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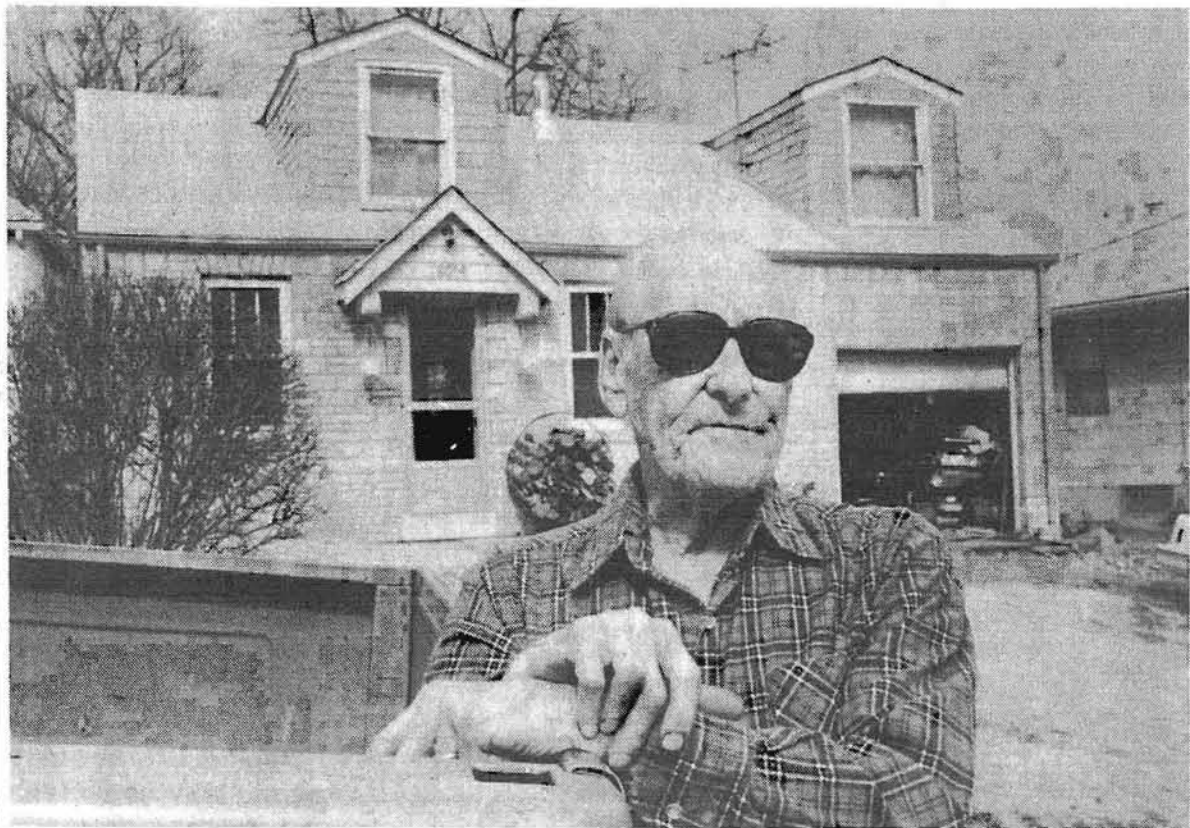


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Ex-construction superintendent Henry Schwab, 75, resident of 8014 Bellerive Dr. for 42 years, says the Metro-Link construction in front of his house is interesting to watch despite the excessive noise and broken windshields on his car from thrown gravel.

UM System Must Plan For Future

May Include De-emphasizing Lower-Level Classes

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

University of Missouri System President George Russell said the University has the resources to handle, and handle well, a certain number of students, and the University is trying to reach an agreement as to what path to follow.

Russell's visit to the UM-St. Louis campus Thursday comes on the heels of the campus planning for a \$6.4 million budget cut. Chancellor Blanche Touhill said she will meet with the Budgeting and Planning Committee next week to discuss those cuts.

Russell said getting physical and human assets in order is the first priority in establishing a plan for the University. After that, the University can, with more planning, approach the voters for more state funding.

He said Proposition B failed last November because "it was very complicated and not well understood."

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**-George Russell
UM President**

versity of Missouri."

Russell said if the University received more funding, "I don't think we will have any trouble using it and using it wisely."

Changing the mission of UM-St. Louis, Russell said, could force local high schools and junior colleges to bear the brunt of many responsibilities previously held by UM-St. Louis.

Russell said the University should emphasize upper-level classes and programs over those aimed at freshmen and sophomores.

One concern of the audience was that St. Louis could become known as an area that relied on junior colleges as a main source of education.

Russell said a scenario like that isn't "necessarily bad."

"We need to make better use of our junior colleges," Russell said. "If you set your standards appropriately, junior colleges will change their standards."

He said buckling down on the University's admission standards will send messages to the junior colleges and high schools that they also should consider taking a look at their own curriculum.

"We cannot solve the problems of elementary and secondary education," he said. "If you look at education in

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Matteucci Claims Campus Fraternities' Signs Promote Drugs, Sex, Alcohol: Calls For Enforcement Of Posting Regulations

by Bill Farnsworth
Current news reporter

Campus fraternities are advertising irresponsibly and the Student Activities office is not enforcing posting regulations on campus said Paul Matteucci.

"Student organizations on campus, mainly fraternities, have found it necessary to resort to sex and alcohol in advertising their products, parties etc....," Matteucci, former Student Representative to the University of Missouri Board of Curators, told Student Government Association Assembly members at last Monday's meeting.

Matteucci said that he considers some of the advertising on campus sexual harassment. He specifically mentioned flyers promoting a party

sponsored by a fraternity on campus.

"Some women have come into [the] Student Government [office] and said that they were upset by the signs, and that is what brought my attention to it," SGA Vice President Julie Schwetz said.

Matteucci said that he was planning to bring the issue of posting regulations up at the Senate Student Affairs meeting on Thursday, February 20.

Matteucci and Schwetz questioned Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Sandy MacLean about why Student Activities had approved the signs for posting.

"I don't know what signs you are talking about," MacLean said.

Matteucci said it was the responsibility of student organizations to advertise responsibly. He also said

Student Government

that he would like to see the posting privileges of student organizations suspended for a semester if they violate the University's posting regulations.

Earlier in the meeting, Matteucci proposed that a committee should be formed to look over the student activity fees and draft a student referendum to be placed on the ballot for student vote in April. The referendum would state that the students of this campus are unhappy with the fee schedule for student activities. He also said that, as a possible alternative, the individual student organizations should be responsible for paying the fees for those organizations' members.

"The referendum vote is the most effective way to make changes and allow the students to vote to show what they would and wouldn't like to change," Matteucci said. "I think that we need to look at the whole range of student fees and make some decisions about what we would like to do with student fees. I think that we need to survey and see what our students utilize."

The referendum, if passed, would be forwarded to the University of Missouri Board of Curators as the popular opinion of the student body.

