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Candidates For SGA Want Input, Change

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

The race for Student Government Association officers is ending as a record number of candidates vie for the positions of president and vice president.

The elections are Wednesday and Thursday. During the day, students can vote at the University Center or Marillac from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Evening students can vote from 5-8 p.m. in the lobby of the Evening College in Lucas Hall.

Following is a list of the candidates and what they would like to see in SGA next year. The names that will appear are in alphabetical order, starting with the candidates that have a president and vice president.

Karen Gardner and Alphonso Warfield:

As Vice-President of the Evening College Council, Gardner said it's time for SGA to make a stand.

"If we don't have strong leadership, the students won't have any rights," Gardner said.

Gardner and Warfield believe students must always be informed about what SGA's is doing. "That's very major to me," she said.

As an evening student, Gardner says her age and experience work to her advantage, especially in cases of disputes.

"People tend to forget that one person's opinion can be different than someone else's. You can't handle matters based on one opinion," she

said.

Gardner said she will "keep students informed about what's going on."

Mike Tomlinson and Dave Roither:

"Time to restore democracy back into SGA" has been their slogan since they started their campaign.

The two have created "The Right Party," a coalition designed to get input from different student groups.

"What the voter has to do," Tomlinson said, "is ask themselves this: 'Is this the person I want who has one of the highest paid positions as a student on campus.'"

Both have said SGA's constitution needs to be revised and "everybody needs to know when the meetings are."

The two also say they will post their beeper numbers if elected and fight for students rights on the South Campus.

"We also need to make sure that as many people get active in SGA," he said.

There are two independents running for president and one for vice president.

Patrick A. Barclay:

Barclay, in his first semester at UM-St. Louis, said there are too many problems on campus.

"I would listen and look at the problems," he said. "One of those

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Photo: Alfie M. Ali

WOW: Rollerblades were part of the many activities at the seventh annual Mirthday Celebration last Wednesday. Other activities included sand volleyball, music videos and making singing tapes. The event was sponsored by the University Program Board.

Dorm Applications Now Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for dorms at the UM-St. Louis Residence Halls. Currently there are 30 dorm rooms. Ninety rooms will be

available this fall. The cost for the school year is \$3,912 which includes a single room, furnished or unfurnished, air conditioning and food.

Karl Beeler, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said the residents will have access to a computer lab in the building, and there are rooms available for the summer.

"We have a mix of undergraduates, honors college, international, graduate and professional [students]. We don't have married student housing yet. Any UM-St. Louis student is welcome to apply," Beeler said.

The UM-St. Louis Residence Halls are located across Natural Bridge Rd. in the Village of Bel-Nor, on the Incarnate Word Campus.

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Asbestos Tips Bring Hard Feelings In ASD

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

A union official with Local 2 said an error in repairing a steam leak valve resulted in more than just five classrooms ceilings collapsing last week on South Campus.

The official, who did not want to be identified, said it cost UM-St. Louis at least \$5,000, brought about hard feelings between employees in the Administrative Services Division (ASD) and got a surprise inspection from the St. Louis Air Pollution Control office to check for asbestos.

No one was injured when the ceilings in rooms 205, 206, 208, 209 and 210 in the South Campus Classroom Building collapsed.

Don Overton, chief enforcement and engineer for the Air Pollution Control office, says the University ran tests for asbestos after his office received anonymous tips that asbestos was present.

"Asbestos complaints are taken seriously, even if it's anonymous," he said. "Sometimes it's a result of rumor. But we still want to know about them."

On Friday, the tests showed the asbestos level was lower than one percent.

"This means it doesn't require

formal notification to a state or local agency," Overton said.

He also said it poses no health problems to students or faculty.

But as of late Friday, friction remained in Administrative Services. Some of the employees say they blame their managers for what happened. The employees said they did not want to be identified for fear of losing their jobs.

Those employees said they were considering filing a complaint with Missouri Attorney General William Webster's office against their managers.

"These men," the union official said, "are very upset because management knew about the problems."

Larry Jordan, who was fixing the steam valve, said he takes partial responsibility for the incident.

"I feel terrible that it happened," Jordan, a mechanical trade specialist, said. "But management should have been on top of it."

Ron Scrum, manager of maintenance operations in Administrative Services, had no comment on the matter. He referred all questions to Bonnie Sims, associate vice chancellor for Administrative Services. Sims was out of town and was unavailable for comment.

UMSL Professor Dies

by Michelle McMurray
news editor

Students and faculty are mourning the loss of Dr. David Gustafson, associate professor of management of the School of Business. Dr. Gustafson unexpectedly died of a brain aneurysm two weeks ago.

Dr. Gustafson started as an assistant professor in 1971, and was promoted to associate professor. He also has served as director of the graduate program and associate dean of the School of Business.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Donald Driemeier said he first interviewed Dr. Gustafson for employment at the university.

"I can think of no person who was more committed to growth and long-term excellence than Dr. Gustafson. He was an excellent administrator who never lost his perspective as a faculty member, and an excellent teacher who never lost the perspective of students," Driemeier said.

Chancellor Blanche Touhill said, "The death of Dave Gustafson moved me deeply. He was a wonderful, talented and involved member of our faculty. I can only express my sincere sympathy to his family."

Dr. Gustafson also served as chairman of the Faculty Council and chairman of the search committee for the chancellor last year.

Funeral services were held at the Drehmann-Harral Chapel on Natural Bridge Rd.

Survivors include his wife Marlene, who teaches in the Math Department at UM-St. Louis, his children, mother and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be given to the UM-St. Louis libraries or to the Dave Gustafson Scholarship for Overseas Study. Address correspondence to Cathy Piwowarczyk, 421 Woods Hall, St. Louis, Mo., 63121.

Actor Returns To St. Louis For A Play With A Message

by Bhavana Hingorani
Current news reporter

Internationally known actor and AIDS activist Michael Kearns is returning to St. Louis to perform in a one man show.

Kearns knew he wanted to be an actor since he was a child when he performed in school plays. Kearns, a native of St. Louis, graduated from Normandy High School in 1968. He went on to graduate in 1971 from Goodman School of Drama which is part of the Chicago Art Institute.

Kearns is the first openly gay, HIV-positive actor in Hollywood, and most recently has been seen on "Life Goes On" in the first ever casting of an HIV-positive actor playing an HIV-positive character. Other television appearances include "Good Morning America," "The Waltons," "Murder, She Wrote," "Cheers" and "Knots Landing." Moved by the AIDS caused death of fellow actor Brad Davis, Kearns recently divulged his own HIV-positive status on national television.

In 1989, Kearns learned he had the HIV virus. He disclosed that he was gay 15 years ago.

"I refuse to live my life according to the rules of Hollywood which are unjust and hypocritical," Kearns said.

He said people with AIDS are underrepresented by Hollywood. "It's unfair," Kearns said.

"Intimacies" is a one person, several character show written and performed by Kearns and directed by Kelly Hill. Kearns was inspired to write "Intimacies" because his friends were dying of AIDS and he said the press was only focusing on the fact that the disease was affecting only gay white men.

"It is not a gay disease. It could affect anyone; social background, class, age, sex, it doesn't matter," he said.

In a little more than an hour and using only a red scarf, Kearns transforms himself into six different people. There are people like Mike, a macho man and hemophiliac who never believed he'd get some "gay disease;" Fernando, the flamenco dancer; Big Red, a black street walker and mother of two; Patrick, the Hollywood pretty

boy; Father Anthony, a Catholic priest and Paul, who is deaf and gay.

