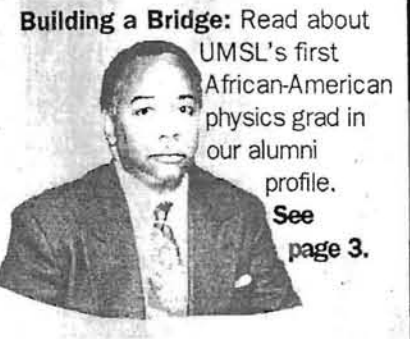




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Wait 'til next year: Rivermen look forward to a winning year after several lackluster seasons. See page 5.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Oklahoma students react strongly to U.S. bombings

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — OU students were shocked Thursday after U.S. forces retaliated for recent deadly embassy bombings in East Africa with two cruise missile strikes in Afghanistan and Sudan.

The strikes were against alleged terrorist camps in Afghanistan and a chemical plant in Sudan. "I knew that there was something in the works but I was surprised because it was out of the blue," social work senior Nardos Eyoas said.

Though they were shocked, most students backed the action. "If they're harboring terrorists, you can just annihilate them for all I care," said Scott Wiehle, political science and history senior.

Many students said they supported the strike because the United States should make an example of those who threaten Americans' safety.

"It's important that the U.S. says 'we won't tolerate terrorism' and that there will be quick and decisive measures taken if it occurs," said John Ward, political science and public relations senior.

Despite threats of further attacks on American interests, some students said the violence was unnecessary.

"Dropping bombs is not the way," computer science freshman Ayesha Ahsan said. "The United States should propagate peace — two wrongs don't make a right."

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Ku Klux Klan, KWMU square off in court

BY ASHLEY COOK senior editor

The outcome of an injunctive hearing held earlier this month in the Ku Klux Klan's case against the UM Board of Curators will determine whether or not the University's public radio station, KWMU-FM will be required to air the Klan's underwriting statement.

The hearing, held Aug. 12 before U.S. Magistrate Thomas Mummert, was a request for an injunction against KWMU, which would require them to play the KKK's promotional announcements until the outcome of the case is decided at a hearing to be held in November.

The KKK filed the suit in October after KWMU denied the group's request to underwrite four episodes of "All Things Considered," a National Public Radio program.

Underwriting means that an organization sponsors a program by giving a gift, receiving in exchange 15 seconds of air time for a promotional statement.

According to courtroom testimony, The KKK's underwriting statement would include a description of the Klan as "a white Christian organization, standing up for the rights and values of white Christian America since 1865."

Patricia Bennett, director and general manager of KWMU, testified that she gave the recommendation to deny underwriting from the KKK.

"The number of African-American listeners has doubled in the last three years, and we didn't

want that number to decline," Bennett said. "It would adversely affect KWMU's growth and development and listeners would be offended."

Bennett testified that in 1982 the Federal Communications Commission handed down a policy allowing broadcasters to use "editorial discretion" in deciding what underwriting they would accept.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill testified that if the KKK is allowed to underwrite programming on KWMU, the University would lose several million dollars in gifts and that student numbers would decline, causing the University to lose tuition dollars.

After the hearing, Touhill said that denying the underwriting was an economic decision based on her perception of the KKK's association with violence.

"This is a gift. The rules are that once we accept a gift, we must make it public," Touhill said. "The essence is that I felt that it would have caused a business loss with the wide diversity of students that we have."

Michael Cuffley, Unit Coordinator for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan-Realm of Missouri, testified that his organization was trying to support the station and gain exposure to a well-educated audience and that his organization does not promote violence.

"I oppose violence in every way," Cuffley said. "If any of my members do anything, I'll be the

see Klan, page 7



Bennett

Forever blowing bubbles...



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Steve Boyer-Edwards and his son Ian attend the dedication of the Investigators' Garden on South campus Aug 19. The garden is dedicated in memory of Cristina Green, who was killed in a Bi-State bus crash at the nearby MetroLink stop last summer.

I-70 interchange gets facelift

Exit ramps redone at Florissant Road

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS staff editor

Construction at the intersection of Interstate 70 and Florissant Road is scheduled to be completed by October 1.

Work on the intersection intended to make it safer began in March.

Rick Gross, construction inspector for the Missouri Department of Transportation, said the plan to remove all the cloverleaf belts had been modified. Before, all of the circular belts would have been replaced with ramps. Gross said that now three of the belts will be eliminated, but one will remain for southbound traffic on Florissant road turning onto the east-bound lanes of I-70. He said that under the former plan, it would have been difficult

for drivers to merge with traffic.

In addition to replacing three of the belts with ramps, Gross said there will be signals for traffic make left turns onto or off of the highway.

Gross said the belts would not actually close until the ramps were completed.

"The clover leafs will remain open until these ramps are constructed and the traffic signals are operational," Gross said.

Gross said the old plan of the highway did not allow enough room for cars to merge in and out, and that the speed and curves together created a dangerous situation.

"It just lends itself to accidents," Gross said.

Gross said the project had fallen somewhat behind because of rain, but that steps were being taken to try to meet the October date.

"They plan on working Saturdays... whatever they have to do to catch up," Gross said.

Gross said that Pace Construction is the company working on the project. He said if Pace fails to meet the deadline, they face liquidation damages of \$700 per day for each day they fall behind. Gross said the cost of the project is around \$700,000.

Radio station fires news director; resignations follow

BY DAVID BAUGHER senior editor

A dispute over alterations to a travel voucher at campus radio station KWMU has led to the termination of its news director, the filing of a grievance, and a series of resignations.

Lester Graham, who has headed KWMU's news department for more than four years, said he filed a four-count grievance over his dismissal in mid-June. His termination was followed within a week by the resignations of two KWMU producers, Matthew Algeo, and Andrea Murray. A third employee, sales representative Tracy Polansky announced her resignation earlier this month due to a "combination of factors," including Graham's firing. She will leave at the end of the month.

Graham said the University decided against him on all counts after his grievance hearing in late July.

According to Graham, the dispute began when he was reimbursed for less than he expected on a travel voucher he submitted. He said University Accounting indicated to him that two of the five items on the voucher had been whited out.

"I resubmitted for those two events that had been whited out and I submitted for the following month's travel vouchers a few weeks later," Graham said. "I told them I had real concerns about the whiting out. I thought it was a problem."

Graham said he then withdrew the vouchers until the policy on reimbursement was clarified. He said KWMU management asked for the vouchers back.

"They got real testy about it and I said look we have to get this settled," Graham said. "If we can't get this settled, I'm going to file a grievance. Twenty-four hours later I was fired."

Graham said he was officially terminated at a meeting June 11 during which he refused to turn over the vouchers, something he said he was "not obligated" to do.

"I believe I was fired because I said I was going to file a grievance," Graham said. Patricia Bennett, general manager of

Former KWMU employees discuss their reasons for resigning. See page 7.

University acquires Mansion Hill units

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS staff editor

On July 17 the UM-St. Louis Board of Curators approved the purchase of 51 units in Mansion Hill Condominiums.

Mansion Hill is located at 4300 Normandy Trace Drive, near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Florissant Road. Gloria Schultz, director of auxiliary services, said the University will buy the condominiums at a price of \$21,000 each, and will now own a total of 77 units in Mansion Hill.

Schultz said the condominiums would be used for student housing.

"We're all interested in creating more of a community here," Schultz said.

She described residential students as a key to creating a community setting.

"They're a major factor," Schultz said.

Schultz said there was a need for housing to accommodate international students and students from out of state. She also said many non-traditional students, such as those who return to school later in life to further their education, have children, need housing which is close to the university and to MetroLink. Schultz said she also frequently hears from faculty members in need of a place to stay.

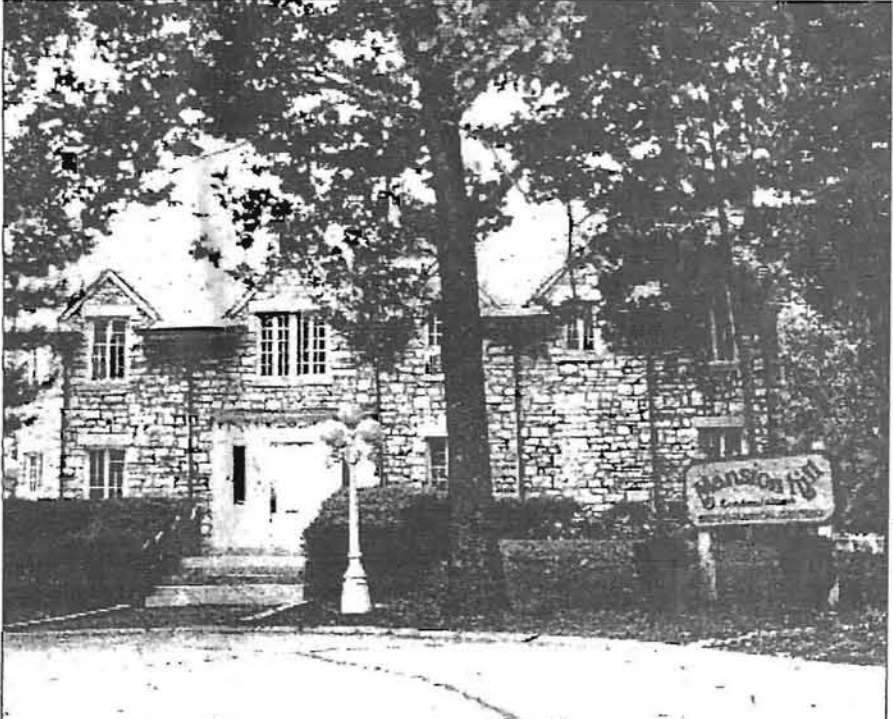
"We have a lot of staff, faculty, and

students who need housing," Schultz said.

