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In Your Face!



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Student Services Coordinator Michael Quinn gets his just desserts Wednesday at Mirthday. Pie-throwing was sponsored by the Panhellenic Association.

King Verdict Discussion Gives Insight

by Stacy Kardasz
and Bill Farnsworth
Of The Current staff

More than 60 students, faculty, administrators and members of the community participated in an open forum Monday to discuss the verdict in the recent trial of four Los Angeles police officers charged with violating the civil rights of Rodney King.

The officers were charged with violating King's civil rights, and aiding and abetting in those violations. Two of the officers, Sgt. Stacey Koon and Officer Laurence Powell, were convicted of violating King's civil rights, but were found not guilty of aiding and abetting. Officers Theodore Briseno and Timothy Wind were acquitted of all charges.

Deborah Burris, assistant director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, mediated the dialogue Monday. A panel of four people provided input for the discussion. The panel consisted of David Roither, Student Government Association (SGA) vice-president; Alice Windom, coordinator of the Center for Metro Studies; Steve



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Cornelius Lewis (left) and Matthew Taylor (right), first-year graduate students, participated in the Rodney King verdict discussion Monday.

Scruggs, campus safety representative; and Randall Cahill, a St. Louis-based lawyer.

"The purpose of this dialogue is to give people an opportunity to express their feelings, their thoughts, their concerns about this very, very important issue," Burris said.

The participants of the dialogue started with general thoughts and feelings about the verdict.

"Basically, I came because it was a forum, I wanted to be a part of it, but I

truly feel that there is really nothing to be discussed at this point because all of what I feel I am going to feel regardless if I am able to talk about it from now until whenever I die," said Carolyn Mills, a secretary in the SGA office.

The subject of the Reginald Denny beating, in which a truck driver was allegedly pulled from his vehicle and beaten by four African-Americans during the Los Angeles riots of last

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Mirthday Brings Street Fair To Campus

Mirthday brought a collage of groups and activities to the UM-St. Louis campus on Wednesday, April 21.

Mirthday, which started in 1985, is an annual UM-St. Louis event filled with activities for those in the campus community.

"It is a carnival for UM-St. Louis. It really gets the students involved," said Darryl Harrelson, chair of the University Program Board. "It has al-

ways been successful."

Harrelson said the event cost \$17,000, and attracted five to six thousand students this year.

Campus groups set up booths to inform the campus community about their organizations and raise money.

"[Mirthday] allows for campus groups to be known to the students. Most people don't really look around [for the groups]. In this format, they will be made aware to the campus," said Harrelson.

Activities at Mirthday included carnival rides, volleyball, rollerblading, a dunking booth, a velcro wall and human bowling.

Two music groups, PM and Reggae at Will performed outside in front of the University Center.

KPNT, 105.7 FM (The Point), had a booth set up with representatives on hand who walked through the crowd to meet some of the campus community.

"This is the kind of thing we like to do. These are the type of people that got us on the air in the first place," said Jeanne Phelps, promotions assistant at the station.

She said interaction with listeners was one of the reasons that the station participated in Mirthday.



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Vice Chancellor Lowe "Sandy" MacLean put in his time in the dunking booth Wednesday at Mirthday.

"This is perfect because we get to meet the listeners of the station and they get to meet us," said Phelps. "Everybody was hanging out and having a good time."

Rock band PM performed in front of University Center. PM sometimes opens for Jimmy Buffet during the summer tours.

Jim Mayer, bass guitar player for PM, said the audience and atmosphere

at Mirthday is ideal for his band.

"We played at Mirthday two years ago and we were very well received. Plus, we really enjoy playing at outdoor gigs," he said.

Mayer said the "college audience" is usually pretty receptive.

"College people seem to be open to different types of music which makes it easier for us. It was a good opportunity to play," he said.

Off-Campus Bookstore Opens In May

Students will soon have the option to buy books from another bookstore for the summer session.

Steve's Off-Campus Bookstore will begin buying used textbooks on May 3, and will be ready to sell textbooks by the summer semester.

The new bookstore will be temporarily located at 8519 Natural Bridge Road until late May, when owner Steve

Washam will be moving the store to a permanent location.

Washam says that the idea for an off-campus bookstore is actually not his, but his parents.

"[My parents] have owned an off-campus bookstore in Springfield for years, so that was what I grew up knowing," he said.

Washam also said that he thought

the UM-St. Louis campus has needed a bookstore for quite some time. He said the reason he will be operating from a temporary location is so he can offer the students another bookstore earlier than the fall semester.

Steve's Off-Campus Bookstore will open for business permanently in early June at 8451 Natural Bridge Road, across from the Breakaway Cafe.

New Science Building Planned For Campus

by Terrance Hicks
for The Current

University of Missouri-St. Louis officials expect the new Center for Molecular Electronics to help bolster the school's programs in scientific research and technology. Construction is expected to begin in November.

Dr. Bernard J. Feldman, the director of the center, said in an interview Wednesday that the \$10 million center will be constructed north of Benton Hall to help promote interaction within the St. Louis scientific community.

Half of the project's budget is allocated to the purchase of high-technol-

ogy equipment, some of which has already been purchased by the university.

"We have purchased over a million dollars worth of equipment," said Feldman, who is also the chairman of the UM-St. Louis physics department.

One piece of equipment that has been purchased is an atomic resolution transmission electron microscope. The microscope was bought from Monsanto, and is being housed there until the new facility is ready, Feldman said.

The electron microscope can be

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University Rents Space To Handicapped Organization

Space has been rented out on the UM-St. Louis campus to the St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens (SLARC).

Reinhard Schuster, director of the physical plant, said UM-St. Louis will receive seven dollars per square foot for the 3200 feet that is being rented by SLARC in the Blue Metal Office Building. The total amount paid to the university will be \$22,400, for the one-year lease. The rent will cover all utilities used by the center.

Betty Covington, executive staff assistant of the physical plant, said

SLARC approached the campus after a fire at Riverview High School forced them out of the building they had used in the past.

Schuster said the lease is for one year, with no immediate plans for renewal.

"It was a non-profit agency [that] needed assistance, so we provided it," he said. He also said SLARC is the first group to rent out space on the campus recently.

Schuster said space had not been

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Rivermen Advance To Finals In MIAA Baseball Tournament

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

Jim Brady and his baseball Rivermen are just two wins away from capturing the Mid-America Athletic Association tournament, held at Rivermen Field.

The Rivermen's goal at the beginning of the season was to capture the MIAA.

With a great comeback after losing the first game on Friday to Emporia State 17-5, the Rivermen bounced back to win the next two games to put themselves in the championship game in the double-elimination tournament.

In the first game Friday, the Rivermen were clobbered by Emporia State 17-5. UM-St.

Louis' starting pitcher Matt Logeais was tagged for 11 hits and eight runs; six of them earned in four innings. Overall, the Rivermen pitchers were toyed with by Emporia State as they hit three home runs off of the UM-St. Louis pitching staff.

But, Brady knew the team wouldn't quit. "It takes two losses to knock you out," Brady said. "We took it one game at a time, and they didn't quit in the blowout. There's something magical about this club; they're a special group of kids."

In the other game on Friday, Central Missouri State easily won their game against Southwest Baptist 9-0.

Then, on Saturday, in two games that the Rivermen knew they needed to win, the team did exactly that. The Rivermen swept both games to reach

the championship game. UM-St. Louis beat Southwest Baptist 9-1, with ace righthander Andy Runzi pitching a complete game. Runzi allowed just one run while striking out three.

"Runzi is the guy we go to," Brady said. "His presence gives the other players on the team a feeling of confidence. He got us going on the right foot."

