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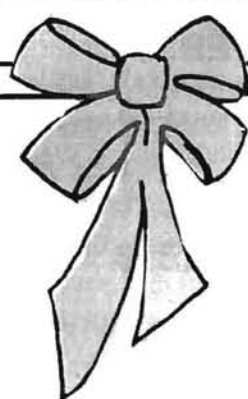
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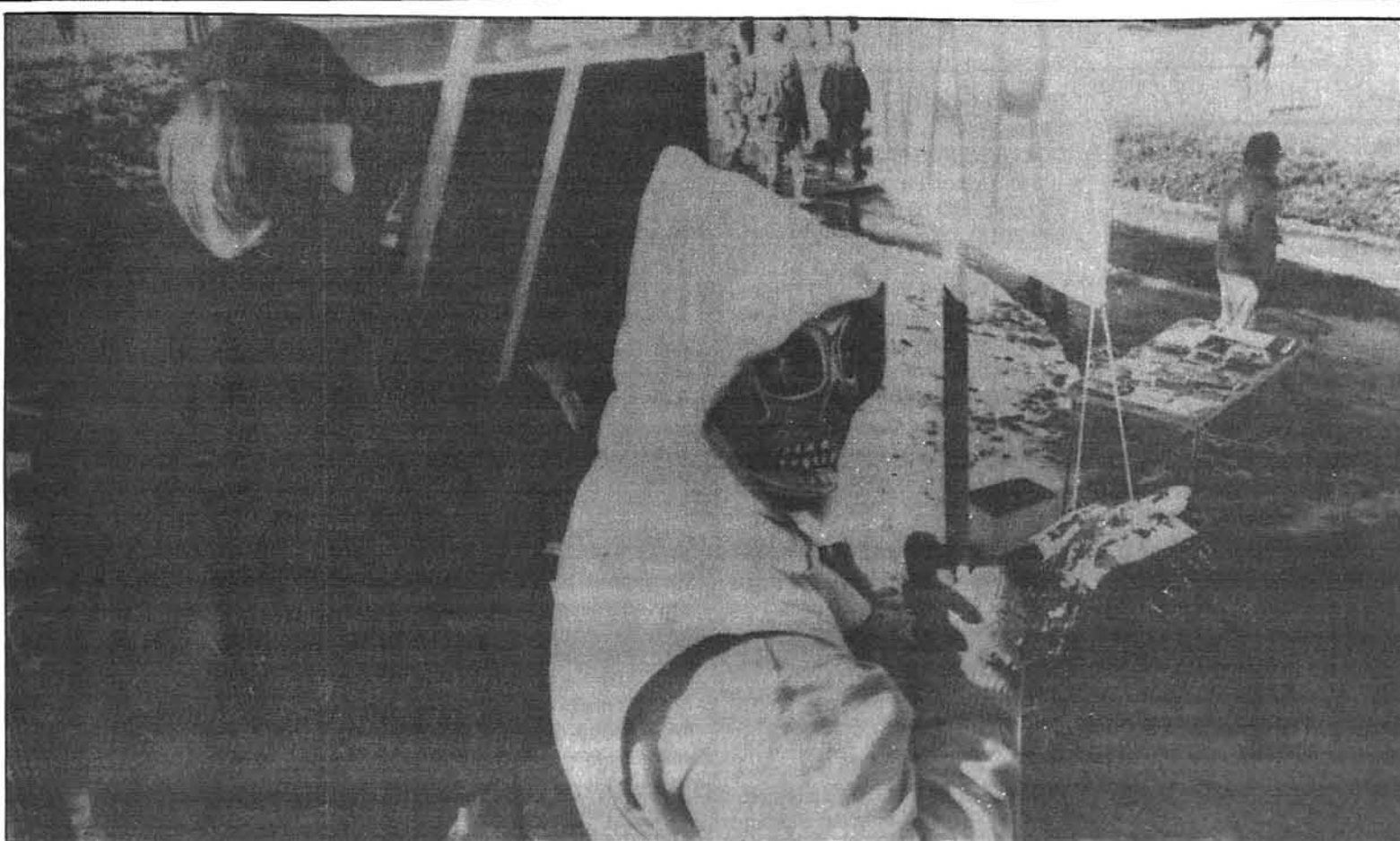


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FACES OF DEATH... Lori Moore and friends protest the war in costumes representing dead soldiers due to the fighting in the Middle East. (photo by Max Montgomery)

StopThe War:

The 60's Are Revived In Rally

by Max Montgomery
associate news editor

The St. Louis Student Forum for Peace, an organization of St. Louis college students against the war in the Middle East, sponsored a rally and march Saturday, Jan. 26.

Despite the cold weather over 1000 people filled the quadrangle area at St. Louis University to protest the war and to speak out against the fighting and deaths of the U.S. and foreign troops.

The participants and organizers of the rally are asking President Bush to cease all preparations for a ground assault on Kuwait or Iraq, halt U.S. air attacks on Iraq and Kuwait, and enter negotiations for the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait as well as the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the Middle East.

The rally began with opening remarks from Jeff Becan, a junior at St. Louis University and member of the Student Forum for Peace. Afterwards, Webster University professor, Linda Holtzman

criticized the television media saying that within less than 24 hours of the outbreak of war, all four major networks had excellent computer graphics and one had a soundtrack saying "America At War."

"Is this a war or a mini-series?" said Holtzman.

Lew Moye, auto worker and President of the Coalition of Black Trade Unions, led the audience in a chant then spoke from the African-American point of view. Moye later said that the Coalition of Black Trade Unions believes that the U.S. went to war due to national chauvinism and racism.

"There is a feeling that the Iraqi people are less, their lives don't mean as much as ours, and there is no hesitation about going in and dropping bombs — that is something we have to get away from," Moye said.

In the middle of the speeches, one St. Louis University student

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Aumni Capitolize Support

by Melissa A. Green
news editor

The Alumni Alliance sponsored the 17th annual Legislative Day in Jefferson City on Tuesday, Jan. 29 to lobby state officials for better legislation for higher education.

Of the four universities, UM-St. Louis provided approximately 45 members of UM-St. Louis faculty, staff, alumni and students to have a chance to talk about concerns for higher education in Missouri.

A major education issue is the Senate Bill 353, proposed by James Mathewson, Senate President Pro Tem of the 86th Senate.

In this bill, Mathewson proposes to raise income tax by \$490 million dollars in support of public higher education in Missouri. Approximately 60 percent of the money, \$294 million, will be allocated to colleges and universities. Elementary and secondary funding will receive an increase of \$172 million, another 35 percent. The last 5 percent of the money, \$24 million, will be placed in a Job Training and Development Fund.

Mathewson discussed the proposed bill at a luncheon sponsored by the Alumni Alliance.

After lunch, the group went to the Capitol and visited local congressmen on education related issues.

The day ended with a reception hosted by the Alliance for the Congressmen and members of the Alliance group from the respective campuses.

The 17th Legislative Day was the largest ever to support the need for funding for higher education. Laurie Wilhite, coordinator of Alumni Relations, coordinated UM-St. Louis' participation in the day's events.

The day began at 8:30 a.m. when Kathy Osborn, director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, Betty VanUum, special assistant to the chancellor in Public Affairs and Interim Chancellor Blanche Touhill all

addressed the group.

During lunch, C. Peter McGrath addressed the group and presented special awards to members of the UM campuses for support of higher education.

William Bonskowski, manager of financial analysis group for the Public Finance Department of A. G. Edwards & Sons, was nominated for

"The group works better as a whole than as individuals."

-Laurie Wilhite

a campus service award. In Bonskowski's absence, McGrath presented the award to Anath Boone, a member of the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association Board, and Educational Director of St. Louis Public Schools.

Bonskowski, a 1983 UM-St. Louis graduate with a master's in business administration, serves on the executive committee of the UM-St. Louis Partnerships for Progress Advisory Board. He was also named the School of Business Administration Alumni Association 1990 Volunteer of the Year.

The Alumni Alliance Association is the union of all the Alumni Associations from the four campuses, working together for a better system. It assists President McGrath in advocating support for the UM system from state legislators.

Each campus selects eight members to serve in the Alliance. UM-St. Louis representatives include Sterling Adams, Steve Bardon, Joan Kelly Horn, Tom Mayer, Bebe Schaffer, John Shear, Larry Wines, and Ralph Wiseman.

The Alliance is supported by the Alumni Associations of the four campuses. The UM-St. Louis Alumni Association chapter has grown 400 percent in the last five years.

"The group works better as a whole than as individuals," Wilhite said.

UMSL Prepares For A Smoke Free Campus

by Robin Mayo
current staff

Those who smoke at UM-St. Louis can no longer buy cigarettes in the University Center candy store or any vending machines across campus. The ban on cigarette sales has been in effect since Jan. 1 of this year.

UM-St. Louis tentatively plans to be completely smoke free as of June 1, 1991. Other UM campuses have already initiated the no smoking

policy, even though UM-St. Louis was the first to pass the policy in the Senate.

The Board of Curators met in Columbia for a two-day meeting on October 18-19, 1990, and made the decision "that the sale of tobacco by the University of Missouri system of any of its units be discontinued effective January 1, 1991, where soon thereafter with any existing contract with the vendors allowed, that the four campus chancellor's and the two UM vice

presidents, no later than May 1, 1991, provide a plan to ban smoking in all non-residential university buildings, except where limited designated smoking areas are authorized, and to designate in the authorized smoking areas served appropriate in any other university buildings, and that the university and its campuses conduct health education programs, and offer other assistance, such as counseling to discourage the use of tobacco products."

One UM-St. Louis faculty member said the policy seems to mean that there should be designated smoking areas on our campus.

The recirculating ventilation system on campus, would put the smoke right back into the air, so designated smoking areas on campus would not correct the problem.

