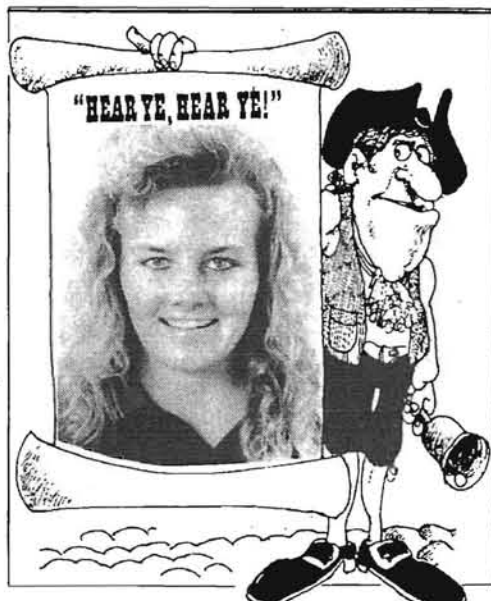
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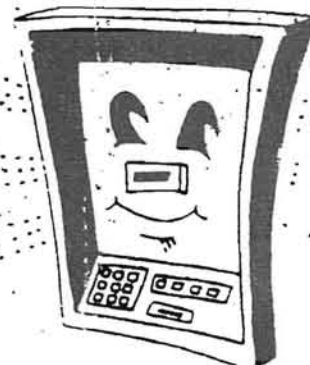
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The point is not whether the names of teams, the use of mascots, the caricatures of Native Americans are all in fun or not meant as an insult. The fact is that a group of people is offended by them. And if that group believes it is being stereotyped or made fun of, then the actions should cease. It is not okay to paint your face black and poke fun at African American culture. Al Jolson made a career out of this in the 1920's. Is this what we have reverted back to, the 1920's.

There is really only one solution. Drop the nickname! Several college teams did just that in the 1970's. Stanford changed its nickname from Indian to the Cardinal and Syracuse from Redmen to Orangemen. The teams ordered new uniforms, a new way of thinking began, and team play did not change at all. The same could be done for the Atlanta Braves who in their long

history have been the Bees, Red Caps, and Beaneaters.

The solution result would be what sports team nicknames, mascots, and caricatures were intended be in the first place, smothering for everyone to take pride in.

The sports industry took a long time to get past the color barrier and let African-Americans compete. Even though they were minorities, they demanded equal treatment and got it. The Native Americans of this country comprise an even smaller percentage of the population than African-Americans. Are we saying Native Americans don't count. The root of this racism will grow and spread if an end is not applied. Hypocrisy rules with an iron glove

"In many ways it's not the fans fault," Bellecourt said. "Our educational institutions and media have placed this stereotype in our minds."

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powerful point guard for the St. Louis Hawks and the River Queens, two teams in the first women's basketball league.

The league started last year with six teams in Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas City, MO, Nebraska and Kansas City, KS. The Hawks played each team a couple of times. The teams are made up of women from all over the country. The integration of women in sports is on a slow track but it may catch up in a few years.

"I think it is likely that more women will be getting into sports... SMSU (Southwest Missouri State) has more support for women's sports than men's," said Steinhoff.

Last season, the team's did not get a lot of support. However, family and friends did show their's and there was also a lot of walk-ins from hearsay on the streets.

"We did not get too much support last year... maybe two to three hun-

dred fans at the most," said Steinhoff.

Even though there is no money to be made in women's athletics now, there is hope for the future.

"There is not enough money in it now," Steinhoff said. "At least not enough to live on."

In her spare time, Steinhoff still plays softball and on other basketball teams. She also coached the women's basketball team at Visitation Academy last year to a 14-5 record.

Steinhoff hopes that the league will catch on and gain more support than it received last year.

"Hopefully, it will go over good, but it is hard to get people interested," said Steinhoff.

So, all of you women athlete fans, come and watch UM-St. Louis alumna Monica Steinhoff play for the River Queens, at Maryville College Nov. 6 vs. the All Stars from Kansas City.

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ball after college not necessarily in the NBA but in Europe."

Despite the raves about Smith, Tuckson has been a solid performer in practice and up until Saturday had been considered the leadind contender for the post. Meckfessel will employ an offense where both Tuckson and Smith will be in at the same time, which should improve rebounding and inside defense.

"This should be the best rebounding team since our NCAA tournament team," Meckfessel said.

Key To Success. The Rivermen must beat lesser foes like Maryville and Fontbonne before conference play starts. If they win those games, they might have enough momentum to beat some conference teams and earn a bid for postseason play.

Smith must prove to be a dominant force on the inside and Thomas and Albert will have to keep mistakes to the minimum while running the point. Scoring on the inside will open up things around the perimeter.

Predicted Finish. Meckfessel figures the team will finish somewhere in the upper half of the MIAA. But with the easy schedule at the beginning of the season and the enormous inside talent, the team should gel by the time conference play gets underway and finish third behind Missouri Southern and Washburn. Predicted Record: 17-9.

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