"I hope it gives the audiences the opportunity to empathize and feel something for my characters and not think of them as so different. Hopefully, audiences will find the universal thread that connects them to each of my characters," Kearns said.

He has done plays about AIDS since 1980.

In addition to taking "Intimacies" on the road, he is also starring in a one-

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Micheal Kearns

Cycle of Violence

Two Area Women Tell Their Stories Of Abuse

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

Third of a three part series

One night, after being physically assaulted by her husband, Nancy Thier locked herself and her young daughter in the girl's bedroom to escape her husband. It was that night that her crying daughter looked up at her and said "Are you okay? Did daddy hurt you?"

"I didn't see her face. I saw mine when I was a child," Nancy, 35, of St. Louis, said. "I could not put her through the hell that I went through as a child. So I decided it was time."

That night Nancy stayed on her daughter's floor, locked in the bedroom because of fear. All night she watched her daughter sleep. And she cried.

Nancy was married to her husband for 13 years before the divorce was final. Now that she looks back on it, she can remember how possessive he was when they were dating, but she said it was kind of nice to feel secure. About two years into the marriage, the real abuse started. She said her husband robbed her of her entire life.

"He took away who I was, my dignity, my respect, my friends and my life," she said. "That's worse than any punch he could have given me."

She said while she was growing up, her father was not physically abusive, but she remembers crying in her bedroom while her parents fought.

"That night, I decided to call it quits," she said. "I couldn't let it go on for another generation."

Although Nancy was awarded custody, and despite her many attempts to change the divorce agree-

ments, her husband has visitation rights; every other weekend and on Tuesday evenings.

"From Friday at 6 p.m. until Sunday at 6 p.m., I literally go nuts—the entire time she's gone," she said. "It's very hard to put a child in the face of danger when all you do is teach her to stay away from it."

She says this because she believes, and says it has been proven by her and her daughter's counselors, there has been physical abuse toward the girl in the past and her daughter allegedly is being sexually abused, but "there is nothing I can do about it."

"If I don't let her go (with her father) they can find me in contempt of court," she said. "These are people that are supposed to be doing what's best for the child."

She said a report was made through Cardinal Glennon Hospital, where her daughter participates in a sexual abusive clinic, but the courts sent out a male worker and her daughter wouldn't talk to him, nor will she testify against her father.

"Six-year-olds won't testify against their parents."

"I feel angry. I hurt for her. It angers me that the courts are putting a child in danger," she said. "It's unfair and unjust. In the meantime, my daughter is being hurt."

Elizabeth's story is very similar. After dating for four years and being married to her batterer for seven years, Elizabeth, 30, also of St. Louis, said the feelings never go away.

"They are lifetime effects," she said.

She said while they were dating there was no physical abuse, but he constantly was verbally degrading her, but, like Nancy, she had been raised around that sort of behavior.

"I came from a home which was very susceptible to spanking your child

and using a belt," Elizabeth said. "There really was no difference there. I didn't see it as abusive."

She said her husband is an alcoholic, which had a large part to play in her cycle of violence. Four years into the marriage, her husband came home drunk and threw her up against the wall, and threatened to kill her.

"He took a gun to me and threatened to kill me and my two children," she said. "I talked to him for a good half-hour and convinced him to let me go."

"I finally got him calmed down and he was starting to pass out. So I was able to get dressed and get the kids and run down the street to his parents' house," she said.

The entire situation, which had been going on for quite a while by this time, was unknown to his family. Or at least they kept themselves from knowing, Elizabeth said. During the times when her husband would abandon his family, leaving them with no food or money, his mother occasionally would bring down some food for Elizabeth and her children, but that was as far as the help went.

"I think she (his mother) knew, but she always wanted to stay at arms length," she said.

Her husband's parents let Elizabeth and her children stay with them for only one night, and the next morning her father-in-law went down the street to talk to his son.

"He told him, 'look you have a choice either get help and stay together or get out,'" she said. "My two children and I were thrown out and he was left to stay in the house. I had no job."

She said her parents were very supportive while she tried to rebuild her life and attain an associate's

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Tickets may be purchased at the University Bookstore. For more information, call 553-5833.

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degree with the help of a grant.

Then, she said, her husband quit drinking and they started seeing each other again.

"He tried to sober up, and about a year after that he started dating his boss and I would drop off my son and he would be drunk," she said. "That's when we decided to file for divorce."

Elizabeth said her children, who are both currently under treatment, still suffer effects from the trauma and her husband can't relate to his daughter very well and also has problems with his current girlfriend.

"I think it's because he has problems with relationships with women," she said. "He's fine with my son."

With the help of ALIVE, a non-profit agency that offers services to battered women and their children, Elizabeth feels she has improved her life immensely.

"I'm employed full-time and I support myself," she said. "I'm just trying to make a change. It's not an easy task."

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Start Respect Now

St. Louis occupies a diverse region in the middle of the United States. It is divided into many townships, some of which are misnamed cities, and many cultural backgrounds abound.

This city possesses a great cultural history, from which it derives both weakness and strength. The weakness springs from a lack of communication between the various subcultures. The strength springs from the sense of individuality that we all gain from knowing that we have our own, unique cultural background.

Unfortunately, the current economic times have enhanced our weakness, not our strength. People feel frustrated and angry, they fear for their jobs, and even those who can find work cannot make enough money to do as well as (much less better than) their parents have done.

Regardless of our individual heritage, we will suffer dramatically from the current budget cuts which force our educational institutions to reduce the curriculum, staff and faculty. In addition, our governments (at all levels) face—and sometimes cause—serious trouble. When we cannot turn to our government for help and leadership during times of such turmoil, we stop working together and start working for survival. This “survival of the fittest” mentality splits us further into cultural subgroups, which can have disastrous results.

It seems we may have lost hope, and fear has become our primary motivator. This is a time for us all to look into each other's eyes and see that we are all human beings with something to contribute to the betterment of our society. If we work together across racial, religious, or other party lines, we can turn things around. It has worked in the past.

Our city and our country cannot compete in an international business world without learning how to respect others for their unique cultural heritage, and we should start showing this respect right here at home.

