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Jacques Cousteau Receives Ecology Day Medal At UMSL

by Matt Forsythe
Current news reporter

UM-St. Louis took another giant leap forward last Tuesday, as one of the most environmentally conscious universities.

The university was honored to play host to Jacques-Yves Cousteau, who was awarded the World Ecology Medal.

The honor was bestowed upon Cousteau by the International Center for Tropical Ecology. Cousteau's well-known work as an oceanographer, world explorer and environmental activist earned him this coveted award. The Center gives the medal to individuals who have made ecological concerns the main focus of their lives and work. Last year on World Ecology Day, John Denver was the recipient.

The ceremony began at 11 a.m. in the J.C. Penney auditorium and was attended by many local dignitaries. The themes discussed were the fragile state of the world's environment, Cousteau's contributions in this and many other fields and strategies on possibly changing humanity's role in the world in order to preserve instead of destroy what is left of the environment.

"Global warming knows no boundaries. Pollution once in our air knows no boundaries. The World Ecology Medal seeks to reinforce this message. It is symbolic that what we do in St. Louis to preserve that environment is beneficial to people living around the world as well as people living in Missouri. We are honored to recognize Jacques Cousteau in his tireless effort in this cause," Chancellor Blanche Touhill said.

Cousteau was introduced by Robert R. Herman, president and CEO of Herman Companies.

"Jacques Cousteau certainly is a tireless individual. We're excited to present you with this medal in recognition of your life-long commitment to draw international attention to environmental problems, and dedication to protection and improvement to life on this planet," Herman said.

In his acceptance speech, Cousteau reflected on earth's present



WELCOME : Chancellor Blanche Touhill welcomes Jacques Cousteau to the campus. Cousteau was at UMSL to receive the World Ecology Medal.

Photo : Dirk Fletcher

condition and man's role on the earth.

"Very quickly he understood that he would become the master of nature, but nature has its own laws," Cousteau said. "The economic regulations that govern the world are more cruel and have more consequences than the law of the jungle. We have to educate all human kind and tell them watch out danger of death if we do not radically change."

St. Louis County Executive Buzz Westfall offered praise to Cousteau and his work.

"He's a scholar. Captain Cousteau

is a scientist, an explorer, an inventor, an environmentalist, an educator, an adventurer and in the brief ten minutes I met him last night it became quickly obvious he was also a gentleman," Westfall said. "Captain Cousteau, you are internationally famous, you are internationally acclaimed and internationally loved. You do us a great honor by coming to here today and allowing us to honor you."

Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, summed up and expanded on Cousteau's theme

of saving the earth for our children and called for direct action on the earth's environmental issues.

"It is basically a crime to be able to read in the media that the global famine predicted in the late 1960s just hasn't happened and that everything is really alright and isn't that fortunate," Raven said.

"This whole world view that we really do have represents a lack of concern with poverty, a lack of concern with the world as it really is, a lack of concern with the lives our children and grandchildren will be

facing, a lack of concern with social justice and a lack of the demonstration of simple common sense," he said.

Cousteau has performed many roles in life to aid humanity and nature. As an inventor he helped create the first SCUBA breathing device and co-engineered the Diving Saucer. As an explorer he has circumnavigated the globe to show us the undersea world with the crew of the Calypso.

As a writer, Cousteau has written or co-authored as many as 50 books on his journeys and messages. And as

an activist Cousteau has done many things to spread the message on environmental awareness, including authoring a Bill of Rights for Future Generations, a document which states that future generations have a right to an uncontaminated earth. Cousteau hopes to place the bill on the docket to be discussed by the United Nations in 1993.

In a comment about population control, Cousteau suggested that "...what they are doing to the animals we should do to ourselves. We are not out of danger."

Curators Approve Five-Year Plan

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved Friday a five-year financial plan that would reallocate \$124.7 million toward university priorities such as salaries, financial aid, libraries and repairs.

The plan, which had been proposed last year by UM System President George Russell, was approved unanimously at the meeting held in the UM-St. Louis Summit lounge.

Russell called the plan "the most comprehensive undertaken by any university, public or private."

"By doing this, we will rebuild the confidence of the citizens of Missouri in what we are doing so they will help us make this good university into a great university," he said.

Russell stressed that the reallocations are not down-

sizing, but "right-sizing and balancing," and that future reallocations may be different than past ones.

"We have certain priorities," he said. "Most of the budget distributions in the past have come on the basis of nostalgia and history. I would like to see that change so we can focus on the highest priorities we have."

Russell encouraged the Board at the May meeting to reconsider admission of freshmen to the university.

"At present, we use our best means of prediction to require that students entering as first-time freshmen will have at least a 50 percent chance of succeeding—but we define succeeding as getting through the freshmen year with being put on probation. We surely should expect more," he said.

In addition, the Health and Physical Education Department and the Community Development program on

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VP Candidate Seeks 'More Input'

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

SGA Vice Presidential hopeful Dave Roither said if he is elected, students would be able to come to him with "problems and propositions."

Roither, a sophomore, is running on the same ticket with Mike Tomlinson. Last week, Tomlinson officially announced his bid for SGA President next year.

Both said they are tired of what SGA has done this year.

"You don't see anything from SGA," Roither said. "I don't find out about SGA meetings. They are not doing an appropriate job. SGA should have open doors."

Presidential candidates usually pick who their vice president will be. But in Roither's case, the asking was done by a different person.

"I was approached by Coach Smith. He knows my

academics and convictions," Roither said.

Roither said he hopes to get "more student input and better turnout at SGA meetings."

"I feel that together, Mike and I can work better with the administration. We need a group that needs to get into office and work together," he said.

Roither and Tomlinson have formed a group called "The Right Party." Roither said the group's objective is to "bring democracy back into SGA" by forming a coalition of students from all campus groups.

Roither is a member of the Pierre LaCade Honors College and has a Chancellor's scholarship. He is a graduate of Lindbergh High School and is majoring in political science and philosophy.

For the past two years, Roither has been named an All-American for his performance on the UM-St. Louis Swim Team.