"We will send the referendum results on to the Board. (With this being a non-traditional campus, they would entertain the thought of some changes to our athletic, activity and service fees," he said.

Schoemehl Prepares For Governor's Race



Photo: Tina Leu

St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schoemehl
by Nancy Lewis
and Thomas J. Kovach
of The Current staff

On Sunday, March 1, 1992, St. Louis Mayor Vince Schoemehl will officially kick-off his gubernatorial campaign at 2 pm in J.C. Penney auditorium. The rally at UM-St. Louis is the first of 7 rallies that Schoemehl will hold at Missouri colleges and universities. Schoemehl met recently with The Current to discuss his platform and to expand on his plans for higher education in the state of Missouri.

The Current: As Governor, what would be your plan to increase funding for Missouri state colleges and universities?

"I think that education has to be the number one funding priority for the next governor. If you look at the General Fund for the State of Missouri over the last decade, it grew by 135 percent. Funding for higher education grew by 100 percent, which means that had higher education simply kept pace with the rate of inflation during the 80's, it would have something on the order of \$256 million dollars a year more than it has right now. What I intend to do is to go back and restructure the budget and fund the priorities that I think are the priorities of the people of this state, and they are: education, jobs creation and health care.... I intend to downsize the size of state government by 20 percent, which is about the size that it's grown during the decade of the 80's. The reason that I am announcing at college campuses is to focus attention on the needs of

higher education. I think there are two primary needs: geographic and economic access to quality higher education in Missouri. The point that I intend to make is that I'm the oldest of eleven kids, and my dad's a housepainter and wall-paperhanger, and had it not been for the fact that the state legislators elected by working people back in the 50's and 60's, who insisted upon there being a University of Missouri at St. Louis for the children of the working people to attend, I probably would have never been able to run for mayor of St. Louis, and I probably would have never been able to run for governor."

The Current: There has been discussion recently about combining all state colleges and universities into one system. Do you have a plan to change the state university system?

"An appropriate direction would be to give more autonomy to each local campus and then have a centralized planning and deployment agency. We have several state models that we can look towards. But I don't have a plan for restructuring the entire University of Missouri system. And then you have a formula that would address itself as to how you would fund the universities. There are several state systems around the country that can serve as models for Missouri to go and develop more rational systems than we have now."

The Current: What are your plans for rural and urban economic development?

"I think the most important thing that Missouri needs to do is to create a strategic plan for economic growth. What's important is that the Governor serve as the chairman of an economic development council that brings all agencies together. And the staff of the Office of Economic Development serve as coordinator. But until the Highway Department, the Universities, the Public Service Commission and other agencies, which have real impact upon the state capacity's to create an economic infrastructure, start working on the same economic development strategy, we are going to get nowhere."

My goal is to create this Council on Economic Development. It will be chaired by the governor and will meet at least once a month. Within six months, we will create a strategic plan for economic development in the state. It will include the Department of Natural Resources, the School of Agriculture at the University of Missouri and other representatives from other universities."

The Current: How does your experience as the Mayor of St. Louis translate into 'skills' needed as the Governor of Missouri?

"I don't think I necessarily bring a different agenda than any other of the candidates for governor.... I think what I bring to this job is a different way of



Photo: Tina Leu

GOOD WORK: St. Louis Baseball Cardinal Ozzie Smith congratulates a student at Normandy Junior High School.

by Russell Korando
sports editor

For 11 years Ozzie Smith has given many things to the St. Louis community. He has delighted thousands of fans with seemingly limitless Gold Glove performances from his shortstop position. But off the field is where the "Wizard of Oz" separates himself from other star athletes.

Smith's affable demeanor made him an instant hit when he arrived in St. Louis in 1981. He rarely refuses an autograph-seeker, and spends many nights of his personal time talking to children.

"We have a responsibility as professional athletes to give something back to the community," Smith said. "The impact we have on kids is so great, the positive things we say to them are for the most part adhered to," he said.

A couple of weeks ago over 100 students from Normandy Junior High saw their efforts as A and B honor roll students rewarded when Smith was present to hand them their awards.

In the school's jam-packed gymnasium, Smith told the children and their parents that hard work and sacrifice had kept him competitive on the professional level.

In 1982, the last time the Cardinals won the World Series, Smith had arguably the finest defensive season ever played by a shortstop. Recently, former manager Whitey Herzog called Smith, Keith Hernandez, Tom Herr and Ken Oberkfell the best infield he had ever seen.

Now, 10 years later, 37 year old Smith will embark on his fourteenth spring training. The Cardinals' spring training is held yearly in Florida.

With the two-time defending National League East champion Pittsburgh Pirates reeling from the loss of Bobby Bonilla, and the New York Mets spending a truckload of money for free agents- Bonilla being one of them- the Cardinals have been picked by pre-season baseball magazines to finish anywhere from first to last.

"It's tough before the start of spring training to begin to determine if the power has shifted on any team in our division," Smith said.

"It's easy to sit down and say because the Pirates lost Bonilla they wouldn't

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Sig Tau's: How do you like your "blue rock" white? With much love and good fun, Agnus, Penelope, Bertha, and Helga

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Larry Westermeyer, director of the office of computing and telecommunications, said companies like DaVinci Systems, Leading Edge and BitCom inadvertently shipped infected disks and systems to their customers.

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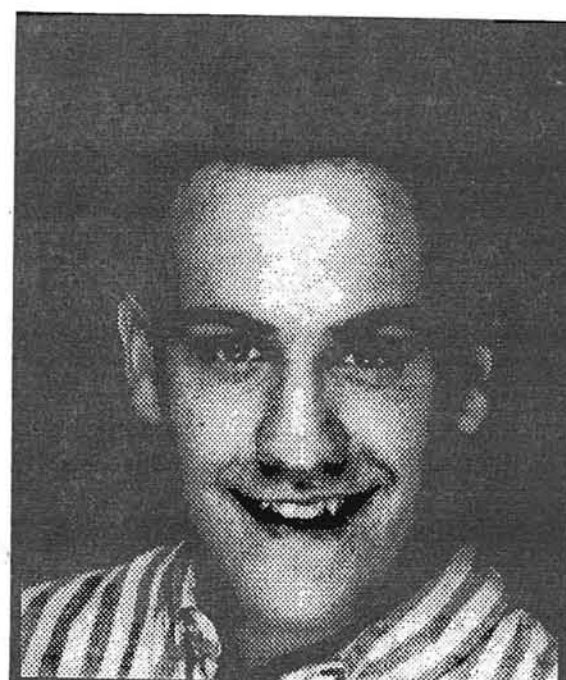
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Don't "Get Screwed"

First it was athletics. Now it's fraternity advertising.

At the Student Government Association and Student Senate Affairs Committee meetings last week, Matteucci erroneously claimed that the Sigma Tau Gamma's party, entitled "Get Screwed," was sexual harassment aimed at females.