In the other game, the Rivermen beat Central Missouri State 15-11, in a game that Brady calls "an intense non-stop action game." The Rivermen's pitching was led by reliever Blaine Shetley, who came into relief for starter Tim Stratman. Shetley went six innings and allowed three runs; only one of



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Southwest Baptist's Rich Rudisaile dives for first as Brian Moriarty waits for the pick off throw from pitcher Andy Runzi.

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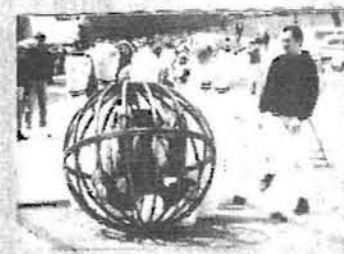
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Riverwomen Softball

Campus Life

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Mirthday 1993

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THE **UNDERGROUND**

Rodney King Verdict Discussion Lacks Color

Fear could have been the motivating factor. Fear could have prompted Norman Seay and the Office of Equal Opportunity to sponsor a dialogue about the Rodney King verdict Monday. Fear could have been the emotion that kept students from attending that dialogue. And fear could have been foremost in everyone's mind when he or she entered that room to discuss the verdict. But fear was definitely not the emotion that was foremost in the minds of nearly everyone that attended the dialogue. It was understanding. Understanding, hope and a desire to work for the goal of acceptance were what people were considering. An understanding of another point of view was given to all of the participants in the discussion. The only negative aspect about that discussion was that there were only 35 voluntary participants from the campus community. Thirty-five of 12,000 people on the UM-St. Louis campus chose to attend the forum and give their views. One member of the faculty brought his class to the discussion. Of the 35 people attending, six were white. The vice president of the Student Government Association, three administrators and two reporters for *The Current* were the only white people there.

The problems discussed were all important and relevant, but also important is the fact that the only ones voluntarily working at reducing these problems weren't white. A black faculty member brought his criminology class to the forum. All of the students stayed at the discussion, despite the fact that the dialogue ended after the class period. The Rodney King verdict may or may not have been an injustice. Whether or not that was an injustice is a matter of individual opinion. The real injustice, however, is right here on the UM-St. Louis campus. The fact that real strides are only being made by some to eliminate the discrimination and fear between races is the real injustice.



FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR



by Michelle McMurray
editor

Well, it's time to say goodbye after all of these years at UMSL. Sorry, I'm from the old school. I could never get used to UM-St. Louis. My time here has been the best years of my life, and the worst years of my life. I am feeling so many emotions as I write my final article. I can't believe it is really over. First off, I want to thank Jeff Kuchno for making the suggestion that I come to *The Current* to try newspaper writing. It was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. The best part of

working here has been the friends I have made—some of whom I know will be friends for life.

To Christine McGraw: I think the world of you. I know you will go far in life and I wish you the best. I will never forget the first time you came into our offices. You have really come a long way. There is no limit to what you can do. That goes for Jason too. He's hot! It has been neat watching you two. To Robin Mayo: I'm so glad we met! It's great to have someone to share secrets with. Thanks for always being there to listen. To my buddy Mx Montgomery: I love you! I know we will always be friends. I always knew things would be okay when you would come into the office and make fun of me. You will be a success! To Alfie Ali: I am sorry about so many things that happened. I wish things could have turned out differently. I hope that someday you can find it in your heart to forgive me. You are really a gentleman. To my successor: Russell Korando, good luck,

you'll need it. Being the editor is a rewarding experience. In spite of all the problems I wouldn't have traded it for the world.

I have so many people to thank, who have helped me achieve my goal of finishing college. First of all, I want to thank Ms. Issac who was a former advisor here. Thank you for the encouragement you gave me when I returned to school in 1985. Anita McDonald; thanks for the encouragement in helping me get through math. To the best neighbor in the world: Dennis Ayo, thanks for all the times you helped me with math even when you were tired and didn't feel like it. I love you. You mean the world to me. To Chief John Pickens, and Sandy MacLean: It's been great working with you. Sandy, I wouldn't have your job for anything.

I want to recognize the best department at this University; the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Laurie and Cathy: Thanks for

your patience! I was always looking for someone. Deborah Stockhausen, Janet Lauritsen, William Oliver, and Richard Rosenfeld, you are the best. Dora Schriro, thanks for the encouragement when I started in the master's program. I think you are wonderful and I admire you. And to Scott Decker: I can't necessarily thank you for failing me, but it gave me a good kick in the pants and the determination to keep going and never give up. And last but not least: Allen Wagner, to you sir, I tip my cap. I want to publicly thank you and honor you because you really taught me well. Were it not for you, I would not have made it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making a dream come true.

I wish I could think of something profound to say, but I can't. I don't know how to close this or say goodbye. I am glad it's over. Leaving here is bittersweet, but it is time to move on. Change is what life is all about even though it sometimes hurts.

Graduation Thought; Change Takes Courage

Elvis Hotline

by Greg Albers
columnist

*I still don't know what I was waiting for,
and my time was running wild in the indebted streets,
and every time I thought I got it made,
it seemed the taste was not so sweet.*

Changes, David Bowie

Many college seniors will be facing strange changes in a few weeks.

The impending graduation and the subsequent revolution in the course of their lives is exciting and maybe a little overwhelming.

Even though the experts say the economy is turning around, the job market is still quite bleak. In times of frustration, it seems looking for a job in St. Louis is like fishing in the bathtub. Believe me, I know. I graduated in January and look where I am.

Since graduating and moving out of my parent's home, I have faced my share of struggles. Life after college is just as challenging as I had imagined. But even through the lean times, I know I am better off having taken the first fledgling flight of independence. Change is as natural to a healthy

life as breathing. It is the building block of progress. Without change, there can be no evolution.

Since entering what we bedazzled college students mystically refer to as "The Real World," I find it odd that I did not consider what I had been going through to be real; that it was just an elaborate dress rehearsal for what I would be doing in some future life.

What I have come to realize is that people always feel they are on a journey toward some future goal, but when they reach it, they realize it was not the all-encompassing joy they thought it might be. They begin to look for something else and begin to work for that, which would be the new answer to all of life's problems. We are so

blinded by how to reach the destination, we fail to see the journey is the destination. The metamorphosis is continual.

"Friends, work, leisure, convictions - man moves in a circle. Happy the man who can, when need be, jump his track for a wider orbit."

-Dagobert D. Runes

Change is an opportunity to grow; to broaden. In this great labyrinth called life, there are many choices to be made. To boldly follow your chosen path despite what others might think is the most courageous thing a man can do.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

SGA President Elect Responds; Urges Positive Unity

I read a rather critical letter to the editor last week with great concern, and I would like to take this opportunity to respond to some things I found particularly bothersome.

Complaints about polling problems should have been directed at the independent election commissioner, not the Student Government officers who were running their campaigns. Any mistake that might have occurred during the last election irritated me much more than it did any other student. One cannot blame Dave Roither and myself, as we were obviously forced to keep our distance from the election process. Our focus was on an effort to let people know what we had accomplished over the past year and what our ideas are for next year. How could the author of the letter feel that any election mistake would have had enough of an impact to force us to resign when the election outcome was 309-57?

As far as addressing the parking

sticker issue again, I was forced to make restitution through the Office of Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs. I did pay for my mistake, as we all do. It does not compare to sexual harassment or assault, which are grounds for consideration of expulsion.

I don't mind criticism; in fact, I encourage it. My door is always open and complaints can be much more effectively addressed if a student comes into the office to talk to me one-on-one about it. I still have never met last week's author.

I find it ironic that this author wrote a second letter last week criticizing the faculty for the unfair parking privileges that the system has given them. Where was her letter in support of me when I was the lone student fighting to defeat the Senate proposal to convert the convenient student lot "T" to faculty parking last December?