Criminology Teacher Wins Prestigious Award

by Gerry Malone
Current news reporter

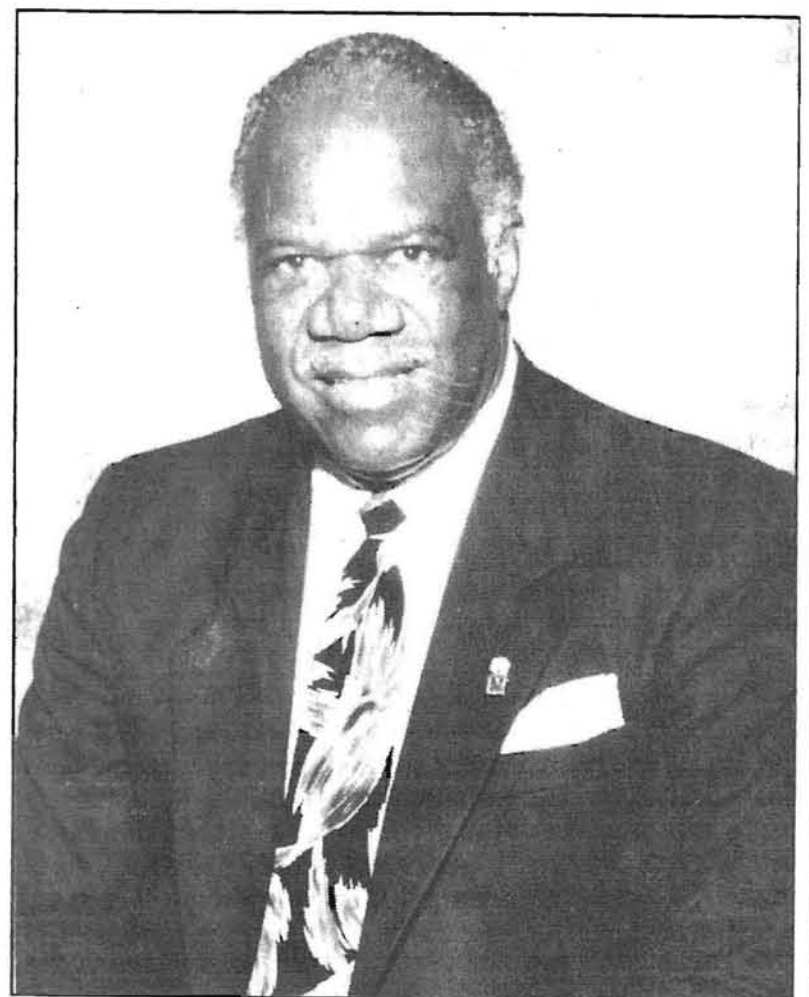
Edward F. Tripp, a UM-St. Louis criminology instructor, has been selected to receive the E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award, which is the American Correctional Association's (ACA) highest honor. Although the award has been presented to recipients for the past 122 years, only two blacks have ever received this award prior to Tripp.

Scott Decker, Chair of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department said, "This award is a fitting tribute to Ed Tripp's lifelong commitment to the human element in corrections. We at UM-St. Louis have been fortunate to have him teach for us and look forward to his contributions to our students in the future," he said.

Tripp said being selected to receive the E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award "caps off a long career in corrections. I chose to stay in St. Louis and was promoted into the highest position in corrections as commissioner, but one of the things about staying in St. Louis is you normally do not receive national recognition."

The ACA is a professional organization that has more than 60 affiliates and chapters, and a membership of more than 100,000 in the United States.

Tripp retired in July 1991 after working 42 years in the criminal justice field. He held positions as



Edward Tripp

juvenile probation officer; supervisor of intake, diagnosis and treatment (juvenile); chief of probation and parole, St. Louis Circuit Courts; commissioner of Children and Youth Services; commissioner of Substance Abuse Treatment and Control Programs.

Tripp said, "I had visibility in the criminal justice field when blacks were still struggling for equality and women were unheard of in supervisory positions."

Tripp helped to change things

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by promoting the first woman into a supervisory position and selecting the first black female to hold a supervisory position. He is proud of having established satellite offices in local communities for those on probation and parole. Before the local satellite offices, there was only one office in downtown St. Louis and many of those on probation or parole would have to travel long distances to get there. Tripp is also responsible for many other revolutionary changes that have helped to eliminate discrimination based on race or gender.

Tripp thinks there are still changes that need to be made since statistics show that 25 percent of blacks between the ages of 19 and 22 go to jail.

"I thought there would be an outcry by the black community when those statistics came out, but after seeing so much inactivity, it brought home the great effort that is needed to change things." Tripp went on to say, "It will take early intervention by parents to change our whole value system. We have to reach the minds of those who will become parents and teach them parenting skills so that they can teach children how to reconstruct our present value system. The way things are now is if someone hits you, you are rewarded by your peers if you knock the hell out of them, but a whole new value system needs to be developed that is based on a higher spiritual law."

Tripp agrees with author, Jawanza Kunjufu, who said this country seems to spend more money on oppression than education. Tripp said, "We need to do away with things that breed the criminal mind such as racism, poverty, poor role models, poor nutrition, inadequate health care, etc." He concluded that building more prisons is not going to solve the problem.

Tripp will go to San Antonio this August to receive the ACA's highest honor with fond memories of the changes he has made and the people he has helped, both correctional officers and ex-offenders, but he also is going with a vision of changes that still need to be made.

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UM-St. Louis Student Government Association leaders need to take a page out of UM-Columbia student's book of rights.

The UM-Columbia Missouri Students Association, the equivalency of UM-St. Louis' SGA, have rallied the troops over proposed budget cuts. On Friday, about 50 UM-Columbia students were supposed to make their presence known to the UM Board of Curators. Unfortunately, transportation problems hindered them.

The possibility of the students arriving had the police department in action. UM-St. Louis Police Chief John Pickens had a majority of his officers on standby in case problems evolved.

But the police have nothing to worry about UM-St. Louis students, especially SGA.

On March 16, a SGA meeting was scheduled. This would have been the perfect time for President Mark Grimes to rally his assembly and make their voices heard. There are many students on this campus who are upset because of rising tuition and their lack of say-so about it.

Grimes and SGA cancelled the meeting because not enough assembly representatives knew about it. Secondly, and more importantly, the assembly would probably be shocked if SGA leaders took a stand. Since Grimes and his Vice President Julie Schwetz took office last May, the assembly has been looking for accomplishments from their leaders. Still, they have found none.

Once again, this has made UM-St. Louis students look like they don't care when important issues arise.

Keep Women's Center

Budget cuts are inevitable in a declining economy, and every department on campus will eventually feel the sharpness of the blade. There are programs that either need to be down-sized or eliminated.

But one program that doesn't need the swipe of the budget ax is the Women's Center.

The Women's Center is a place of information for students, staff and faculty on this campus. More importantly, if a woman is sexually assaulted, either physically or verbally, she can turn to the Center for advice and counseling.

Vice Chancellor for student affairs Sandy MacLean is currently weighing options as to if the center needs its coordinator. The reason behind the position being cut is budget crunches.

In the University Senate meeting last week, Suzanna Rose, an associate professor of psychology and women studies program director, proposed a new sexual grievance policy for students. This policy is long overdue, so it doesn't make sense to cut a program when you are proposing a policy that will make people come to your place. If a woman is sexually harassed or has questions about what determines harassment, she will more than likely turn to the Center.

On Wednesday, March 25, the Women's Center will protest the plan to cut its coordinator by marching to Woods Hall. If MacLean eliminates the Center's coordinator position, it will cut an operation that is already limited in its personnel and resources.

More importantly, the decision could leave the University without a place for victims of sexual harassment to turn.

The march and protest begin at noon in front of Clark Hall. All students and staff are encouraged to attend and express their opinions.