Schultz said the condominiums would probably be turned over to Residential Life in January or next fall. She said that with the board's approval

coming so near the start of the semester, Residential Life would not have had ample time to market them this fall.

Schultz said there was also some repair work the university wanted done before it closed the sale.



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The Mansion Hill information center on Normandy Trace Drive. The University has purchased 77 units in the complex.

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Bulletin Board

Put it on the Board: The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all submissions be posted at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Todd Appel, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63121 or fax 516-6811. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, Aug. 24
"eXtreme on the Patio."
 Rock radio 104.1 broadcasts live from the University Center Patio from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Prizes, interviews on the radio and refreshments for everybody. Come out and meet the eXtreme jocks and join the party on the Patio.

Tuesday, Aug. 25
In Cahoots with In Cahoots: disc jockeys and line dance instructors from this very popular western dance emporium will be transforming us from wallflowers into "Texas Two Steppers" as we learn the Western line dances that are so popular across the country. Dress in costume or come as you are, you'll have a good time "pahdner". Fun begins at 11 am. on the Patio of the University Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 26
"Peek on the Patio".
 Grammy award winning Billy Peek, a rock musician who learned his trade playing with Chuck Berry, Rod Stewart, and other legends of rock and roll will perform from his vast array of rock with occasional forays into his hit collection called "Can a White Boy Play the Blues". He definitely can. See for yourself from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the University Center Patio.

Friday, Aug. 28
The Schools and Colleges of the University of Missouri-St. Louis will be hosting new student receptions during the afternoon. Meet the faculty and staff of your academic area in an informal social setting. Food and beverages will be provided.

Monday, Aug. 31
Gospel Choir Concert: The extremely talented UM-St. Louis Student Gospel Choir will perform spiritual and gospel music between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the patio.

Wednesday, Sept. 2
Fairchild in Concert. Voted RFT's best St. Louis Rock Band, featuring Connie Fairchild; who has garnered the most "Best Female Vocalist" awards ever in the RFT annual poll of St. Louis area rock bands. Party starts at 11:30 a.m. on the University Center Patio.

Thursday, Sept. 3
Freaky Thursday: Karaoke, henna tattoos, palm readings, tarot fortunes, caricaturists and magicians on the Patio and in the University Center Lobby between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Come and participate or just watch others during this day of freaky fun.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
Get FREE BBQ and ICE CREAM and learn about student organizations at EXPO and the Chancellor's Picnic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call x5291.

Friday, Sept. 11
Dancin' in the Streets or Shake, Shake, Shake Your Booty. Welcome to UM-St. Louis. We'll be "stylin'" to the music of two major St. Louis bands in alternating sets so the music never stops from 8:00 p.m. til midnight. There will be food, sodas, and if you're old enough and have the urge a couple of beers may be purchased. Plenty of free parking at one South Campus parking lot and plenty of party at the other parking lot so come on out and "put on a move" or a "groove".

Campus CrimeLine

The Campus CrimeLine is a free service provided by the UM-St. Louis Police Department to promote safety through awareness.

6-18-98
 Staff at the UM-St. Louis Optometry Clinic located at Marillac Hall on the South campus reported the theft of a pair of Fendi eyeglass frames at 4:25 p.m. A description of a suspect was given but he could not be located.

6-24-98
 A student reported that her red leather bookbag was stolen at 3:30 p.m. from the Thomas Jefferson Library, Fifth Floor. The bookbag contained cash, credit cards, and identification. The bag had been left unattended on the floor.

***Update — On 6-25-98,** the bookbag was found at the Circulation Desk of the Thomas Jefferson Library. Still missing is the cash, a credit card, and an ATM card.

6-25-98
 A faculty member reported that between 10:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. her purse containing a wallet, cash, credit cards, and prescription medica-

tion were stolen from her office at 512 Lucas Hall. The purse had been left in an unlocked office.

6-30-98
 A Bookstore staff person reported that between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., her wallet was stolen from her purse while she worked. The wallet contained cash, credit cards, and identification.

7-2-98
 A student reported that between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., two (2) textbooks were stolen from his bookbag. The bookbag had been left unattended on a First Floor study table.

*** Update 7-13-98 —** A suspect was located, however, the victim refused to assist with prosecution.

7-6-98
 A student who resides at University Meadows reported that between 4:15 p.m. on 7-5-98 and 6:00 a.m. on 7-6-98, a window was broken at

the apartment. A friend of one roommate was to pay for the damage.

7-9-98
 A student reported that between 10:35 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., her purse was stolen from her bookbag at B115 Benton Hall. The bookbag had been left unattended in the room while she took a break.

A staff person at the Mark Twain Building reported that \$20 cash was stolen from the Security Desk between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The desk was not locked.

*** Update 7-10-98 —** The reported \$20 cash missing from the Security Desk was found by another employee in his mail box.

7-10-98
 A student reported that between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. \$40 in cash, a credit card, and identification were stolen from her back pack. The back pack had been left unattended

on the First Floor of the Thomas Jefferson Library.

7-13-98
 An Optometry Clinic faculty member reported the theft of a Nikon 35 mm camera, a camera lens, a Sony video camera, and video tapes from 114 Marillac Hall. The room was not secured.

7-14-98
 Optometry Clinic staff reported that between 1:10 p.m. and 1:14 p.m., two (2) pair of Fendi eyeglass frames were stolen from the Clinic Dispensary. A suspect description was given.

7-15-98
 Security staff at the Mark Twain Building reported a burglary and possible theft from 203 Mark Twain. A cabinet was found forced open. An undetermined amount of cash is believed missing from the office area.

7-16-98
 A student reported that between 6:00 p.m. and 6:40 p.m., his wallet and its contents were stolen from the Mark Twain Gymnasium. The wallet was stolen from a bookbag which had been left on the gym floor.

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Get This

New beginnings not all they're cracked up to be

The lazy days of summer are now behind us and it is time to return to the tedious student schedule. With all fresh beginnings there is one consistency - the infamous first day.

Looking back, I have not had the best of luck on some of my first days.

One of the most important things a child wants when starting at a new school is to fit in with her classmates. I always seemed to possess some oddity that set me apart from the others.

In kindergarten, one of the first things that is discussed is your age. My birthday happened to fall on the last day of the deadline for registration, September 1. Class commenced very late in August, probably around the 26th, so I had to go before turning the big number five.

I was the only four-year old in the school.

This may not seem to be a major deal now, but back then age was everything. Our lives consisted of colors, animals and numbers. I was the wrong number for five days, a lifetime from a child's perspective.

I should have known then that first days and I would not always agree.

Things sailed smoothly throughout the remainder of grade school, however, so I didn't stress.

That is until the most traumatic time of a teenager's life approached - the first day of high school.

As a general rule, freshman are considered by the upper classes to be the lowest form of life no matter what they do. But first impressions can still make you or break you, at least in the over-dramatic mind of a 13-year old.

The week before school started, I went camping with my best friend and her family. We were both going off to different high schools where we knew absolutely no one, and we were petrified. It was imperative that nothing went wrong (famous last words).

The last night in the woods, her little brother threw a lot of branches and leaves on the fire, and the smoke seemed unusually thick and irritating. It made my eyes water and my skin itch a little, which I thought was a bit strange, but nothing earth shattering.

The next day I woke with hot, red, ugly patches all over my face, neck and arms. I have never experienced such painful itching since, and I pray daily that I never do again.

It turns out that little Johnny burned poison ivy in the fire (allegedly by accident), and I was suffering the severe consequences. The point of re-telling this childhood memory is that I was forced to go to school with a look that definitely set me apart from the rest of the frosh crowd, and not favorably. No one would sit next to me, no one would talk to me, everyone was afraid to get too close to me for fear of contracting whatever it was that I had. Not the best way to spend a first day.

Since then, I haven't experienced any major conflicts on first days (knock on wood). Although pretty much anything would seem mild after that.

Last semester I did go to the wrong classroom for my first class and sat there for about 15 minutes before I figured it out. It's always embarrassing to get up and leave like that because everyone knows why. From my past experiences I have learned that a sense of humor and a good attitude can make all the difference. I simply smiled and shrugged like it was an amusing little situation, and then I casually walked/ran to the nearest exit. On the plus side, I still have a copy of the syllabus for African Art 101. Bonus!



AMY LOMBARDO
Features Editor

Final Assessment

New campus Assessment Center makes exams easier to take

BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff editor

This summer, UM-St. Louis took another step forward on the road to assisting its diverse student body and faculty.