"We cannot guarantee isolation," said James L. Hickerson, Environ-

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Poly Sci Forum Discusses Effects of War

by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

UM-St. Louis got a first hand look at some of the social, political and economic ramifications of the war in the Persian Gulf during a forum called "Operation Desert Storm: Who will

win the war and who will win the peace?" sponsored by the Political Science Academy on Fri., Jan. 25, in the J.C. Penney Building.

The panelists included Clayton Mudd of the U.S. State Department; Mustapha Pasha, a professor of political science at Webster University;

Miranda Duncan of the Leitz Peace Research Laboratory and the UM-St. Louis Dispute Resolution; Ray Bowen, an instructor of economics at UM-St. Louis; Linda Kowalsky, instructor of political science at UM-St. Louis and Martin Rochester, associate professor of political science at UM-St. Louis, who acted as moderator.

Each panelist presented a different aspect of the war and the effects it could have on U.S. and Middle East economies and domestic affairs. Several of the panelists had suggestions for peace negotiations and discussed what could have been done to prevent the war. However, no viable conclusion was reached as to what the best

approach would be at this point. After the discussion, the panelists fielded questions from an audience of approximately 125 people.

John Kalinowski, Secretary/Treasurer for the Political Science Academy and organizer of the event, said the reason for the forum was to arouse awareness on campus about the war. "Local political science groups should write to the state and sponsor events," Kalinowski said. "Since we are at war we have to support the troops and go after this guy (Hussein) with full force and try to end this as soon as possible."

Pasha, who is a member of the political science faculty of Webster University, offered an Islamic view of

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Sig Taus Support The Troops



John Kalinowski shows his support by signing a service flag that is to be sent to U.S. troops. (photo by Nicole Menke)

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

LUNCHEON: The Chancellor's Luncheon Series will feature pianist, Sharon Tash from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Summit Lounge.

GYNECOLOGICAL CARE: The Women's Center will discuss the importance of gynecological care with Mary Middendorf of Barnes Health Education. She will present current guidelines for women's health examinations from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH: UM-St. Louis and the National Association of Blacks Within Government will present a noon and a 7:30 p.m. program, "Educating America: Black Universities and Colleges—Strength and Crises," Feb. 1 in the J.C. Penney Auditorium in honor of African American History Month. T.V. celebrities featured will be Sharon Stevens of Channel 2 at noon and Robin Smith of Channel 4 at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

BOOK BASH: The Friends of UM-St. Louis will sponsor a "Let's Make Noise in the Library" friend-raiser/fund-raiser at 8:00 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Library. Ticket prices range from \$40-\$100. For more information call 553-5818.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

A "BASS"IC EVENT: Bass Laurence Albert will perform at 4 p.m. at The Sheldon Concert Hall on 3648 Washington. This event is part of UM-St. Louis 1990-91 Premiere Performances chamber music and dance season.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

CAREERS: A seminar on how to use career placement services in room 308 Woods Hall at 1 p.m.

FIGHTING BACK: Beginning Monday Feb. 4, The Women's Center will offer a self-defense course to help prevent rape. The course will continue on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. for the next eight weeks with a week out for Spring Break. The fee will be \$35.00 for the eight week course. To sign up or to get more details, call 553-5380

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings for Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in 313 Clark Hall and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in 202 Lucas Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

THE PATH AND RECOVERY OF CO-DEPENDENCY: From noon to 1p.m. Dr. Alice Aslin will present an exploration of the dynamics of co-dependency and the paths to recovery. The presentation will be held at the Women's Center in room 211-212 Clark Hall.

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PERSONALS

Come see your friends take the challenge of College Bowl. Show support for your favorite team. Be there Feb. 2 in the Science Complex. Starting time is 1:00. Presented by UPB/U-Ctr.

Congratulations to Delta Sig's who have December, January, and February birthdays: Robin Ballance, Rick

Flynn, Mary Jackson, Tony Marshall, Krista Ogle, Lori Powell, Kraig Schitzmeier, Sanjay Shastri, Shauna Swiener, and Traci Wright.

Dearest Muffy, I can't guarantee our get away. The Polo ponies are calling and daddie says the South of France is just "preesssh." Sorry I can't go. Niemans has a sale, I'll fax you my goldcard number. Lots of air kisses, Chipster

Birdy-T, How's my drinkin' buddy? I miss our excursions to Westport. It's been too long since our last drunkin' blast. Have you forgotten about me? You know I haven't forgotten you baby. See ya around. Your one and only

Hey all you boneheads at the Current. Just because I'm not around doesn't mean I'm dead. Let your fingers do the walking. Call me! Miss you guys lots The Luv Muffin.

Dear Felicity, Congratulations on your pregnancy. Who's the unlucky guy? Name it after me. Much love Bec.

Do you like to have pictures taken of YOU? If you do call Nicole because

I need models for my portfolio!!!! I can usually be reached at 553-5174.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Why not let the Current help you express your feelings. Put a classified in to your loved one. It's easy, it's fun, and best of all it's free. The boxes are located in U-Center and in Lucas Hall.

Dear author of thought poem, I can't run your poem without your name. Signed the editor. P.S. Why don't you submit it to the lit mag?

Laura, You still have not given me an answer from my question on Sunday. Is it yes or no?

Dear Poopsie, I'm glad to hear the rabbit lived. We'll have to be more careful. Your Stud Muffin, Teddie

Skippy, Let me know about you and Libby. Good luck with you two. Tell Kay I said hi. Skipper

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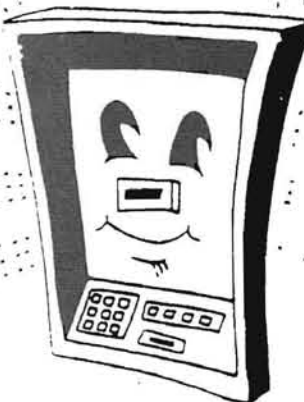
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Bill Sheds Light On Educational Needs

Senator Matthewson couldn't have more been right when he said that reforms can't happen tomorrow or the next day or the day after. Higher education reforms have to happen now. He dubbed his bill "The Economic Survival Act of 1991."

Senate Bill 353 is a \$400 million increase of income taxes to support public education from kindergarten through college into the 21st century. The extra money would go towards everything from raises to grants to minority recruitment to research to improving physical structures (maybe UMSL would get new parking garages).

Compared to the rest of the nation, statistics show Missouri's sad state of affairs when it comes to teacher's salaries and exam scores. There is no coincidence between statistics and that Missouri is one of the lowest spenders of money on education.

Because of this, no senator or representative would dare not to support the bill. However, they might try to butcher it until it doesn't achieve the needed results. The bill has to compete with the stadium bill for tax payers dollars. While the stadium would provide jobs for the state, the jobs would be seasonal and low income. But education is a long term investment that will build stronger economical state.

The main funding for the bill would go towards higher education. Amazingly the lobbyist have all but ignored the people who would be most affected by it - students. College students can make a strong voting block if they choose to take an active interest in this bill.

Missourians have had it easy compared with what other states pay for proper education. Money needs to be invested in the education of our future leaders, business men or women to support the economic growth of our country.

Write your state senator or representative to tell him or her just how you feel about the state of our educational needs.

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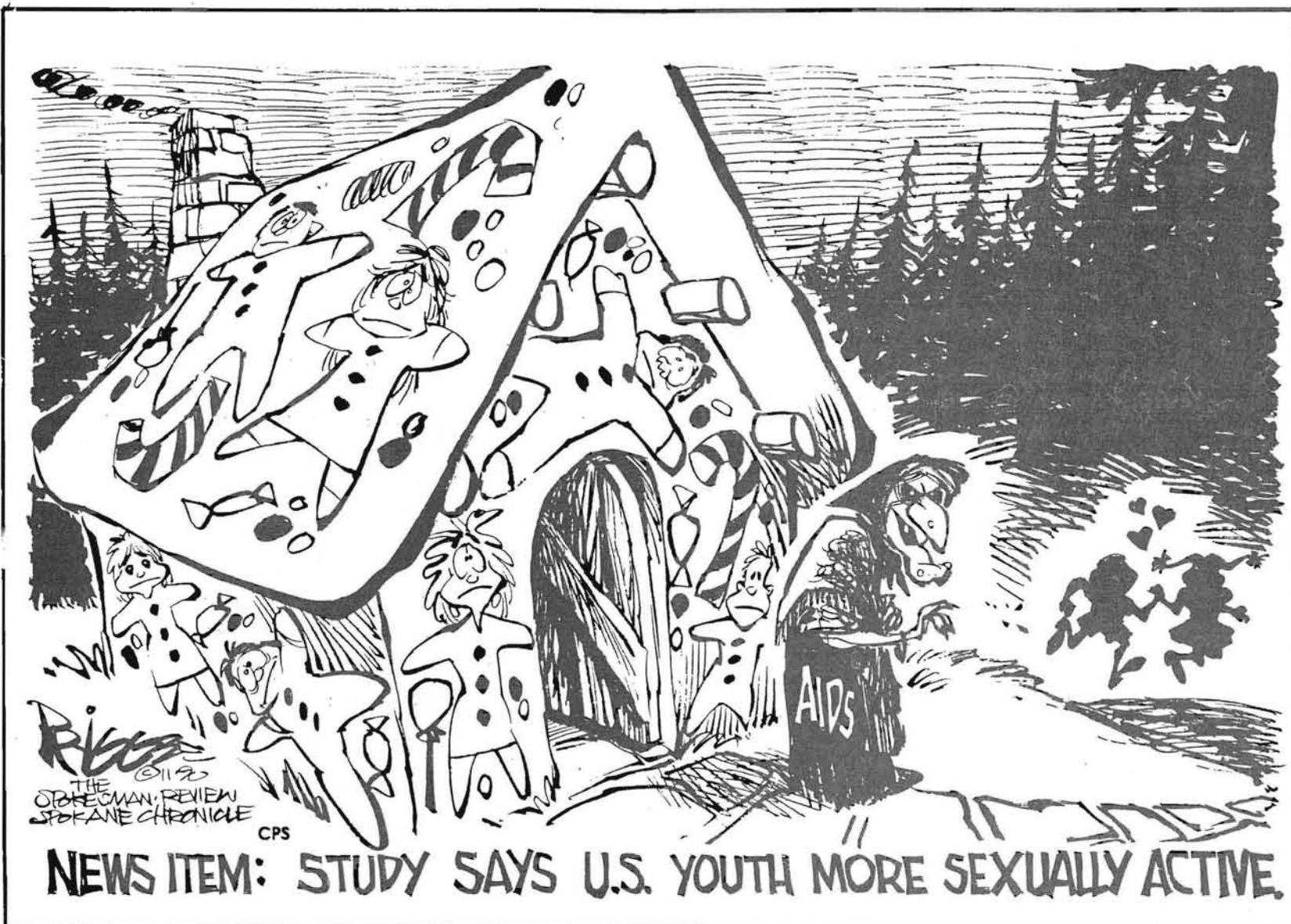
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NEWS ITEM: STUDY SAYS U.S. YOUTH MORE SEXUALLY ACTIVE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smoking Blamed On Earlier Society

To the editor;

I detest people who rudely criticize others for smoking.