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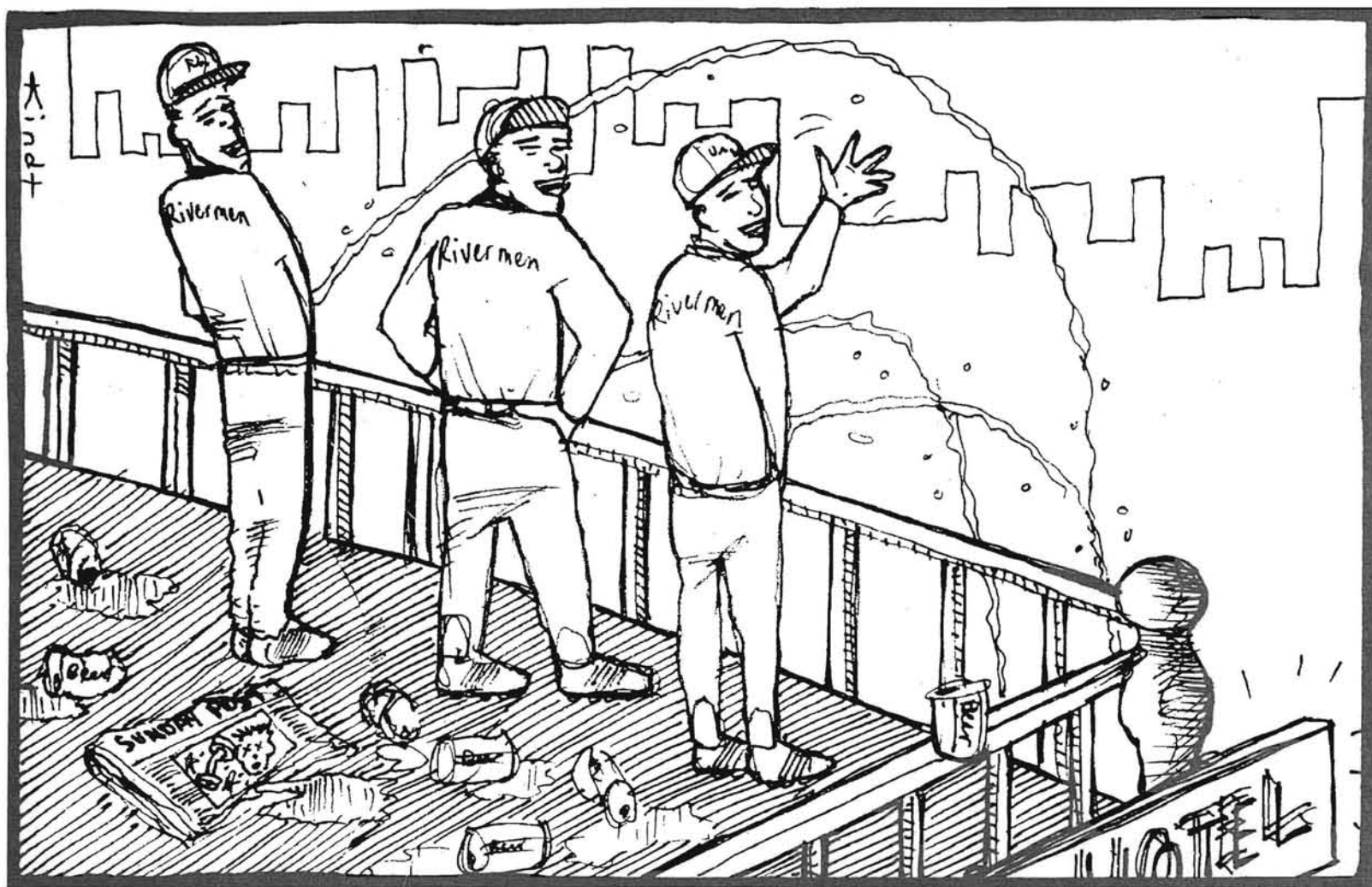
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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Greeks Make UMSL Social Life

Dear Editor:

I think it's getting ridiculous about all the articles ripping on the Greeks and their signs. I'm referring to Mr. Magas's and Mr. O'Connor's letters to the editor, along with Mr. Matteucci's big opinions on what has been happening lately around campus.

As far as UM-St. Louis goes, why don't we write letters to the editor about the problems we really need to do something about. For example, parking at UM-St. Louis; the garages may be old as Stonehenge, the roads suck all around campus, there aren't enough parking spaces and the police have nothing better to do but to give tickets to those who do get lucky enough to get a good spot on the top of Garage C, which is never full anyway. Also, as far as registration goes, funds are cut so you can't register for classes you want or the ones you need.

We have all these important issues that need to be noticed by students, and all that one can complain about is the signs which were posted in campus for the Greeks' Rush. It's a shame to think that no one took the time to

find out about what these signs really stood for after that was put into them. But I guess those who don't like the way they were presented like being so pessimistic about such minimal details. It's also a shame that most students can't see how much good the Greeks do on and off campus in the way of charitable events and helping others.

In a way, the Greeks get the same respect as the athletic teams do at UM-St. Louis. Of course, the Greeks enjoy supporting UM-St. Louis sports, or maybe even being on the teams themselves. Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity responded to the call of needed fan support at UM-St. Louis basketball games when Sports Information Director Jeff Kuchno asked the Greeks to attract more people to the games. The Sig Tau's have won more "Spirit Nites" than any other organization at UM-St. Louis basketball games. The Greeks also participate in all intramurals.

Some people aren't fortunate enough to go away to school to such traditional campuses such as Mizzou, because they need to work while at-

tending school. At least the organizations on campus, like the Greeks, are trying to uphold this traditional campus feeling somewhat. It's their way of making UM-St. Louis a better place to go to school.

UM-St. Louis is bad enough as it is, but without any kind of social life, the school is hell. Any organization is allowed to promote their cause on campus. As for the Greeks, they are just trying to have fun and remember their college years. Wouldn't it be a drag going to UM-St. Louis for four or five years and graduate not knowing if you really enjoyed college? You then just wasted the best years of your life.

I think all the people who whine and complain about Greek signs should get the facts about what fraternities are all about. Otherwise, try not to be so jealous about the groups on campus that are having a good time while going to college and making UM-St. Louis a more enjoyable place to go to school.

Greg Lofgren

Mistake To Eliminate Women's Center

Dear Editor:

The Women's Center at UM-St. Louis is a model for other centers across the country. The availability of information, support, assistance and referrals for short-term counseling for a variety of issues has been essential to the personal and academic success of many students.

But the elimination of the only full-

time staff member in the interest of budget cuts could result in its closing. Most corporations in the wake of recession are "down-sizing" and reorganizing to manage their costs. Their management literature explains this as a "win-win" situation for employee and corporation - less duplication of efforts, less waste of money, more direction by the employee. The situation at the Center could only be a

New Step Program Seeks Applicants

Dear Editor:

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Rochelle DeClue

Corrections:

In the March 16, 1992 edition of *The Current*, the story titled "Jacques Cousteau To Receive Award At UMSL" should have said he came to campus Tuesday, and not on Wednesday.

Also Mr. Cousteau's Bill of Rights for Future Generations should have read "all appropriate measures,

including education, research and legislation, shall be taken to guarantee these rights and to ensure that it not be sacrificed for expediencies and conveniences."

The Current regrets any inconvenience or confusion these stories may have caused.

Head Coach Says Sorry To Player, Scribe

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight, and publicly apologize for comments I directed toward one of my players, sophomore Jeff Eye, in last week's edition of *The Current* (Rivermen Lose Tournament Opener; Team Out Of Focus, Mar. 16, 1992).

In this case, the comments made to Sports Editor Russell Korando were right from the horse's mouth. However, at this time, I feel more like a horse's _____. My criticism of a player's performance is a private matter between myself and my player. It is not for public consumption. My timing also caught Russell off guard and put him in an awkward position of whether to report it. Since that was the only quote I gave him, he had no other choice. I blame myself for such poor judgement and say now that Jeff Eye was not the reason why we lost the game.