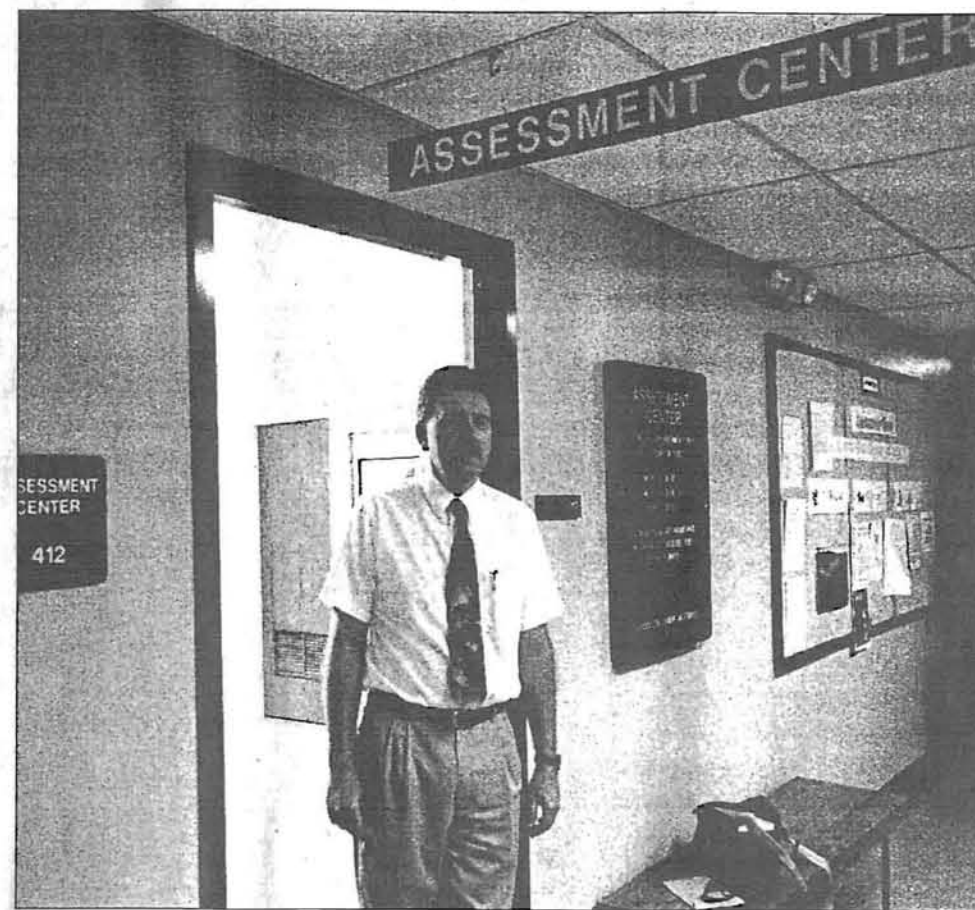
The Center of Academic Development dedicated a new office to its ranks on July 23 in Room 412 of the Social Sciences and Business (SSB) building. Chancellor Blanche Touhill and other members of the faculty were present to see the opening of the Campus Assessment Center.

Dr. Donald Mertz is the director of the Center for Academic Development, as well as an adjunct assistant professor in philosophy and a senior lecturer in mathematics at UM-St. Louis. He believes that the center became available at a very practical time.

"What is good about it being open now is that it is a crunch period. Students need to know their ACT or math placement results before they can be admitted," Mertz said. "We can get them admitted and placed in a timely way."

According to Mertz, the idea for the service has been in the works within the Center for Academic Development (CAD) for a while now.

"Assessment is considered to be a sub-unit of CAD. The coordinator, Wil Simon,



CENTERED: Don Mertz, director of the Center for Academic Development, stands outside the new campus Assessment Center.

brought [the center] to UM-St. Louis. He has been advocating it for some time," Mertz said. "The whole center (CAD) is about academic support and we think of assessment as an academic support tool."

The Assessment Center is designed to serve two basic needs of students and faculty. It can be used by students who need to take make-up exams or those who require special test conditions. It also gives students the opportunity to take required or necessary campus exams outside the scheduled group

session times.

"We're going to serve the students and faculty, including students with special needs, by providing a secure environment for making up exams," Mertz said. "Our intent is to maintain the highest security for exams."

Often times the problem comes from the amount of time needed to take an exam. Students on campus with certified special needs may qualify to be given time and a half. This frequently presents a problem for the faculty, who are only allotted a certain

amount of time for a classroom. It becomes necessary for arrangements to be made outside of class, which isn't always easy.

In another situation, a student may miss an exam due to extreme circumstances and the instructor decides to give them a make-up exam.

This is where the Assessment Center comes in. The faculty initially contacts the center and provides them with a copy of the exam. It is then up to the student to arrange a date and time. Appointments can be made by telephone or by drop-in.

Room 412 SSB provides a room complete with seven cubicles and professional staff personnel. There is also a separate, slightly larger cubicle closed off from the others. This room is sound-resistant and able to seat two people for specific conditions.

The staff is and will remain non-student for purposes of security in dealing with large quantities of UM-St. Louis exams.

The campus does provide scheduled group testing sessions for various placement and competency exams such as Math Placement, SCAT, Academic Profile, ACT Residual, College Base, etc. However, if a student needs to test out of the scheduled times, the Assessment Center can give the exam for an additional fee.

"I think [the center] is going to have a lot of traffic," Mertz said. "I know the Evening College tells me they'll be very happy when it gets up and running because of the evening hours."

The resource for current updates on the Assessment Center's information is its website which can be found on the UM-St. Louis homepage. The hours of operations will most likely expand in the fall semester.

"If [students and faculty] just remember assessment, they'll find it on the home page," Mertz said.

UNDER THE CURRENT

compiled by Erin Stremmel/staff photographer

What are you looking forward to this fall?



"Beginning to help parents become better teachers to their children."

-Cathy Eisenraat
Parents As Teachers

"Making many friends, learning too much."



-Eli Takahashi
Freshman/Communication



"I am anticipating a very busy schedule filled with various activities which interest me a lot. I am hoping to meet many foreign students which I always look forward to----me being a foreign student."

-Judu Kapoor
MIS/Graduate Student

"Peace and quiet."



-Don Brennan
Computer Science



"Starting classes at UMSL."

-Africa Banks
Psychology

"Meeting new people."



-Jennifer Webb
Freshman/Computer Science

First African-American physics grad builds 'Bridge' to college

BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff editor

Bob Cole is not the average college graduate.

When he left UM-St. Louis in 1971 he took with him a bachelor's of science in physics, and the distinct honor of being the first African-American to gain a physics degree from the school.

"At the time I didn't know that I would be the only one for so long," Cole said. "Later on, in the 1980's, I found out that I had been the only one and that was one thing that inspired me to work with African-American children."

Cole grew up on the north side of St. Louis, graduating from Sumner High school. His godfather was a mathematician, so Cole was somewhat exposed to math early on. For the most part, however, he was exploring new territory from his family environment by pursuing science and mathematics.

"I blazed a trail. I'd always wanted to be a scientist, I just didn't know what kind," Cole said. "I grew up in the middle of the space age and that fueled my desire."

After high school, Cole attended Harris-Stowe State College. It was there that a professor handed him research on some of Einstein's theories. From then on, Cole was hooked on physics.

"Since I put myself through school, I could not afford to go to Washington University or St. Louis University. UM-St. Louis was a place that could offer me a degree in physics, and it was close," Cole said. "Once I came [to UM-St. Louis], I found that the



staff was just as good or maybe even better."

Cole was inspired by professor Peter Handel and professor Bob Henson, both of whom continue to teach at UM-St. Louis in physics and astronomy. He related to their methods and to their ability theorize.

After graduation, Cole experimented in many different areas of his career field. At McDonnell Douglas he was part of the team of physicists who developed black tile for the heat shield of the Space Shuttle, allowing the craft to be reused. Next he went to IBM where he spent time "getting into everything" in the computer systems. At Southwestern Bell and AT&T he implemented data for communications networks. His job at Perkin-Elmer gave him the opportunity to work with super mini-computers. Finally, he took a job at Xerox.



Cole

In the early to middle 1980's, Cole became involved in education. He became aware of the need as a concerned citizen and through various relationships within the school system.

"I know what it took to help children stay within the school," Cole said.

Cole began tutoring mathematics to high school seniors to assist them in the transition to college level material through the Bridge program at UM-St. Louis.

"One of my main goals is to establish alliances between the university and the external people in the community," Cole said, "in order to leverage students and promote the university."

Along with his work on Bridge, Cole is a chairman of RISE (Regional Institute for Science Education), a committee member on the Chancellor's Board for

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CD Reviews

'Kings' give 'glimpse' of great talent

Rap Rock
Kottonmouth Kings
Royal Highness (Capitol)

The Kottonmouth Kings have worked wonders with their debut release for Capitol Records.

Imagine the Insane Clown Posse with a metal edge. This isn't to say they sound like or rip anyone off, these guys have a style all their own.

The group gives just the right amount of rap and rock which mixes into a perfect blend of great music. Sure they sometimes sound a little stupid and the music does get repetitious but overall the lyrics are full of things to make you laugh and are occasionally really cool.

The first single "Suburban Life" was released on the "Scream 2" soundtrack. This is one of the better tracks on the disc. Other good tracks are "Life Ain't What It Seems" and "What's Your Trip." The best thing about these tracks is the wide variety of music this band shows on the songs. They can bust a reggae beat or throw in crazy heavy metal guitars and oddly they pull off both with great ease.

Groups like the Kings are hard to find. They give listeners a glimpse of great talent. Hopefully this won't be the only time we hear from the Kottonmouth Kings.

-Ken Dunkin

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OUR OPINION

Klan suit endangers campus diversity, minority involvment

The Issue:

The Ku Klux Klan says it sought to underwrite programming on KWMU in order to recruit from a more well-educated audience, and in hopes of reaching those in the UM-St. Louis community that agree with their philosophy.

We Suggest:

The case spotlights a need for the campus community to focus on its diversity and reject the divisiveness of the Klan.

So what do you think?

Let us hear from you. Submit a letter to the editor on this or any issue.