Since I am a smoker, I feel this is my business. I am well aware that it is a dirty, expensive habit, but it's not entirely my fault. I was raised in a society and an era that not only condoned cigarette smoking, but encouraged and glamorized it, often using movie

stars and other famous people to advertise their products.

What I'm trying to say is that this movement toward non-smoking should have been started up years ago. To exclude us from restaurants, school buildings, and movie houses for a habit that at one time was normal and one which was aided by a careless and uncaring society is hypocrisy.

Most of the time, if you ask us,

we'll refrain from smoking if it greatly disturbs you—if you're asthmatic or have another respiratory disease. But just because you don't like the smell! Well, I'm sorry about that. There are a lot of things in this world I don't like, but I tolerate them. Why? Because when you live in a world with others you must learn to accept them the best you can.

Cigarettes have had a smell to

them for more than one-hundred years before the first protester. As for it causing a serious medical problem, you would need a constant, heavy exposure before it could begin to damage.

To change the rules now and say smokers must conform to your ideals is foolish, spoiled, and selfish.

Dave Donofrio

Marine Takes Oath - For Better Or Worse

To the editor;

My name is Christopher Steib. I am a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. I have served my first four years of active duty and am preparing to begin my second four year tour, in the desert. Since the war has started, I have seen two of my fellow Marines try to back out of their obligation to the oath which they, as well as every servicemember must recite before being assigned to active duty. The oath reads as follows:

"I _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true

faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

These two Marines state that their religion prevents them from participating in the war. After reading the above oath which all servicemembers must recite, how can these two individuals say that they will not fight?

When I joined the Marine Corps in 1986, I joined with the understanding that someday I may be called to fight a war. I had hoped that I would not be called,

but because of the oath which I believe in, I was ready if the call did come.

The military exists for one main reason, the defense of this country and its interests. Anyone who thinks they can join the military just to earn some extra money for school or get some job experience is wrong. It is true that you can receive the above named items while in the service, but the military does not exist to put people through school. There are loan services for that purpose.

The feelings I have towards these two (Mr. McGee being one of my fellow Marines while I was in basic training at Camp Lejeune) is one of disgust and disappointment. I am not looking forward to

going to war and I do not like the fact that I may have to kill someone, but I am a firm believer in the above oath and will obey the President in all his decisions. The people fighting in this war believe in the oath and are following the orders of the President. Those of you who do not support the war should take aim at the administration and not at the people who are doing their job and following orders. We need to show our support for the troops; not our resentment as we did in the Vietnam era.

Semper Fidelis,

Christopher S. Steib
CPL USMC

Student Questions Quotes About MLK Day

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the Jan. 24 headline article on the MLK holiday by A.A. Evans. Let me clarify in the beginning that I am a white student, however, I still recognize and appreciate the problems facing minorities in the United States today and have taken an active role in trying to remedy problems where I can.

This article disturbed me for numerous reasons. Maybe the author, or the people quoted in this article, can educate me. The author chose to highlight in bold print a quote by Kelly McGee in which he states he would never fight a war against people of the same color.

This article goes on to state that the biggest applause at the MLK ceremony came when Andrew Moore accused the United States Government of only fighting wars against people of different color. This, to me, seems a great contradiction, printing in bold-type letters someone demeaning EVER fighting against your own color, along with a quote accusing our government of the very same thing.

Both assumptions seem unrealistic to me. Is Mr. McGee saying

he would never fight against oppression of his people by his people? I don't understand his statement saying, "For the sake of war, I go along with the fighting. However, I would not lift my hand to fight a war against people of the same color."

This statement is vague at best, and I am pressed to find any rationale behind it. I am curious as to why the author of the article chose to highlight such a mundane response from an obviously powerful and meaningful remembrance of MLK. As to Moore's quote, stating we do not go to war against nations of color; let me remind him that we are fighting for and with nations of color. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, as well as Israel, are fighting side by side with white and black Americans in the Middle East. While questioning why we let South Africa and Russia make their invasions a valid question, saying that color was the determining factor is simply not true.

One other quote that caused concern was by Mark Grimes, Student Government Association Vice-President. It is certainly true, Mr. Grimes, that blacks should teach their children to understand

and respect their culture. However, stating that blacks should have their own schools, at an MLK ceremony of all places, tells me you ought to think twice. Is not MLK the one who fought for integration and equal opportunity? While this has not been fully realized, surely complete segregation and isolation from the white world is a giant step backward.

In conclusion, Martin Luther

King is one of the greatest Americans this country has seen. The holiday and the tribute to him ought to be a great remembrance of what Mr. King aspired to achieve. I do, however, question if Mr. King would want his name or remembrance to be associated with the quotes in the 1/24/91 edition of the *Current*.

M.W.

Astrology Is Not Astronomy

To the editor;

In general I found that the article about our observatory upgrade efforts was factual and well-written (*Current*, Jan 17). However, there was one glaring misconception which deserves notice. It was stated that the physics department contains "several notable astrologers...". Our department in fact contains four astronomers and astrophysicists, but not astrologers!

Astrology is fundamentally a metaphysical/religious

endeavor which has nothing whatever to do with science. Unfortunately, astrology sells in the popular press in the form of horoscopes, etc., and in fact over ten times as much money is spent on astrology each year in this nation than on astronomy and astrophysics. We would welcome a redirection of some of that money into our observatory upgrade!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Schwartz
Professor of Astronomy

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UMSL Senate Breaks Pipes And Ground

Broken pipes and broken ground were discussed at the UM-St. Louis Senate meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22. A water pipe broke in the Thomas Jefferson Library on Dec. 24, closing the itfor a week. No damage was done to the books.

Ground breaking will begin in mid-February for a new computer building on campus, if approved by the Board of Curators in their January meeting.

Honors College Moves To Incarnate Word Grounds

The Honors College is now housed on the Incarnate Word Academy grounds, 2800 Normandy Dr. They moved the week of Jan. 14. The first day of classes held on campus was Jan. 22. Shuttle service is provided to the campus. The new numbers are 389-0096 or 389-0097.

A new dean of the Honors College will be appointed by July 1. Ad-Hoc Committee Offers Proposal For Grads

An Ad-Hoc committee formed to access the education of UM-St. Louis graduates faced problems with last semester's graduates refusal to take the test. A proposal to penalize the graduates was motioned. Interim Chancellor Blanche Touhill suggested that diplomas will be held until the graduates takes the test.

Deaf Inspired By Phone

CONTACT-St. Louis will begin a new service to the deaf community, Friday, Feb 1. By dialing 771-4344, a deaf person will be able to read the same message of encouragement that hearing people receive for Dial Guideposts for Inspiration.

Dial Guideposts for Inspiration is a recorded message prepared by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale. Twenty-three cities nationwide have Dial Guideposts for Inspiration, but the service in St. Louis is the first that will be available for deaf people.

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Organization Offers Image Scholarship

The St. Louis chapter of Image, Inc., a national not-for-profit Hispanic organization has scholarships available for qualified full-time students. Students must be currently enrolled or accepted in a college in Missouri or Western Illinois. One scholarship will be based on financial need and two on academic achievement. The deadline for applying is April 15. Call Image at 832-0790.

Air Force Dental Program Open

The Air Force has a financial assistance program for oral surgery residents, the Dental Financial Assistance Program. Under the Armed Forces health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program, qualified oral surgeons will be selected for one or two years of financial support. "There are tremendous benefits including a cash grants," said Staff Sergeant Bryan Hartwick at Fairview Heights, Ill.

"The other benefits of the Dental FAP are that dentists enter the Air Force without the concerns of some of their civilian counterparts," Sgt. Hartwick said.

Lunch Lecture Offered For Area Students

The American Association of University Women and the Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) of the Ethical Society of St. Louis will sponsor an international relations lecture on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 10:45 a.m. The

lecture, which consists of a 45-minute presentation followed by a question and answer session, is free and open to the public.

Dr. Herman Blumenthal, research professor in gerontology in the Aging and Development Program of Psychology at Washington University and adjunct professor in the Department of Community Medicine at St. Louis University School of Medicine, will present the lecture titled "U.S. and World Health Care- Cradle to Grave." Following the lecture, the TWA will host a luncheon. Cost for the meal is \$4.50; reservations are required one week in advance of the lecture. For more information or reservations, call 991-0955.

Nominate Faculty For Excellence

The annual Chancellor's Faculty Teaching Awards recognizes outstanding teaching in the graduate curricula by a full-time regular UM-St. Louis faculty member. The award will be presented in the fall of 1991.