Jeff Eye is an integral part of my baseball team, a clutch performer with a proven track record. He is a very good baseball player who continues to get better. As coaches, we sometimes forget that these are not million-dollar professional athletes. In reality, they are student-athletes who will make mistakes from time to time. Their efforts should be praised, not ridiculed.

The head coach is the authority these players look to, the person they most want to please, and in this case, the man who should have known better. Crass remarks from a coach have no place in a student newspaper, or any newspaper for that matter. I ask that Jeff and Russell please accept this humble apology.

Jim Brady
UM-St. Louis Head Baseball Coach

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the UM-Columbia campus were eliminated at the meeting.

The cuts will save roughly \$575,000 by fiscal year 1997.

Russell said he will ask the Board to study the potential closing of the engineering program at UM-Kansas City.

Curator Sam Cook downplayed the Board playing a "micromanging" role in deciding cuts.

"I think all the Board members are very much in favor of being a policy board, and not getting into the detailed operations," Cook said. "Infrequently, it has been done when they felt there was too little movement after years of delay in certain areas."

The reallocation plan would also cut 604 employees over the next five years. These eliminations of jobs have been part of Russell's plan since reallocations were announced earlier this year.

"It's been that plan all along," said UM System Spokesperson David Lendt. "Most of those positions will be administrators. One hundred of those jobs will come from central administration."

The loss in jobs are completely different than the early retirement package that was offered to UM employees. So far, 704 employees have taken advantage of the retirement plan.

Also at the meeting, Russell named John Park the new chancellor at UM-Rolla. Park is currently the interim chancellor.

Russell also asked newly appointed Student Representative to the Board of Curators Stephanie Patterson to sit on UM-Columbia's search committee for their new chancellor. Patterson said she will accept the position as long as that's what the students at UM-Columbia desire.

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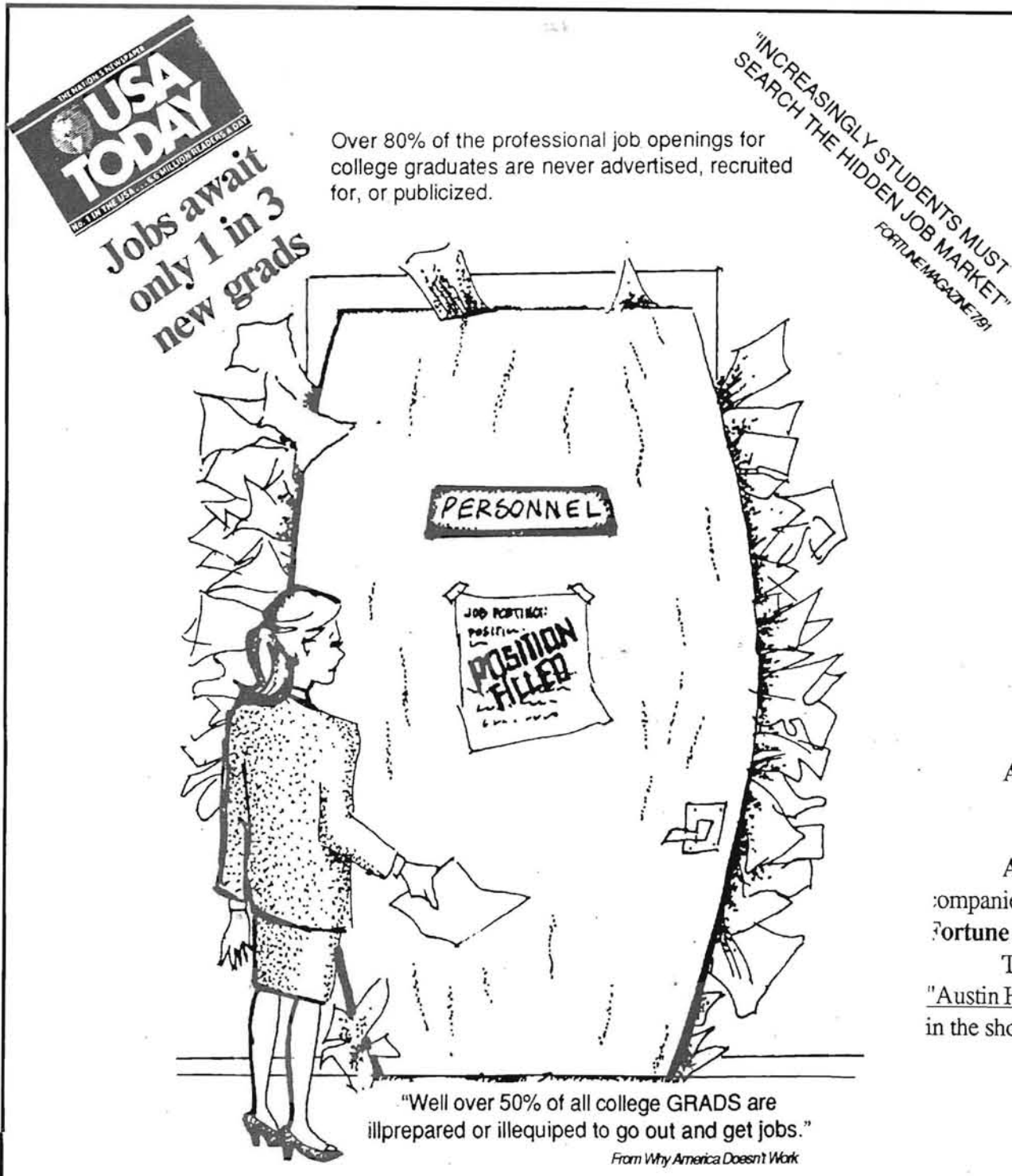
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Dynamic Duo Shaking Up The U.S.A.

by Robln Mayo
features editor

Bands come and bands go, but there are few bands that touch the lives of the audiences that listen to them. One such band is disappear fear. Comprised of sisters Sonia and Cindy Frank, the band has an intriguing, complex and compelling sound, that one can't help being drawn toward. Their sound of music has been described as folk-rock, but more recently they have incorporated more rock lines into their songs. Compared to the group Indigo Girls, disappear fear may not be as well recognized by name, but disappear fear's sound by far surpasses that of the Indigo Girls.

Back in September, disappear fear was in St. Louis, playing at Cicero's. They will back again on March 31, playing in the darkened candle lit basement bar.

Since their last visit the sisters have gone through several backup musicians, and will have a lead guitarist, Howard Markman, joining the tour on April 1.

"I used to sneak into bars and go and see his band perform when I was in high school. They were the most popular band in Baltimore, my best friend and I would just go and gawk!" Cindy said. "My best friend lives in Detroit now, and I said 'You're never gonna believe who I'm going out with!' it was funny."

Their latest release titled "Live at the Bottom Line" is fresh out on the market and will be available for purchase at Cicero's March 31, and at participating Streetside Records and both Sound Revolution stores.

"The Bottom Line is an incredibly perfect and well-known night club in New York City," Cindy said.

"Live at the Bottom Line" contains eight live tracks and five tracks recorded in the studio. disappear fear has plans for yet another hard hitting release later in 1992.

The band has been officially together for about four years, but learned to sing together as children.

"We have been singing together since we were kids. Sonia taught me how to sing harmony in the bathtub," Cindy said.