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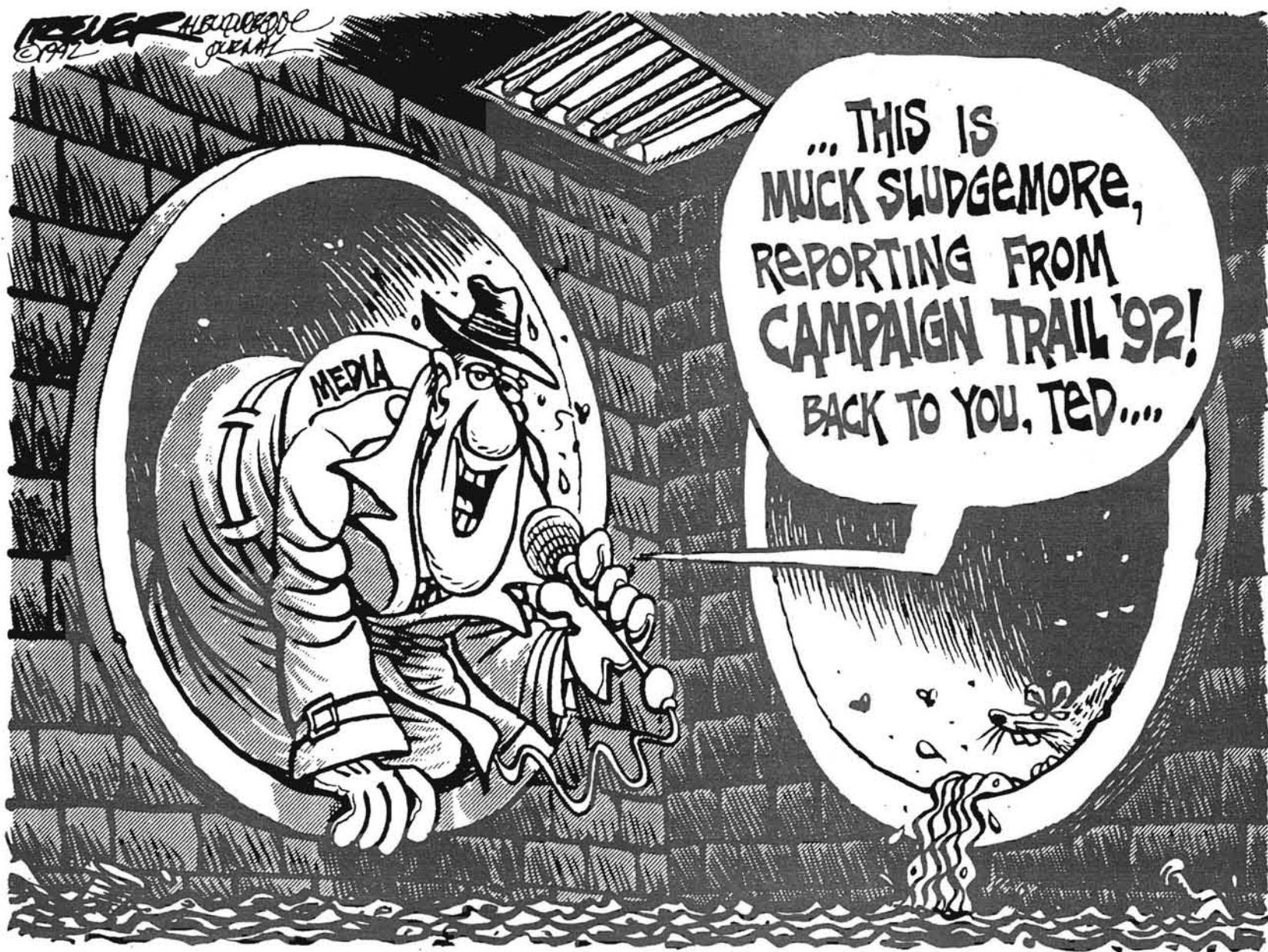
Student Government Association elections are Wednesday and Thursday and your vote counts. While that seems like a trite expression, it is more important at UM-St. Louis.

Year after year, a student leader gets around 400 votes and wins. That represents around three percent of the student population. In addition, the vice president receives 200 and also wins.

Most recent elections have had their share of mudslinging. Fortunately, students are able to see through the issues and not their candidates past or their personality. Two of the three presidential candidates, Mike Tomlinson and Karen Gardner, have shown respect for each other.

This year, students didn't get a chance to see all the candidates participate in the annual debate. However, here is a list of the candidates home phone numbers so students can find out what the issues are before voting April 29 and 30.

Patrick Barclay, 532-1790. Karen Gardner, 389-8469. John King, 994-5452. Mike Tomlinson, 428-1580. Steven Wolfe, 741-2911.



Don't Take The Media Laying Down At All

by David Workman
of *The Current* staff

Has anyone ever noticed how much the media slants things? Am I asking the obvious?

Journalists have always contended that the news media is completely objective, with no slant or bias. Yeah, right! As Jim Fox, columnist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* once pointed out, no one can be entirely unbiased. Every reporter has an opinion on whatever he/she is covering, and that feeling is going to emerge somewhere in the story, be it obvious or subtle. As a journalist, I know how easy it is to slant a story and, by just changing a few words here and there, make a villain look like Mary Poppins.

One of the most recent incidents of media bias may have started out unin-

tionally but has developed into a plainly deliberate attempt to thrust personal views on a public that is forced to accept it as fact.

Take the media's treatment of the abortion issue. I know, that's prob-

Commentary

ably the last thing you want to discuss. But it seems to be the issue of the day, and its presence is felt in the media every day. This issue is an excellent example of the media's distortion of the issue.

Offense #1: Reporters are quick to label those in favor of abortion as “pro-abortion” or “pro-choice” advocates. But where did they get the “anti-abortion” movement? Its official name is the “pro-life” movement. Why

is it changed in the media? Watch the news and count the number of times “pro-life” is used. You won't need a calculator.

Offense #2: Since when is it a *right* to have an abortion? Nowhere in the Constitution is abortion guaranteed, certainly not in the Bill of Rights. Those are the only *rights* that we have as United States citizens. Abortion is legal, but it's not a *right*. However, the media didn't start this one; the pro-choice advocates did. The media just reported it. But they also have an obligation to report the truth, not a special interest group's slant. A correction needed to be made.

Offense #3: What's a conservative? What's a liberal? According to Webster's New World Dictionary, a conservative is one who is “tending to preserve established traditions or

institutions and to resist or oppose any changes in these.” And a liberal is defined as one who is “favoring reform or progress, as in religion, education, etc.” Yet, the media would like us to believe that those who are against abortion and favor prayer in school are conservative even though the current law allows one and bans the other. That should be the *liberal* view, since they are interested in change. The truly conservative view should wish the law to remain as it is. Thanks to the media, the public has been misled once again.

There are times, however, when the motto, “If the media didn't tell you, who would?” has been appropriate. Not everything in the news is bad. But it is up to the public to discern what is right and wrong and to voice its opinion.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Newspaper Promotes Pro-Choice Movement

Dear Editor:

Have we opened our school newspaper to liberal activists for the purpose of promoting abortions, and for soliciting political support to defeat pro-life candidates?

I was appalled to see a lengthy, four column article by an abortion rights activist, hiding under the pseudonym of Leslie Watson-Davis, printed in the Letters section of the April 13 edition of *The Current* (NARAL Working To Increase Political Voice).

The Letters To The Editor equates with free, taxpayer funded advertis-

ing; an opportunity to reach the youthful voter and a strong inference of university support!

It is obvious that a tax-funded public institution, like UM-St. Louis, should not in good conscience let itself be used by special interest groups, like the abortion industry to recruit students to their extremist movements.

Ronald O'Hanlon

Editor's note: The Letters To The People section is the public's forum. Any group, whether it supports abortion or not, is entitled to its opinion.

Cuomo Can Become Next U.S. President

Dear Editor:

New York Gov. Mario M. Cuomo is to be commended for feeling that his responsibility to the people of his state precludes him from becoming a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the President of the United States.

However, because of conditions in our nation today, which I believe cannot be changed unless we have more competent leadership in the White House than we have had during the past 12 years, I

hope that Cuomo will change his mind and decide that he will become a candidate for the office of President. He can do the greatest good for the greatest number.

The similarity between the situation today and that of 60 years ago is remarkable. Then, another great governor of New York had to come to the rescue of a nation on the brink of disaster.

Elmer N. Stuetzer

Press, Citizens Face Political Challenges Everyday

Dear Editor:

Our most precious freedom, that of a free press, has been stolen.