However, that was not what happened at the party.

As Sigma Tau Gamma's members can attest, the idea behind the theme surrounded a game played by those attending the party in which each male would receive a hardware screw and each female would receive a hardware nut, with each one having a symbol so that each one matched one other. At the end of the night, each male had to take that hardware screw and find the female who had that hardware nut with the same symbol. The first pair to match up won free movie passes.

Advertising parties like "Get Screwed" is typical. In fact, the idea of the title came from a St. Louis Catholic high school.

If Matteucci were to continue this logic, he would have to attack Anheuser-Busch for advertising their beer products. One must realize that ads promoting alcohol are inevitable. We cannot avoid them.

Therefore, choices must be made. Does one accept women in bikinis running in water with beer in hand or is the channel changed? The decision is ultimately the viewer's.

Matteucci also must make that choice. He can choose to attend the party or do something else.

If Matteucci wants to complain about the Sig Tau's advertising, he should go attend the party or not gripe.

Advertising is crucial to fraternities. Catchy slogans are essential to draw attention. The choice to believe is up to the individual.

Slash In Aid Would Cut Bush

Four hundred thousand college students will probably be upset at the voting polls in November if President Bush continues to proclaim himself as the education president.

Bush is proposing a major overhaul of federal student aid that would increase the maximum for Pell Grants. The catch is many college students would be removed from the entire program. In fact, the plan would also cut other financial aid programs.

The president's fiscal 1993 Education Department budget would increase Pell funding by \$1.2 billion. The largest Pell Grant a student could receive would become \$3,700 a year for needy students.

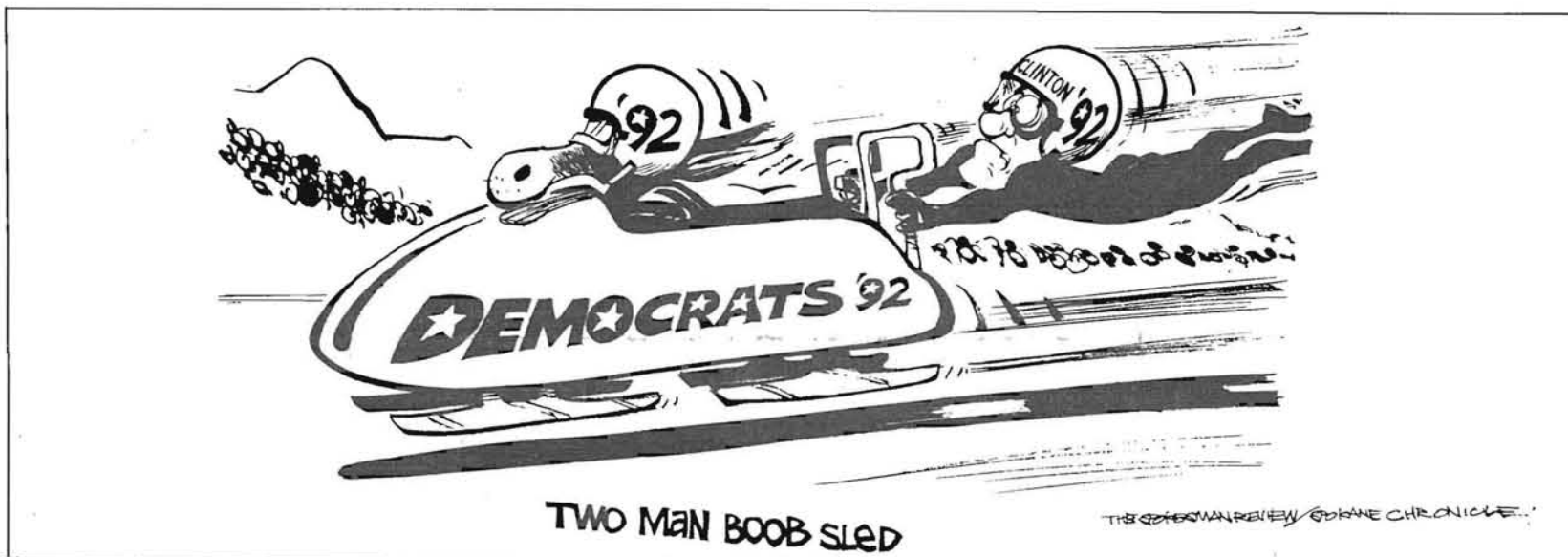
Wait a minute, Mr. Bush. Listen to Tajel Shad, head of the United States Student Association, a lobbying group in Washington D.C.

"With 30 states in budget crises and record-high tuition increases, these proposals would slash financial aid and force many student out of postsecondary education."

Missouri is one of the 30 states. Missouri ranks out the bottom of the barrel for funding for higher education.

And to top it all off, students in the University of Missouri will be paying more money over the next five years.

If Mr. Bush would like to receive votes from college students in 1992, do not ax existing financial aid packages. If the proposals are passed, college students may ax you at the polls in November.



LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Open Gym Isn't Open To Everyone

Dear Editor:

I have always been an advocate and supporter of the athletic facilities at UM-St. Louis. I was very active in the improvement of the facilities in that I campaigned aggressively to fellow students to vote in favor of their renovation. I gladly pay my student activity fee, which has increased dramati-

cally to fund the new weight rooms, better locker rooms, new floors, etc.

Recently, I have become outraged by the number of people who regularly use the Mark Twain facilities who do not have any affiliation with the university. This was particularly noticeable during a Tuesday and Thursday evening open gym. It is my understanding that the "open" meant the

gym was available to UM-St. Louis students and staff, not the general public. I believe it is totally unfair that my fellow students and I are paying inflated activity fees to allow other people to use the gym.

It is my understanding that no effort is being made to keep these people from freeloading; therefore, I am lodging an official complaint to get

this situation rectified. I am unsure whose responsibility this is, so I am sending copies of this letter to various members of the administration. I would be happy to discuss the specifics of this problem with you in person at your convenience.

Mark Dolitsky

Basketball Teams Need Support

Dear Editor:

Where is the school spirit at UM-St. Louis? It is definitely not at the Riverwomen's basketball games. While these women work as hard as the Rivermen, they receive little student support from UM-St. Louis.

First, very few fans except friends and parents of the players come to the games. Fans come near the end or after the game, but they are missing some exciting basketball. The women need fan support, just as much as the men.

Second, even the UM-St. Louis cheerleaders do not support the

Riverwomen. They may be in the Mark Twain Building warming up to cheer for the men's team, but they are not true cheerleaders if they only cheer for the men's team.

Third, the pep band does not play at the women's games. They sometimes play towards the end of the game if they are set up in time. They should set up earlier and help support both teams.

Lastly, one aspect of the school spirit has been lacking at both the Riverwomen's and Rivermen's games this season. The Riverman, our mascot and a longstanding tradition at the school for many years, has not ap-

peared at many of the basketball Rivermen's games. This was especially bad for the school at the Feb. 15 game where it was Alumni Family Night. The mascot should be at all Riverwomen and Rivermen sporting events to generate school spirit.