Perhaps what bothered me most was the author's feeling that she wished we had lost. I was the only campus leader willing

to take responsibility and risk criticism every week in an attempt to do something positive for the student body as President. As an unopposed candidate, I could have taken things for granted and not even campaigned. But I worked hard to get my ideas out to the students and to hear what they had to say about many, many, issues on campus. You can criticize my mistakes and disagree with decisions I make, but if you question my pride and dedication to the student body, I sincerely feel you are mistaken. My only wish is to move forward into the next school year and implement the positive leadership and programs I have been preaching.

Andy Masters, President-Elect

P.S. Birthday is the single greatest day on this campus. My sincere "hats off" to the University Program Board and the groups who participated.

For Steven Dotson, Get a grip. It's not like Marge Schott has been lynched, beaten, and stung into submission. Her all white male peers aren't going to drag her into hard labor, rape her, and generally treat her like scum of the earth for the rest of her life.

The "thought police" are only requiring that she attend cultural sensitivity training if she wants to stay in the game of baseball. It's kind of like if you're African-American, Asian-American, Native-American and you want to make it through the school system you've got to learn a lot about the Anglo-Saxon culture.

Let's see if Marge has what it takes to make it through all this "oppression" with her "good name" intact. See ya at the game.

Linda Belford.

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year, was also addressed. Riots were sparked when the four officers were charged, but acquitted, of state charges in the King beating. The civil rights trial this year was in federal court. Parallels were drawn between the Denny beating and the King incident.

Some participants said they felt that the four men charged in the Denny beating will be more severely punished than the officers in the King case because they are African-Americans, and the four officers are white.

"What I would like to see is these men employ the same defense the police officers had," said Anthony Gray, a senior business administration major. He said the officers said they thought their lives were in danger, and were

trying to protect themselves from King.

The discussion turned to what participants saw as problems the African-American race has historically encountered with law enforcement officials.

"We know about chases that people lead police on. What are the results in terms of actual beatings?" Windom asked. "It's very seldom - this is something that happens more to black people than to white people."

Roiher replied to Windom's statement by relating a story of a friend's father who suffered a beating similar to King's, but was white. He said he felt the possible reason that King was beaten was not his color, but the way he was dressed. Roiher suggested that the of-

ficers' motivation may have been class discrimination.

Participants also started to address issues such as racism, prejudice and discrimination. Instead of dwelling on past issues, however, people began to offer possible solutions to those problems.

Students suggested that dealing with people based on their actions, not their appearances, is most important. One student said that the actions of both sides need to be considered, not just the actions of one group compared to the actions of the other.

"If you have one part of your society in the gutter, and you have one foot in the gutter, and you are holding that part of society down with your foot, then you have one dirty foot," said sophomore Martin Covington, a political science major.

The discussion ended with Burris reminding everyone in the room that forums such as Monday's are important, but that everyday interaction is crucial to the success of the ideas presented at the forum.

Scruggs agreed with Burris, "Don't leave here and let it drop. Don't fumble the ball. It's too important. It's your life, it's your children's lives."

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used to identify and characterize defects in silicon wafers for the purpose of making better computer chips, he said.

Other practical applications that Feldman said will be researched at the center include scratch-resistant diamond-like coatings for windshields, computer hard disks and sunglasses, and the bonding of additives in oils to metal surfaces that might make car engines last longer.

"Anyone who works on electronic materials or electronic devices where knowledge is at the molecular or atomic level is qualified to become a member of the center," Feldman said.

UM-St. Louis and Washington University physicists, chemists, engineers and scientists from Monsanto, McDonnell-Douglas, Mallinckrodt and MEMC Electronic Materials will all use the new center.

Interaction among local industry and the university is one of the unique goals of the UM-St. Louis Center for Molecular Electronics, Feldman said. He said that although

there is a national trend of establishing centers similar to the one planned, the location of UM-St. Louis in a metropolitan area allows more corporations to be involved.

Bob Samples, Director of University Communications, said funds for the center will come from the federal government after Rep. William Clay worked to get funding in Washington D.C.

"The funding agencies have been encouraging the formation of centers because that's an effective way of promoting science and technology," said Feldman.

The three-story center will be added to the north side of Benton Hall's west wing and will consist of nearly 16,000 square feet for offices and labs. Schematic designs show that the construction will not affect Bugg Lake or the Science Center quadrangle.

Feldman said the university will request bids in August that will be submitted to the UM Board of Curators for approval in October. Construction is expected to be completed by July 1995.

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used efficiently in the past.

"We have under-utilized space. It offsets the income of the building," said Schuster.

He added that art students who had previously used classrooms in the building complained about a lack of space.

"They were unhappy with the space and everything just seemed to fit together," said Schuster.

Covington said money from the rent will be allocated to the costs of remodeling to comply with the American Disabilities Act.

Covington said costs of the compliance with the ADA will total \$2.2 million. She said that, originally, only \$150,000 was going to be funded from the state. Legislation has since approved about one-half of the money to be funded from the state for compliance costs.

Schuster said there are possibilities for the project to be fully funded, but that those possibilities will have to be determined through legislation.

There have been complaints the presence of SLARC in the Blue Metal Office Building, though.

James H. Hahn, associate professor and interim director of electrical engineering, said there are disturbances caused by the patients that disrupt classroom activity.

"I think the operation of an academic program is incompatible with the operation for a daycare for retarded adults in a small building," he said. "[Classroom activity] requires concentration. We need a peaceful and quiet environment that we don't have now."

Space in the Blue Metal Office Building is now used by *The Current*, the cooperative graduate engineering program with Rolla, the university for storage space and the SLARC daycare center.

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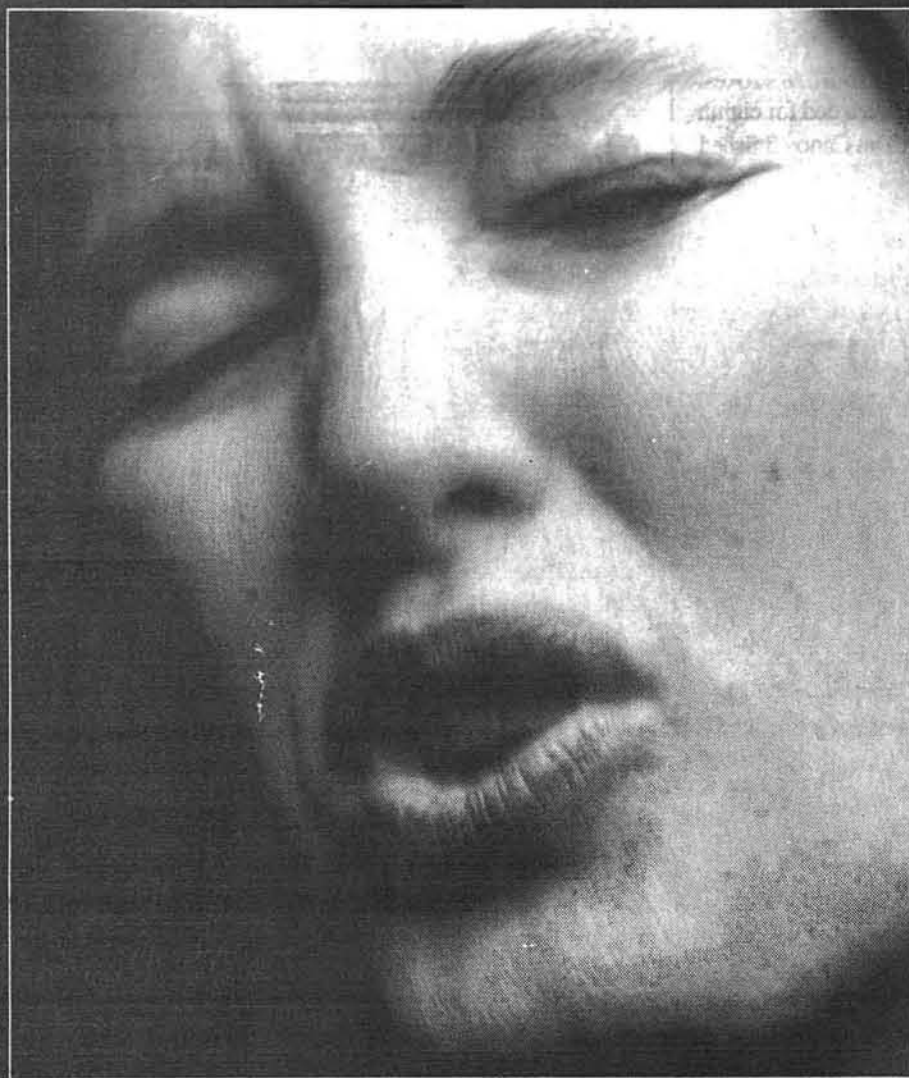
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Wang's World



All Things Must End

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

Time truly does fly when you are having fun!