The Ku Klux Klan would like to recruit members from within the UM-St. Louis community of students, staff, alumni, and faculty. The KKK is suing the Board of Curators because KWMU refused to accept the Klan's sponsorship of "All Things Considered," a National Public Radio program. This campus should view the debate as an opportunity to improve our diversity. Chancellor Touhill said at the injunctive hearing that last year UM-St. Louis had 1,565 African-American students enrolled, and 9,142 Caucasians enrolled. Clearly, there is a need to increase the numbers of minority students on this campus. KWMU was right in using its editorial discretion in refusing to accept sponsorship by the Klan. Not only would it imply an alignment with a violent, intolerant philosophy, it would serve to discourage and harm minority involvement on this campus. KWMU's African-American listenership has doubled in the last three years and those numbers should increase if the UM-St. Louis community would commit to encouraging minority involvement in all areas of campus life. This campus has come a long way since its beginning in 1963. At the hearing, the Chancellor said that a current member of

the Board of Curators was originally denied enrollment for his baccalaureate degree at this University due to skin color. The University cannot afford to risk the financial damage that campus radio sponsorship by the Klan might incur. An example of the amount of money the University could stand to lose was given at the injunctive hearing. One major benefactor of KWMU is an African-American WWII vet determined to assist in ensuring a "level playing field" for minority students. Last year he gave \$8.9 million towards that effort on this campus. The minority students at UM-St. Louis cannot risk losing that kind of support. College campuses and public radio airwaves alike should be a forum for the presentation of a variety of ideas and beliefs, regardless of content. The right to free speech protected under the First Amendment does not, however, include requiring the base for that forum to be a billboard for any group's promotional announcements. By attempting to sponsor programming at KWMU the Klan has not improved its educational makeup, but should instead encourage the UM-St. Louis community to address its need for increased support of minority students.

A masters in cooperation

As the old saying goes, better late than never. After more than a decade of trying, the UM system has finally cut through the politics and delays to introduce a much needed masters program to its social work students. The masters in social work, or MSW, long delayed by opposition from Washington and St. Louis Universities, was finally approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in June. SLU and Wash U already have excellent MSW programs and felt the move would create a glut on the crowded educational market. In reality however both seemed more afraid of a little healthy competition than anything else. There is no reason why private institutions should have a monopoly on offering masters degrees to area students. For far too long social work students seeking their masters have been left with the choice of burdening themselves with a private school's high tuition or ending their education prematurely. SLU and Wash U's opposition has only served to make their programs the only games in town and to price many public university students out of extending their educational careers. Its clear that area institutions who already offer MSWs have little to fear from the CBHE's decision. The small UM program, expected to produce about one hundred graduates statewide, is not meant to drain students from existing programs elsewhere but rather to serve a special niche that has gone unrecognized for too many years. Fortunately, there are early indications that Wash U. and SLU will engage in joint ventures with UM-St. Louis on the new MSW. This is excellent news for all three schools. It is cooperation rather than competition that will benefit all students.

Four score and uh, you know...

I am not a highly organized person. Though I have come to accept this over the years as part of the natural order of things, it is probably not the best quality for a reporter. Littered across my desk is the unmistakable debris of journalism. Papers, manila envelopes, business cards, cassette tapes, and worst of all, post-it notes.

Say what you will about communism or famine but I think a good argument could be made that post-it notes are the greatest scourge of the 20th century. The fact that someone probably made millions by slapping some cheap glue on the back of colored scrap paper is a truly disturbing prospect. In my experience post-its are the one of the most efficient ways yet invented for misplacing information. I have dozens of these awful things sticking to my desk like little yellow barnacles providing me with mystifying fragments of once-useful information. These are often punctuated with strange garbled hieroglyphics and a non sequitur postscript clearly from a separate message.

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The worst part is I'm afraid to throw this away. After all, it sounds important.

The true tragedy is that I am beginning to think like my desk looks, my thoughts a trail of vague yellow notes clinging to the neurons of my brain. This often results in odd exchanges with co-workers which sound like George Bush discussing domestic policy with an Alzheimer's patient.

"Did you get the memo about that, uh, thing, you know, in July."

"About getting the stuff for the, uh, guy."

"Yeah, that's it, about the guy."

"No, you mean the, um, other guy, don't you?"

"Oh yeah, him."

Sadly, I don't think its just my own cluttered mind that is getting lost in the chaotic pace of modern life. We are quickly becoming a post-it society, a vague, unfocused culture awash in cryptic, half-remembered scraps of information. I cannot claim that the advent of instant communication hasn't brought with it great benefits for mankind, but in the end maybe television, the internet and the other vices of the electronic age have blunted the effects of information in a way no human censor ever could, by speeding up its rate of transmission, in effect devaluing it. How many times have you related a story to a someone without remembering its source, the names involved or many of the details: "I heard about this guy somewhere who..." or ended with "...Well, I don't remember exactly what happened to him."

I once heard (see, I don't remember where) that Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address on the back of an envelope. I feel for him. There's never a decent sheet of paper around when you need it. But I often wonder if the Civil War had happened a century or so later whether one of the most important speeches of the modern era wouldn't have been lost on someone's desk, penned on the back of a forgotten post-it note.

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DAVID BAUGHER
editor in chief

GUEST COMMENTARY

Take a holiday

I learned a lot this summer. The short sabbatical from the school year proved to be more valuable than I had thought. I spent the entire summer working 40+ hour weeks at my place of employment. And this is where most of my education took place, as a matter of fact, this is where all of my summer education took place.

I spent a great deal of time working the night shift, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. We normally worked overtime, sometimes until 3 or later in the morning. The pay and the experience were good assets for me to have for the future, both personally and professionally. The work was relatively simple and repetitious, and required little thought or higher forms of education. In fact, while on the night crew, I was the only one there with more than a high school diploma. I found myself in a rut. Working until 2 or 3 in the morning, coming home, dinner, sleep by 4 a.m., up by noon, an hour of relaxation or errand running and then back to work for another 12 hour day. It was boring and tiring.

It was then that I realized why I was in school. To attempt to attain a better life. The hope of an enjoyable journey through the abyss we call life. The other men working the night shift were always tired and stoic. I realized that it was the hope of graduating school through which I would be able to get a better job, a day shop, a nine to five job that would leave time for family, friends and an appreciation for that free time.

Often in the middle of the school year I feel motionless. I don't feel the credit hours adding up to a degree after a semester of hard work and tireless effort. It was only this summer that I realized why I was in school and enjoyed the benefits thereof. All the hard work you and I put into the school year will be repaid ten times over. I just must be patient. And enjoy.



CRAIG T. HOLWAY
guest commentator

Wag the what?

Recently President Bill Clinton ordered military strikes against suspected terrorist facilities in Sudan and Afghanistan. Immediately media "wags", politicians and everyday citizens began to speculate about the eerie similarities between our President's situation and activities and those depicted in the hit movie "Wag the Dog."

For those who may not have seen the film, a President of the United States gets in a sex scandal with a young girl. To get out of trouble his staff consults with a Hollywood producer who creates a fake war to get the sex scandal off the front page.

Now back to reality. After "wagging" the finger at those who dared to wonder, Clinton finally confessed to an "improper relationship" with Monica Lewinsky within the last week. He also consulted with Hollywood producer Henry Bloodworth Thomason on matters related to the Lewinsky scandal further setting the stage.

To compound the surreal scenario many reporters were actually watching the movie "Wag the Dog" when they learned that the President was about to address the nation.

The President's announcement would come just twenty minutes before Monica Lewinsky's spokeswoman was scheduled to give a statement to the press.

Even ABC's Cokie Roberts, whose father was a Democratic congressman would conclude on the air that it was "not unreasonable" for people to speculate about the strange similarity between life and "Wag the Dog."

Many other strange things have happened since that we could address, such as the great physical distance the Gores have suddenly put between themselves and the Clintons. Rumors from former President Ford's neighbors, that Mr. Gore came to visit the man who pardoned the last disgraced President. The fact that the leader of the most powerful nation on Earth deemed it necessary to return to Washington, D.C. to fight a rag tag group of terrorists in third world nations.

However, the strangest thing is not that some might question a President's motives for war, but rather that this President has succeeded in making it a reasonable question.



JERRY WELLER
guest commentator

The season for welcoming change

Change is good, or at least that's what I hear. I decided to change a lot of things about my life this year, starting with my lifelong habit of being non-athletic (not including an 8-year stint in softball as a kid). The decision to go ahead and join the folks who are regularly active was motivated by the fact that I was an out-of-shape 27-year-old, who felt like an out-of-shape 47-year-old in danger of becoming a slug before I hit 30.

So, back in February I started walking with a buddy every day before going to work. Just getting up out of that warm bed in the morning was the worst challenge I had to face. I wouldn't have made it all those chilly mornings without knowing that somewhere out there she was also dragging herself out of a cozy bed to meet me so we could force our tired bodies to move up and down the hills of South Campus.

Around mid-May it got too hot to walk outside without risking heatstroke, so we decided to brave the unknown and head for the Mark Twain athletic department. To my surprise, it was an easy transition. After all those hills, the walking track was too easy, so we used the Nautilus and Lifecycle equipment to increase our workout.

Here it is seven months later, and I can't believe how much my daily routine has changed. Exercise has become a regular part of my schedule. In fact, I've come to depend on it for stress relief and the fact is that I just feel better when I've worked out. I am slowly but surely approaching a decent level of physical health, and I'm really happy about having less of me to go around.

I encourage all of you to put those athletic fees included in your tuition to good use. Head over to Mark Twain and try out the facilities. After all, you are paying for it, and that's no small change.



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Off the Wall

A good season for McGwire, not Cardinals

Is there anyone that isn't aware that Mark McGwire is in a home run chase? This chase has been the one element that has pushed baseball back into the limelight.

Some people might remember the column I wrote last spring basically denouncing the chase until it is actually a chase. Going into July the chase was something to talk about. McGwire had hit enough before the all-star break and I decided I could talk about it and recognize it as a real possibility. I had thought that he might have a chance to break it though I never thought he would get this close going into



KEN DUNKIN
sports editor

September. This has been a dream season for a few players on the Cardinals. It would have been

more memorable had the entire team played better instead of having the McGwire three ring circus. McGwire has gone on the record as to bashing the media for only interviewing him, and for overplaying the streak. What did he expect? He knew he was coming into a baseball crazy city. The fans in the home of the Arch are great compared to fans in other cities. Imagine if McGwire played in Los Angeles or even worse in New York where Babe Ruth and Roger Maris set their records. The media pressure would split McGwire in half.