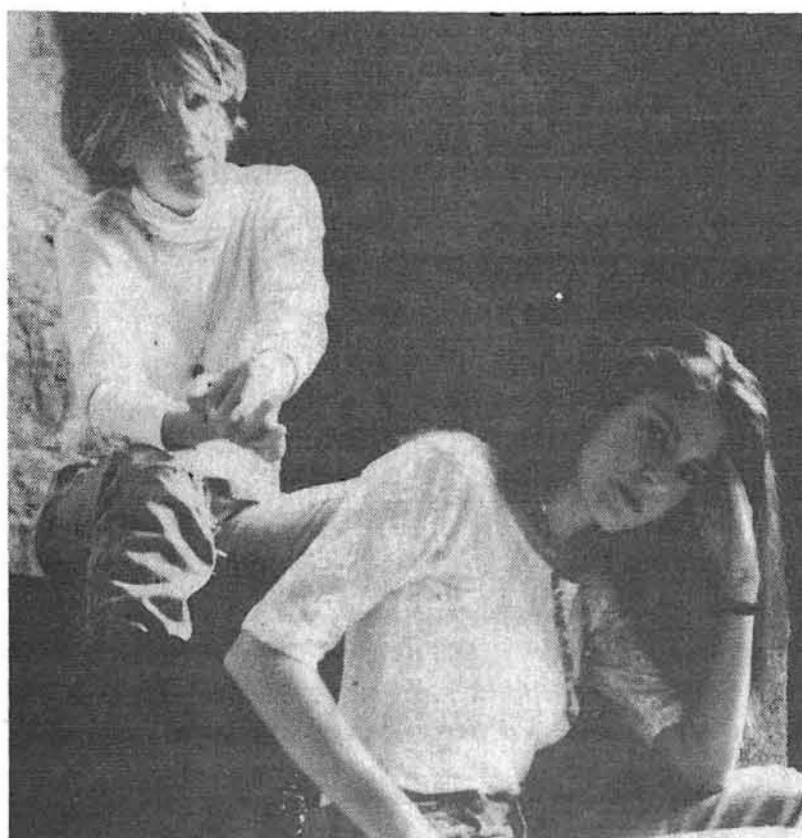
When disappear fear hit the road they go non-stop. A different town and different venue every night, making their top priority getting in and out, hoping to make an everlasting impact on audiences in each city.

"We're trying to cut that out a little bit, but what we used to do was after a show we'd drive all night, and get as close to the club and then sleep once we got there, so we didn't have to drive the day we performed, but we're changing that and sleeping after the show now," Cindy said.

In 1991, disappear fear went from being a regional act to a national act, and have toured the country four-and-a-half times. With the national tour, more and more people are becoming exposed to disappear fear, and they are liking what they hear.

"I don't know what it is, but it's a breakthrough, it's definitely something," Sonia said.

"We get lots of fan mail



FROM LEFT: Sonia and Cindy, sisters joined together to form the awe inspiring duo disappear fear, and they will perform live at Cicero's on March 31.

everyday, maybe not as much as some of those Hollywood guys, but a few letters a day, and it's not just little things, people really share themselves with us, it's so moving, it's really incredible," Cindy said.

Thinking about the future, Cindy said in ten years she sees them doing pretty much the same thing, except worldwide, and being able to have a family of her own with which to share her experiences.

Cindy has great admiration for other artists such as James Taylor (for the stands he takes), the B-52s, Dave Willcox, and late Phil Ochs, who Sonia and Cindy both turn to for inspiration.

Sonia said things are going real

well for disappear fear right now.

"Excellent, in between the raindrops," Sonia said. "You never know how it's going to be, and it's been a flood lately."

"Liking us seems to be a personal choice. You're not bombarded by MTV or VH-1. To get us you have to actually show up," Sonia said.

Sonia said disappear fear does want to get to the point where they are nationally popular and well-known, but with an understanding.

"In a way that makes it accessible, absolutely, because in a way I feel the message of our music should be available in a big way to people," Sonia said. "Because that's how I envision the world."

movie review

Mississippi Masala: An Unfortunate Disappointment

by Don Barnes
movie reviewer

I was a little disappointed with this weeks movie reviewed, Mississippi Masala, starring Denzel Washington and Sarita Choudhury. Just the same, Masala stood reflective of it's title's literal meaning, 'a blend of hot, colorful spices'.

I appreciate the angle director Mira Nair chose by examining inner racial struggle and outward racial tension between african Americans and 'masala' indians in the deep south, instead of retracing the unresolved battle between blacks and whites. She explored the equally prevalent reservations held between black and brown, focusing on color, but allowing tradition and heritage as major roles in the presentation.

Everything in this movie is done with purpose. Every character is introduced as an extension of the whole, with the intention of representing a distinctive mindset within society. The clannish, authoritative, controlling presence

of whites portrayed as bank officers, business owners and policemen.

Washington's brother's, played by Joe Seneca and Tico Wells, are seeking direction while trying to come to terms with themselves and their environment.

Washington encounters black-listing for breaking the color lines within his town, and was effected by such oppression on industrious young men.

The opening shots of the 1972 Asian Indian exodus from Uganda, forced by then dictator Idi Amin, followed by an enduring look into the lives of the affected souls through an almost documentary like study of the flourishing hybrid culture of Indian run motels in the deep south. The wanting of Choudhury, a self proclaimed masala, to discard ancestral restrictions and seek a different lifestyle. Definitely enough material to work with. Maybe too much.

These subplots are given

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Academy Award winner Denzel Washington and newcomer Sarita Choudhury star in Mira Nair's Mississippi Masala share a reassuring hug, in this hot and spicy romance.

Ya Don't Say?

What is the most provocative thing you have ever done in your life?

by Michele Lawson
photographer

"When celebrating our last night in Europe things got a little out of hand. The bar owner got a little upset when all of us took our clothes off on top of the bar stools."

—Alan, Senior, Finance



"I exposed my breasts during Mardi Gras for strings of beads. I came home with forty strings of beads."

—Jennifer Kerker, Junior, Biology

"I once attended a melodrama show at a theater in Colorado, and was brought on stage out of the audience to participate in a skit where several women proceeded to undress me. My most alarming moment was when one of my shoes was about to be removed, and I realized that 300 people were about to witness my big toe protruding out of a huge hole in my sock."

—Martin Rochester, Professor, Political Science



"I had sex at the bottom of the stairwell in the JC Penney Building."

—O.M., Senior, Biology

"Some friends and I stole seven lawn donkeys from a fraternity house and got away with it."

—Patti Scherrer, Special Education



"When I pledged my fraternity, my line brothers and I were stripped naked and blind-folded and told to march in a single-file line into the men's shower, however, we marched into the lobby of the U-Center on campus. Very embarrassing."

—Arnold Peoples, Graduate, Criminology and Criminal Justice

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continuity through a prominent plot of interracial young love, which steadily injects thematic personal slaps until everybody, involved or not, is brewing in misguided hostility. The dialogue was triggered but seemed undirected at times, often leaving the audience confused and offended. I feel the screenplay, written by Sooni Taraporevala, was a little vague, and lacked a neatness needed to tie the constant influx of ideas together.

There is certainly stereotyping, and I feel this lack of individualism takes away from the seriousness of the conflict's faced. After all, this film was not made primarily to entertain, but to examine the clashing of cultures, and we need more substance than this movie produced to face them in a true light.