A semester has come and gone, and my career at *The Current* ends with it. It seems it was just yesterday that I first came to *The Current* after Russell Korando asked me if I was interested in writing sports. I later became the associate sports editor, and when Russell moved up to managing editor last semester, I took his place as sports editor.

Scary thought, isn't it? Imagine, just starting out and within several months being in charge of getting reporters their beats, making sure that you know of events happening over at Mark Twain, and spending time talking with the coaches and the players.

Laying out the sports page every week was an adventure. Imagine working on a computer late nights — and I do mean late nights — on the weekend to make sure the paper was ready for print by Sunday night.

Just hanging out at the office was fun in itself.

But now, as the semester winds down, so does my career at UM-St. Louis. I'll be graduating this May, and then I'll have to start looking for a job in the real world. I can't believe I'm saying this, but I will miss the life of a college student. Being a student and working at *The Current* are things that I've been taking for granted lately. Now it will be gone, and believe it or not, I'm going to miss it.

Over the past year, I've learned a lot about reporting and dealing with people every day. It's something I hope to put to good use in the future, when hopefully I'll be working as a sports reporter for a television station somewhere in America.

Because this is the last column of opinion I'll ever have in Wang's World (thanks for the title, Russ!), there are many people who I would like to thank for making everything possible.

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone involved with the athletic department over in the Mark Twain Building. The coaches deserve a lot of praise because, not only do they have to deal with the pressures of trying to build a winning program, they must also deal with the media. Thanks go out to coaches Rich Meckfessel, Jim Brady, Bobbi Morse, Tom Redmond, Ken Hudson, Carl Walker, Pam Steinmetz, Denise Silvester, Harold Brumbaugh, Mary Liston, Wayne Gholson and their respective assistants. These people deserve a lot of credit for talking to me and my reporters even when they might not have wanted to speak to the media.

A special note of thanks goes to Jeff Kuchno, the UM-St. Louis sports information director for helping me tremendously in getting information for the stories that we write every week.

Most of all, I'd like to thank the staff of *The Current* for putting up with me. It's been great to work alongside people such as Michelle, Russell, Bill, Alfie, Matt, Jason, Christine, Marcus, both Brads, Dana, Greg, Clint, Pete, both Amys, Tom, Dave, Brent, Krista, and especially my associate sports editor, Cory Schroeder. Cory will be taking over the job of sports editor next year (good luck, dude!).

Good luck to those graduating. For those who haven't yet reached this point — hang in there. You'll reach it soon! See ya in the funny papers.

Softball Riverwomen's Final Grades Are In For 1993 Season

by Pete Dicrispino
Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis winter session is coming to an end and all the final grades will be given. The same goes for the UM-St. Louis softball team. After seeing the team play a few games, covering them on a weekly basis for *The Current*, writing their press releases for the Sports Information Office, and calculating their statistics after every game, I feel it's time for me to give the team a report card on how the they fared this season.

First we will go with the overall team grade. Considering that the Riverwomen finished the season last year with a record of 13-30, this year's record of 23-20 heading into the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association tournament last weekend was an improvement. The team added a great deal of skill with the addition of such transfer players as Colleen Duffin, Erin Hurt, and Dina Whelchel. The ladies played just about every game to the extent of their abilities, but errors cost them a few close games. The Riverwomen committed 81 errors during the regular season. The hitting and pitching, on the other hand, was very consistent. When a few players hit slumps, others were there to pick them up.

When assigning the team's overall

final grade, I had to take into account that they made the play-offs for the first time in four years. For that achievement, plus a record that is 10 games better than last year, the Riverwomen receive a B as a team.

Now for the individual grades.

A's

Three players received an A+ and one received an A-

Catcher Dina Whelchel led the team in batting, with a .362 average, and in slugging percentage (.465). She ranked first in runs scored (31) and doubles (8). She also helped mold the pitching staff, which finished with a 1.64 earned run average as a team. Whelchel is an experienced leader who deserves an A+.

Freshman shortstop Nicole Christ also received an A+. She led the team in hitting for most of the year and is currently at .358. She leads the team in total hits with 48 and is second in runs scored with 26. She was very relaxed as a freshmen and should only get better in the years to come.

The final A+ belongs to pitcher Kelly Childs. What else can be said about this senior right-hander. She is 11-7 with an earned run average of 1.88, she leads the team in innings pitched and she never seems to get tired. Kelly ended her career in fine fashion.

The A- goes to second-basemen Erin Hurt. A transfer from Southwest Missouri State, Hurt filled a great need in the infield. She leads the team in RBIs (24) and stolen bases (9). She hit a consistent .286 and committed only nine errors in the field.

B's

Infielder Stephanie Adelman hit a good .283 and filled in at various spots in the lineup. She played first-base for the first time this year and played it well, making only one error.

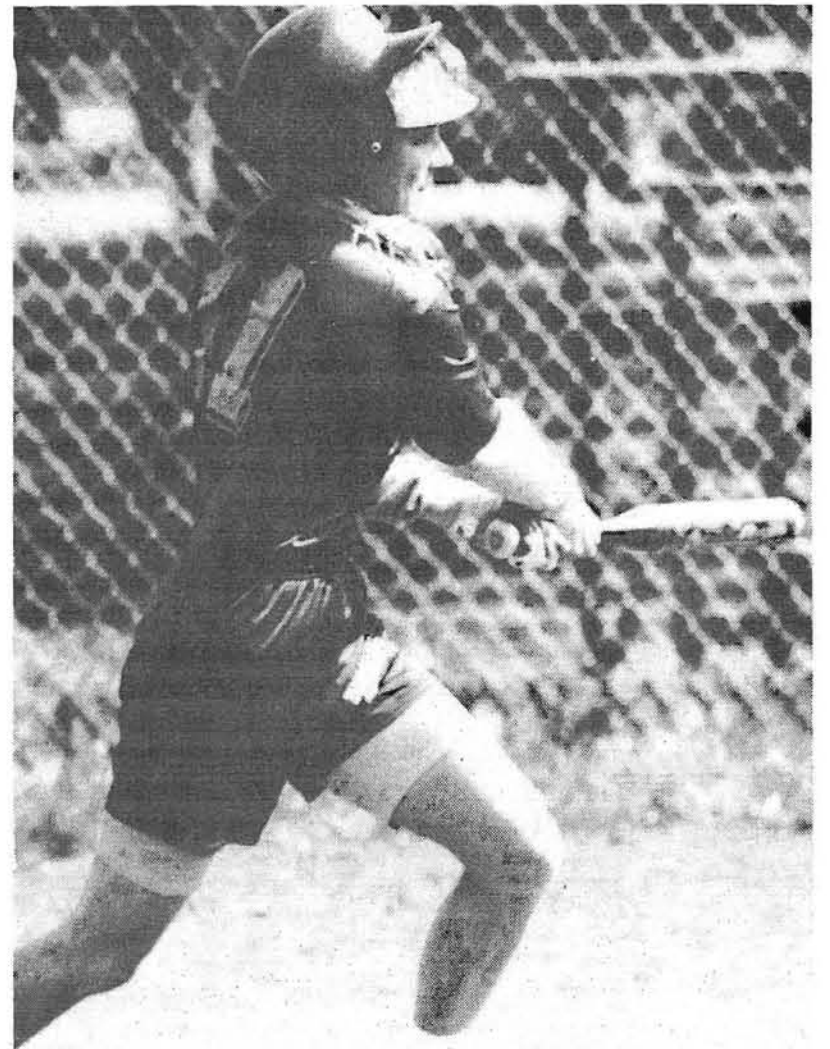
Pitcher Jill Stockdale, who pitched great throughout the season, was indeed a tough luck loser, losing many games because her team didn't score any runs. Stockdale led the team in strikeouts with 98 and has a record of 9-10. Keep your head up, Jill.