I am happy that the big man is close to the record. It has given flavor to an otherwise bland season. Sure Lankford and Jordan have had good seasons. But what about the rest of the team? It hasn't been pretty. From guys with injuries, guys with bad years and whatever is wrong with Donavon Osborne at the moment this team has struggled.

McGwire has been the only reason to watch the team. Don't fool yourself the Cards are out of the wild card race. There were from day one. But McGwire's tremendous blasts are something to watch. And as the season winds down I am sure the excitement is going to mount. Many people don't know that Maris didn't break the record till the last game of the season. How exciting would it be for McGwire to come to the plate in his last at bat for the record? I can say one thing I wouldn't want to be the pitcher that deprived the fans of seeing the record of all records broken.

Do I think the record will be broken? It is likely, unless McGwire comes up lame as he has been known to do. Or more likely the pitchers quit pitching to him and he goes on to break Ruth's all time walk record. Even if he doesn't break the record nothing can take away that this has been a great season, even if for only one player.

Returning players boost Rivermen's hopes

BY KEN DUNKIN
staff editor

After several years of growing, the men's soccer season has high hopes for this season.

Almost all of the key players from the 8-10 squad last season are returning. The team also got a boost when they found out mid-fielder Trent Woodrick was coming back after a year away from soccer. With the past several seasons behind them the veterans are looking to have a great season.

"We want to bring the respect back to UM-St. Louis," Woodrick said. "The past few years the reputation has been slipping. We have the Don Dallas Field and that stands for something. A winning tradition."

Though the team hadn't won like their epic seasons in the '80s the past few seasons had been good for the Rivermen. Last season the team finished 8-10 after a 7-6-2 campaign the year before. This year the team plans on dwarfing those seasons.

"Everyone has come out with a different attitude this year," senior Alan Cross said.

"The team returns a lot of people and with that the team is looking more like a team," Trent said. "In the past there was almost an isolation. You had the offense doing their thing and the defense doing theirs. This year it is a team effort."

Along with the different attitude the team will have many different positions. The team plans on mixing up the line-up with players playing in several positions.

"If you look around the team we have several players that could end up anywhere," Joe Stdko said. "A guy like [Rivermen defender] Kevin Pierce could play in three positions. We didn't have that luxury last season. We have many people who can play many places."

The team may return many starters from last year's squad but a former part-time player will be the ring-leader in goal.

Last season goalie Kevin McCarthy struggled with injuries. When he wasn't injured he split time with senior Brad Beeler. This year he is expected to hold down the starting position.

"Kevin has tremendous potential," Cross said. "He should come a long way this season. He certainly has the ability to be the number one goalie. That will come when he has the ability to make split second decisions."

The team will return leading scorer Scott Luczak who put in 8 goals and 2 assists for 18 points. Add Luczak's experience to the team's new outlook and the offense should have a solid season.

"We need to put more balls in the net," Stdko said. "We don't want to get in a shoot-out situation but with everyone working together we can get better."



File photo

Midfielder Derick Kaspar prepares to kick downfield in practice last season.

Rivermen Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 18	McKendree College (Exhibition)	6 p.m.	Sept. 20	St. Joseph's College*	12 p.m. CST	Oct. 24	I.U.P.U. Ft. Wayne*	12:30
Aug. 21	Columbia College (Exhibition)	7:30 p.m.	Sept. 26	Lewis*	12:30 p.m.	Oct. 25	Northern Kentucky*	p.m.
Aug. 22	Meramec Community College	TBA	Sept. 27	Wisconsin-Parkside*	12:30 p.m.		Gaffney's Classic	12:30 p.m.
Aug. 30	West Texas A&M	1 p.m.	Oct. 3	Bellarmine*	12:30 p.m. EDT	Oct. 31	Southern Indiana v. Truman	
Sept. 5	Truman State (At Quincy)	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 4	Kentucky Wesleyan*	TBA		Rockhurst College	12 p.m.
Sept. 6	West Virginia Wesleyan (At Quincy)	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 10	SIU-Edwardsville*	12:30 p.m.	Nov. 1	USI v. Rockhurst	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Missouri-Rolla	7:30 p.m.	Oct. 17	Quincy*	12:30 p.m.		Truman State	12 p.m.
Sept. 19	U Indianapolis*	TBA	Oct. 18	Southern Indiana*	12:30 p.m.			2:30 p.m.

Home games in bold *GLVC Conference



File photo

Take your best shot: Soccer team members in practice last season.

Riverwomen expect strong comeback this season

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff writer

The women's soccer team, led by first year head coach Beth Goetz looks to strengthen a program which finished last season 10-9. Although the record does not appear to be intimidating, the team played nearly all year below .500 and strived as the season went on.

The women's program returns a key group of veterans that will aide the team in its conquest to capture the GLVC title.

Veterans like Carrie Marino and Shannon Humphrey have led the charge and shown their determination even this early in the season according to Goetz.

"Carrie is playing more of a leadership role while Shannon is leading the crew during practice and being more vocal," Goetz said.

Goetz was also impressed with the work ethic that the team showed during this intense training time.

"The kids are working extremely hard and they are hanging in with the two-a-day practices," Goetz said. "This next week is imperative as we will see who will benefit us the most. Practice is going well and we are excited about some new players and waiting to work together."

One player that has already caught the eye of Goetz is incoming freshman Sarah Kalish, a midfielder from Ritenour High

School. "She distributes the ball well and is very offensive-minded," Goetz said. "She will be a good asset to the team in the midfield."

Aside from all of the positive vibes this team gives lies a rash of injuries plaguing some of the team's key players.

Dana Thompson, a veteran of the team, has been sidelined with a knee injury that could require rehabilitation. Also, Julie Reiter has been under the weather as the team prepares for its first pre-season match up.

The Riverwomen will face University of Tennessee-Martin Aug. 21 and then meet Belmont Abbey Sept. 5.

Riverwomen Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	(preseason) St. Louis U	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 3	Bellarmine College*	3 p.m.
Aug. 28	(preseason) Tennessee-Martin	2 p.m.	Oct. 4	Kentucky Wesleyan*	3 p.m.
	Southern Indiana Tournament		Oct. 10	SIU-Edwardsville*	3 p.m.
Sept. 5	Belmont Abbey U.	11 a.m.	Oct. 17	Quincy University*	3 p.m.
Sept. 6	Gardner Webb U.	11 a.m.	Oct. 18	Southern Indiana*	3 p.m.
Sept. 13	Lindenwood	1 p.m.	Oct. 22	Harris Stowe	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	MO-Rolla	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 25	Northern Kentucky*	3 p.m.
Sept. 19	Indianapolis*	3 p.m.		SIUE Tournament	
Sept. 20	St. Joseph's* (CST)	2:30 p.m.	Oct 31	Truman State(Edwardsville)	3 p.m.
Sept. 26	Lewis University*	3 p.m.	Nov. 1	MN-Duluth (Edwardsville)	12 p.m.
Sept. 27	Wisconsin-Parkside*	3 p.m.	Nov. 4,7,8	GLVC Tournament	
Sept. 30	Rockhurst	4 p.m.			

Home games in bold *GLVC Conference

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Contact the Athletic Department for information about these and other events.	26	28	29	30
Men				vs. West Texas A&M 1:00 p.m. Away
Women	Preseason vs. SLU 5:30 p.m. Soccer Park	Preseason vs. Tennessee-Martin 2:00 p.m.		
Volleyball		vs. SIU-Edwardsville TBA Edwardsville, IL	vs. S. Carol.-Spartan. TBA Drury	

Volleyball injuries plague season

BY JOE HARRIS
of the Current staff

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen volleyball team has had great success in its 24-year history, but last year was a blip on the radar screen.

The Riverwomen finished with a 13-19 record and didn't realize their goal of finishing in the top four in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Head coach Denise Sylvester had a young team that featured two freshmen.

"We had very high and somewhat unrealistic goals," Sylvester said.

Injuries and youth were the prevailing themes for the Riverwomen in '97.

The team was marred by injuries and two freshmen, Michelle Hochstatter and Susan Kleinschmitt, were the starting mid-

dle hitters. The goals this year are the same as last year's: to finish in the top four in conference and to finish first or second in their division.

"If everybody comes in healthy, and stays healthy then we have a shot," Sylvester said.

One of the keys to the Riverwomen's success lies in the two middle hitters' progress. With a year's experience under their belt, both Hochstatter and Kleinschmitt should feel more comfortable in their roles.

Other players to watch are Holly Zrout and Susan Claggett. Newcomer Zrout is an AAU All American and should bolster the Riverwomen's depth. Claggett started at outside hitter her sophomore

UM-St. Louis awarded new degree program

BY DAVID BAUGHER
senior editor

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has approved a new masters program in social work for the University of Missouri system.

The approval, which took place at the CBHE meeting in June, comes after more than a decade of attempts by the University to gain the new degree, according to Joan Hashimi, chairperson of the Social Work department.

"We had been working on this for the last 15 years, so it should come as no surprise that we're absolutely delighted," Hashimi said.

Jack Nelson, vice-chancellor for Academic Affairs, said that the University has wanted the master's program since at least the early 1980's.

"I don't know the exact time but I've been told that people have been here virtually their whole careers and they've been striving to achieve this," Nelson said.

According to Nelson, there was resistance to the CBHE's action from schools such as Washington and St. Louis Universities.

"Opposition came from those institutions that already have social work programs in St. Louis and they felt there is not a sufficient demand for more," Nelson said. "They saw offering another place for students to pursue an MSW as redundant."