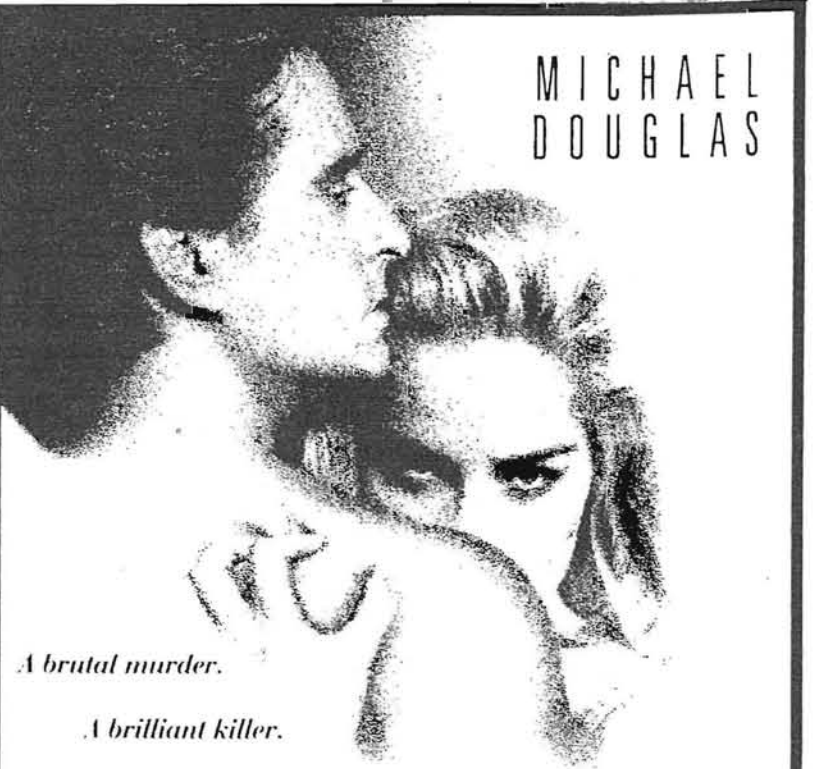
Mississippi Masala was a disappointment because it made a lot of noise, intimidated the audience, then retreated to the credits. You are thrust into a chamber of diversely complex cross-stitches of idealism, then offered a less than conclusive ending that says 'time changes everything' and 'young love will prevail'. These solutions are tired, and don't click with the upbeat focus or brutal honesty of the

story. I thought this movie was trying to tell me something, but in the end I was left empty, milling over comparative information I already possessed.

I'm not saying don't see Mississippi Masala. By all means, please do. It may not enlighten you. It may do little more than enrage you. But hopefully it will give you the strength to rise above the societal suicide of racism, and realize that when the light is gone we all look the same.

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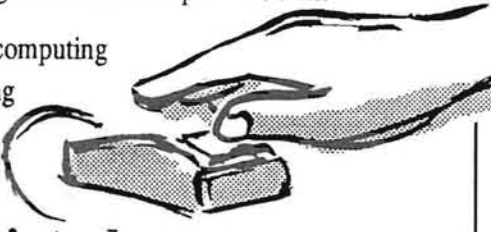
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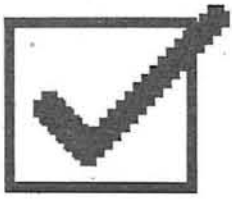
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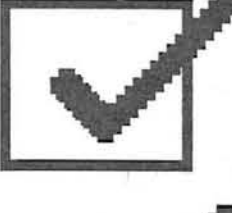
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by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

This political hypocrisy is really gnawing at me. I just finished a 400-word political commentary on George Peach, and I still have this thought's venom in my veins.

The problem is, I must somehow connect this column with sports. And if I want to step out on the ledge, UM-St. Louis sports.

Is everybody in? Let the show begin.

Let's start with myself. I dig for the truth from the players, coaches and administrators over in the Mark Twain Building, so how about if I bare my soul to them.

First of all, I am only one person covering 11 fully-funded athletic programs at this university for *The Current*. Certain teams may be upset with me because I give more attention to one program than another. You want honesty, well here it is: I can't be everywhere at once. I guess you're not judged anymore for an honest effort.

At least I know who the assistant to the athletic director is.

In a story run on March 11, the *Post Dispatch* mentioned Rich Meckfessel as assistant to the A.D. This is his title, but Denise Silvester is the assistant athletic director, and she wasn't even mentioned.

I have to make judgment calls once in a while. This is my job, and I accept it without question. But until I see someone come over to *The Current* and show they want to be a responsible journalist, I'm all they have.

What gives me the right to express such a verbose opinion of athletics here at UM-St. Louis? Well, let's see. I won first and second place for sports writing in the Missouri College Newspaper Awards in 1990. I have covered just about every sport here, and have written more than 60 stories.

Now, a little bit on why I have chosen this rocky, and sometimes dangerous road. You see it's all about truth. That's it.

When you write sports for a university, most just want to see the cream-puff stories. Like, Johnny or Betty has sparkling eyes, they are good students, and boy can they play. That's alright for high school, but on this level it's a different story.

Sure, I had to point out a few baseball players for violating team rules. If I was going to get on Paul Matteucci's case, I had to get on anyone who messes up. Again, that's the truth.

It's not like any of the players in question did anything criminal. They were on a team road trip for the better part of two weeks and had finished all of their games. I'm definitely not stupid enough to condone their breaking team rules, but if most of us look at the situation for what it really is, we have to be understanding.

Whenever you're part of an organization, whether it be a sports team, fraternity/sorority or infantry rifle platoon, you sometimes act "out of hand."

It's a wonderful thing having such personal relations with someone you sweat and toil with day in and day out. I believe the baseball team's actions can be portrayed as "letting off steam."

Again, the truth. I may never have pissed off of a balcony, but I do remember pissing in places other than the toilet. And yes, I was as drunk as a skunk when I did it.

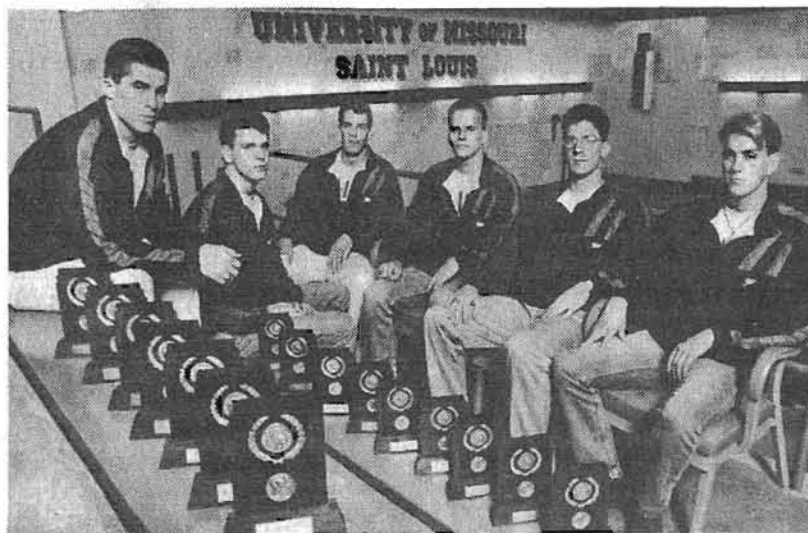
We have all done things in our lives we're not proud of, but c'mon people, let's not resort to becoming hypocrites like the George Peaches of the world.