Left-fielder Gina Cooksey got off to a super start but fell into a tailspin toward the end of the year. She is still hitting .280 and plays great defense.

Centerfielder Colleen Duffin, like Cooksey, got off to a great start but hit a slump during the season. Duffin might be the best defensive outfielder in the conference. She finished the regular season at .277.

C+

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Gina Cooksey

UM-St. Louis Sports Notebook

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

Golf Team Ready To Defend MIAA Championship

Jim Niederkorn's golf team played well at the Bradley Invitational April 16-17 at the Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin, Illinois.

But the team finished in seventh place, after finishing first in the last two tournaments they played in. The team as a whole finished with 628 strokes. Sophomore Dave Rhoads and junior Morgan Gonzales tied for eighth place with a total of 153. Chris Sanders finished at 160, Tim Canoy finished at 162, and Levi Gonzales at 180.

Southeast Missouri State won the tournament with a score of 610.

The Rivermen will now get ready to defend their conference title in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Golf Championships April 26-27 at the Tan-Tar-Oaks Golf Course in Osage Beach, MO.

Runzi Wins Second Straight Award Of The Week

Senior righthander Andy Runzi has been named the MIAA "Pitcher of the Week" for the second successive week. The ace of the pitching staff leads the team with a record of 5-1, a 2.80 ERA, and 33 strikeouts in 45 innings pitched. Runzi went the distance in the April 18 game against Pittsburg State, allowing just two hits while striking out eight batters and walking one. This was Runzi's third straight shutout this year, and he now has pitched 23 1/3 consecutive scoreless innings.

Head coach Jim Brady appreciates the efforts of Runzi every time he takes to the mound. "He has a soothing effect on the rest of the team," Brady said. "He sets the tone for the team and takes pressure off everyone else."

Baseball Team Makes Division II Standings

Jim Brady's baseball Rivermen continue to crank out the wins. During conference play April 18, the Rivermen swept a doubleheader against MIAA rival Pittsburg State at Rivermen Field.

The Rivermen clinched the South Division championship, earning the right to host the MIAA Tournament last weekend. It was the first time in the university's history that UM-St. Louis has hosted the conference tournament.

The Rivermen are currently ranked 15th in the latest NCAA Division II national poll. They are now 12-3 in the MIAA and 17-6 overall. That includes an impressive 8-0 at home. The Rivermen swept the Gorillas 8-0 and 8-5. The offense in the first game was led by junior first baseman Jeff Peer, who had four runs batted in and his fifth home run of the year. Third baseman Todd Kunz also hit his third homer of the season.

The Rivermen played long ball again in the second game, with designated hitter Bob Mutansky hitting his team-leading sixth home run and two RBIs. Closer Greg Shepherd pitched the ninth and earned his sixth save.

The Rivermen's offense continues to lead the MIAA Conference in hitting (.313) and pitching (2.89 ERA). Senior Bob Mutansky has become UM-St. Louis's all-time home run leader. "Mutt" has collected 19 HRs in his two-year career, surpassing Joe Kuster's record of 18 home runs set during from 1985-88.

Junior center fielder Donnie Joliff is closing in on the Rivermen's top 10 list in career stolen bases, RBIs and hits. He leads the team with 21 stolen bases in 23 attempts and now has 41 steals for his career, needing only four more thefts to move into 10th place on the list. Joliff is 12th in career hits with 135 and needs only nine more to move into the top 10. He has also tied Ron Aiello (1983-86) for 10th place on the career RBI list with 89.

The 1993 pitching staff enters the MIAA Tournament with a 2.89 team ERA. The hurlers have allowed just 57 earned runs in nearly 180 innings. The record for lowest staff ERA was set in 1973 with a ERA of 2.73. Some of the key pitchers on this year's staff are Matt Logeais (4-1, 1.41 ERA), Tim Stratman (3-0, 1.44 ERA), and Andy Runzi (5-1, 2.80 ERA). Reliever Greg Shepherd has six saves and a 1.00 ERA. He needs just two more saves to tie the school record of eight saves in a single season, which was set by Jim Foley in 1991.

"Every time we go out on the field, we have a chance to win because of the pitching," Brady said. "I'm very pleased with the way things have fallen into place."

Rivermen Bounce Back, Contend For MIAA Crown

by Cory Schroeder
associate sports editor

Despite losing their opening game of the Mid-America Athletic Association Baseball tournament, the UM-St. Louis men's baseball team has reached the championship round.

With only two wins needed to be crowned MIAA champions, the Rivermen were ready to square off with Emporia State, who got the better of them in the first game on April 23. However, the rains came down Saturday evening and both games for the championship were re-scheduled for today.

"The rain delay won't have a pro-

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Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Junior shortstop Jeremy Ragan rounds third base after hitting a home run against Central Missouri State in Saturday's game. The Rivermen defeated the Mules 15-11.

Newcomer Bolstered Women's Tennis

by Cory C. Schroeder
associate sports editor

Depth on the UM-St. Louis women's tennis team had been an unknown word until freshman Lauren Klaski joined their ranks.

Klaski, who played the number one singles position for her high school (Nerinx Hall), has made an immediate impact for the Riverwomen despite having not played a single set for a year.

"I was impressed with her game," Riverwomen head coach Pam Steinmetz said. "Even though she hasn't had the benefit of practice."

With the benefit of a seventh player, Steinmetz has been able to shake up the seedings to accommodate

whoever has the hot hand. Klaski has pushed her way up, occasionally playing the fourth-seed position and has added strength to third doubles team.

"With Lauren (Klaski), we have a lot of parity among our four, five, and six positions," Steinmetz said. "These players are very competitive, and play at the same level, which can cause a lot of problems for other teams."

Against Principia College College (April 6), Klaski made her debut a gritty one by giving her opponent a scare before eventually faltering 7-5, 6-3. She was noticeably fatigued after the outcome, complaining of back pains, but went on to join junior Yvonne Bras



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

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Lauren Klaski

Baseball Coach Brady On Verge Of 200 Wins

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

Rivermen head coach Jim Brady is close to achieving a goal that he could probably only dream about when he first started coaching.

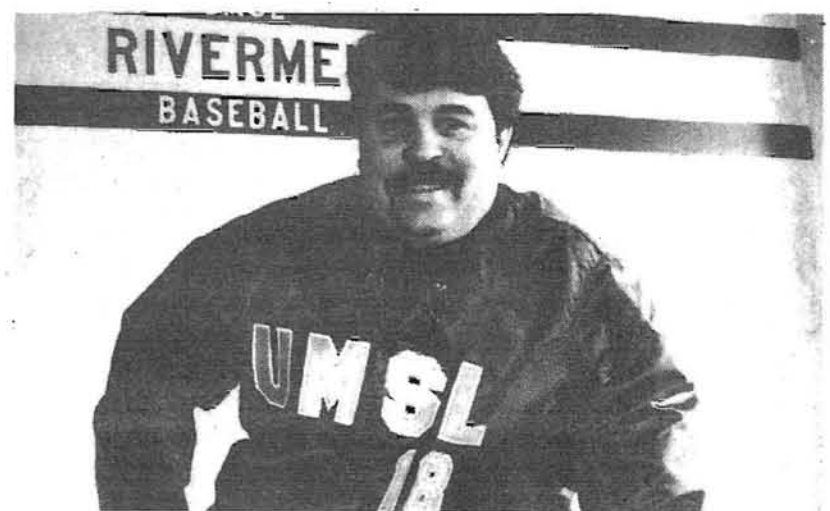
Brady is just one win away from gaining his 200th career win.