CBHE approval for masters in social work comes after more than a decade of waiting

Hashimi noted, however, that while both schools had excellent programs, the cost of earning a masters at a private institution would be prohibitive for some students.

"There are large numbers of potential students in the area who would like to get a masters in social work and haven't been able to because the alternative schools here, Wash U and St. Louis U. have been so expensive," Hashimi said. "We hope that in time it becomes clear that our goal is to provide education to a very special sector."



Nelson

Nelson said that the University system has already committed \$40,000 to financing joint ventures with those schools.

"I think neither is now upset that the program is going to be in place," Nelson said. "We have very strong indications from Wash U. that they will cooperate with us...and I expect cooperation to be achieved with SLU as well."

Nelson said the program, a cooperative effort between the UM campuses, is expected to graduate about 100 students systemwide with a maximum of 40 coming from UM-St. Louis. He said Rolla would not be

offering the degree.

Nelson said the new degree will be supported by the extra course fee income and other sources of funding.

"The system is contributing substantial mission enhancement dollars," he said.

According to Hashimi, the next step in the process will be to apply for candidacy to receive accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education. She estimated that about 200-250 students are enrolled in UM-St. Louis' undergraduate social work program, which is

already accredited.

Hashimi said accreditation could take "a couple of years," but students could pursue a masters while the school was in candidacy and would be considered accredited.

Nelson said that UM-St. Louis is also working on proposals for other masters programs in the near future, including philosophy, computer science and health infomatics. A Ph.D in history is also in the planning stages.

Nelson said the program could begin as soon as the Winter or Fall of next year.

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New desks to be purchased for fall classes

BY LISA M. PETTIS
special to the Current

The UM-St. Louis Classroom Renovation Fund is being used to replace old chairs in the classrooms on campus.

Gloria Schultz, director of Auxiliary Services and Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services, were in a meeting and discussed the replacement of the chairs on campus.

Schultz said Schuster suggested that the students choose the chair.

Chairs were first tested in the General Services Building.

"Anyone who came into the building was allowed to test the chairs to make sure they would hold up to normal wear and tear," Schultz said. "Some people even sat on the desktops."

Schultz said Schuster wanted the students to have fun choosing a chair so they set up a booth during Mirthday. Five chairs were selected for the students to choose from. They were labeled, U M S L and O.

The students cast their votes using the letters.

"Students were given free popcorn if they tested the chairs and voted for one," Schultz said. "We posted up signs to explain what we were doing, but students still came up asking us what we were doing."

Four hundred and thirty votes were counted. The chair that was chosen had a large desk and a lumbar back support.

"The number one chair received 75 votes more than the chair in second place; after that there was no competition," Schultz said. "Afterwards we displayed the results in the lobby of the University Center. We had a blue ribbon for the chair in first place, red for the chair in second, and so on."

Carolyn Kuo, Interior Coordinator at UM-St. Louis, said the University wanted to upgrade the chairs in the classrooms to attract more students to the campus.

"The chair that was chosen fits the image that the University wants to project," Kuo said. "Six hundred chairs are going to be purchased for the fall."

Kuo said she will be meeting with the Italian designers of the chair. She plans to ask them to make the seat an inch and a half wider.

The company has already made the tabular arm bigger and raised the chair to meet the students' needs.

"Some of the students didn't believe that the chair they picked would be purchased, but the students got to have a voice," Schultz said.

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KWMU said that the University would not allow her to comment on the specifics of Graham's dismissal or other "personnel matters."

"I can say that any administrator on campus who signs off on travel vouchers has the authority to alter travel vouchers [while] notifying the employee and Lester was notified by two different people that his voucher would be altered," Bennett said.

Graham said he felt management's actions violated University policy and said he was never notified of the alterations until after the fact when he asked University Accounting.

He said Program Director Robert Peterson had told him that Bennett was thinking about implementing changes in travel reimbursements for staff.

"There hadn't been policy stated. There hadn't been policy written," Graham said. "Next thing I knew, one of my travel vouchers has been whited out, and changed to reflect this new policy..."

Peterson said he did not recall any such conversation with Graham and that while KWMU had been "looking into the issue" for "further clarification on procedures" the station was doing "nothing different" in regards to reimbursements and has made no changes to its travel policy.

"I know of no violations of University procedures or policies," Peterson said. "KWMU follows the University of Missouri procedures and policies."

Both Murray and Algeo cited Graham's termination as factors in their decision to leave.

Polansky said that her resignation was "indirectly" due to Graham's dismissal but stressed unrelated factors also played part in the decision.

All three cited problems with what they considered to be an uncomfortable working environment at the station.

Graham said that despite the outcome of the grievance he is planning no further action.

"At this point, I've got a new job," Graham said. "I got fired on Thursday. On Friday, I got calls from public radio stations wanting me."

He also said he'd gotten supportive calls, letters and e-mails from across the nation.

Murray said she could not comment on her job prospects. Algeo said only that he was "pursuing other opportunities."

Bill Raack, a producer at KWMU, was named as news director early this month.

KWMU employees criticize work environment

BY DAVID BAUGHER
senior editor

The firing of KWMU News Director Lester Graham was followed by resignations from three others, each of whom cited what they saw as problems with the work environment at the station.

Graham, who says he was dismissed for "insubordination" filed a grievance over his dismissal and the dispute over travel vouchers which led to it.

He said he often had conflicts with General Manager Patricia Bennett and others in management and said former employees had told him not to accept the job before he took the position at KWMU.

"I had no idea what they were talking about until I got there," Graham said. "I have just never seen anything like that place."

Graham alleged his dismissal was "completely retaliatory" for his threatening to file a grievance.

Matthew Algeo, the producer who resigned from the station June 15, said Graham's dismissal was a factor in his decision to leave.

"I would say it was the culmination of a lot of things and I didn't think the firing was in the best interests of the station or the University," Algeo said. "I was not interested in working at the station under the system that was in place immediately after he was fired."

Algeo, who said he had worked at KWMU for a year and a half, called the charge of insubordination against Graham "preposterous" citing him as "one of the most respected broadcast journalists in the region."

"We won a ton of awards," Algeo said.

Algeo said he had had a few disagreements with management over programming and other issues, though he had little contact with Bennett personally.

Andrea Murray, who worked at KWMU for six years, gave three weeks notice before her resignation in early July. She said Graham's firing was "the last straw" among growing concerns she had over KWMU.

Murray said she did not have any direct confronta-

Others defend station's 'excellent' workplace

tions with Bennett but felt that management was creating an uncomfortable work environment.

"I think the perception is that it all came from the top down," Murray said.

She called KWMU's work environment a "nightmare" and said she "personally felt...bullied" more often than not at KWMU.

Murray said she could not comment on specifics of

Sherry Hieken, business manager at KWMU, said she had no problems with the atmosphere at the station.

"I feel that we're all a very close-knit family and I have been very happy to be here," Hieken said.

She also described Bennett as a good manager with high expectations of her employees.

"I've never had any problems with her management," Hieken said. "She treats me fairly. She respects me and I have the utmost respect for her."

Tom Kovach, major gifts manager, called KWMU's work environment "impressive."

"[The atmosphere] is excellent and we all work together as a team and we feel that if we share positives with each other on a constant basis we can continue to work forward as we have into this year and into the millennium," Kovach said.

Bennett said that she had little contact with Murray or Algeo and noted that "the people who really want to work here are very happy to be here."

"I think if any employee really believes that they can't be a part of the good of the whole, that they have to make a decision to move on," Bennett said.

She also disputed claims by Algeo and Graham that the station suffers an usually large turnover.

"I deny, I totally refute this high turnover stuff," Bennett said. "Just because Lester Graham left not everybody left."

She noted that the average full-time employee presently at the station has been there for more than five years. She said half had been there more than six years. Bennett also said that since the firing and resignations, some employees told her it's as though a "dark cloud" had been removed from the station.

"Not everybody left and things are fine," Bennett said. "We're on the air and doing our job providing a valuable service to the community."

I feel that we're all a very close-knit family and I have been very happy to be here.

**-Sherry Hieken
KWMU Business Manager**

her problems at the station.

Tracy Polansky, who worked at the station for a year and a half, said that her resignation was "indirectly" related to Graham's termination but stressed it was only part of unrelated reasons for leaving.

She said that she had had some confrontations with Bennett over various issues and called the station's workplace "generally hostile."

"I don't agree with the way things are run," Polansky said.

Polansky allowed however that not everyone felt the same way.

"Just because I don't agree with Patty's management style doesn't mean that other people don't," Polansky said. "Some people agree with the way she does things. I just don't."

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first to carry them to the police station."

The Klan's attorney, Robert Herman, later said that KWMU and the state of Missouri should not punish people based on their views.

"Every privilege comes with a responsibility," Herman said. "As a public forum, they cannot discriminate on the basis of

viewpoint."

Bennett later said that the issue was about KWMU not wanting to accept dollars from a non-profit organization not aligning themselves with the image of the Klan.

"He's making up a free speech issue; it's not a free speech issue," Bennett said. "We and the NPR provide a forum to present different viewpoints on a regular basis."

Bennett said that 51 percent of

KWMU's budget is membership-based, and that she felt that allowing the Klan's underwriting would cause them to slowly lose membership support.

"Covering news stories on the Klan is different than accepting dollars for programming, and so it would affect the listeners," Bennett said.

Bennett said that KWMU's corporate fundraising has been dramatically increasing and the station does not want to lose that

support.

"As federal funds are drying up, we are trying to figure out different sources of funding to stay afloat," Bennett said.

According to Bennett, the Klan attempted to underwrite programming two years ago and were denied, but did not attempt to pursue legal action.