The Riverwomen and Rivermen play their last home game on Feb. 29 against Missouri Western State College in the Mark Twain Building. The women's game starts at 6 p.m., with the men's game at 8 p.m. Both teams need your support and it's free to students, staff and faculty. They play just as exciting basketball as Mizzou does.

Come and support your Riverwomen and Rivermen.

Steven M. Wolfe

A Confession To Timid, Meek

Dear Editor:

I confess to the timid and the meek

To the cripples and the beggars and the tramps in the street

I confess my cruelty, my ego and conceit

I've opened up my body and looked inside

And I'm everything that I once despised.

You know boys and girls, it's alright to hate certain people. One should not be afraid to hate, but one should be afraid they'll become like those they hate. Personally, I just hate men! They're all beasts! They just want a girl's body, not her mind!

Mrs. Opinion

Wish That All Humans Were Treated Equal

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter that was written in the Feb. 17, 1992 issue of *The Current* (Wish List for Gay Student: Acceptance). This is especially for "To whoever really wants to know." I want you to know that not everything you said is true!

I may not be active in my beliefs, but I do stand up for them when necessary. I am a heterosexual female and I do support and accept the homo-

sexual community.

I am sorry I wasn't there in Clark Hall or SSB to stand up for you, but I am on your side. I believe that every minority (blacks, women and homosexuals) deserves an equal chance at everything, especially life.

I wish more people could adopt the "all humans were created equal" into their daily lives. I wish you much luck in your future.

Supportive and no longer silent

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Russell from page 1

the United States, it is time to send some messages."

Russell will be receiving the specific cuts for UM-St. Louis before the University of Missouri Board of Curators meeting March 19 and 20, UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill said. The Board will meet on the UM-St. Louis campus.

The \$6.4 million is part of the 5.75 percent cut that the University has been planning over for the last few months. On top of that, Touhill said she must balance the budget cut

by about 4 percent. This adds up to a 9.75 percent budget cut in March for UM-St. Louis.

The \$6.4 million figure may change, depending on how many faculty and staff take advantage of a new early retirement package.

"I think a lot of people are waiting until the last day (Feb. 28) to take the early retirement," Touhill said.

Matt Forsythe, Current news reporter, contributed information to this article.

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seeing. I've been at this for 11 years, I understand the function of an executive office in a governmental structure, I understand coalition building. I understand what you have to do in order to maintain the essence of a proposal as you move it through a legislative body which inevitable wants to have its own impact upon policy. So you have to define what I call 'the center of gravity of policy issues', and you have defend those, but you have to be prepared to lose extraneous pieces of the proposal as you help move it through the legislature. And I'm the only candidate for governor that has that experience. Nobody else has ever had to do that."

The Current: What do you think is the greatest mistake of the current state administration?

"Well, I think its greatest failure is that they have just lost touch. I don't think the Ashcroft administration has been in touch with the real needs of Missouri since the second year of the first administration. There has been no long-range thinking, there has been no long-range planning."

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be as strong this year. But the person that steps into his void may have the best year of his career," he said.

One of the biggest question marks coming into the year concerns Pedro Guerrero's move from first base to left field. Smith said that it is unfair to speculate on a man's ability before he gets the opportunity to catch one ball.

"I don't remember if the press or the organization started it, but they rode Guerrero for his inability to move at first base," Smith said. "Again, lets get a couple of weeks of spring training under our belts before we start saying, 'Pete can't run', and 'Pete can't catch.'"

Smith did say, however, that at this stage of Guerrero's career the move wasn't the most logical, and the questions stemmed more from a concern of his speed and notability.

While growing up, Ozzie Smith started honing his skills as a baseball player by throwing a tennis ball for countless hours against a wall. He had a dream like the many little leaguers before and since. He wanted to play the national pastime, and be one of its best competitors.

It's refreshing to see an athlete with so much fame and fortune not answering questions from a prosecuting attorney (Mike Tyson) or having his mug shot taken for ramming his wife's car (Jose Canseco).

Even if the Cardinals don't win the World Series this year, their fans will have the pleasure of watching one of the game's true ambassadors.

"I'm looking forward to getting back and doing what I love," Smith said. "And that's playing baseball."

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by Brad Touché
entertainment critic

When you talk about bands that have endured the test of time, most people think of the Rolling Stones or Aerosmith, but one not too commonly mentioned is the Psychedelic Furs. Starting out in 1978, this band has seen disco, punk, and new wave come-and-go, and yet the Furs have survived it all. With their eighth CD, *World Outside*, just hitting the market, the Furs seem destined to be around for a while to come.

In the U.S., they're most recent commercial success

was the group's sixth LP, *Midnight To Midnight*, which spawned the hit single "Heartbreak Beat".

"That really wasn't one of my favorite albums," guitarist Tim Butler said in a recent interview. "The great thing about *World Outside* is that we recorded it as a band and played the songs together with very little overdubbing. With *Midnight To Midnight*, we each

about a year now, but company tie ups kept it from being released.

"This album was fun, mainly because it only took about 8 weeks to record," Butler said. "But also, because we were really excited about the material. On this album, Rich [Butler, lead vocalist and Tim's brother] wrote some really personal lyrics. He was

going through some tough times and he really did a great job of capturing how he felt.

"We also worked well with the songs by only working on three at a time,

and once they were done, we moved on." He added, "We tried to avoid doing any backtracking at all. You know, kind of let it be when you become happy with it. We were concerned with it becoming too glossy."

Butler feels this

latest LP is what the Furs are all about.

"We used a lot of cello, which we hadn't done in a long time. I think this album has about the same feel as *Forever Now* did."

Butler said that there were too many other groups that influenced him, but he did say that Velvet Underground's first LP is "timeless". And if there's one thing he wants you to know, it's that we should save the environment.