An Evil Empire, beaten into the dust by a brave and patriotic people in Eastern Europe and the old USSR, is flourishing here in America. The leftist/elitist/democrat, trash America at any time for any reason, radical movement has taken over our news media. Our “messenger” is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

These radicals have built a new Iron Curtain between truth and the American people, a new Berlin Wall between news and reality. Their most recent schemes include cheerleading negative economic news and an unrelenting, virulent and treasonous attack on the presidency. Every time one of their

devious, dull-witted and intellectually dishonest hacks have twisted, omitted, used innuendo or lied for their own purposes, they have put another nail into the coffin of freedom — a freedom earned for 200 years with the blood and lives of thousands of patriotic Americans.

“Pravda niet Pravda y Izvestia niet Izvestia” was a favorite slogan of the world diplomatic corps in Moscow in the old USSR. Pravda is the Russian word for truth and also the name of the communist party newspaper. Izvestia is the Russian word for news and also the name of the state newspaper. The slogan, therefore, was “The Truth Is Not The Truth And The News Is Not The News.” That is no longer true in the old USSR, but very sadly, it is true here and now. This is not the

country I grew up in.

Make no mistake about it. An insidious, relentless and powerful evil has enveloped our country like a black crowd. A contrived conspiracy, uniquely designed to capture every thought and to control your political

actions, is constantly at work.

The citizens of today face the challenge of having an America of the Manchurian Candidate or that of Patrick Henry.

John Thoeston

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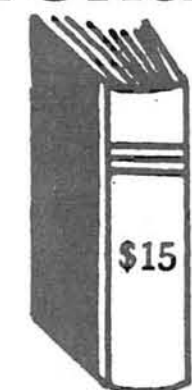
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A Look Back: Chancellor Touhill's Road To Success

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

When Blanche M. Touhill began her duties as interim chancellor of UM-St. Louis in April 1991, she said the University was a diverse

campus with much to offer the St. Louis community. Ironically, it was her the campus offered. Touhill is the first chancellor of UM-St. Louis to come from within its own faculty. She began at the University when it first opened its doors in 1965, and in September of 1991 she attained the highest

campus position when she was inaugurated the sixth UM-St. Louis chancellor.

She said one of the hardest aspects of her first year as chancellor was going through all of the recent budget cuts. The campus has been through four phases of budget cuts. Touhill said it was deeper than she had anticipated and that it worsened down the road.

"It is what I expected except there were more cuts, or re-allocations, than I had expected," she said. "Earlier on, it was easier to think of creative ways to handle it, but as they kept coming the creative ways were gone."

Making cuts and laying people off is always a difficult task, Touhill said, but she relies on her background in history to help her through.

"I guess I'm basically a historian. I look at the long range," she said. "When Proposition B failed, we had to find money to repair the base and we had to do it to strengthen the institution. It's very difficult because I know these people. That's the hardest part of having a job."

"Building things," she says, is the greatest part of the job because the University is not an old institution and there is plenty of room for expansion.

"We're still young enough that we can do things differently. We are moving to be one of the finest urban institutions in the country," she said. "Will we be there in 10 years? I don't know. But if we're not, we will be getting closer."

During the past year, Touhill, with the help and support others, has achieved many things, including offering undergraduate classes in mechanical and electrical engineering on the UM-St. Louis campus in cooperation with UM-Rolla. The program, she says, is an integral piece of the University's strategy to meet St. Louis' need for new engineers.

Another of Touhill's biggest achievements is the computerization of the campus. The University is in the middle of a campaign to install a computer network throughout the campus in an effort to change curriculum and work habits. Touhill said she would like to see the faculty add computer training and experience to its teaching.

The University, under Touhill's leadership, now has 30 residential living quarters and, she said by next



Photo: Dirk Fletcher
Gaining support from her grand-nieces Jennifer Denigan (left) and her younger sister Lauren, Blanche Touhill walks to the Mark Twain Building for her official inauguration as the sixth UM-St. Louis Chancellor.

September they hope to have 70 more rooms and in the future, another 70 from a local religious order. The residential units allow room possibilities for the recruitment of more foreign students, of which Touhill said she would like to see an increase on campus, because it offers more diversity.

"I think it's good for our students to come into contact with foreign students," she said.

There currently are 300 foreign students on campus.

She said during this next year, along with residential living, she wants to continue to build up the Engineering Center, the computer campaign and the Molecular Electronics Center, which will be a center to house laboratories for University and St. Louis based corporate scientists to develop organic and synthetic materials for corporations.

Another major issue Touhill wants to expand is the working relationships with other area and state schools. For the first time in UM-St. Louis history, a program has been developed with Washington University to heighten East Asian studies with faculty teaching on both campuses. She said this program, along with the cooperative engineering program with UM-Rolla and the strengthening of ties with the local community colleges

are all steps in the growth of the University. It is her hope that instead of barriers between the campuses, there will be a surrounding force tying the different schools together.

"When I saw the Berlin Wall

coming down, I knew I could make a deal with Rolla," she said. "The walls are going to come back up, but this is where we may have the walls around us all, not between us."



Photo: Dirk Fletcher
Chancellor Touhill with Jacques-Yves Cousteau, when he visited the campus in March to receive the World Ecology Day award.



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Blanche Touhill presents a plaque to St. Louis City Sheriff Jim Murphy, during the dedication of the Don Dallas Memorial Field, for Murphy's continuous support of UM-St. Louis sports.

Ya Don't Say? If you could be a cartoon character, who would you be and why?

by Michele Lawson
photographer



"If I could be a cartoon character, I would be Snoopy (from Peanuts) because he is so cool and laid-back as an individual, and does his own thing, no matter who likes it or not."

—June Stephenson, freshman, Staff/Part time student

"Calvin from Calvin & Hobbes because he has such an active imagination, and I would never get tired of snuggling with Hobbes."
—Erin Howell, junior, Comm./German



"Foghorn Leghorn, because he always beats up on the dog and is always saying 'Now listen here boy,' to characters he's talking to. After all, no one listens to him, just like our professors don't listen to us very well."

—Kenneth Hammett, junior, Political Science

"I would be Cathy, because she is so over-emotional—especially with men—and she gets away with it. She also keeps a special bond with her mom."
—Michelle Raney, freshman, Pre-Med



"Jessica Rabbit, so that after I gave a man a huge kiss-he'll go 'P-P-P-P-P-L-E-E-E-A-A-A-S-S-E-III!"
—Kathy Ketterer, sophomore, Biology



Ex-Replacement's True Talents Shine Through

by Jeff Downing
for The Current

When Chris Mars was unceremoniously fired as drummer from the Replacements just prior to their "All Shook Down" tour last year, it didn't come as much of a shock.

Since 1989, Mars has voiced dissatisfaction with the working arrangement of the band, while its resident icon songwriter, Paul Westerberg, complained in interviews that Mars never bothered to practice and wasn't getting any better. So when he was dumped, most figured that he would fade back into obscurity.

In spite of all that, Mars decided to record an album to prove to the world that his talents went unappreciated in the Replacements.

The result: "Horsehoes and Hand Grenades," a brilliant collection of well-crafted rock tunes that stay rough around the edges without sounding grungy.

This is the epitome of a great solo record. Mars wrote all of the songs, plays all of the instruments besides bass (which is capably handled by J. D. Foster), co-produced the album, and drew the cover painting and interior illustrations.

The disc roars out of the gate with a song titled "Reverse Status," a punchy tune that mixes a post-punk rhythm with shades of Todd Rundgren-like melody.

As for Mars' voice, it sounds like a cross between a congested David Lee Roth and Lohm Linnell, from They Might Be Giants. It has a sharp, weathered feel to it, but sometimes it gets muddled in the harmony mix.