Any member of the UM-St. Louis community (including alumni) may submit nominations. Nominations, in writing, should include the following information: evidence of outstanding classroom performance, availability to students outside of class, creative and innovative teaching methods, and other professional and/or personal attributes that merit recognition in teaching. Nominators may attach other letters or supporting documentation that have been specifically prepared for the Chancellor's Faculty Teaching Award, 1991.

Recipients of an outstanding teaching award during the past six years, or of a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in any category (teaching, research/creativity, or service) are ineligible, as are members of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards.

Faculty who are ineligible because they were former recipients are Scott Decker, Ronald Denowitz, Yael Even, Edwin Fedder, Joel Glassman, Charles Granger, Ruth Jenkins, Charles Korr, James Krueger, Laurence Madeo, Frank Moss, Miles Patterson, Vicki Sauter, Robert Sorenson and Paul Travers.

The Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards will review nominations and recommend one to the Chancellor. The committee may solicit additional information from various sources concerning the nominee.

Four copies of all nomination materials should be sent to Dr. Linda Trick, School of Optometry, 427 Marillac Hall, by March 20, 1991. The Senate Ad Hoc Committee

on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards includes Howard Baltz, Yael Even, Robert Loyd, Wayne McDaniel, Nina Nguyen student, Robert Sorensen, and Linda Trick, chairperson.

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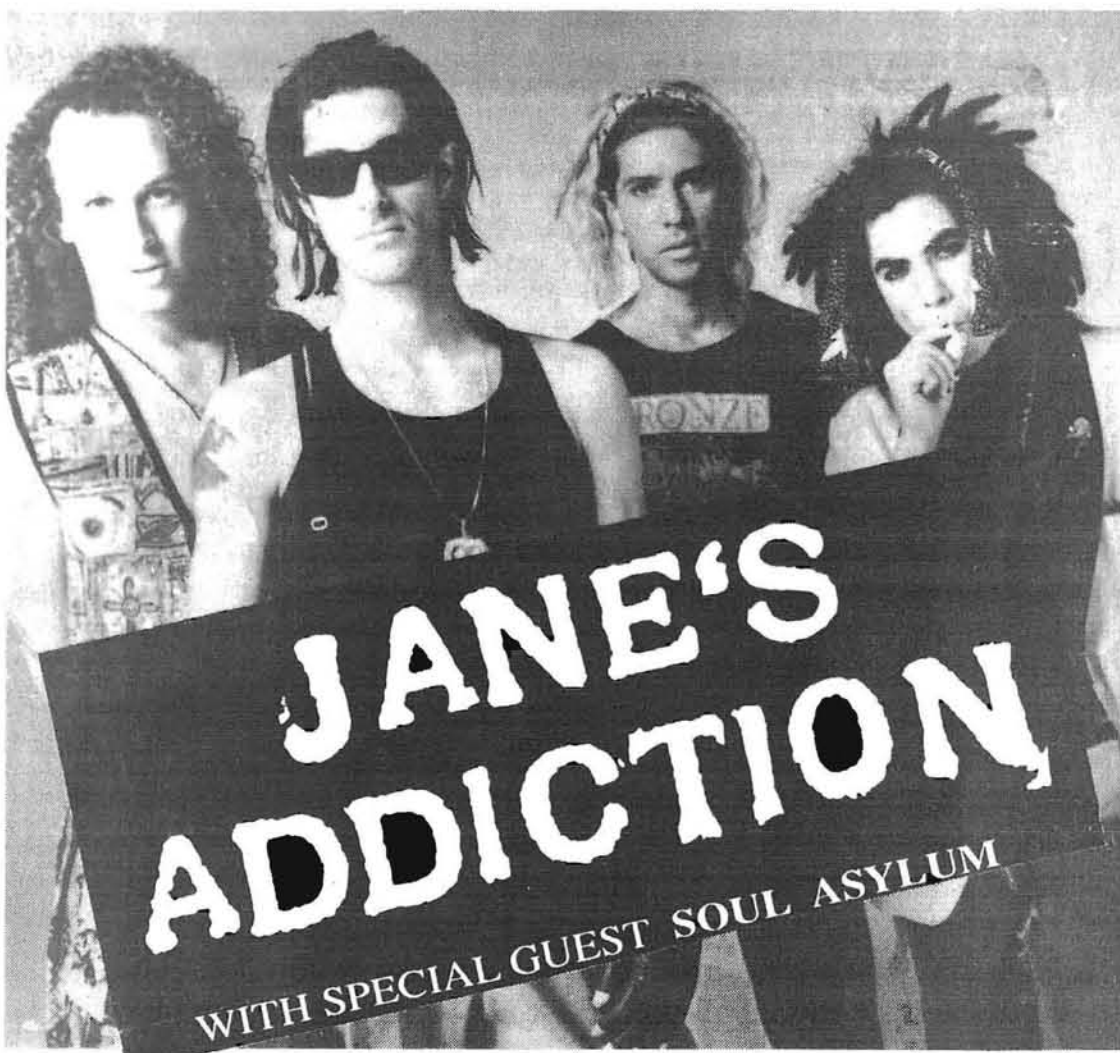
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Understanding The Gay Experience

The *Um-St. Louis Current* is running a two part series on feelings and experiences of homosexuals.

by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

Even in today's liberated world, there are many fallacies and stereotypes concerning homosexuality. But the fact is, homosexual people feel and want the same things as heterosexuals. Whether it's a family and a successful relationship or basic life and career goals, life's experiences are practically identical for both gays and heterosexuals.

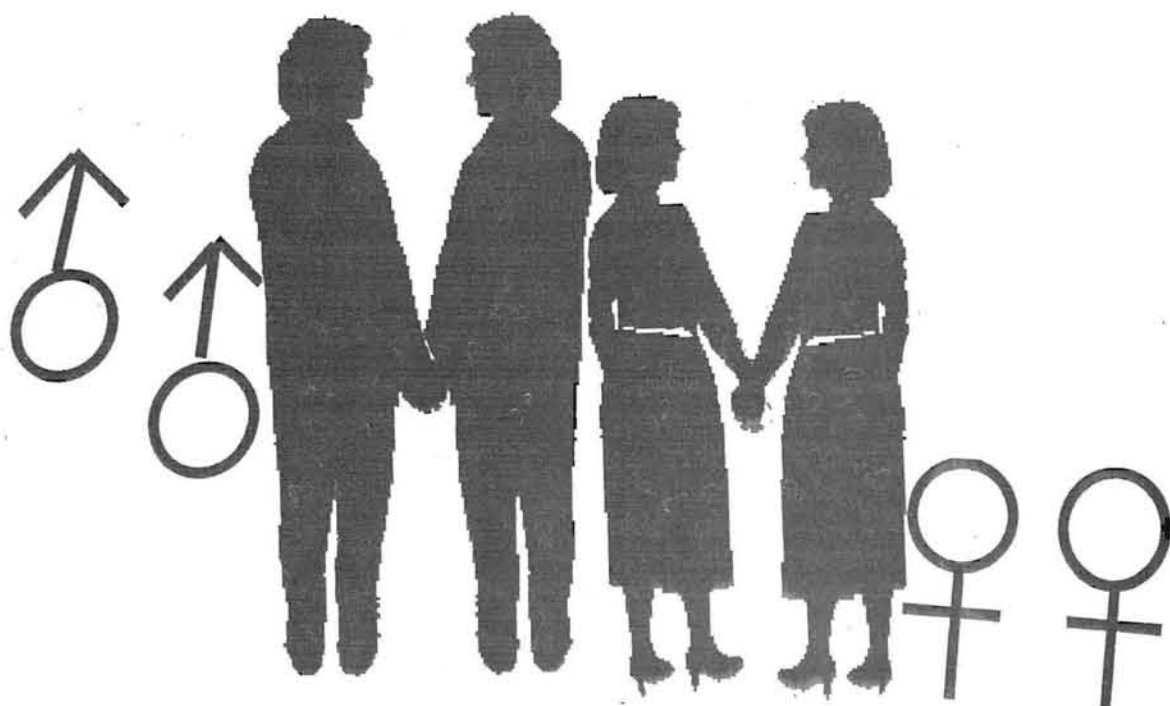
Because fallacies and stereotypes are often born of ignorance and a lack of understanding for the subjects involved, four gay students at UM-St. Louis have chosen to relate their personal experiences on topics ranging from coming out of the closet to dealing with reactions from people in St. Louis and on the UM-St. Louis campus. By sharing their experiences, Carla, Kim, Scott and Steve (last names withheld) hope to give some insight on what it is like to be gay.

Many gay's feel that one of the most confusing times in their lives is

their first recognition of their homosexuality.

"I knew I was gay just like other people know they're straight," said Scott. "You were attracted to men when you were growing up; so was I."

Like Scott, every homosexual experiences a "coming out" process that is very individualistic. Some people know how they feel from childhood while others come to recognize and acknowledge their feelings much later.



Carla was one of those people who didn't start reaching out or becoming involved in the homosexual community until college.

Carla grew up in a predominantly heterosexual environment. After her parents were divorced, Carla lived with her father and her step-mother.

She didn't start realizing that she had a different sexual preference than heterosexuals until she was in high school. However, she did not act upon her feelings.

"I was very involved with school. I was newspaper editor, I was on the executive board of student council and was involved with drama. I had so many other things going on that the fact that I was gay was put on the back burner," Carla said.

"It was something that I just hid,

where gay people go to socialize. Part of the awareness is something Carla calls "gaydar".

"You start to realize who is gay. She sits in the back of the room and you sit in the front. But out of all those people in the back, you know she is gay. I can't explain 'gaydar' really; it's just there," Carla said.