Another hearing is scheduled for November 30 to determine the outcome of the case.



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Bi-State driver sues U

BY DAVID BAUGHER
senior editor

A Bi-State bus driver has filed suit against the University of Missouri and at least two campus officers alleging police brutality.

According to a complaint filed in United States District Court in July, the driver Jacqueline R. Davis names "...the University of Missouri Board of Curators, the University of Missouri at St. Louis Police Department, Chief of University of Missouri Police...Robert Roeseler, Officer Conway and other Unknown officers; for violation of the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, 1985 (3), and for state law claims for false arrest and imprisonment, assault and battery, and intentional infliction of emotional distress."

The suit stems from an incident April 3 in which Davis says she was approached by Roeseler while waiting for her relief driver to arrive.

The complaint gives the following account: Roeseler, dressed in plain clothes, asked who was driving the bus and asked for Davis' license,

after which Davis asked Roeseler to identify himself. The complaint alleges Roeseler then became "agitated" and placed Davis under arrest. Davis then requested to make a phone call.

"At that point, Defendant Roeseler became enraged, grabbed Plaintiff's arm, twisted it behind her, and was then joined by Defendant Conway, who struck her repeatedly about the body, snapped her neck downward, and while holding her by the neck and arm threatened to 'ram your damn head through this window,'" the complaint said.

The complaint says another officer tried to question Davis, during which Davis again asked to use the phone, to which the officer allegedly replied "I will leave out of this room and let them do anything they want to do to you."

According to the complaint, Roeseler and Conway then asked Davis if she was injured and wanted medical attention. After she said she did, they allegedly told her that she

would be taken into custody and charged with resisting arrest. She then signed a statement, allegedly dictated to her by Roeseler, stating she was not injured. Davis then made a phone call to her union informing them of where she was.

The suit has attracted attention from a member of the Missouri legislature. Charles Quincy Troupe, an official in Davis' union who represents the 62nd district in the state House, wrote a letter in late April condemning the officers' alleged actions.

He said both officers should be terminated.

The complaint asks for actual damages of \$250,000 and punitive damages of \$1 million from the officers plus attorney's fees.

Conway could not be reached for comment.

Roeseler confirmed he was aware of the suit but said he could say little about the case due to the pending investigation. He said proper procedures were followed during the

arrest.

"Warrants have been issued against her so we're waiting on the outcome of those warrants," Roeseler said.

The St. Louis County Prosecutors Office confirmed that Davis has been charged with one count of resisting arrest, a misdemeanor, in connection with the incident. Her trial date is set for tomorrow.

"She drove a Bi-State bus on the property of the University and destroyed some grounds," Roeseler said. "We asked her to identify herself and she didn't want to do that."

Roeseler said police applied for warrants on destruction of property but prosecutors never charged Davis.

Davis' attorney, Anita Rivkin-Carothers, said that her client is still unable to go to work.

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Science and Technology, former secretary for the Association of Black Scientists, a commissioner of the Investigative Learning Center, and he works with the Engelman Institute.

Cole is a man whose actions speak for themselves. He believes in getting involved and making a difference. He is constantly trying to improve and challenge himself. He thinks that the more mathematics a person learns, the better.

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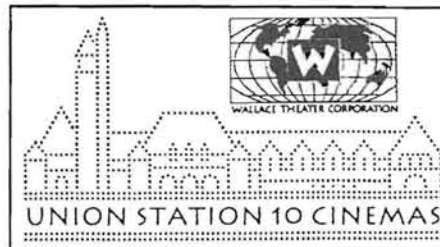
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Beginning August 24, the first day of the fall semester, drivers on the South Campus will not be able to make a right turn from East Entrance Drive onto South Drive, along the Ward E. Barnes Education Library. Motorists will have to continue driving south, around the Nursing Administration Building, for access to South Drive. A portion of East Entrance Drive has been converted to one-way traffic in order to accommodate 60 new parking spaces. A parking lot on the north side of the Nursing Administration Building has also been made available.

Isao Hayashi, professor of computer and industrial sciences at Hannan University in Osaka, Japan, will discuss "Acquisition of Fuzzy Rules Using Fuzzy ID3 with Learning Mechanism of AND/OR Operators at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 25 in Room 302/304 of the Computer Center Building. Call 516-5741 for details.

The North County Incorporated Transportation Committee has awarded UM - St. Louis a 1998 Landscape and Beautification Award. The award includes a certificate and a property sign announcing the award.

According to the Arbitron spring 1998 survey, KWMU 90.7 FM attained its highest ratings ever for that time of year. The survey shows that KWMU reaches a weekly listening audience of 111,400 — 4 percent more than in 1997. The number of people listening to the station during an average quarter hour is 7,800, a 15 percent increase over 1997.

Rec sports starts new season

The rec sports department will kick off their fall season when they host the softball barbecue on Sept. 13.

The rec sports department is free to all students. The rec sports department offers many events which are free for students to register and participate.

Students are welcome to walk in and discuss the opportunities with the staff in the Mark Twain Building.

"If we get a student to come down to the rec sports depart-

ment to check things out we feel as if they will try us again," said Intramural Coordinator Pam Steinmetz. "We have so many things to offer each student."

The rec sports department is also a great way for new and incoming students to get involved in the campus community.

"We hope every new student stops by the office to see what we are about," Steinmetz said.

-Ken Dunkin

Rivermen fall in Regional

Season ends in loss to SIU-E

BY KEN DUNKIN
staff editor

The end of a great season came when the Rivermen baseball squad lost to SIU-Edwardsville on May 15.

The Rivermen finished the season at 32-15. The season saw the Rivermen in the Top-20 consistently as they had one of the higher win totals in school history.

The team ended the season with a loss against long time rival SIU-Edwardsville. Throughout the season the Rivermen had played well against Edwardsville splitting four games before the conference tournament.

Edwardsville defeated UM-

St. Louis 4-3 knocking the Rivermen out of the Regional Tournament.

This was the second time in three years the Rivermen had advanced to Regionals. Two years ago the team advanced to the College World Series.

Individual awards have followed the team. Eric Blaha was named second team

All-American. He hit .444 with 50 RBI and 15 home runs. He also had an astounding .921 slugging percentage. He shattered the single season home run record. Blaha achieved these stats despite missing the first 15 games of the season with arm problems.



Eric Blaha

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year. As a junior her hitting is expected to become more consistent, if it does she could be a force for the Riverwomen.

Senior Kristen Brugnara was a defensive specialist for the Riverwomen last year. As one of only two seniors on this year's squad, Brugnara should provide good leadership to this team as long as she stays healthy.

"We need her (Brugnara's) leadership as well as her setting ability," Slyvester said.

Injuries could be a problem though. Brugnara suffered through two foot surgeries last season and is trying to come back while Claggett is nursing a severely sprained ankle suffered earlier this summer.

New Director Hired for Sports Information

Michael DeFord has been named the Sports Information Director at UM-St. Louis.

He joins the athletic office after working at SIU-Carbondale as an intern. While at SIU-Carbondale he was the main contact for six Division I varsity sports. He will be the

only employee in the information department while at UM-St. Louis.

DeFord graduated from SIU-Carbondale in 1997 and has a B.S. in journalism. While pursuing his degree, he was the sports editor of the Carbondale student-run daily.