"I haven't even thought about it," Brady admits. "My focus is on this weekend (MIAA Tournament)."

What's even more amazing about Brady is that he has never endured a losing season in his eight years as a head coach. Brady has amassed a career record of 199-139-3.

Brady also laughed at the notion of getting his 200th career win. "It means I'm starting to get old," Brady said with

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Current file photo

SMILIN': Rivermen head baseball coach Jim Brady currently has a career record of 199-139-3.

UM-St. Louis Sports Year In Review



Andy Runzi



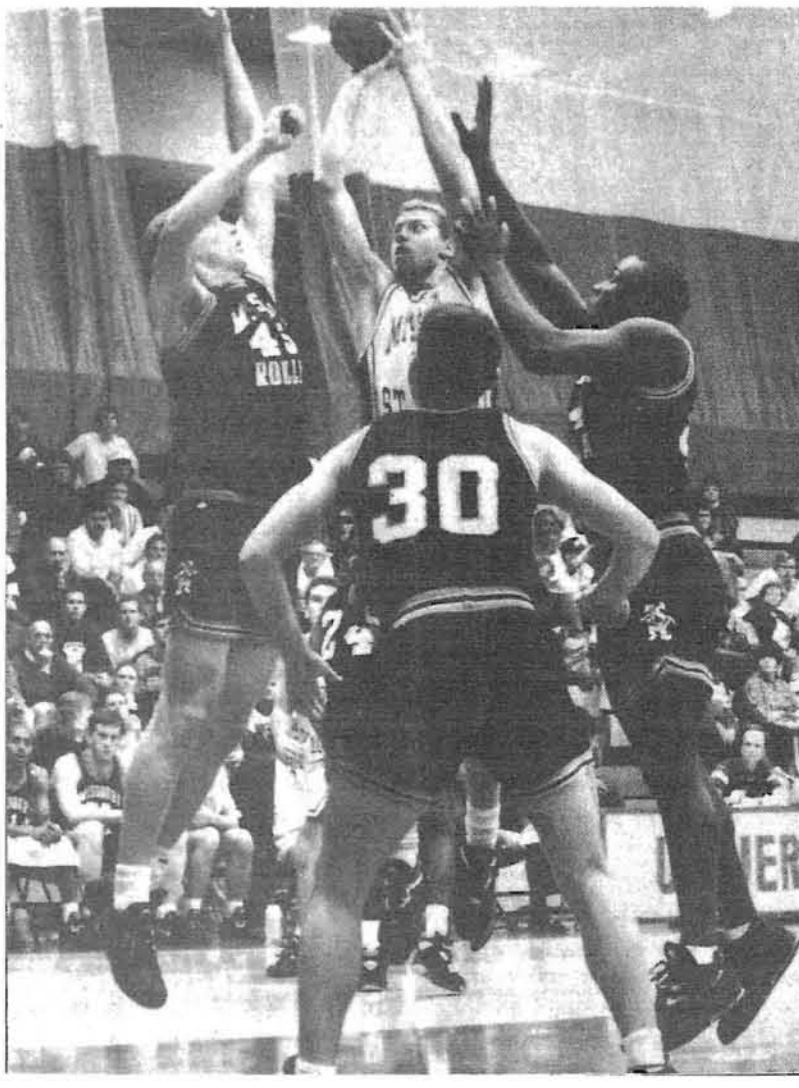
Carmen Llorico



Blaine Shetley



Craig Frederking



Mike Moore



Liz Squibb

After considering how to highlight the 1992-93 UM-St. Louis sports season, Cory and I couldn't think of a interesting way to sum up the year. Then, I got the idea of showing what happened this season. We decided to feature some of the seniors on UM-St. Louis' sports teams. Congratulations and good luck to all the seniors student-athletes!

-Jack C. Wang
sports editor

-Cory C. Schroeder
associate sports editor

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a laugh. "If we get the next three wins in a row, it will be extra special."

Brady also deflected some of the credit to his players. "It means I've had some great players over the last eight years," he said. "Good players make good coaches."

Jim Brady's career in baseball includes playing at Meramec Community College and later at Southwest Missouri State University.

His coaching career began at Southwest Missouri State, where he served as assistant coach and helped the Bears to back-to-back appearances in the Division II national tournament in 1977 and 1978.

Brady came to UM-St. Louis in 1984, where he served as pitching coach. That season, the Rivermen posted the lowest ERA in the MIAA. Brady was named head coach in 1986 to replace Jim Dix. He also helped

coach the North squad at the U.S. National Baseball Trials in Hempstead, Florida in November 1991. Brady was one of only 15 coaches picked by the United States Baseball Federation to help coach at the trials, which consisted of ninety players from around the country. The trials were held to help select the players that made up the 1992 U.S. Olympic baseball squad that participated in Barcelona.

With the Rivermen just two wins away from winning the MIAA tournament, Brady is looking for two straight wins. "The magic number is 201," Brady said.

It would be a great milestone for Brady if he could win the tournament and savor his 200 wins at the same time. "Two hundred wins will be something to savor," Brady said. "It will be the frosting on the cake."

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for the doubles match, contributing strong serves for their 6-1, 6-3 win.

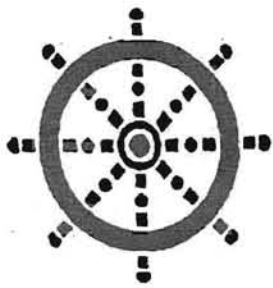
"I was getting my serves in," Klaski said. "Which provided me with better chances."

The second match of Klaski's college tennis career mirrored the first, except this time the score read in her favor. Appearing rusty from her year layoff; sometimes and totally dominating other times, led to Klaski's lopsided 6-7, 6-0, 7-6 victory in her singles match against Webster University. The match included two tie-breakers, which went in favor of Klaski.

"Lauren started to lose her confidence in the second match," Steinmetz said. "But, she was able to overcome that and regain her focus."

Klaski struggled toward the end of season losing three matches, but managed to win her final match against Maryville convincingly, 6-3, 6-3.

"I just want to be able to play competitively," Klaski said. "I'll be back next year."



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Outfielder Jeri Mass, who struggled through her sophomore season after a great freshmen season, still managed to lead the team with two home runs and knocked in 14 runs in limited action. The team needs her bat to come alive next year.

Outfielder Jenny Sinclair, a part-time player who added depth off the bench, added leadership to the younger players and hit .240.

Third-basemen Sharon Payton played a steady third base even though her 20 errors led the team. Payton is a quiet leader who isn't afraid to help the team any way she can.

Outfielder Angie Kaighin struggled early in season with the bat, but came on towards middle of season to raise her average to .208. She needs to improve on hitting to be the everyday right-fielder next year.

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them earned. "He was phenomenal," Brady said. "He got into a zone and he got on a roll. He pitched like he was possessed."

The offense helped Shetley as well. The Rivermen went long ball twice, with Jeremy Ragan and Bob Mutansky going yard.

Meanwhile, Emporia State beat

First basemen Beth Palisch is probably the best fielding first baseman in the league. Although she hit only .091 and was used only as a defensive replacement, she was a very important player.

Finally, I give Coach Harold Brumbaugh a B+ for getting good recruits and making the play-offs. I give him a little extra bonus for putting up with 14 women all year. Just joking ladies.