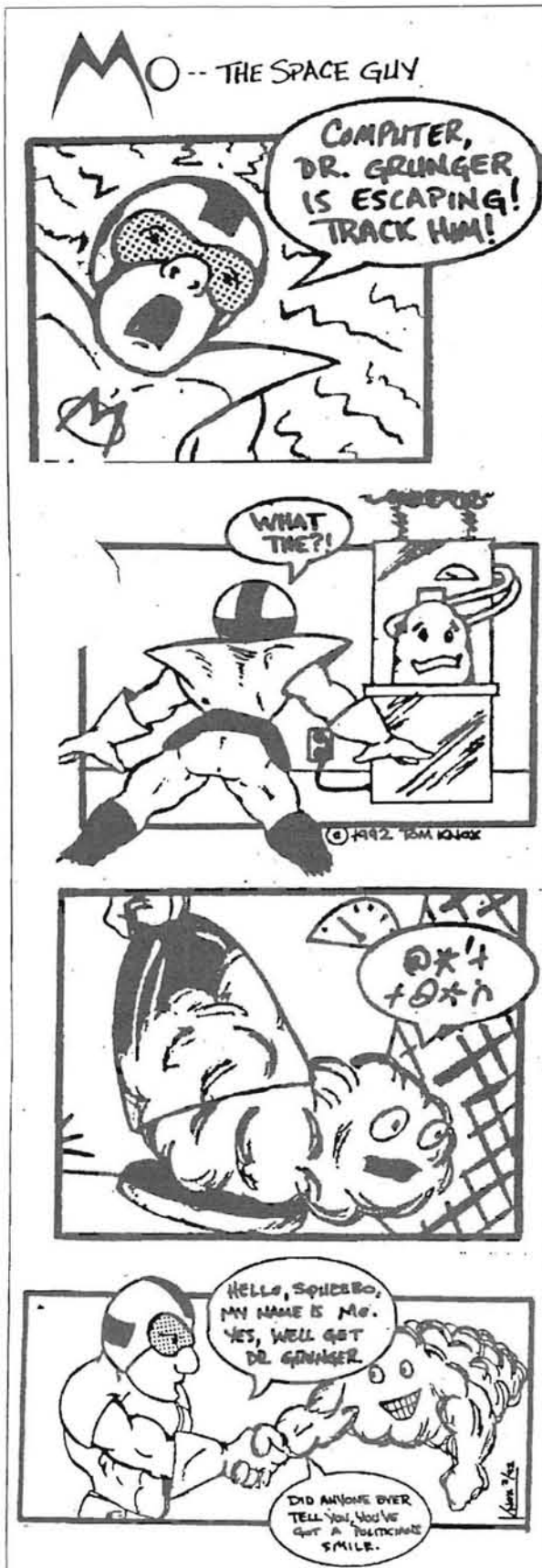
"People have to realize that what we're doing can cause permanent damage, and all this concern about money and borders and other junk don't mean a thing if we don't have a planet to live on," he said. "My band gives money all the time to Greenpeace, but we don't advertise it. We think that's just cheap self-promotion. If we can help them do their job while we do ours, then I feel we're doing our part."

Psychedelic

Furs



FROM LEFT: Joe McGinity, Tim Butler, Don Yallech, Richard Butler, Knox Chandler and John Ashton.



Bizarre Sports Keep Fans Watching



by Greg Albers
columnist

I must begin this column with a confession. I don't know what a triple axle is, and I don't care.

For the past two and a half weeks, normally rational, intelligent people all over the country have been hotly debating America's chances in sports they've never even heard of before. Frankly, I just don't get it.

Part of the reason I can't get into the games is that they're just not like typical American sports. For me, snow is just another excuse not to go to class.

Most of the events in the Winter Olympics were invented in the mountainous European countries, which ought to tell you something about the mental health of the people who live there. There must be something about cold mountain air that kills brains cells and leads ordinary people to risk their lives for entertainment.

Take the luge, for example. There's a sport that has to be popular in the criminally insane ward at Malcolm Bliss. Just put a guy on his back on a board with skates and push him down a mountain.

The Swiss have always been thought to be a gentle people. They keep their neutrality when

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the rest of the world is at war, but the luge is a big sport in that country. Maybe they're not as docile as we think.

There's also bobsledding, ski jumping and freestyle hot dogging. It's almost as if there are two requirements for an Olympic sport. It must be bizarre and extremely dangerous. Maybe they should call them the Wacky Sadist Games and instead of medals, give each survivor a purple heart.

In the midst of all the thrills, chills and death-defying insanity is a real macho sport known as men's figure skating. Sure it takes a lot of balance and control to do what these fellows do, but geez, why don't they just skate in evening gowns and pearls.

Other than great hockey, the best thing about the Olympics is the fact the whole world unites in the spirit of competition. Well, not quite. There's one noticeable exception to the list of countries competing in Albertville. This has been bothering me for a long time. If the Vatican is a sovereign nation, why doesn't it have an Olympic team?

I'm quite serious. I went to Catholic schools nearly all my life. Those nuns are tough. Put some skates on them and replace their rulers with hockey sticks and they could check with the best of those retired NHL stars. Now that would be entertainment.

The Olympics may be a curious diversion from the winter blues, but wake me when baseball season starts.

Wayne and Garth Leave the Basement

by Don Barnes
movie critic

From the annals of Lorne Michaels ("Saturday Night Live," "Kids in the Hall") comes "Wayne's World," a movie taken from the popular "Saturday Night Live" skit starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey, co-written by Myers.

The story is based on Wayne Campbell (Myers) and Garth Algar (Carvey), two post-adolescent partners living in a Chicago suburb. Wayne has a cable public access show (aptly named "Wayne's World"), which he broadcasts from his parents' basement, with Garth as his metal head Ed McMahon. The show is lunacy for free, with no real theme other than "let's see what we can get away with next." A selfless TV exec (Rob Lowe) wants to sign the show to a major network, and ... well, the story isn't very serious, but then again, sometimes life in Aurora, Ill., isn't all that serious either.

Myers is an SCTV veteran who has shown his acting diversity and character creativity many times on the sets of SNL over the past three years. His screen debut in "Wayne's World" wasn't a particularly shining performance, but I must give him credit for the job he did. He portrays a character who is freestyling life, and deals with things only when they're prevalent to a point of interfering with his fun. Other than still living with his parents, a matter that troubles him deeply, Wayne's life seems trouble-free.

There are moments when Myers' writing ability shows tremendously. He portrays life and personality with preciseness, and his eye for the obvious is uncanny. Though I laughed myself to tears

(literally) in his bedroom scene, I believe that with a little more variation in Wayne's character, he could have created a steadier, yet just as explosive, comedic impact.

Carvey, a Saturday Night Live veteran of six years who's devoted to stand-up, put out an exacting performance as Garth. A "Trekkie" tech-head with a removed sense of reality, Carvey calls his character "a terrified paranoid with extreme personality traits." Extreme may not be a strong enough word. From his

strap-on stun gun to his fear of shaking hands, this guy will have you wondering from start to finish, "What is he up to now?"

Rob Lowe portrays TV exec Benjamin Oliver. Though his performance isn't riveting, his screen presence was a perfect choice for this character. I could feel the filth of Oliver by just looking at Lowe. And with the expert use of mostly close-up shots, concentrating on that perfect profile, gray glass eyes and "snake in the garden of Eden" smile, the

message was extended in a blatant yet disgustingly suave manner that this guy's "reeeaaal good."

This twisted romp through prolonged adolescence is a fine example of focused comedy minds at work. The character formations are, strange as it may sound, strong and realistic, with inner thoughts and outer actions detailed on the lighter side of it all. I thoroughly enjoyed this slice of Midwest suburban absurdity, and recommend seeing it to anyone who is in the mood to laugh ... hard.