Carla slowly started coming out into the open with her homosexuality and decided it was time to tell her mother. Her mother's best friend was gay, so Carla hoped her mother would understand Carla's position. Things didn't go as planned.

"After I told her, she just kind of hid it," Carla said. "She didn't want me to talk about it. Once I mentioned it, she didn't want me to mention it again. That was pretty hard, being close to my mother plus the fact that she had a gay friend. It was okay for him but it wasn't okay for her children. Parents go through a lot of guilt, anger, fear."

The group felt that parents react differently when they find out their

I knew I was attracted to so and so but I just played the game of the heterosexual world."

Carla blended into normal high-school life, she even went to the prom. She calls herself a loner and proclaims that she wasn't in the "in" clique.

"I kind of went from group to group. I just denied the fact [that I was gay]. I didn't allow myself to act upon any of my feelings...because I had feelings of confusion. Well, I know I should be with men. I know what society wants me to be. Let's just forget about it and get out of school," she said.

Like any other high school student, Carla was preoccupied with things like what college she would go to and whether or not she was going to get along with her mother that day. Homosexuality wasn't out in the open in high-school the way it is in a college atmosphere. Once Carla got to college she started to reach out and become aware of who was gay and

children are gay, but most stories include confusion and denial.

Kim said her coming out process was different because her brother is gay and he had already told their parents this fact.

"My brother said, 'Uh, one of us should try to be straight.' Since he had already come out, that left me. I did try to play the straight person. I went out with men and then I fell in love with a woman, so that was it. I told my mother I was a lesbian when I was about seventeen. She said, 'Okay, we could try a psychologist.' One of the biggest misconceptions about gay people is that they can get over being gay," Kim said.

Kim tried therapy and when it didn't work, she decided to follow her feelings and be herself. Her parents worry about her safety because of the abuse that gay people can be exposed to.

Adults aren't the only ones that can have a difficult time sorting out
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Pianists Play Classical For Luncheon Series

Robin Mayo
current staff

If you have appreciation for good music and feel like you need earplugs to eat in the underground, then the Chancellor's Luncheon Series is for you.

A quiet, relaxed setting is the ambiance attained in the Summit Lounge on Thursday from 12:00-1:30.

The series features musical artists in a relaxed, peaceful atmosphere. This Thursday will be the seventh luncheon of the series and the third one of the semester. Two artists that have been featured already this semester are Billie Jo Derham and Mark Laverty, both pianists.

Mark Laverty has been playing the piano since he was five years old. Laverty graduated from SIUE with a degree in piano performance, and did his undergraduate work at UM-St. Louis. He studied under Evelyn Mitchell, a professor of the music department here.

Mitchell said, "He was an outstanding student, very bright, and intelligent. He's always been well liked by the students."

Mitchell said she thinks the Chancellor's Luncheon Series is a wonderful thing.

Laverty resides in Chesterfield where he teaches private piano lessons and does free-lance performing in his spare time. Laverty is also the organist for Lord of Life Lutheran Church, playing hymns in church and songs for the choir.

This is Laverty's third time performing at UM-St. Louis. He enjoyed being a part of the Chancellor's Luncheon Series.

"The audience was very receptive. They have been every time I've been here," Laverty said. "It's like meeting a person. It takes a while to get to know each other—around 20 minutes to develop a rapport", said Laverty.

After around 20 minutes, the audience paid more attention and began to listen more carefully, clapping when he finished a piece, and one person whistled enjoyably to a particular piece.

Laverty played selections from light classical music. Several pieces include Fur Elise by Beethoven, Blue Danube by Strauss, Claire de Lune by Debussy, and various Copin
See LUNCHEON, page 6



TICKLING THE IVORIES... Mark Laverty plays pieces from Debussy and other classical composers. (photo by Nicole Menke)

Parents Teach Offspring To Keep Worms Out Of Toasters



by Greg Aiders
columnist

elvis hotline

make you feared and respected. "Do you want another spanking?" and "How many times do I have to tell you not to put worms in the toaster?" are both good examples of this. The child can either not respond at all, or say something smart that will only get him in more trouble.

Constant nagging and generally being a pest seems to be one of the more enjoyable aspects of parenting. (At least it seemed like my parents really enjoyed it.) It doesn't have to be about anything important. Usually, topics such as dressing warmly, washing your hands and not playing hockey on the highway will suffice. "Don't forget to wear a hat. I only do this because I love you." Then, when they're safely out of earshot you can chuckle quietly to yourself.

Embarassing children in front of other people (especially their friends) is an important duty. Utter, complete humiliation builds character. Try asking your son if he's wearing clean underwear when he and his friends are over playing Nintendo. Timing is essential.

Keep strict rules about petty things like eating vegetables, washing hands and keeping rooms clean. This will lend order and stability to life. (And cause nervous compulsions that require years of therapy to correct.)

Some miscellaneous phrases that may be of use include: "I've had it up to here with you.", "You don't need a pony.", "Those aren't the kind of people you should be hanging around." and "Someday you'll have kids of your own."

Finally, since about the age-seventeen, I've been noticing another aspect of parenting. It seems there comes a time when you must back off and let the child live his own life. You can only hope that the skills and values you've taught them were right and that they will use them wisely. The only thing left to do is to take pride in their accomplishments and support them through their failures.

Forgive me for sounding a bit sappy, but my parents like to read my columns and I'd just like to take this time to thank them for the way they've raised me.

by Brad Touchette
movie critic

What is there to say about another movie making a mockery of infidelity? In today's society, it seems almost trendy to have an affair. Pretty sick. But since I'm not going to change society's attitudes by writing a simple movie review, let's just take the movie at face value.

Mia Farrow shines as the highly confused, out-of-her-niche, rich housewife named Alice. Her double-

talking, self-analyzing, incomplete personality is portrayed to a tee. Farrow is surrounded by an impressive supporting cast including William Hurt, Cybil Shepherd, Alec Baldwin and Bernadette Peters.

Hurt is equally brilliant as the indifferent, suppressive husband. Hurt has a quality about him that is intangible. He brings an almost too real aspect to every character he plays. In "Alice", he disappoints no one. He has the skill to bring an intimacy between himself and the audience that

very few actors possess.

Though Cybil Shepherd has a relatively small role, she still seems to do more damage to a film than anyone else I can imagine. Ever notice every role she portrays is that of a rich, highly successful business woman? Her acting is, as usual, flat and dull (kind of like most business people). Business people must be easy to portray because she barely passes as interesting, if not simply as just a hot babe there to take up frame space.

Alec Baldwin plays, of all things,

...Alice begins to realize that she is not happy in her world of face-lifts and maids.

a ghost. He is one of Alice's old love interests who dies in a car wreck. Though they were broken up before the accident, she admits she missed him. He plays a highly likeable, reckless soul who enjoyed living on the edge. His work in this film is astounding. His intimate side shows through so well that there are sure to be more than a few woozy women in the theater when he turns on his charm. My date liked his work too much. She's biased, though.

Bernadette Peters is a surprise. Though her role is ridiculously small, her charm really shines through as Alice's muse. Her part is by far one of the funniest scenes in the movie. She is a treat to watch.

The movie is a modern day fairy tale about a woman who is suffering from chronic back pain and eventually gets recommended to a Doctor Yang (great name, eh?). This doc starts giving her herbs that produce different effects. One makes her invisible, others cause her to see things like ghosts (Baldwin) and muses (Peters).

Through a series of potions and soul searching, Alice begins to realize that she is not happy in her world of face-lifts and maids. She tries desperately to find herself through attending school, trying to write a sitcom for TV and having an affair.



WOODY IS AT IT AGAIN... Joe Mantegna and Mia Farrow are part of an all star cast in Woody Allen's latest film, "Alice".

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their feelings and understanding the concepts of being gay. For a child it is even more difficult, because they don't understand sexuality, much less the intricacies of homosexuality.

Steve knew from childhood that he was gay. His mother started to worry about him when, as a child, his behavior began to indicate that he either was or would be gay.

"They threatened to send me away to one of those boys homes if I didn't stop what I was doing. I was confused and didn't realize why my behavior was bad. I knew I was different, but it really hurt when my parents punished me for it," said Steve.

All the people mentioned in this article said being gay is something private and personal. The choice of when and to whom their "gayness" is revealed should be theirs.

"The worst thing I think you can do to a gay person is to uncloset them to someone they aren't ready to come out to," Carla said. "I was still dealing with the reaction of my mother when my sister told my father I was gay. I went through a lot of hurt from that. When it came down to my dad and my stepmother, who are very conservative, I thought no way—I'm not telling them until I'm really ready. Then I had that privilege taken away from me.

"My dad took me out to dinner and I was clueless about what was going on. We had wine and appetiz-

ers—the whole bit. My dad's not the big spender, so I knew something was up. Over the entree he said 'So, do you like women?' I thought whoa! Oh my God. So I said 'well, um, yea.' I was backed into a corner; what could I say?"

Carla felt that it is easier for someone to accept the fact that people are homosexual when there is no visible proof. She thinks people assume that their lover has forced them to live with them. In the back of a parent's or friend's mind lingers a feeling that the lover seduced their child/friend into being gay.

Scott's family accepts his lover and includes him in family gatherings and holidays. Not all homosexuals enjoy that luxury. When the lover is not present there is no one to lash out at, therefore, the fact that someone you love is gay can be ignored.

Just like their heterosexual counterparts, gay people experience many of the ups and downs of being involved in a personal relationship. Though some of the problems that arise in a relationship between two men or two women might not arise within a relationship between two straight people, feelings of hurt and denial are the same.

Carla lived with a woman who had a child and a career.

"She is a very financially secure person and well into her career," Carla said. "There's a company party and

I'm not allowed to go because it could ruin her career. The boss doesn't know she is gay, so I don't want to jeopardize our financial security by insisting on going. Sometimes you just have to be silent; you are put on the back burner. You're not a part of their life, where as you would be accepted in heterosexual environments. It hurts because you can't go to those things."