There is no denying the obvious Replacements (circa "Tim" era) influence on the execution of the songs. However, the personal touch of Mars is distinctive, especially as he rips through the up-tempo "Popular Creeps," which is loaded with the sort of verbal jabs that bring to mind Elvis Costello.

"Popular creeps are talkin' bad about us with our backs turned/They better leave us loners alone."

Here and throughout, Mars sings convincingly with the voice and the words taken from an outsider's viewpoint.

What the album lacks, and thankfully so, is any sappy love songs or cheap sentimentality. When Mars does talk of relationships, it is usually about the break-up period. Yet the songs aren't bitter, nor do they paint the speaker as the stereotypical emotional wreck.

"Get Out Of My Life" and "Happy Disconnections" both recognize the faults and mistakes that the narrator has made, but do it with an upbeat air of

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UM-St. Louis Instructor Becomes An Author

by Gerry Malone
of The Current staff

William Oliver, a criminal justice instructor at UM-St. Louis, has written a book, "The Violent Social World of Black Men," which entails personal interviews with black men who have been involved in violent confrontations. The book is published by Lexington Books and is scheduled to come out this summer.

Oliver is deeply concerned about violence in the black community and has previously published several articles on the subject as well. He feels the reversal of violence is possible in the black community through an Afrocentric agenda.

"What is unique about me and my perspective is I use an interdisciplinary approach. I integrate mainstream criminology literature with black studies litera-

ture," he said.

Oliver said this approach will help his students to better understand the causes of violence and/or crime in the black community with particular attention to the growing underclass.

Oliver considers racism a cause of crime and defined racism as "a structural pressure that has an adverse impact on an individual or

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William Oliver

MO- THE-SPACE-GUY

by TOM KNOX



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people's ability to survive and make progress." He divides racism into two main categories: institutional and cultural. Oliver noted that cultural racism has not been given as much attention as institutional racism in listing causations for crime in the black community, therefore he stressed the importance of understanding cultural racism.

"Cultural racism is the manner in which the white majority has designed its major institutions [mass media, education and religion] to elevate and glorify their physical characteristics, characters and achievements while they denigrate and put down the physical characteristics, characters and achievements of non-whites."

"Institutional and cultural racism have caused a 'cultural crisis.'"

This cultural crisis represents a lack of historical memory for Blacks and also a lack of appreciation for self."

Cultural crisis also involves inadequate or dysfunctional responses by Blacks to racism, so much so that Blacks have become "culturally disorganized" and crime results, he said.

Oliver offers some viable solu-

tions to the problem.

"I agree with black and white scholars concerning reform ... but I also think black people in America will have to claim ownership to the black violence problem. We are going to have to state we have a black violence problem caused by racism, but we are also going to have to state violence is caused by how we define ourselves [and how we respond to racism]," he said. "As long as we allow many of our boys to make the passage into manhood by defining it in terms of toughness and sexual conquest, we will have high rates of crime among black men."

"In order to reduce the high rate of violence among black males, the street corner can no longer be the primary arena for which Black boys learn about manhood," he said.

As an alternative, Oliver recommends that churches and community centers develop manhood development centers.

"Churches, Masonic orders, fraternities and community centers will have to be targeted toward the family," Oliver said.

He supports the Rite to Passage

programs over the Role Modeling programs. Oliver says the Rite to Passage program offer on-going services and activities for Black youth whereas the Role Modeling program may hold just a single meeting where successful businessmen stand in front of the youth and tell them how they made it.

"I do not believe mainstream America cares enough as long as the

MARS, from page 5

content resignation.

On "Happy Disconnections," Mars sings, "Stumblin' around drunk down the street, I'm welcoming rejection/Walking heaven's easy street/ Happy disconnections."

Mars seems to be at his lyrical best, though, in his more bizarre songs. In the mysterious "Midnight Carnival," Mars explores terrains that are reminiscent of Warren Zevon: "Three dwarfs walk broken glass/ Bright lights flash green and scarlet/ Carousels twist on and on/File into the midnight carnival."

While in "Better Days," he becomes downright surreal as he recalls days when he was sick: "Cartoon cowboys float by on broomsticks/ Through a field of mayonnaise/

problem stays out of their neighborhood. We have to challenge our own values and help ourselves. We have to raise Black youth who are fortified against attacks on their identities and inspired by adults to become responsible individuals [fathers and mothers] who make a significant contribution the survival and progress of their people," Oliver said. "Adulthood can not be taught to be anything less."

...There's yellow pigeons doing backflips mother/There's purple spots on Soupy Sales."

The final cut, "Last Drop," is a tender salute to friendship from the eyes of the disenfranchised patrons of a bar. Mars sounds as authentic as Tom Waits when he sings, "Barney's pack of Lucky's just went stale/The jukebox sings a has-been's hang together/...Everybody's friends till the last drop."

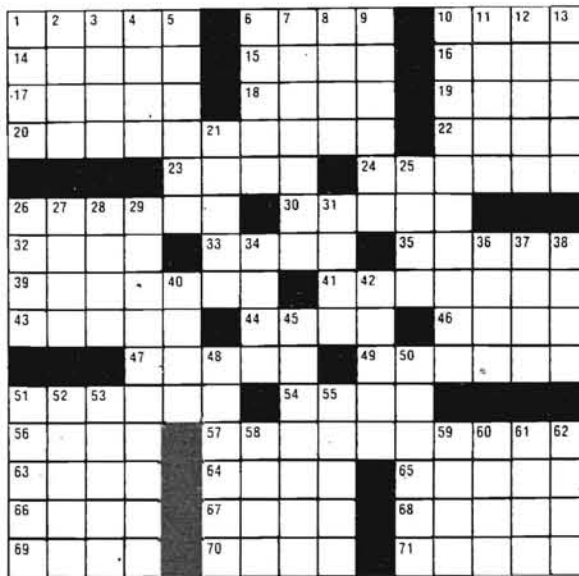
"Horseshoes and Hand Grenades" is a splendid debut record for this talented singer/songwriter. It's just too bad that we had to wait this long to find out about him. But if this is any indication, we'll be hearing much more from Chris Mars in the future.