Wayne Campbell (Mike Myers) and Garth Algar (Dana Carvey) rock movie screens around the nation with their "excellent" movie.

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Correction:

In the Feb. 17, 1992 edition of *The Current*, faculty and students said the time limit for reporting sexual harassment grievances is too long (Sexual Harassment Procedures Need Revamping: Some Say Not

Adequate Enough). The article should have said that faculty and students are upset that the sexual harassment grievance process is too short.
The Current regrets the error.

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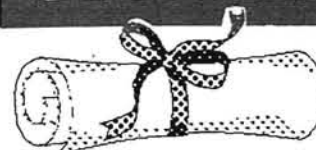
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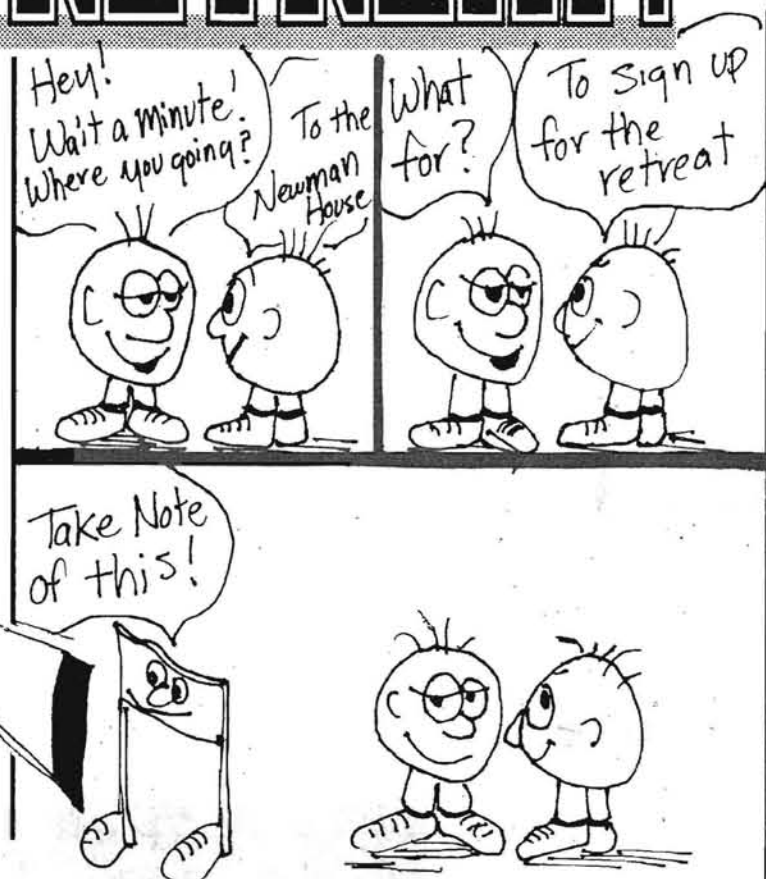
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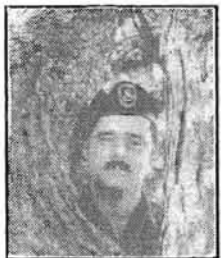
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In This Corner



Olympic Gold Can Cure Economic Doldrums

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

Well, here we are, on the cusp of yet another election year. President Bush's campaign strategy will be very simple. Extend unemployment benefits to those still out of work. Show jet fighters turning Iraq into rubble, from last year's Desert Storm Operation, and stand in front of an American flag everytime the opportunity arises.

There was one thing however that overshadowed the electronic media's political barrage of the surprisingly cordial New Hampshire primary. An event so great, that for even the slightest moment, one could forget his or her economic plight, and the catatonic state of the U.S. economy.

I'm talking about the U.S. Olympic Hockey team, and their very real run at capturing a gold medal. The scrappy Americans of 1992's squad were again underdogs, like the team that captured the gold at Lake Placid in 1980.

In 1980, the U.S. was in the middle of spiraling inflation, there were Americans being held hostage in Iran, and like today, people were concerned with the direction the country was heading.

With the European Bloc countries sucking up most of the other gold medals it would seem America would again be a loser, this time in their own back yard. To the rescue came 20 young men that would change all of that in a hurry.

At the time, the Russians were considered not only shoe-ins for the gold medal, but the premiere hockey team in the world. They had beaten the best players the National Hockey League could throw at them the year before in the Challenge Cup series.

When the Americans shocked the Russians, 4-3, it was as if we had won the Cold War. The game had transcended mere sport. The Super Bowl, World Series, and Stanley Cup annointed cities champions, but this was a victory for the whole country.

Even though the "iron curtain" has been drawn, it would be a nice touch to put the final nail in the communist coffin, with a U.S. victory over the Soviet Commonwealth, Unified States, or whatever the hell it's called now.

After all, most of the elite former communists are earning capitalist dollars in the NHL.

This year's team is just as intriguing. Coming into the Olympics, Team Sweden was considered to be the odds on favorite for the gold. But in a preliminary game, the U.S. roughed up the Swedes, and won the game, setting the stage for things to come.

Going into Friday's match with the Unified Team, the U.S. team was 5-0-1, and had cleared the path for what could be the biggest showdown or let-down, in the 12 years following the "Miracle on Ice."

It may seem I'm overblowing a few simple hockey games by trying to reach some sort of patriotic pride through sports. Drastic times call for drastic measures, and I believe Americans need some sort of wake up call. The only other event that has stirred this much nationalism lately was when we were at war last year.

Instead of formulating policy for trade imbalances, social security, and homelessness, I'm afraid our elected officials are leaning too heavily on this notion of using gold medals and purple hearts to win the voters confidence.

Given Bush's plummeting popularity he'd better have seen Ray LeBlanc draped in an American flag looking for his father in the crowd. For many Americans, Bush's time has expired because the only thing their looking for is a job.

St. Louis Blues... Silver Anniversary

The Current's Top Ten Highlights

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

The St. Louis Blues are celebrating their Silver 25th Anniversary this season. Even though they have never won the Stanley Cup, the Blues have provided their faithful fans with many memorable moments: the three trips to the finals in their first three years, Garry Unger's "Ironman Streak" of 914 straight games, and Mike Liut's impenetrable goaltending.

Earlier this year the *Post-Dispatch* ran a feature on the Blues' all-time anniversary team. Here is a list of *The Current's* 10 top Blues highlights covering 25 years.

#10: In 1976 the Blues drafted Bernie Federko and Brian Sutter. These two players combined for 1,709 points, and Federko retired as the team's all-time leader in points. Both men's jerseys hang in the rafters at the Arena.

#9: BRETT HULL! He could easily fill all ten slots. The "Golden Brett" is a human highlight film that has no end. Hull holds or shares 25 team records, and has been with the Blues for just over four years. Who wouldn't want to see Hull and his Ultra-Bright smile hoist the "Cup" at the Arena?