I would like to thank all the ladies for their time when I interviewed them. They were extremely kind to a reporter who was always asking them questions. Remember, this report card is the opinion of this reporter and should not be taken to heart by the players. Thanks for a great season of covering Riverwomen softball.

Central Missouri State 7-6, thus setting up a rematch against the Rivermen. Brady expects a great game. "They (the players) are ready to play," Brady said. "There is no question that they are ready. One of their goals was to win the MIAA and now we are in position to do that."

NCAA Division II National Baseball Rankings

1. Tampa	32-16
2. North Alabama	29-13
3. Florida Southern	32-10
4. California-Davis	29-11
5. South Carolina-Aiken	34-13
6. Slippery Rock	25-5
7. Armstrong State	39-8-1
8. Valdosta State	24-10
9. Florida Atlantic	30-9
10. Cal Poly-Pomona	23-17
11. Jacksonville State	29-11
12. Southern Indiana	26-9
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo	26-9
14. Francis Marion	24-11
15. Missouri-St. Louis	17-5
16. Mankato State	15-3
17. Mansfield	18-10
Rollins	26-17
19. Mesa State	26-10
20. New Haven	9-2
21. St. Joseph's	23-10
22. Central Missouri State	21-8-1
23. Sacred Heart	14-4
24. Cal-Riverside	17-21
25. South Dakota State	19-11

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found effect," coach Jim Brady said. "We'll be ready to play."

Hopes of reaching the championship were almost diminished in the first game when the Rivermen were stung by the Hornets 17-5. Bad tidings began in the first inning when Rivermen third baseman Todd Kunz attempted to create a hit and run play by bunting, but the pitch was outside and the base runner, shortstop Jeremy Ragan, was nailed by a mile, sliding into third base.

"It was a botched hit and run play, so I didn't get a good jump," said Ragan.

Matt Logeais, the starting pitcher for the Rivermen, gave up eight runs before being pulled for reliever Trevor Wolfe who didn't fare much better with the defense collapsing behind him. Wolfe allowed three runs when Shane Pierce slugged a three-run blast over the center field fence.

"I thought I threw good in the bullpen," Wolfe said. "But, I came out and threw a breaking ball to him (Pierce), and he hit it over the wall."

A total of five home runs, including a grand slam and 19 hits were given up by Rivermen pitchers.

"The grand slam really broke our back," Brady said.

Brady was hoping to save his bullpen for the long haul of the tournament but was forced to use four pitchers in relief.

"We just didn't get it done," Brady said. "We came in with the best pitching in the conference and we didn't get it done today. They executed; we didn't. That's the bottom line."

After the devastating loss, the Rivermen, perhaps seeking vengeance, did a complete turnaround the next day by thrashing the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats 9-1. Brady decided a change was in order and he moved team batting leader Kuntz to the lead-off position in the batting order and benched slumping catcher Jason Wilson in order to insert hot-hitting sophomore Brian Moriarty who came on at the end of the season.

"I wanted to shake things up," Brady said. "I put Todd (Kuntz) in the leadoff position so he would get more

at bats. Wilson had been struggling, and I wanted to get Moriarty's bat in the line up."

Moriarty responded well to being thrown cold into the fire by smashing a double, scoring two runners.

"We came up with hits with runners in scoring position," Moriarty said.

All-American pitcher Todd Runzi showed why he's the ace of the staff, allowing the Bearcats only one run on ten hits. Runzi pitched out of trouble several times, even escaping a bases loaded jam in the fourth inning.

"I got hit around, but I kept the ball over the plate," Runzi said. "Our guys made the plays defensively."

After beating Southwest Baptist, the Rivermen came back Saturday to win a war against the Central Missouri State Mules. UM-St. Louis was down 10-8 going into the fifth inning but Mutansky led the charge with a three-run home run. Mutansky has been a hitting machine throughout the tournament, going eight-for-11, with five RBIs.

"I'm getting a lot more at bats," Mutansky said. "I was in a little slump at the end of the season, but I'm seeing the ball great."

The game included a controversial home run by Ragan, which appeared to sail foul of the left field foul pole.

"I didn't watch it," Ragan said. "The only thing that's important is that they counted it."

A controversial home run was followed later by a bench-clearing incident, in which Brady, and Mules' head coach Dennis Woody had to be restrained.

"That gave us the fire we needed," Mutansky said. "Their fans had been riding us the whole game."

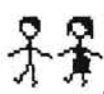
With a championship crown within a hand's reach, the Rivermen must defeat Emporia State today to force a second game. The Rivermen lost their first game, which was caused for the need to beat Emporia State twice. Their 17-5 loss to the Hornets in the first game will be set heavily upon their minds.

"We've come through so far," Brady said. "We're going to stay with the new batting order, and Chris Dumm will be ready to pitch the first game."

This story contains information provided by sports reporter Mike Hayes

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Two Alpha Xi Delta sisters participate in the three legged race at Greek Week festivities. Photo: Bill Ross



Photo: Michelle McMurray
Film director Spike Lee caused a mound of controversy when he ordered news cameras turned off at an appearance at UM-St. Louis



Photo: Paul Sarris
Bill Clinton was ushered in as the new President. Clinton made several stops in St. Louis.

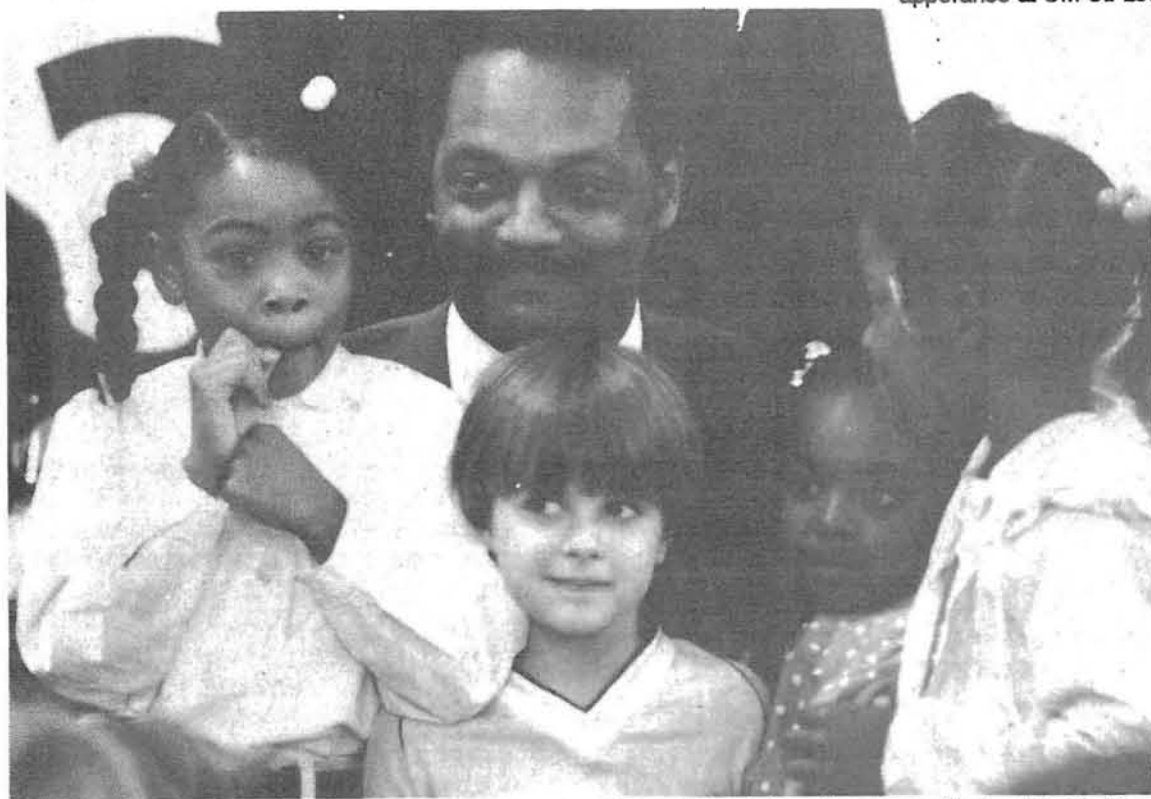


Photo: Alfie M. Ali
Political figures such as Jesse Jackson visited St. Louis during this past election year.