THE Crossword

by Samuel K. Fliegner

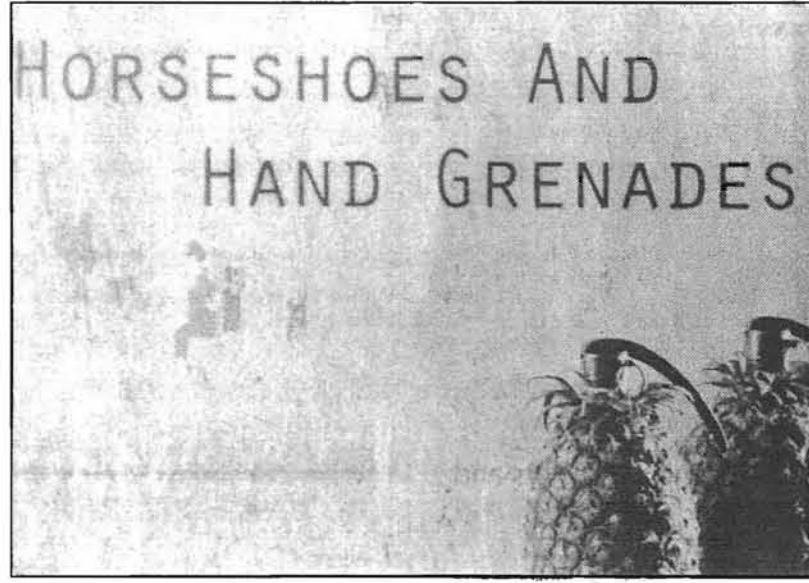
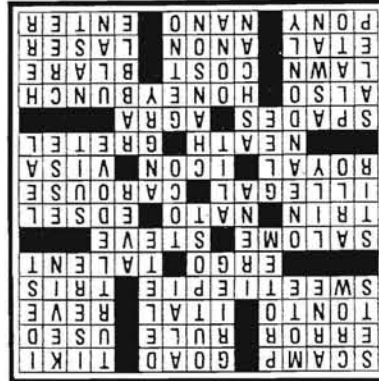
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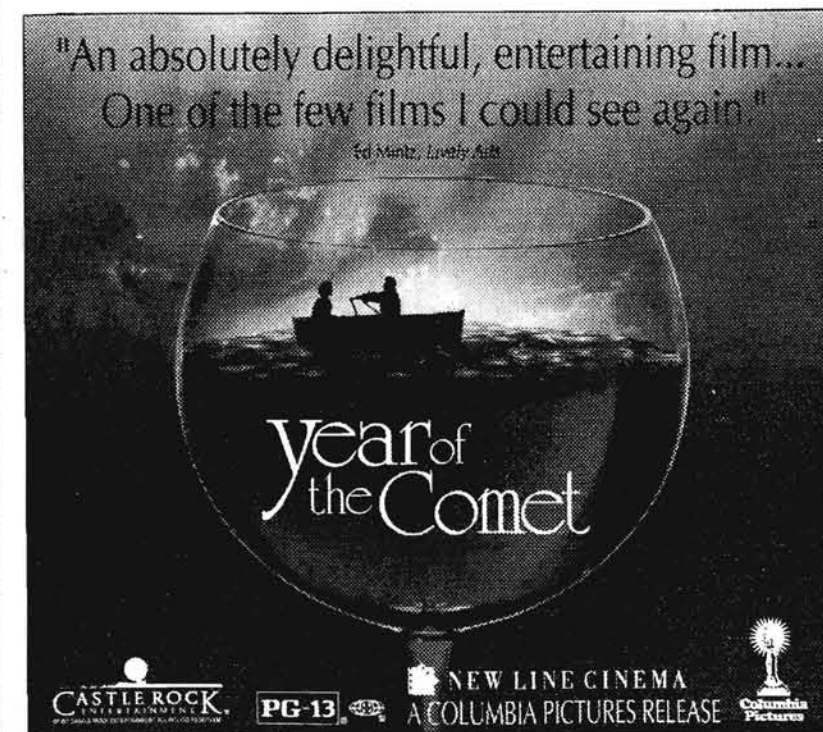
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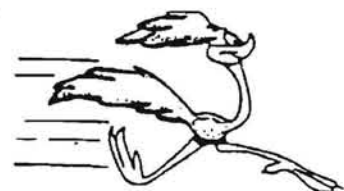


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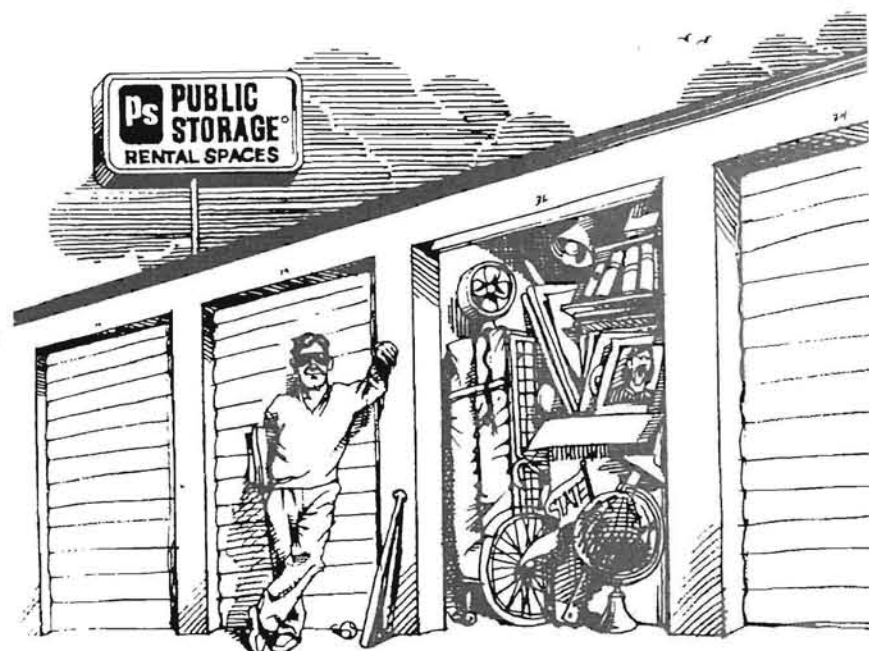
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In This Corner



'92 Grads' Face Slim Pickin's In Job Market

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

"This is the end, my only friend, the end."

"Can you picture what will be, so limitless and free, desperately in need of some stranger's hand."

"This is thee end." -Jim Morrison

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, another school year is about to come to a close. "The End," which the Mojo Man sang so elegantly more than 20 years ago, is a tale of what happens to the human soul after deriving one's purpose in life.

Those of you lucky enough to be graduating in a few weeks have hopefully determined an end to the means of your college education. I certainly wish all of you the best of luck in your endeavors in today's job market.

Unfortunately, my language barrier [Spanish] and dismal Astronomy effort have extended my stay here until next May, but I doubt the job market will be in any better shape this time next year. George Bush will undoubtedly be president, the national debt will be \$4 trillion and it's a good bet that unemployment in Missouri will be hovering at 8 percent.

Don't fear. It doesn't matter if you get a job right away. Just don't panic. If you can relate with not having the so-called "connections," let me just say, there are ways around that. It's all about using confidence in what you have learned, which is hopefully more than what you've read in the textbooks.

You see, UM-St. Louis doesn't get a fair shake when it comes to the dispersion of funding for athletics. Rivermen skipper Jim Brady has finished 10 games over .500 in each of his seven years as coach. His team ranks next to last in money for scholarships, but look where they rank (8th) in all of Division II baseball.

I'd like to see one of those stuffed shirts from the Board of Curators come over to Rivermen Field—provided they could find it—and tell Brady's team they had no right competing with the big boys.

Boy, this getting to be fun. Who's next? Oh yeah, Paul Matteucci was up to his old tricks again. You remember Paul. Vacation. Colorado. Your student activity money. Caught red-handed. 'Nuff said.

Anyway, at a meeting to discuss the future of programs funded by student activities, Matteucci again feebly voiced his opinion on athletics at UM-St. Louis, and their lack of meaning. Matteucci's motives are pure enough. He sees the athletic department as a financial burden, not really needed at a so-called "non-traditional campus."

Men's basketball coach Rich Meckfessel raised a good point at the meeting. He cited nine other so-called peer schools playing in the Division I ranks. By peer schools, Meckfessel meant schools that have no dormitories, and are considered to be the dreaded C (or commuter) school.

Okay, one last time. Division I athletics, provided they are supported equally, are the surest way to make money for a university this large.

This school is like the foster child of the UM system. This school was built to give working class parents a reasonably inexpensive place to attend.

Now, in the midst of a staggering recession, especially for college students supporting themselves, it will cost something like \$8,000 for one year of tuition by 1995. And that's before the bookstore gets a hold of you. Last words. Last words. Out.