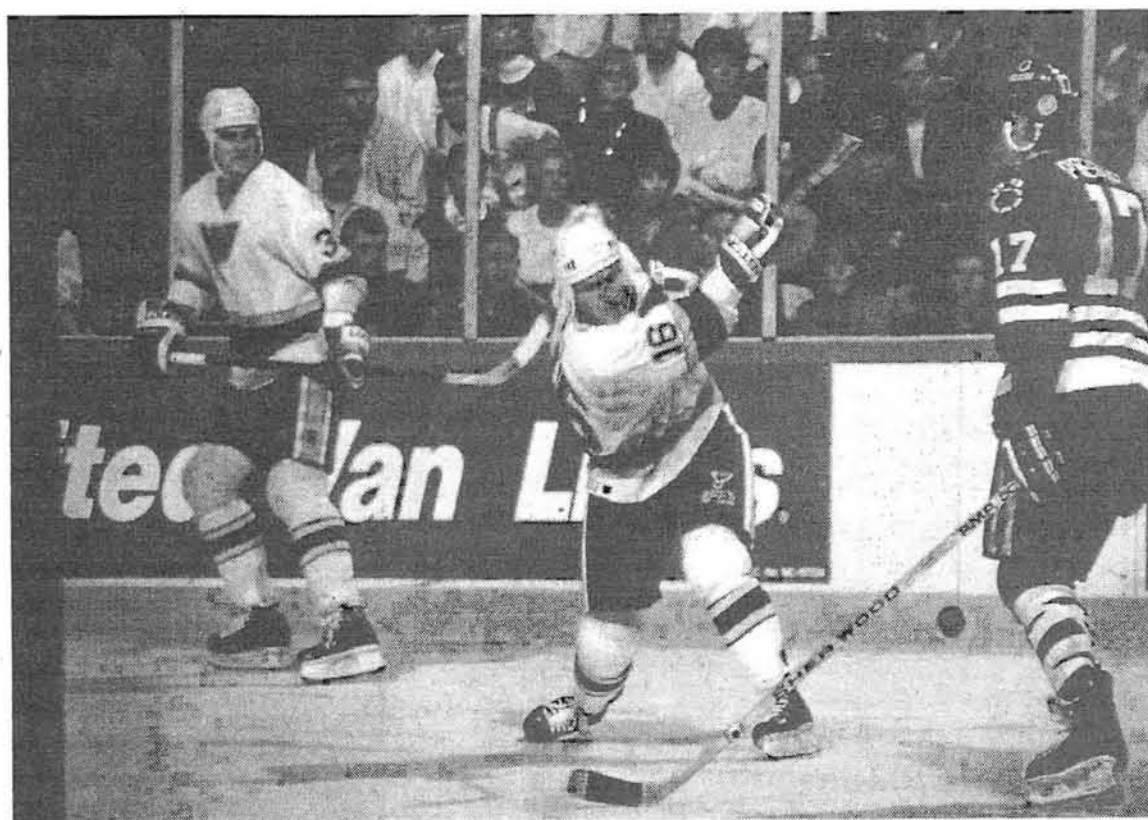
#8: Game #5 in the 1981 Stanley Cup Preliminaries against Pittsburgh was an historical game. Overtime saw both goaltenders at the mercy of many point-blank shots. Blues goaltender Mike Liut made a magical save on a Rick Kehoe breakaway shot. Finally, at

5:16 of the second overtime, reserve winger Mike Crombeen beat Pittsburgh goalie Greg Millen through the five-hole, and the Blues advanced to the quarterfinals.

#7: In 1989 Dan Kelly, the "voice of the Blues", was elected to the NHL's Hall of Fame. Kelly was the Blues announcer from the opening face off in 1967 until his death in 1989, and his patented call of "He shoots, he scooooores," enriched the imaginations of those listening on KMOX radio. "In sports we talk a lot about 'franchise players,' Dan Kelly was a franchise broadcaster," says Blues Chairman Mike Shanahan.

#6: In the 1991 Norris Division Semi-finals against Detroit, game #7 made history. The Blues became just the eighth team in NHL history to come back from a 3-1 series deficit. After Garth Butcher knocked Red Wings "bad boy" Bob Probert off the puck, Adam Oates, with Hull to his back, somehow flipped a perfect pass between his legs, and Hull fired in the go-ahead goal with :21 seconds remaining in the second period. Rich Sutter got the game winning goal in the 3-2 win.

#5: Harry Ornest gets recognition for two reasons. In 1983 the St. Louis Blues were on the verge of becoming the Saskatoon Blues. Ornest, who was living in California at the time, came to the rescue and purchased the team from Ralston Purina. Ornest returned the favor in 1986 when he sold the team to current Chairman Mike Shanahan. Ornest saved the team from



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THE "GOLDEN BRETT" YEARS: Blues right wing Brett Hull has scored 262 goals in just four years with the team. Hull won the Hart Trophy last year as the NHL's most valuable player.

Saskatoon, and Shanahan saved them from Ornest.

#4: The 1970 Stanley Cup Finals game #4 against Boston marked the last time the Blues played in the finals. Even though the "Big Bad Bruins" dominated the Blues in the first three games, the Blues pushed them to overtime in game 4. In what is one of the most highly publicized hockey photos ever, legendary defenseman Bobby Orr scores the game winner while extended in mid-air, giving the Bruins a 4-3 win.

#3: November 7, 1968 is a night the

Philadelphia Flyers would rather forget, but Blues fans will not. Blues center Red Berenson tied the modern day record of six goals in one game. Berenson went on to win Coach of the Year honors for the Blues in 1981, the year he led them to their second best finish in team history.

#2: Runner-up is the 1968 semi-finals series against the Minnesota North Stars. The whole series deserves recognition because four of the seven games were decided in overtime. In game #7 the teams went into the second overtime tied 1-1. Center Ron Schock beat North Star goalie Ceasar Maniago top-shelf at

the 82:50 mark, propelling the Blues into the finals, in their first year in the league.

#1: Three words say it all. Give up? "Monday Night Miracle." 1986 semi-finals against Calgary, game #6. The underdog Blues are down 5-2 heading into the third period against the mighty Flames. But the maddening crowd and players would not give up. Sutter streaks down leftwing to make it 5-3. After Greg Paslawski stole the puck and tied the game, it was as if the old barn exploded. Blues fans wept openly after Doug Wickenheiser won it just 7:30 into overtime.

Three Riverwomen Shoot For Graduation Ceremony

Cooper, Putnam, Steinhoff Say Farewell After '92 season

by Pete Dicrispino
Current sports reporter

When the UM-St. Louis women's basketball season comes to an close, the Riverwomen will be saying goodbye to three players, who have given opponents nightmares for four years.

Seniors Kim Cooper, Tammy Putnam and Monica Steinhoff collegiate careers are coming to an end, but as they go the records the three leave behind will be forever engraved in Riverwomen basketball history.

Here's a look at what the three have accomplished.