Chew on that until next week.

UM-St. Louis Swimmers Heat Up North Dakota



Photo: Alfie M. Ali



TROPHIES OF HONOR: The UM-St. Louis Swim Team finished off its record breaking season, bringing home many awards.

by Ariel Lestat
Current sports reporter

GRANDFORKS, N.D.-The UM-St. Louis Rivermen finished the 1991-92 swim season in record-breaking style.

They finished the NCAA Division II nationals meet with a 7th place finish, and a total of 200 points. The highest the Rivermen had ever finished in a nationals meet before was a 10th place finish and 56 points.

"Early in the season I felt we could qualify four relays and place 8th or 9th," Head Coach Mary Liston said. "All season we have concentrated on relay starts. In dual meets we seldom lose a relay."

The national meet is a four-day competition, with a morning qualifying session and an evening final session. Only the final times count for points.

UM-St. Louis sophomore Ted Fischer, who was competing in his first NCAA national meet, snared third place in the 50-yard freestyle during the first day of competition. The next day Fischer placed second in the 100-yard butterfly, with a time of 19.48. He finished behind Eric McGuham, who is the national record holder.

"The last 15 yards were the toughest of the meet," Fischer said. "I'm very pleased with my races. I didn't even really think I would race

this year at all."

Fischer didn't join the Rivermen until late December of last year, after he was released from Ohio State's Division I swim program. He joined teammate Mike Brickey, who was his high school competitor, as one of the deadliest duos in Division II swimming.

"Coach Liston has a reputation for coaching sprinters," Brickey explained. "My freshman year wasn't the best, but since then things have been very successful."

**"Coach Liston has a reputation for coaching sprinters."
-Senior swimmer Mike Brickey**

Junior Jeff Heveroh set a new school record in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:32.55. This time broke the old record by 2.2 seconds. Heveroh finished third in the race.

Fischer, Brickey, Dan Bostelmann and sophomore Dave Roither established a new school record, and secured All-America status, with a 6th place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Lead-off swimmer Devlin McDonough's time in the 400-yard medley relay was 54.14, breaking a school record.

McDonough was teamed with

Heveroh, Fischer and Brickey, and they shattered the old school mark by 10 seconds with a time of 3:25.80.

Heveroh was disappointed with his two 8th place finishes, while competing individually in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke heats.

"I was fast in the relays, but my individual events didn't click," Heveroh said. "My arms really never felt rested."

On the final day of the meet, both Fischer and Brickey were almost out of gas, as were the rest of the Rivermen. But they weren't going to give up before they broke the school record, in what Liston describes as the "glamour event" of the meet.

The Rivermen finished 6th in the 400-yard relay, and their new record time was clocked at 3:05.05. "We were very competitive our whole time here," Liston beamed.

"Roither swam so fast he pulled it out of the fire for us," she said.

Fischer gave a warning to his opponents for next year, saying "After I get a full year's training in, I won't fade after 85 yards. I have no excuses because I gave it 100 percent."

Seasons don't always end with this much success, but it seems that this group of athletes are not at all surprised.

"We knew we could be fast," senior Dan Bostelmann said. "It was a matter of trust between athlete and the coach. This year everything worked."

Rivermen Walk Softly, But Carry Big Bats
Won Three Out Of Four In UM-St. Louis Tournament

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

is an accomplishment considering the condition of the field.

In the last game of the tournament, southpaw Chuck McNelly raised his record to 2-0, and pitched a complete game, 5-2 victory against rival SIU-Edwardsville.

"I'd have to say, at this point, that McNelly and Andy [Runzi] are our one and two guys on the mound," Brady said.

Brady exuded confidence as he talked about his pitching depth, and said anyone of the five other players could step into McNelly and Runzi's position. "Look at the job Klu [pitcher Keith Kalusniak], did against Lewis. That was a team with a high octane offense, and he held them to three runs."

One of things that hasn't surprised Brady has been the play of outfielder Chris Meador. Meador made two belly-busting diving catches during the tournament, and belted a two-run home run against SIUE.

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"BULLDOG'S" BITE: Junior Andy Runzi had a 2-0 record, and a 3.12 era going into this weekend's games against Pittsburg State. Runzi threw a shutout against Kearney State last weekend.

MIAA South Division Tournament Up At Bat This Weekend
Riverwomen "Coming Together Quickly"

by A. Mohamed Ali
Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis Women's Softball team has started the season with seven wins out of eighteen games. Coach Harold Brumbaugh, though, is happy with the way the Riverwomen are playing and has high hopes for the coming season.

"The girls are coming together quickly, though it's a relatively new team," Brumbaugh said. "Only three girls have returned from those who played on last year's team."

After posting a 3-7 record at the Rebel Spring Games this past weekend, fans saw the Riverwomen play .500, losing to both SIUE and Lewis, 0-5 and 0-7 respectively, then beating Indiana University-Purdue, 12-3, and Southern Indiana, 4-1.

Brumbaugh is optimistic that the Riverwomen will win at least 70 percent of the remaining 26 games and do well at the MIAA Conference Tournament toward the end of the season. That would see the Riverwomen entering the MIAA tournament with a 25-19 record, a .568 average.

"Offensively, things are starting to pick up," Brumbaugh said. "By mid-season, we will be doing very well and I think we will finish the season above .500."

"The goal for this year is to do well and finish in the top three in the conference tournament, and I think we can do that," he said.

For the weekend of March 27-28, Brumbaugh and the team will face Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern, Lincoln, Missouri-Rolla and Pittsburg State, in the MIAA South Division Tournament at the St. Louis Sports Complex in Valley Park.

Brumbaugh said he is confident of doing well at the tournament although, he said, Missouri Southern could give the Riverwomen a real battle.

"Missouri Southern is tough, they have always been tough because they have an excellent program over there. Pittsburg State will be tough as well," he said.

The Riverwomen are led into this season by two new pitchers this year, who look like they will be sharing the pressures of that position.

"Kelly Childs and Christa Childress are both very strong and intelligent pitchers who will pitch to their opponents weaknesses. Plus they adapt and get stronger as games go on," Brumbaugh said. "I wasn't sure at first how they would work out, but they will do very well as long as they stay healthy."

Brumbaugh said the other players are also doing very well.

"Sharon Payton is playing excellent third base. Beth Palisch has been doing

very well in first base. Kim Novak, who plays second base, has done a great job, and is one of the best defensive hustlers on the team," Brumbaugh said. "Jennifer Sinclair, who was an outfielder, who I now play at shortstop has been very effective. Catching has been very strong with Stephanie Adelmann in that position."

Brumbaugh also said his outfield is very strong, with plenty of speed and great throwing arms. His outfield is anchored by Jeri Maas in right field, Amy Deal in center field and Donna Schmilke in left field.

Brumbaugh said he did not feel there were any real weaknesses in the team or in any position. He felt that many of the girls were talented enough to be moved around to different positions, should the need arise because of injuries.

Before playing in the MIAA South Division Tournament, the Riverwomen will play at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., on March 23, and host Quincy College at the St. Ann field on March 25.

Upcoming Riverwomen Games
Mar. 23 @ McKendree
Mar. 25 Quincy
Mar. 26 @ St. Louis U.
Mar. 27-28 MIAA South Division Tournament @ Valley Park, Mo.