Rivermen Sock It To MIAA, In Tournament Play

26-11 Going Into Yesterday's Championship Game

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

WARRENSBURG, Mo. - After seven years of knocking at the NCAA Regionals door, the UM-St. Louis Rivermen finally kicked it in.

Victories over Central Missouri State Northwest Missouri State in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament Friday and Saturday "solidified" the Rivermen (26-11) a birth in regional play.

This will be Rivermen skipper Jim Brady's first chance at the College World Series. Brady has been head coach since 1986.

Brady said he's known all year long this was a special team.

"This club seems to find anyway possible to win," Brady beamed after Saturday's win against NWMS. "I couldn't have written a better script for these young men."

Perhaps the biggest parts in Brady's

Rivermen Post-season play

1970- 17-9-1 NAIA district playoffs 1977- 30-13 College World Series
1972- 23-6 College World Series 1978- 24-16 NCAA regional
1973- 24-7 College World Series 1979- 26-17 NCAA regional
1975- 30-15 NCAA regional 1984- 29-15 NCAA regional
1976- 27-17 NCAA regional 1992- ?

"script" have been junior shortstop Brian Rupp and junior pitcher Chuck McNelly. Even though Rupp is a junior, with a years eligibility left, Brady knows this is Rupp's curtain-call with the Rivermen.

Rupp is batting .450. If he maintains this clip for the remaining games, it would be the third-best single-season batting average in school history.

"To say he is tearing the ball up would be an understatement," Brady said. "Brian is the cornerstone of this team." A sense of urgency overcame Brady as he spoke of Rupp's ability to succeed at the next level. And that level is Major League Baseball.

"The scouts have been all over him lately. He can't even take batting practice without [scouts] watching."

Rupp didn't disappoint any of his future employers during the first two games of the tournament. Going into Sunday's championship game, Rupp was 8-for-12. He wasn't the only one breaking records this weekend at the dish.

Sluggish Bob Mutnansky hit a solo blast in the fourth inning against NWMS for his 10th home run of the year. That ties him with Mike Coffee, who set the record in 1988.

In his previous two years at Parkland Junior College, Mutnansky

averaged 10 home runs and 50 runs batted in.

"We brought 'Mut' here because of his power-hitting prowess," Brady said. With several games remaining, Mutnansky is a shoe-in to break the record.

"Since I've been here, I felt if anyone could top the record, 'Mut' could," Brady said.

CMSU found out the hard way just how difficult "Rivermen Row" can be to plow through.

With the score knotted at 4-4, the Rivermen scored five runs in their half of the ninth. Rupp started things off with a single. Centerfielder Donnie Joliff laid down a sacrifice bunt, and the CMSU catcher threw the ball wild over first base. Freshman Eric Riley capped off the inning with a two-run single to make the final score 9-4.

McNelly, who is a southpaw, inched closer to Mark Lynn's record of complete games in one year (9). McNelly struck out seven and walked only one

batter in his five-hit win.

With the Rivermen up 5-4 the next day against NWMS, Brady brought McNelly back, in the eighth to put out the fire. McNelly told Brady his arm felt better after his second game in as many days.

"Northwest had a left-handed batter that killed us all day. So I brought in McNelly. It was a game of percentages," Brady explained.

Even though the Rivermen surrendered four runs against CMSU, only one run was earned by McNelly. "He approaches every game with a major league mentality," Brady said.

McNelly tied another school record against NWMS. Brady gave him the ball in the eighth and watched him gun down Northwest batters until the 11th. McNelly needs one more win to surpass four other Rivermen with eight.

Brady said he had no qualms in bringing back his ace on no rest. "I talked with Andy [Runzi] in the seventh, and he thought he was losing his good stuff. Chuck, from day one, has shown what self-confidence can achieve."

Game At Busch Stadium Highlights Rivermen Year

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

As the Rivermen continue their winning ways, they are climbing up the NCAA Division II College Baseball poll. Their two wins coupled with arch-rival Missouri Southern's 4-2 loss to Northwest should improve last week's 8th place standing.

Tomorrow, the Rivermen will travel to Edwardsville for a game against SIU-E. The Rivermen have already beaten SIU-E twice this year.

After a trip Wednesday to Columbia against the Tigers, the Rivermen are in for a rare treat. They will invade the Redbird's roost, at Busch Stadium, April 30. The game is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Rivermen Head Coach Jim Brady said regional bids would be handed down May 10. Going into Sunday's Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship game, in Warrensburg, the Rivermen were the last undefeated team in the tournament.

The Rivermen (26-11) and Missouri Southern (36-11) are almost assuredly going to face one another. The winner of this regional match-up would then advance to the College World Series.

Southern was just in town for a weekend series, April 10-11. The Lions won two out of three games, but gained respect for the Rivermen. Just one year earlier, Southern dominated the Rivermen in an embarrassing three game sweep. The Rivermen were outscored 41-2.

The Rivermen have not advanced to the College World Series since 1977. Jim Dix led the Rivermen that year to a 30-13 record. He had plenty of help though.

Greg Ready, a two-time winner, Jim Winklemann, Grayling Tobias and Dennis Olson were all selected Division II All-Americans. Brady would tell you every man on the team this year fits in that category.

Restless Scribe Covers All Bases

by Pete Dicrispino
Current sports reporter

Since the semester is coming to a close, I figured I'd leave all of you Current readers with something to chew on.

The Blues just might get past Chicago in the first round of the Norris Division Semi's, but they will never win a Stanley Cup with Brian Sutter as head coach.

How much longer do baseball Cardinal fans have to watch Bob (ball four) McClure and Juan (hit me) Agosto come out of the bullpen to face left-handed batters.

Will the Chicago Bulls stomp everyone again for another NBA championship? Or will 'Hot' Rod Williams

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and the Cleveland Cavaliers wave the red towel.

Brian Murray, head coach of the Detroit Red Wings, is the all-time choke-coach in the NHL playoffs. Some things never change.

KASP's wild boy Kevin Slaten likes all St. Louis sports teams. Not! Just keep in mind he gets paid to get underneath everyone's skin.

I feel sorry for those poor Pittsburgh Pirates. They lost their power-hitter Bobby Bonilla, they traded away 20-game winner John Smiley, to unload his contract, and then they let go bullpen stopper Bill Landrum for the same reason. What a disaster. Their off

Women's Softball End Season Of Frustration

Miss MIAA Playoffs For Third Straight Year

The UM-St. Louis women's softball team dropped their final three conference games and failed to qualify for the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament. This marks the third straight season the Riverwomen have missed the league playoffs.

The Riverwomen, who are 12-29, wound up 3-7 in the MIAA by losing three conference games, April 14 at Southwest Baptist. UM-St. Louis was shut out by Missouri Southern, 5-0, and Southwest Baptist, 6-0. The Riverwomen also dropped a 2-1 decision to Pittsburg State.

As a result of those scores, UM-St. Louis finished fifth in the MIAA South Division standings. Only the top four schools in each division qualify for the league tournament.

"It's the same story," Head Coach Harold Brumbaugh said. "We came close, but we couldn't overcome some key injuries. This is very frustrating."

UM-St. Louis had been short-handed since injuries to outfielder Amy Deal and Jennifer Sinclair at the MIAA South Division Round Robin Tournament in late March. Deal is out for the season with a knee injury; Sinclair missed several conference games due to a facial injury.

Since those mishaps, the Riverwomen have been competitive in key conference games. Of their seven conference losses, three have been one-run decisions.