Guard-Forward Kim Cooper is considered by her teammates to be the Riverwomen's best all-round player. She topped off her career by becoming the seventh UM-St. Louis women's player to score 1,000 points.

"Getting 1,000 points made me feel proud, it was a big accomplishment in my career," Cooper said.

Cooper's list of accomplishments also include, making the MIAA Conference All-Freshmen team, and being named to the All-MIAA honorable mention team as a Junior and another All-Conference selection seems a synch this year.

Cooper has also been among the top three on her team in scoring, rebounding, and assists in every year at UM-St. Louis.

"Kim's best asset is her defense," Head Coach Bobbi Morse said. "She always guards the best player on the other team".

Teammate Monica Steinhoff also had praise for Cooper. "Kim's the most consistent on our team and she always pulls us through the tough games," Steinhoff said.

Cooper is an Education major who hopes to land a job in the St. Louis area.

Forward Tammy Putnam. Putnam the Riverwomen's all-time leading rebounder, also topped the 1,000-point mark, becoming the eighth player in school history to do so.

Putnam barring injuring, should become the first player in Riverwomen history to reach 1,000 rebounds.

"Tammy is a inside force who keeps teams honest on the inside," Morse said.

Putnam, who earned MIAA honorable mention as a junior, has lead the team in rebounding every year, and should earn All-Conference honors again this year.

"Tammy's biggest asset is her rebounding, but this year she's become a better scorer," Cooper said.

Putnam is a Economics major who plans to go to law school at the University of Texas in Austin.

Finally, the last of the three graduates is Guard Monica Steinhoff. She is the Riverwomen's all-time leading

scorer, and is closing in on becoming only the fourth player in the MIAA to score 2,000 points.

Steinhoff has been named to MIAA All-Conference teams every year in her career and should be named to the MIAA All-Conference 1st team this year.

She holds the conference mark for most points scored in a single game, 44 against Lincoln Jan. 29, 1992.

"Monica has great scoring ability and handles the ball well, but her biggest asset is her willingness to win," Morse said.

Steinhoff who has led the team in scoring every year except for her Freshmen year, will be remembered as the most feared shooter in Riverwomen history.

Steinhoff is majoring in physical education and will start student teaching next semester.

Coach Morse is proud of what the three players have accomplished on the court, but is also proud of what they accomplished off the court.

"Tammy and Kim will be graduating with above 3.5 G.P.A. and when Monica graduates next year she'll have a G.P.A. over 3.0," Morse said.

Although the three will be sorely missed they will not be forgotten. All one has to do is pick up a Riverwomen's record book for reminder.



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"CONSISTENT" COOPER: Riverwoman Kim Cooper became just the seventh player in team history to crack 1,000 points earlier this year.

MIAA Expansion Provides New Challenges For

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

Has expansion of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) made life for basketball teams like the UM-St. Louis Rivermen better?

Maybe the real question should even be: Do the Rivermen like to travel 700-800 miles to play conference foes, or is the competition better?

"It's made it much tougher to compete from a win-loss stand point because the schools have excellent basketball programs. They have all made an institutional commitment to having a very strong basketball program," Rivermen Head Coach Rich Meckfessel said.

The teams Meckfessel is referring to are Missouri Southern State College, Missouri Western State College, Pittsburg State University, Emporia State, Washburn University and

Southwest Baptist University.

Three of the new schools—Pittsburg State, Emporia State and Washburn University—are in the eastern part of Kansas.

"It's given us some long trips," he said.

Instead of driving from St. Louis to Springfield, Mo., to play Southwest Baptist University, for instance, and then back to St. Louis, the MIAA office has tried to schedule the Rivermen teams in southwestern Missouri and eastern Kansas from Thursday to Monday.

"The commissioner [Ken Jones] sets up the schedule and we pretty much have to take what he gives us. There is a little flexibility, though," Meckfessel said. "Last year, we played Missouri Southern on Saturday and Pittsburg State on Monday."

"This year, we play Southwest Baptist on Thursday and Missouri Southern on Saturday. And next year,

we have a Thursday, Saturday and Monday trip set up where we play Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State all in one trip. That helps," Meckfessel said.

But not all of these trips have worked.

"We have a situation this year where on Saturday we had to go all the way to Topeka [Washburn University]—that's a 600 mile round-trip. On Wednesday, we have to virtually repeat the same trip and to go to Maryville to play Northwest Missouri State. We should have been able to combine that into a Saturday-Monday [series]," Meckfessel said.

He also said other MIAA schools receive more support.

"I don't want to sound critical or ungrateful. I knew what the situation was when I came here," Meckfessel said, "but in terms of institutional funding, we are probably ninth or tenth out of the 12 MIAA schools. This

means we must get a guaranteed game every year, like Oklahoma. We were able to net \$8,000 on that game after we paid our expenses."

That \$8,000 may not come next year because the NCAA recently reduced the total number of games from 27 to 26.

"So season tickets and fund raising become more and more important as our institutional funding is reduced," Meckfessel said.

But while support for the athletic program may not be high "we've got a great facility here. Our facility is probably tied with Washburn, Missouri Western, and Pittsburg State for the second best facility in the conference."

But Meckfessel said the Rivermen have always fared well against conference opponents, especially in post-season play.

"Four out of the last six years, we have been in contention for the conference championship," he said. "We have

had enough to compete, but it's going to get worse over the five next years as funding levels are reduced."

The Rivermen traveled to play Washburn Saturday, and will conclude their brief two game road trip against Northwest Missouri State. They will play their final game of the regular season Saturday, against Mo. Western.



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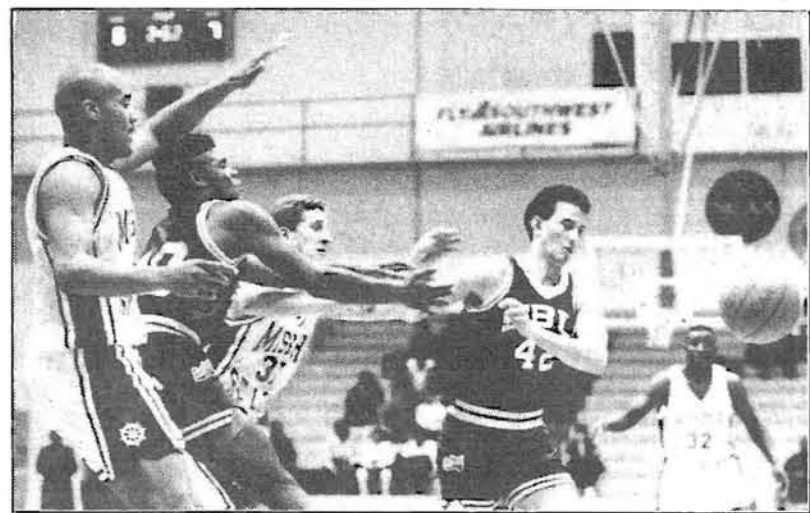


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