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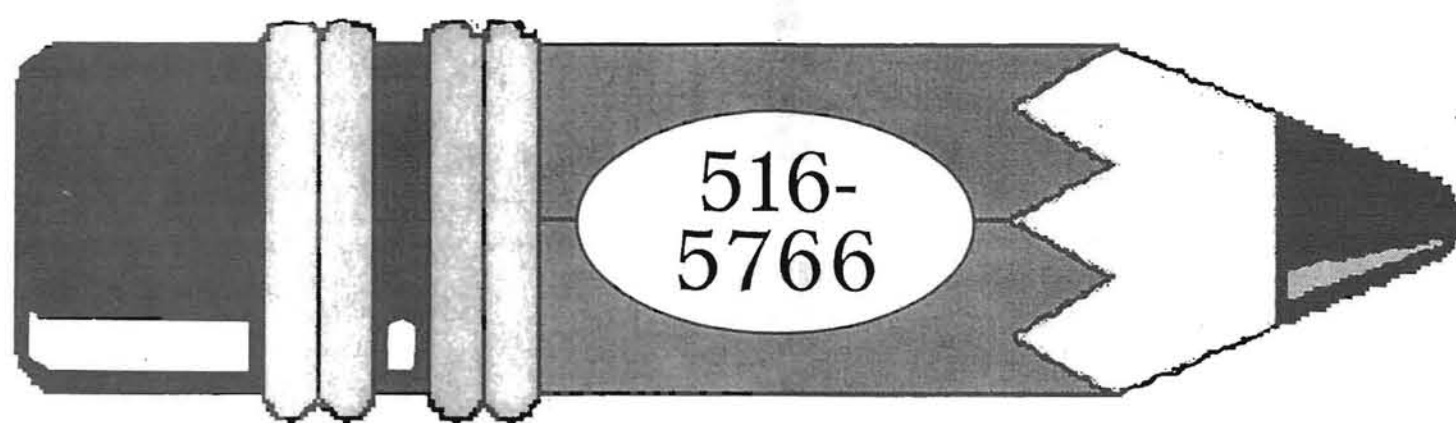
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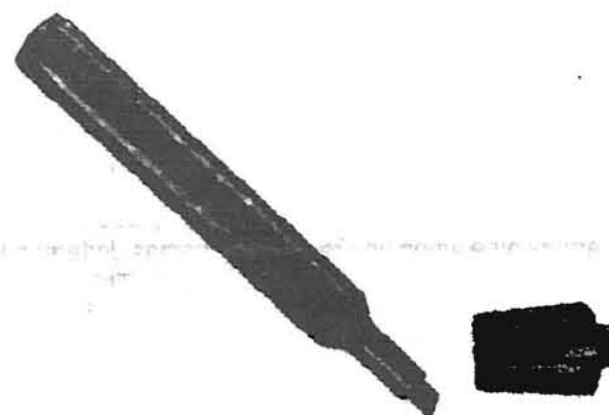
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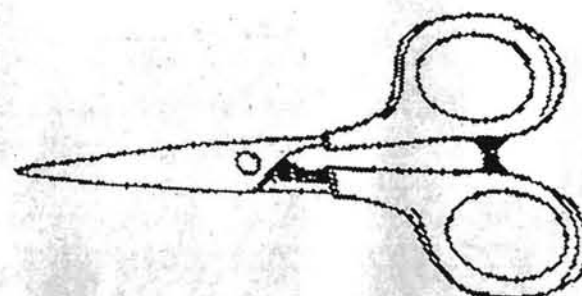
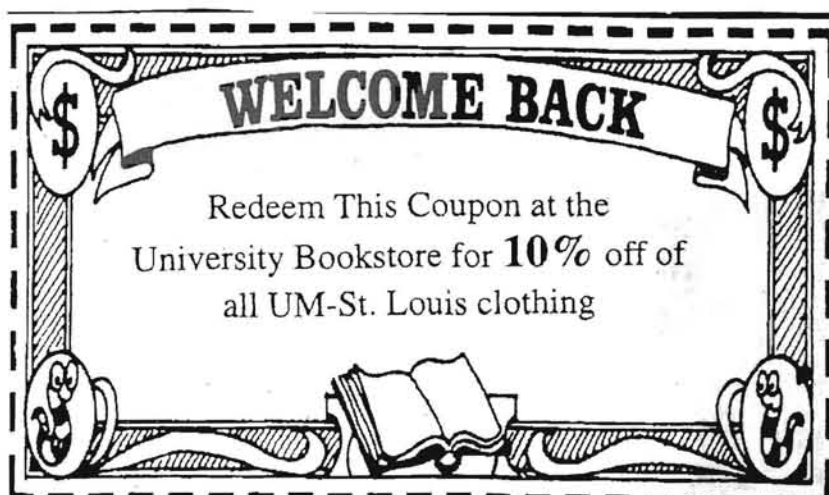
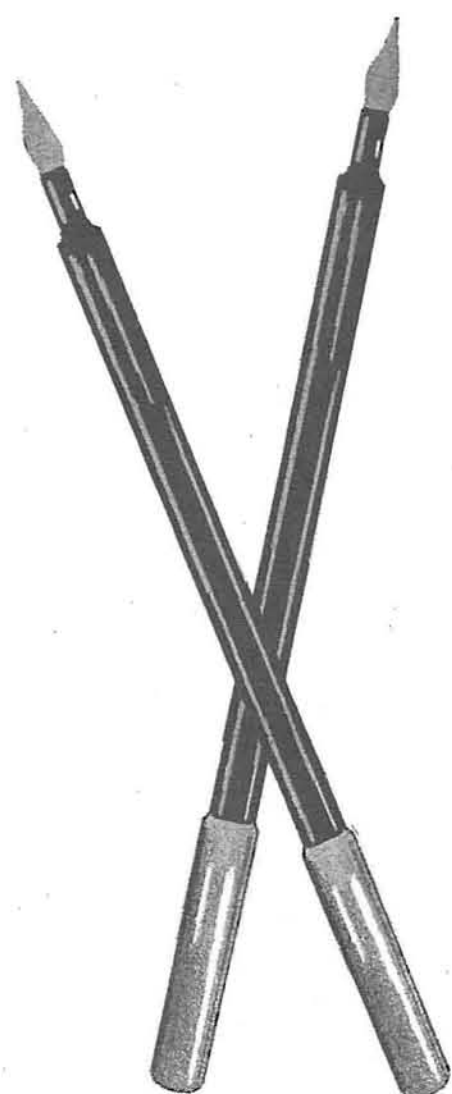
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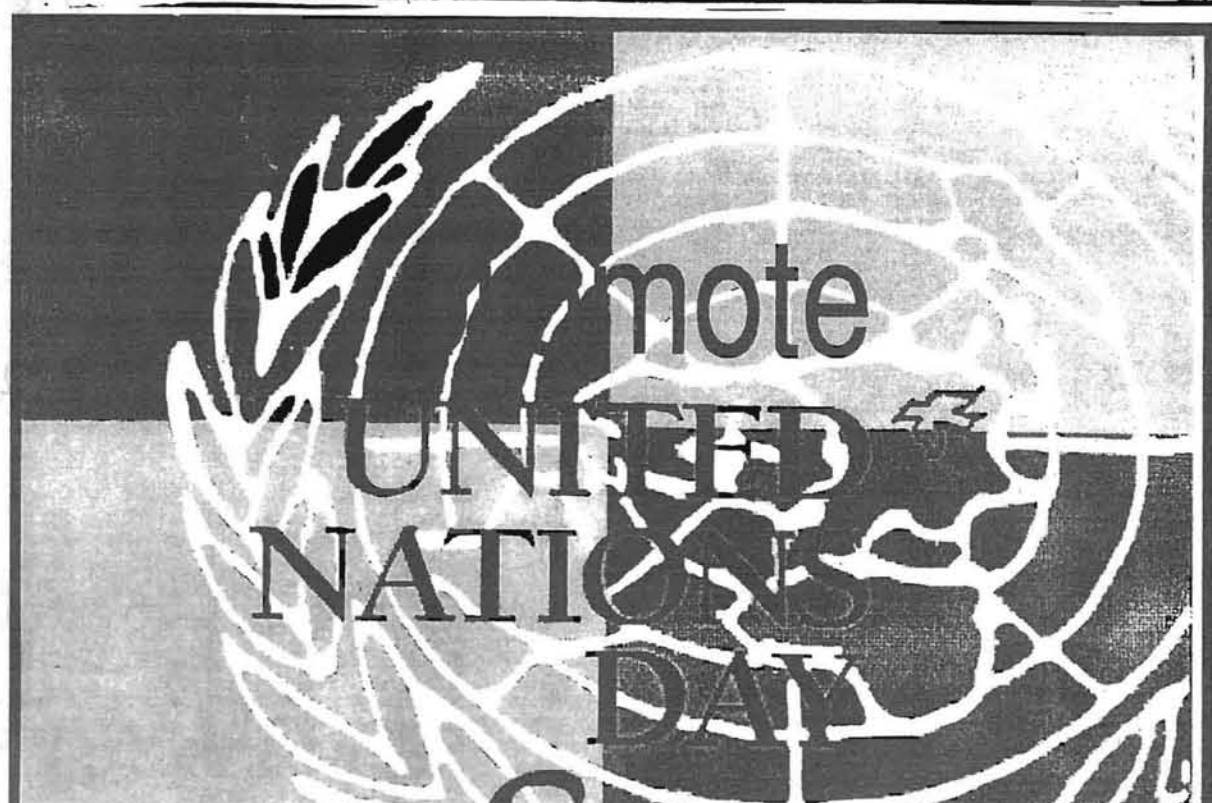
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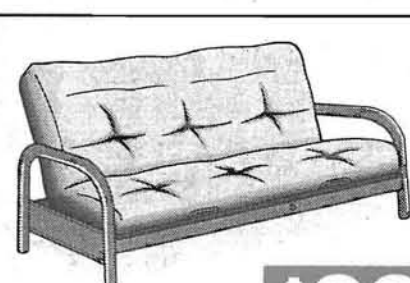


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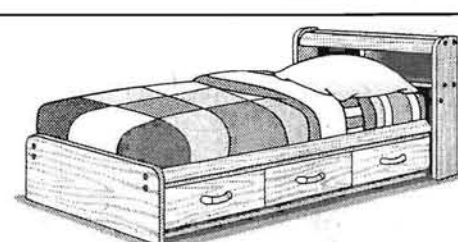
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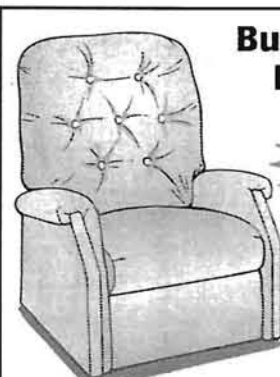
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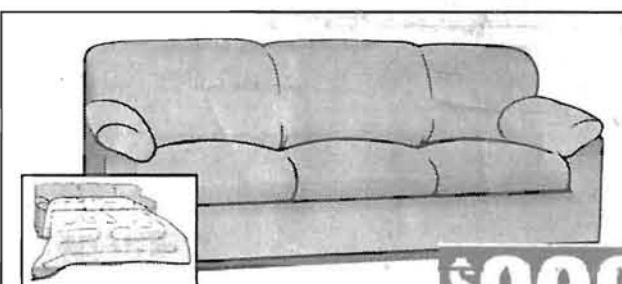
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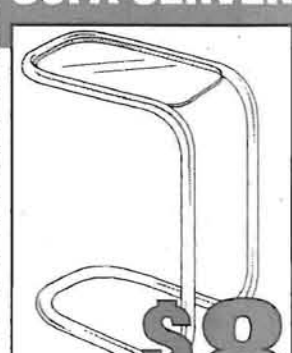
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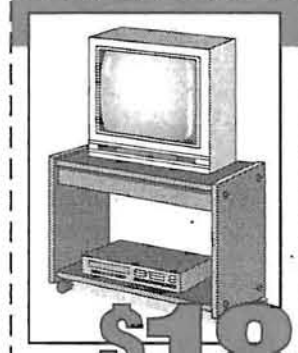
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