The 2-1 loss to Pittsburg State may have been the toughest of the spring. UM-St. Louis broke a scoreless tie with a run in the top of the ninth inning,

to their best start in a decade, at 10-2. Forget Jordan of the Bulls. Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics is still the king of the NBA.

Will Mike Tyson be a good boy in prison? Only time will tell.

What happened to the St. Louis Storm? They were picked by everyone to finish first, but the Storm finished dead-last and missed the playoffs.

What Brian Sutter sees in Paul



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

EARNED RUN CHAMP: Riverwoman hurler Christa Childress ended the season with a sparkling E.R.A. of 1.99. She also won five games.

only to lose when Pittsburg State's Wendy Rickson blasted a two-run homer in their part of the ninth. The loss wasted

a yeoman effort by pitcher Kelly Childs, who scattered five hits through the first eight innings.

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National Hockey League Playoff Predictions

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Graphics: Russell L. Korando

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Minnesota

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St. Louis

Smythe Division

Vancouver

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Edmonton

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New Jersey

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Pittsburgh

Adams Division

Montreal

Hartford

Boston

Buffalo

Rhoads Captures "Player of the Week" Honors

The UM-St. Louis men's golf team won its second tournament of the spring by capturing the Millikin Invitational, April 17-18.

Freshman Dave Rhoads led the Rivermen as he claimed medalist honors for the fourth time in the last five tournaments. Rhoads tied Wisconsin's John Staehler for low score with a two-day total of 149, but Rhoads won the individual title on a one-hole playoff.

"We were pleased with the outcome," said Head Coach Jim Niederkorn, whose team won the Missouri Intercollegiate tournament three weeks ago. "We knew what we wanted to do, and we got the job done. Everybody contributed."

For the second time this spring,

Dave Rhoads captured the MIAA "Player of the Week" honor. Rhoads earned MIAA recognition two weeks ago after winning both the Tommy Armour Invitational and the SIU-Edwardsville Invitational. He also claimed medalist honors at the MIAA tournament, April 6-7.

The Rivermen will have played in the Missouri-Rolla Best Ball tournament, April 24-25, in Rolla before moving on to the MIAA Conference Championships today and tomorrow, in Osage Beach, Mo. Niederkorn said the Rivermen need to win the conference championship to advance to post-season action.

"We have our goals in mind," Niederkorn said. "I just hope our guys play up to their capabilities."

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problems is parking."

He also said that the tuition structure needs to be re-examined.

"I don't use the sports facilities and it shouldn't be part of my tuition statement," Barclay said.

John King:

"I felt like I needed to stir SGA up a little bit," King said.

"I will do a lot of things," he said. "SGA should be more accountable."

King said he was upset at the way SGA treated him when he asked questions about why the deadline for running was extended

"I was livid when they said to me, 'we can do whatever we want.'"

Steven Wolfe:

"I am running to break up the political factions," he said.

Wolfe, who has been in SGA for three years, said he has been on both sides on the factions and "I don't like that."

Wolfe is pushing for the shuttle bus to be more accessible to students and "push for Greek Week and Spirit Week to be combined and the university recycle cans and paper as a means to save the environment and generate funds for the university."

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man show called, "ROCK." It's about homophobia in Hollywood and is loosely based on Rock Hudson. Kearns is also writing a new piece depicting five different characters who have killed someone.

"I am fascinated and mesmerized by people who are killing each other because at this point my life it is very important to me," he said.

Performances will be held Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at

7 and 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at the St. Marcus Theatre, 2102 Russell Boulevard. Tickets are only \$10 and may be purchased at the theater on Monday, April 27, and Wednesday, April 29, from 1-5 p.m. and also Tuesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 30, from 9 a.m. till noon. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 230-8219.

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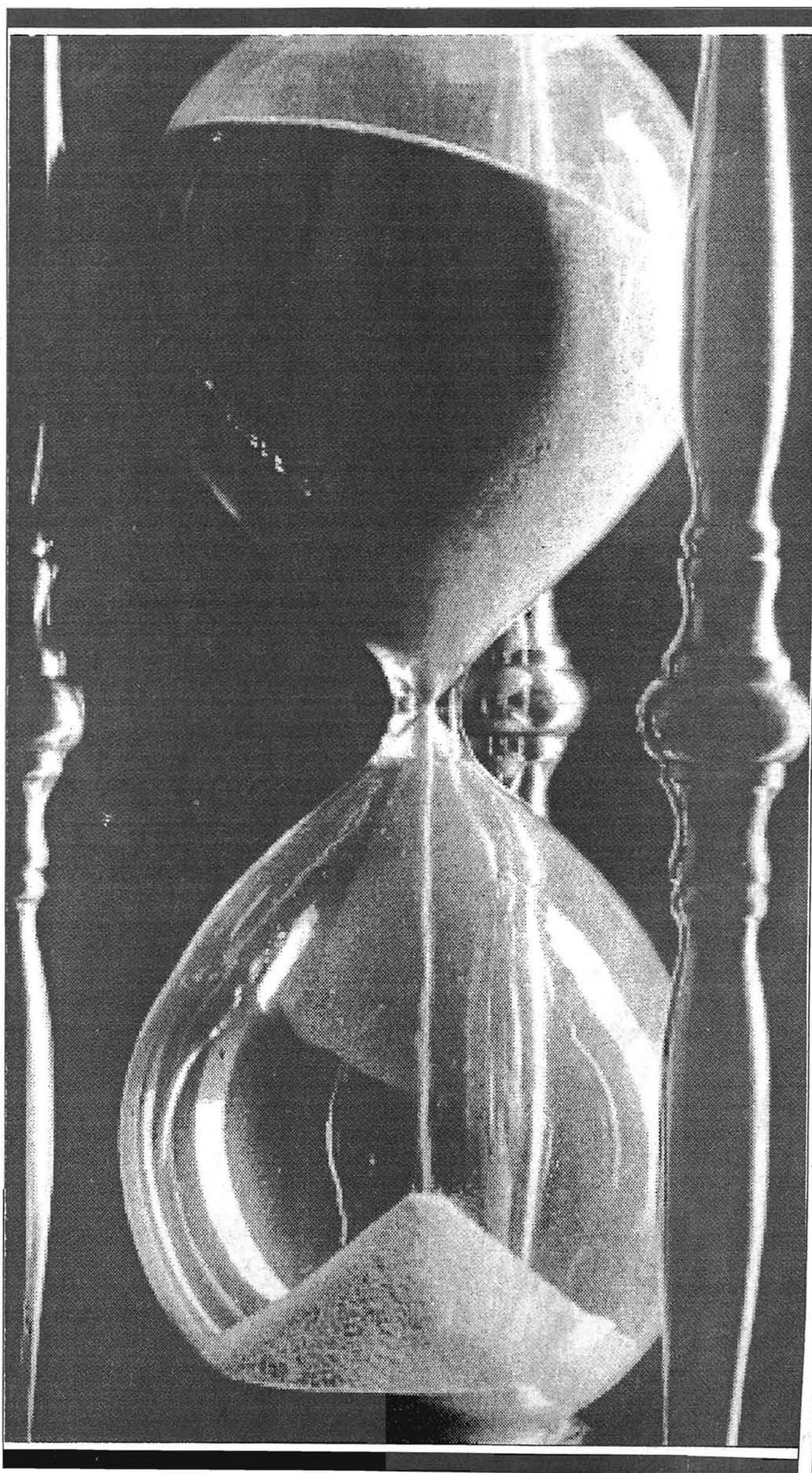
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