Another aspect of homosexual relationships is that of forming a family unit or having children. Carla's lover had come out of a six year relationship where the woman's mate had been artificially inseminated. After they were separated, they had to go through agreements about co-custody of the child. There are no laws to act as a deciding factor in a situation like that. Carla, at 23, was fairly young to be faced with a stepchild. She was not resentful, however.

"We had a family unit. Gays go through a lot of the same issues [as straight couples] because they are trying to build a family and have a home. They have the same goals," Carla said.

One theme prevailed throughout the students' conversations and that was that homosexuals are people just like everyone else. They are real.

Next week The group will talk about attitudes of St. Louis and the UM-St. Louis campus community.

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Everything doesn't quite pan out for her near the end. But the ending does create a realization for her that eventually brings her true inner happiness. What happens? Go see the film. It is by no means short on surprises.

Written in Woody Allen style, this movie comes off as typically Allen. Not to take anything away from that characteristic, but the main problem with the script is that Alice becomes a female



Cybill Shepherd

This film is light-hearted entertainment with a serious overtone.

Woody Allen. Her insecurity and rapid talking are so reminiscent of Allen playing himself in his previous movies that it takes something away from the film's effectiveness.

Still, this film is light-hearted entertainment with a serious overtone. The message is—never compromise your dreams for someone else because you will regret it later. But don't spend too much time pondering the deeper meaning of this film. It was made to be enjoyed, not analyzed.

Though this fantasy takes a very large step into the unrealistic department, this movie never tries to pass itself off as realistic. It was

made in fun, and though there are stretches of boring parts, the little humorous scenes carry it well. It rolls, but not as smoothly as it could.

I can't discourage you from seeing this film because it is good. It is no spectacle of cinematic genius, but, hey, let's loosen up a little. It is worth the money, at least during the rush hour show or with the student discount.

Three out of five stars.



Bernadette Peters

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preludes.

"Claire de Lune is the ultimate, every pianist plays it," said Brian Johnson, senior, AOJ major. "It's like physics or mathematics, it takes a lot of concentration, for this type of crowd he's doing really well," said Johnson, who had studied piano for 12 years.

The Chancellor's Luncheon Series was started by Interim Chancellor, Blanche Touhill, with the help of Rick Blanton, assistant director of University Center and Student Activities.

"At a banquet in the Summit Lounge she [Touhill] said 'Wouldn't it be lovely if we could set something up for the students and faculty?' and

this is what we did," Blanton said. They wanted to provide a nice quiet atmosphere, with calm, light classical, and easy listening music.

"Normal conversation shouldn't interfere with the musician, and the musician shouldn't interfere with normal conversation," said Blanton. "There should be a nice balance between the two, providing enjoyment for both parties."

Blanton said that Touhill would come to the luncheons, if only she had the time. "If I were to provide feedback I'd say I'm encouraged by the way it's going. I'm very pleased," said Blanton.

So far, with flyers and postings, it has been a success, although a majority of the people attending are faculty and staff, who aren't normally in the Summit Lounge.

"We encourage students to interact with faculty and staff in a non-threatening environment," Blanton said.

Dr. Leonard Ott, chairperson of the music department, is coordinating the appearance of UM-St. Louis' own musicians for the series. This Thursday, Sharon Tash, staff accompanist at UM-St. Louis will be featured in the series. The Chancellor's Luncheon Series is in the Summit Lounge Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

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Americans Studing Abroad Asked To Return Home Safely

(CPS) - Several schools have told U.S. students studying abroad to come home in the aftermath of the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf Jan. 16.

Some students, however, apparently have decided to stay overseas, foreign study officials report.

Several students who decided to stay in Europe have reported being the object of occasional verbal hostilities, but no one has been physically harmed.

Georgetown University closed its programs in Turkey and Italy, and told students studying in Israel and Cairo to come home even before hostilities had broken out, reported Georgetown spokeswoman Anne Jones. Moreover, the school suggested that students in all other study abroad programs come home as well, but warned them not to be on airplanes if war broke out.

Georgetown's action, in turn, stampeded other students into calling home.

"That just wreaked havoc on all the other (schools') programs," said Joan Solaun, Study Abroad Office director at the University of Illinois at Champaign

When overseas students from other colleges heard Georgetown's warning, they panicked and called their own offices asking if they should come home, Solaun explained.

Solaun, for one, felt bringing students home from most places might be unnecessary, despite warnings from the U.S. State Department that all Americans traveling abroad might be targets of terrorists.

"It's a time for calm and prudence," she said, adding that Illinois is taking a "wait and see" attitude with its students abroad, except for those in Israel.. "We felt we had to bring them home," Solaun said.

Although no students abroad from Oregon's Lewis and Clark College have chosen to come home, two out of 22 students pulled out of a group going to France, Said Vance Savage, dean of the college's international education program.

"Six or eight" students from American University in Washington, D.C., opted not to go to Europe, said Dave Brown, dean of AU's Washington Semester and World Capitals programs.

Some students who have chosen

to stay overseas have encountered anti-American hostilities, although no personal abuse, Savage said.

"Luckily, most folks abroad are courteous enough to know the difference" between the American government and American students, Savage added.

A female American student said she had been verbally accosted by an Arab male outside a bar in London, Solaun said.

Solaun and other study directors agree American students abroad should try to be inconspicuous.

"We don't hang our shingle out," admitted American's Brown.

Students studying in Florence received letters before the war from a group threatening to harm them if the U.S. were to attack Iraq.

Officials at all the colleges said they were closely following State Department directives on whether it was safe for students to travel and stay abroad.

"I just hope I'm doing the right thing," Solaun said.

Many Different Degrees Sought In The Future

(CPS) - By 2001, women will earn more doctoral degrees than men, but men will continue to earn more medical and law degrees, the U.S. Department of Education predicted in January.

The predictions were among dozens published by the department, which oversees most federal college programs, in a new book that throws together many of the government's statistical studies of the nation's schools.

The results should help planners reform schools for the next century, department officials maintained.

"It's imperative that we think about and plan for our schools and the children we will serve in the coming decade," explained action Secretary of Education Ted Sanders.

One of the most noticeable change will be the growing dominance of women in U.S. grad schools.

Since 1976, the number of men receiving doctoral degrees has been

decreasing while the number of women receiving those degrees has increased. In 2001, women are expected to earn 18,900 Ph.ds. Men will earn 17,300.

While the distribution between men and women of first law and medical degrees had shifted dramatically in the last third of the century, in 2001 men will continue to earn more degrees, 41,400 to women's 29,900.

Among the report's other findings:

- Colleges nationwide will continue to hand out more than one million bachelor's degrees a year throughout the 1990s. Master's degrees are expected to rise, reaching 327,000 by 2001
- Women will continue to be the majority in each class that begins college during the 1990s, as they have every year since 1979.
- Higher education enrollment will climb from 13.4 million in 1989 to 14.4 million in 2001. The biggest gains will be at public campuses.

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to jump onto the stage and profess her own feelings. The student, identified as Sharon Killeen, asked the audience how they expect to get peace if they're going to let a madman run a country and before she was abruptly removed from the stage by rally officials she asked how people expect peace with another Adolf Hitler running around. After Killeen was removed from the stage the crowd screamed, "Let her talk! Let her talk!" One rally official explained the situation to the crowd saying their purpose was to deliver a unified message.

In an interview, later, Killeen said she was trying to point out that peace, sometimes, cannot be brought upon just by sitting and doing nothing.

"Saddam is not going to listen to people just sitting behind tables and talking," Killeen said.

If Hussein is allowed to take a little country like Kuwait for himself, then he is going to want more, and that cannot happen, she said.

"We might as well nip it in the bud now. By fighting Saddam now, it will prevent us from going into a world war," she said.

Killeen said they pulled her from the stage because she supports the action in the Persian Gulf.

"I want peace, yes I do, but I think peace through what we are doing [in the Gulf] is going to be more effective than what these people [the protesters] are trying to do," she said.

Some members in the crowd were dressed as skeletons, and other monsters. Lori Moore of St. Louis, was one of the protesters in costume. Moore said the purpose of the make-up was to represent the death and the dying in the Persian Gulf.

"I don't support the war," Moore said. "I do support the troops, however, and we just need to bring them home. This is a war we should never have gotten into. George Bush has failed to even try to negotiate a peaceful settlement on this."

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Stay Sporty During Crisis



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by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

A military friend of mine stationed in Saudi Arabia sent me a letter a few days ago. He wrote to me saying that his mother has been crying every day since this whole crisis situation began. He explained that he doesn't want the citizens of the United States feeling sorry for him, but to be proud of him and keep the troops in their prayers. He told me not to worry about him and to get on with my life. He also urged me to support his commander in chief, President Bush.

I was kind of confused after reading his letter. I was offended at first. He didn't appreciate my concern and I couldn't understand why. After pondering the letter I realized that he is right.

Since no one knows how long this war will last, we can't live our lives in misery, sniffing in front of the TV anticipating to hear the latest development in the Persian Gulf. We can't allow ourselves to become obsessed with the war. We can control only things that are within our reach, and it seems to me that the Persian Gulf is way out of reach.

The war in the Persian Gulf may go on for another ten years or maybe just another week. Our troops consisting of sons and daughters, mothers and fathers have been asked to serve in what has become a battle zone; a zone that will produce casualties. Our fear and mourning, is justified.

But so, too, is our desire to try and keep life balanced, and sports can help us do that.