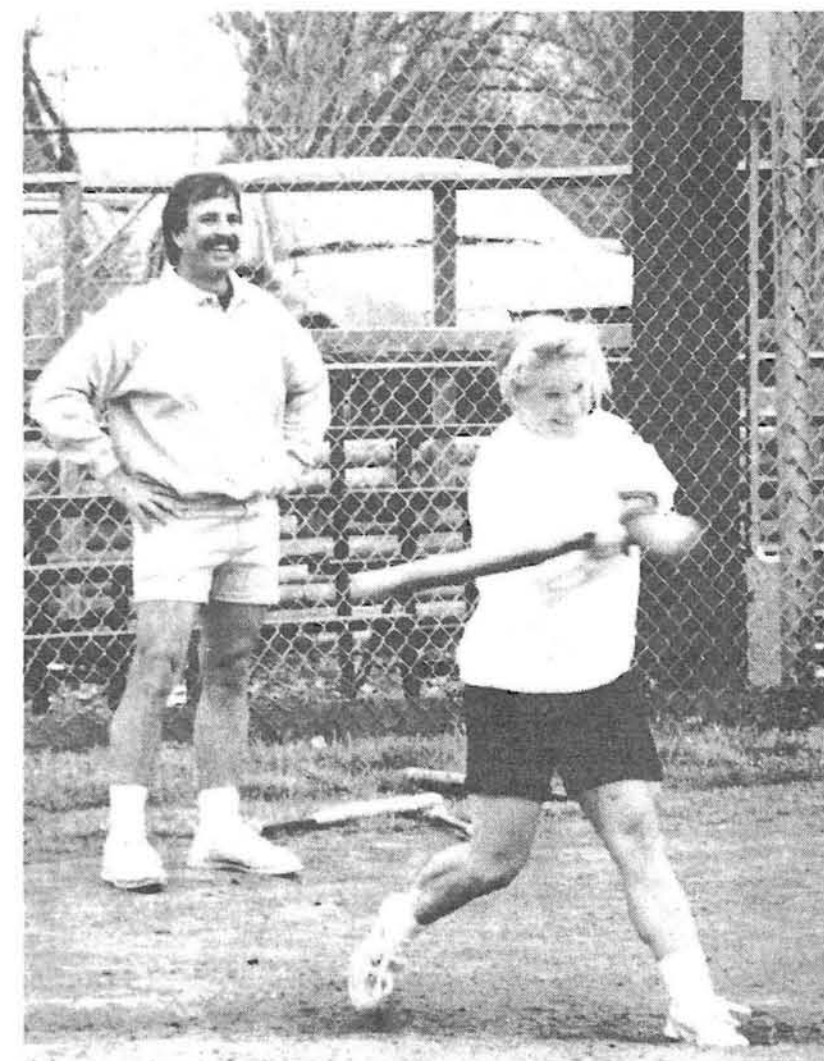


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SWING AWAY: Under the watchful eye of Head Coach Harold Brumbaugh, a Riverwoman batter concentrates on the next pitch.

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"So Chris, without sounding pompous, has made himself into a darn good outfielder," Brady said. Meador is batting .324, and leads the team with 11 runs scored.

Meador said the Rivermen were getting ready to take off because everyone is getting comfortable with his role. "I think by the time we play Missouri Southern will be ready to show them what we're capable of."

Mo. Southern swept their three game MIAA Conference series with the Rivermen last year and outscored them 41-2. But this year senior pitcher Rob Rixford thinks it will be a different story.

"If we stay injury-free, this team can go a long way," Rixford said. "We have a sound defense and a deep pitching staff. I think from here on out teams are going to have *beat* us."

Assistant Coach Gary Dunahue said the team had responded well to a speech they listened to from a sports psychologist from Greensboro, N.C.

"What the doctor told them was what we were telling them all along," Dunahue said. "But I guess they just had to hear it from another source."

Dunahue said he also picked up on something a Kansas basketball coach had told his players before their first round game of the NCAA tournament. He said, "Fear nobody, but respect everybody."

Respect is what freshman catcher Jason Wilson is rapidly earning from players and coaches alike. Wilson has thrown out 10 of 14 runners trying to steal, and Brady said he would catch a majority of the remaining games.

"He's a little mongoose," Brady said. "You look at his choir boy face, and you don't realize the amount of grit this young man has on the inside."

Brady had enough confidence in Wilson to let him call the pitches in the game against SIUE. Wilson, who is batting a very respectable .310, likes the team he sees in front of him when he's behind the plate. "He's my secret weapon," Brady mused.

"The talent we can field is great," Wilson said. "We can't afford any injuries, but right now we're getting hits in crucial situations."

Another player who has played a couple of different positions and excelled is Bob Mutnansky. Mutnansky had a ten-game hitting streak on the line entering the game Saturday against

Pittsburg State University.

He is batting .375 leads all other starters, and has good RBI potential. "Mut looks too thick to move real well, but he's just a very sound player," Brady said. "He reminds me of the third baseman [Jamie Taylor] we coached for the Olympic trials. What I like best about him is that he gets the ball away so quickly."

After the Rivermen wrap up their three-game road trip they will return home Wednesday to play a double-header against Southern Indiana.

"This is a beginning," Brady said in light of the winning streak. "If we can sustain this focus, watch out."

Upcoming Rivermen Games

Mar. 23 @ Nebraska-Omaha
Mar. 25 Southern Indiana
Mar. 26 Missouri Valley
Mar. 28-29 @ Missouri-Rolla
Mar. 31 McKendree
Apr. 1 @ SIU-Edwardsville
Apr. 2 @ Eureka
Apr. 3-4 Southwest Baptist
Apr. 7 @ Southeast Mo. State
Apr. 9 @ McKendree

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UM-St. Louis

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1984	Pete Serrano 1b
1982	Mike Stellern of
1979	Jim Lockett of
1979	Marty Flores c
1979	Skip Mann ss
1978	Skip Mann ss
1978	Greg Ready of
1977	Greg Ready of
1977	Jim Winklemann of
1977	Grayling Tobias of
1977	Dennis Olson p
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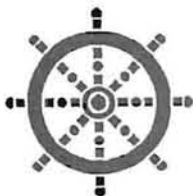
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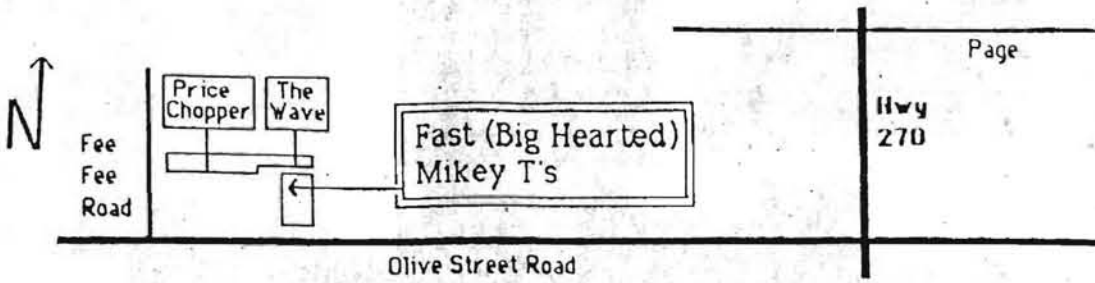
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