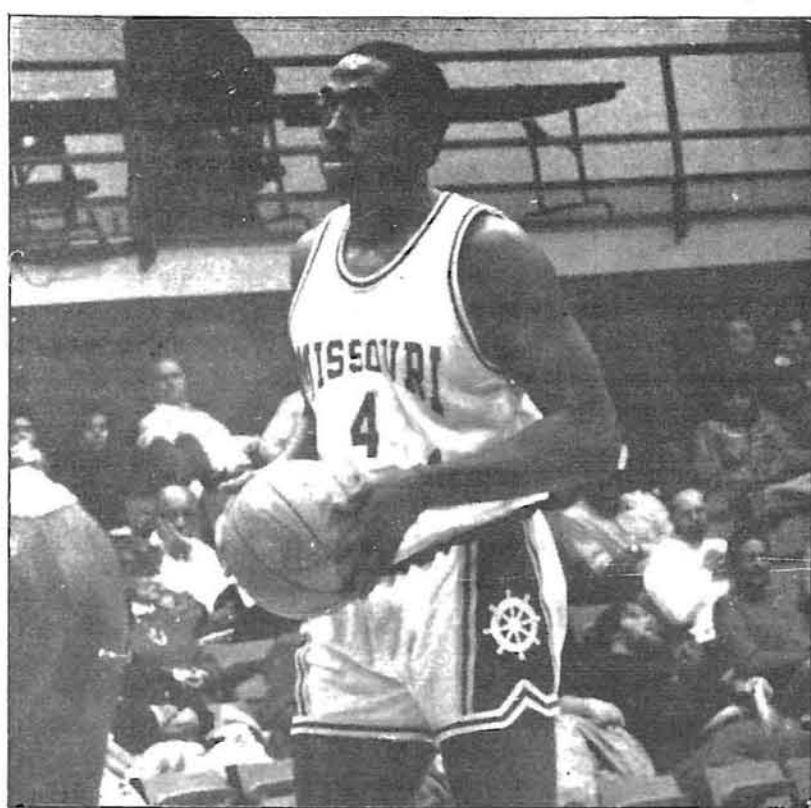
White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater, said, "...the business of the nation has to continue and should continue...and we don't see any need why people should disrupt their lives any more than necessary."

So in other words, President George Bush thinks that life as usual, including sports, should go on. The President put his feelings into actions when he suggested that the superbowl should be played as usual.

I support the president and my friend in Saudi Arabia on this issue.

So tie that yellow ribbon around the mail box, pray that our troops will come home soon and keep that American flag waving, but also remember that life goes on.

Rivermen Best Start In School History



HMMMM: Senior, Kevin Hill ponders the hoop before a free throw against SIUE, on January 24. (photo by Nicole Menke)

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball squad saw its eight-game winning streak come to an end last week at Southwest Baptist Jan. 22, but the Rivermen bounced back with two straight wins to improve their record to 12-3.

The Rivermen suffered through a poor second half in the 87-64 loss at Southwest Baptist, their first this season in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Two nights later, however, they beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 94-85 in a non-conference battle. Then they improved their MIAA record to 5-1 with a 97-81 victory over Missouri Southern on Saturday Jan. 26. They also boosted their home record this season to 9-0.

UM-St. Louis trailed just 37-33 at half time last Tuesday at Southwest Baptist, but the Rivermen made only three shots from the field in the second half. Clarence Ward led the

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Rivermen Welcome Ward After Seven Year Absence

by Kevin Kleine
current staff

What's old is new again. That holds true with hairstyles, fashion and in the case of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen, with Clarence Ward.

Ward may be unfamiliar to fans of the past few seasons, but he has been here before. He started his college career with the Rivermen and has returned after three years away from the court to become one of the team's leading scorers. Basketball wasn't the only thing that brought him back to UM-St. Louis though.

"I always wanted to finish school here," Ward said. "I started here and I have always wanted to come back. Head Coach Rich Meckfessel always tries to help the players out that are close to graduations. I was pretty close to graduating, so the coach said that maybe he could help me and I could help the team."

Finishing his degree has always been a main concern of Ward's. Even though he was away from competitive basketball, he continued to pursue his degree at Ohio State University while living and working part-time in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio.

"I'm the only person in my family to ever go to school," Ward said. "God has kept the determination in me to finish my degree. On the court, I play as hard as possible and contribute in every area that I can. Off the court, I try to stay in my books and work at that as hard as I can."

Ward lives up to his words on the court. With just eight games for the Rivermen under his belt this season, he has been the top scorer in five of those games.

"Players get better after they leave college," Meckfessel said. "There's something to be said for maturity and experience, so to me it hasn't been that surprising that he has come in and done as well as he has. He played here a year, so he knows how we do things. I know what he can do, having worked with him for a year and a half, albeit seven years ago," he said.

The six-foot-four Ward has scored 137 points in eight games for the Rivermen, averaging 17.1 points per game. He shoots 46.9 percent from the field and hits 44.7 percent



I'VE GOT IT: Clarence Ward returns to UM-St. Louis after seven years to finish his degree and play basketball. (photo by Kevin Klein)

of his three-point shots.

Ward said that good defense has allowed the team to take control this season, even though the Rivermen are often smaller than their opponents.

"You don't have to be a big team," Ward said. "Since we're so small we just have to block out and put bodies on people. Under the boards you have to put a body on someone, then use your quickness out on the floor. We have a good nucleus. Chris Pilz is the best guard in the

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Swimming

Hoping For Bid In Nationals After Winning Invitational

by Ariel Listat
for the current

The UM-St. Louis men's and women's swim teams took first place at the Washington University Invitational Jan. 25, improving their chances for a bid in the upcoming nationals competition.

"This is a big win for our team," said Head Coach Mary Liston. "We were definite underdogs especially with the loss of sophomore sprinter Mike Brickey. The team's depth and strength is best exemplified by 4 out of 5 relays won by UMSL. I am very pleased with our performance."

The meet consisted of a one and a half day, seven team invitational for men and women. Liston said the meet really tested the strength and endurance of the UM-St. Louis swimmers.

"Some swimmers raced 1500 yards plus an extra 3000 yard warm-up in 4 hours. It is harder than going to practice," explains Liston. "It really takes training to compete strong through the whole meet. Those last relays can make or break the whole competition. In our case, we truly excelled at the end by winning three of the last four events."

During the two day meet, several UM-St. Louis athletes scored first place finishes. Sophomore Jeff Heveroh scored wins in the 100 and 200-yard breast strokes and added a

second place finish in the 200 individual medley. Scott Meier scored wins on both the 1 and 3 meter diving boards and Debbie McDonough won the 100-yard butterfly and took second in the 100-yard backstroke.

Also scoring with second place finishes were Mark Rush in the 200-yard breast stroke, Dan Bostermann in the 50-yard freestyle and Marion Akins on both diving boards.

Assistant Coach Steve Wisser said all the hard practice put into the meets gets aggravating when you don't make it to the national cuts.

"We are making every effort to make the national cuts in the 200 medley relay. Each year we get close, and it is getting frustrating to all of us. Every body wants to make the qualifying time. Right now our national ranking is twelfth," Wisser said.

With the dual meet competition concluding on Jan. 31, UMSL's record for the year is 6-6, with first place finishes in the Hawk Relays and the Wash. U. International.

Coach Liston said Thursday's meet with Badley will decide the season finish above or below 500.

"At this point in our season, each athlete is beginning to focus on the championship events. The swim meet

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HOW DID THEY DO IT?

Rivermen Shake Last Years Rep

by Jason Buchheit
current staff

Judging by last year's performance, not too many people would have anticipated prior to the start of the season that the men's basketball team would have its best start in school history.

The Rivermen are currently 10-2 in non-conference games and 5-1 in Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Conference games compared to last years 9-19 record overall and 5-11 in the MIAA conference play.

The MIAA consists of twelve schools including three which are ranked in the top 20 for Division II schools. The Rivermen are currently ranked third in the conference, tied with Central Mo. State, and the past two weeks have been ranked 23rd in the Division II National Poll. At the end of the season the top eight teams in the MIAA conference are in the play-offs. The top four winners go to the top ranked school to play.

Head Coach Rich Meckfessel thinks the team is good enough to win eighteen to twenty games overall and

ten to twelve games in conference.

"Our goal is to finish in the top four in the league," said Meckfessel. Meckfessel credits the success to the team as a whole, but he credits the leadership to senior Captains Chris Pilz and Kevin Hill, who are also leading the team in rebounding.

"Chris Pilz and Kevin Hill are good off the court as well as on. They provide great leadership," Meckfessel said.

Meckfessel explains that there are three ways in which the team's success is better than last year. The first reason he gives is the embarrassment of last years season.

"Number one is that the players that are back came back with the idea of last year as an embarrassment and that it's not going to happen again," he said. "They've all gotten better."

Meckfessel says the second and third reason for success is the talent and leadership of the players this year.

"We added some speed and quickness with Kynard, Crawford, and Ward... great senior leadership from

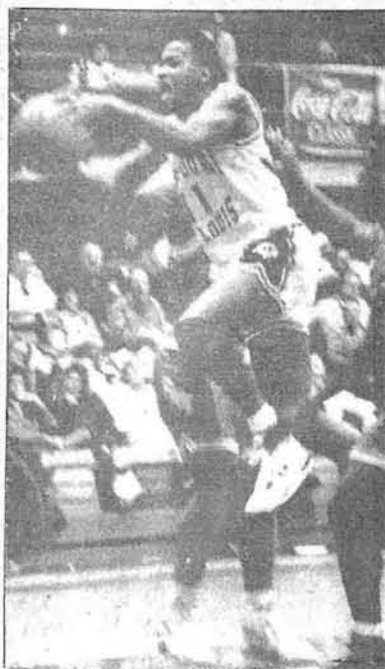
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Athlete of the Week

Leon Kynard



•Men's basketball team

• Junior-guard

•Scored 33 points in Jan. 26 game against MO- Southern.

• "Leon has given us an element of quickness in the back court that we didn't have last year. He has played better as the season goes on."

-Rich Meckfessel

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WHO'S DOING WHAT

MIAA Statistical Leaders

Tammy Putnam of the women's basketball team, is ranked second in MIAA rebounding statistics with 12.3 rebounds per game.

Lisa Houska of the women's basketball team, is ranked third in MIAA assists statistics with 5.8 per game.

Chris Pilz of the men's basketball team, is ranked third in two of the MIAA statistics with 19.9 points scored per game and 5.1 assists per game.

WHAT'S NEXT

Rivermen And Women Basketball

Feb. 2: UMSL vs Pittsburg State; Women 5:30, Men 7:30

Feb. 4: UMSL vs Quincy college; Women 5:30 Men 7:30

Feb. 6: UMSL vs UM-Rolla; Women 5:30, Men 7:30

•Dates printed in bold are home games.

SLIGHTLY OFF CAMPUS

•Apre game announcement that war had begun sent an estimated 3,000 fans streaming out of the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University just before the start of the school's Jan. 16 game against the University of Connecticut.

•So many bomb threats were phoned into Utah State University Jan. 17 that USU officials chose to cancel afternoon classes.

•A nationally televised University of Montana-University of Idaho basketball game was delayed for five minutes when 12 anti-war protesters lay down on the court, and had to be carried from the arena.

Angry Montana fans chanted "USA! USA!" and pelted the prone demonstrators with the potatoes they traditionally bandy about at games against Idaho teams.

•Alerted by an attendant who thought he saw someone holding a gun on a bus full of collegians that stopped to pay at a New York State Thruway toll booth in early December, Massachusetts state police chased down, pulled over and then surrounded a bus carrying the Colgate University men's ice hockey team to a game at the University of Lowell.

Police drew their guns, and demanded that the hostage-taker surrender.

Confused team members, ducking behind seats, yelled back that there was no gun on the bus.

It turned out that the shadowy figure seen holding a gun was actually a team member standing at the front of the bus, holding a microphone as he emceed a road trip tradition of freshmen telling jokes to pass the time.

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tal Health and Safety Representative at UM-St. Louis.

Hickerson said the cost for isolation is also a problem.

"We are trying to create a healthy place for learning, air quality minded. I think we have successfully convinced other campuses by getting our's going," said Hickerson.

Students are still coming into the University Center candy store to buy cigarettes, not knowing anything about the policy, or assuming the candy store will still sell cigarettes until June 1, when the second half of the plan goes into action.

"Why did it take this long?" asked Michael Benz, sophomore, and English major.

"I think it's wrong. There should be designated areas. It's my right to smoke," said Dave Donofrio, a senior communications major.

"It's a stupid policy, even though I don't smoke, I feel that by the time you're in college, you should be able to do what you want," said junior Candy Hixson, French major.

Kathy Wilmesherr, 34, communications major said, "I refuse to handle the stress from my children and school,



and their homework and my homework and my job, and then be told that I have to be forced to handle the additional physiological and psychological stress of quitting. If they would designate a smoking area in each building that would be fine. When they take away the ashtrays the janitors are going to be busy. Why, instead of spending additional money to revamp the circulation system, can't they have a room cut off from the system completely. If I'm caught smoking, will my textbooks be taken away, or will I get a five dollar fine from the police?"

Vice Chancellor Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, thinks the no smoking policy is something that was going to come.

"I think that all the research on secondary smoke says that it's harmful, and there are a lot of people allergic to it," MacLean said. "I think it's coming, it's something of our time. We can expect more and more of these kind of restrictions."

The feedback on the issue is becoming more positive than in the past.

"A few faculty and staff are disappointed, the ones that smoke, but generally, there has been much more support than there has been in months," MacLean said.

There is no rule or law that states what will happen when a student or faculty member is caught smoking, but no major problems are expected.

"If someone does it, someone will speak to them," MacLean said. "If I were smoking, which I don't, I expect the Chancellor would ask that I will not do it. If somebody in the division was smoking regularly in the office, then I'd ask their supervisor to remind them of policy, and that probably would be taken care of."

UMSL Student Waits For Call

Max Montgomery
associate news editor

While keeping up the pretense of leading a normal life, there is the reality that the phone may ring with the message "Gulf Bound" that lingers in the minds of many Missouri Servicemen.

Scott Lapp, 19, UM-St. Louis sophomore, is one of the servicemen who knows what living like that is like.

Lapp enlisted in the Missouri National Guard, 1st/128 Field Artillery Division in February 1990. He is required to serve one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. However, he knows that at any time he could be serving every day, in the Middle East.

He said it looks like he'll be in St. Louis for while, unless there is some kind of ground combat. Only then, depending on how intense the fighting is in the Gulf or how many deaths there are, will he go to the Middle East.

Lapp said that from a financial standpoint, excepting the fighting, he would rather be there because his income would be tax-free. However, he said that he is happy that he's still here with his friends and family.

"It gets unnerving at times," Lapp said "Like when you're trying to make plans down the road, like Formal, or what classes to take, or buying books. It's like 'Well, should I even bother?'"



Scott Lapp

Lapp said he was working at Schnucks the night that the war broke out and he went into the office, turned on the radio, and listened to what was going on.

"I was thinking it was about time. I was glad to hear we didn't back down and did something definite after the deadline," he said. "It was a shame that it had to come down to this." Lapp said he would rather have seen Hussein pull out of Kuwait and agree to the terms set. "Since they didn't, I was glad to see that we at least kept our word."

Lapp said he tries not to think about being sent to The Middle East very much, and he tries to live a normal life. "If I go, I go. I'll just do my best. It's really comforting sometimes to hear how well things are going," he said. Lapp said that it would be really hard to leave his family and friends, but that he would tell them that he has to go and he will be back. "It's my job, there is not much I can say otherwise."

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of the war. He concentrated on the long-term effects the war will have on relations between the U.S. and Arab countries.

"The war will leave deep scars on the Islamic consciousness. It will produce years of instability in those countries. Long-term relations will be difficult," Pasha said.

During the question/answer period, the audience showed its concern with understanding Saddam Hussein and the attitudes of opposing troops.

Pasha said Hussein bears much of the blame for the escalation of war in the Persian Gulf.

"He [Saddam Hussein] wants to be number one in the Arab world. Every effort that was made by other countries he has rejected. He was not content with Kuwait, he wanted Saudi Arabia and other states. The whole thing is not really the U.S. against Iraq, it is the United Nations against Saddam Hussein," said Pasha.

Pashq explained how Hussein has made the situation in the Persian Gulf a "holy war." Pasha said there is a great distinction between the rich and the poor in Arab countries.

The one common background of the people is their religion. Troops are more likely to fight when they are on a crusade against evil instead of thinking about it on an intellectual level.

"Saddam Hussein tries to invoke the masses who haven't been 'contaminated' with western ideas and Russian ideals of rationalism. The oldest Islamic cities have been destroyed and that makes it more of a holy war."

The people are not worried about Saddam Hussein, they are worried about their holy cities that contain years of Islamic history. Saddam Hussein could be bombing these holy places and blaming it on the United States," said Pasha.

Panelist Miranda Duncan felt the

war could have been prevented if the government understood the cultural differences between Arab countries and the Western world.

Duncan said research has been done on strategies of peace making and the government should have utilized this information during negotiation prior to the war. If they had done so, perhaps the present conflict in the Persian Gulf could have been prevented. Duncan listed four reasons, in the order of easiest to be resolved, why countries go to war; resources, legal entitlements, values and peripheral conflict or ego.

"They are worried about who will be numero uno on the play ground. I don't mean to put it on a childish level but sometimes I think that's what it's all about," Duncan said.

Duncan went on to say that to induce cooperation between countries, benefits must be shown for at least one side. Negotiations should not end in a win/lose situation, but be a stable

agreement with benefits to all parties.

The situation in the Gulf took on an additional meaning when Bowen explained the reality of how losses produced during war directly effect the general public.

"The war as an answer is in no way economically feasible," stated Bowen. He said that even with pledges from other countries, the war will put an immense strain on the economy. Saudi Arabia pledged to pay fifty percent but has given little so far. Kuwait gave \$2.5 billion and later added \$13 billion to their contribution.

Japan has pledged up to \$9 billion and Germany is indecisive as they pledge and then withdraw funds. Bowen predicted that the U.S. public will have a \$50 billion bill from the war to add to the existing budget deficit, and that is if the fighting ceases by the end of January.

Bowen said that pledges and the projected length and cost of the war is

increasing and changing daily but the cost to the public would be the same. Bowen included in his list of war costs, the loss of production time of those fighting, damage to human capital, hospitalization and therapy costs, lost and damaged resources and damage to the environment.

The public welfare and state of mind is another aspect to consider when dealing with war according to Kowalcky, who specializes in domestic affairs. Kowalcky believes the President sees himself as having support for his actions from many Americans but will at some time have to move his focus from the "Gulf front to the home front"

"The President now has a rather large resource of good will of which to draw upon but that will quickly dwindle," Kowalcky said.

Kowalcky was also worried about the information the Pentagon is giving or withholding from both the press and Congress. The government is not

allowing body bags to be shown in the media and is withholding information about the amount of casualties to try and keep up U.S. moral and support.

No one solution was reached as to what should definitely be done about the war at this stage. Most present at the forum felt that the fighting should stop and negotiations should begin.

Many students were supportive of our troops in the Gulf and felt it was important to stay abreast of the situation. One general feeling of the panelists and the audience was "bring our men home soon and bring them home safely."

Rochester, whose specialty is international affairs, ended the forum on a light note by quoting Jay Leno's solution to the war. "That is to have Gorbachev think that Iraq is a runaway republic and send in a paratrooper and its all over. Obviously things are more difficult than that," Rochester said.

Meet The Press

All UM-St. Louis faculty and staff are invited to meet the members of the UM-St. Louis *Current* on Monday February 11 in Room #1 in the Blue Metal Building. Refreshments will be served.