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Students enjoyed a complimentary ride on the Metro-Link. It will have two stops at UM-St. Louis.

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Brad Panassow enjoyed being stuck to the velcro wall at Mirthday.



Artist, Todd Bauman displayed his talent by spending the afternoon drawing students such as David Garner.



Angle Laster, James McWilliams, Darryl Blair, and Sebrina Bellamy make sweet harmonies in the "Sing and Be a Star."



The dunking booth was one of the favorite attractions. Many students were able to get revenge on *The Current* editor, Michelle McMurray.

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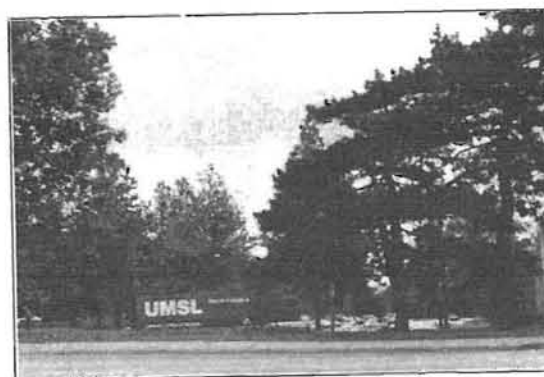
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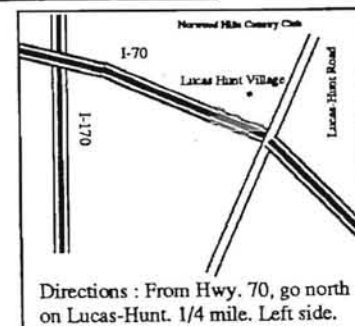
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Inanimate Walls See, Hear, Know All

by Spacey Hardass and Mish-L. Licksfurries

If the walls of *The Current* offices could talk.

When the administration of U.M.-St. Louis decided to give the staff of *The Current* keys to the Blue Metal Office Building, they expected the staff to be working on the paper, not each other. If Sandy Insane had any idea of the things that went on through the years, he would have fought to become a paid member of the staff. At the recent *Current* reunion, the alumni were worried about how much *The Current* staff knew about them, and whether or not their past enemies and one-night-stands would be attending.

Things began to get "hairy" when people such as Robo Mayonnaise and Maxi-pad Montgomery began to use the office as a breeding ground. The famed yellow couch in the back of the production room is both the most-feared and most-loved piece of furniture in the office, and has provided a comfortable place for people to commit numerous sins.

The couch, however, is not the only place that staff members have been in *flagrante delicto*. The most used make-out place in the office seems to be the darkroom. The lack of lighting, along with a location that

is set away from the rest of the office makes it the perfect place for a young, hot, sexually frustrated couple to work off a little steam.

From being caught by janitors to the many infamous occurrences of fellatio (which seems to be the favorite sexual practice of the staff), these walls have seen it all. Aside from the obvious sexual deviances that have taken place in the newspaper office, the drunken, after-bar activities that have taken place would be enough to stop any mother's heart. Matt Four-Foot-Height once rolled in the snow, celebrating his birthday in the appropriate garb — his birthday suit!

Our own Ferris Beuhler is best known for his donning of beer goggles when he thinks no one is looking, and Marcus Bugspray has been known to place his penis on the elbows of unsuspecting females. Sashay, Shonte, as the song goes.

The most memorable events that these walls could reveal revolve around fighting. From staff members being thrown against walls, to the single Malaysian male situation in which Mish-L. Licksfurries attacked innocent (?) Alfie Romeo, to Chris "The Fist" McRuff and her bar brawls, the walls have seen and heard it all.

Everyone can rest easy knowing that they will remain mute for the years to come.

Hail To The Geek Gods

by Will Fartsomere

Security measures have been stepped up in what was formerly called the "stage" in the Undermound.

The geek system, made up of three whororities and three pater-nities, have formally changed the name of the the raised section in the middle of the Undermound into the "altar." All non-geeks passing the altar must bow down before the geeks, or must make an offering.

"Money is preferred, but any kind of alcohol or gift certificates for Lord and Taylor will be accepted," said Dick Rifler, former president of Delta Iota Kappa (DIK) paternity.

"The geek system has always been plagued with abuse from administrators and the campus newspaper. Everyone on this campus needs to know that they owe us geeks just for being here, and this is the first step in showing us that appreciation," said Wean Tackle-her, president of Rho Alpha Pi

Epsilon (RAPE) paternity.

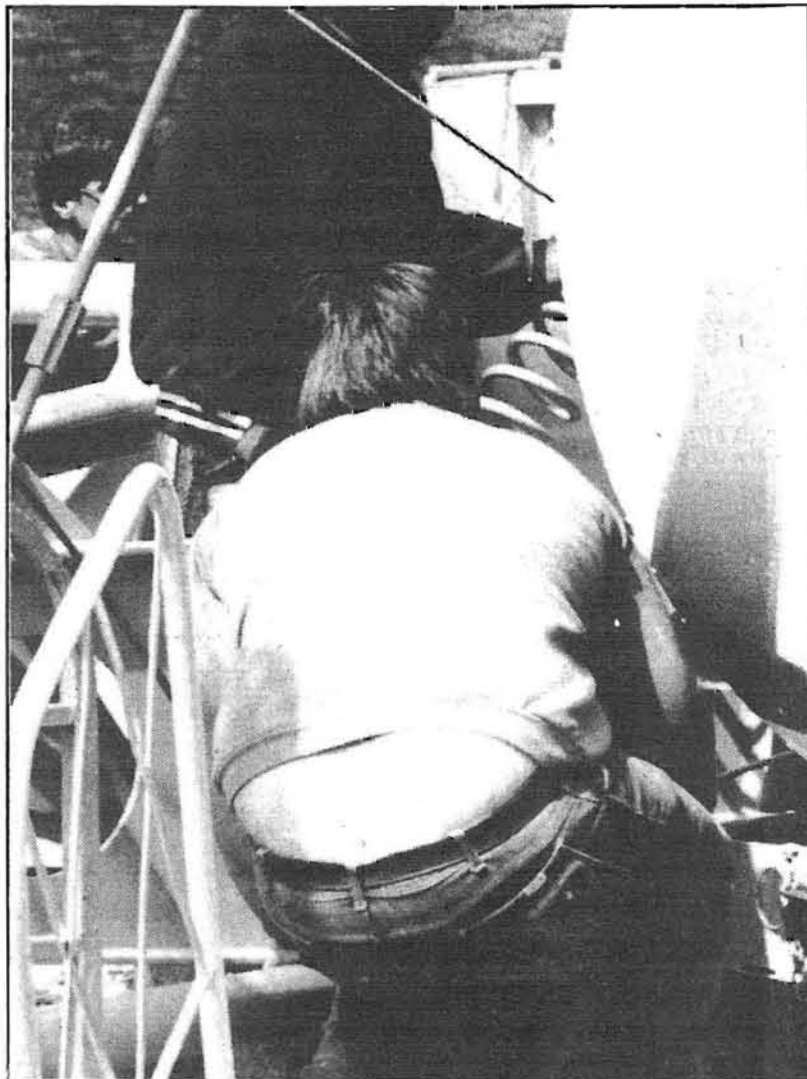
To keep non-geeks from getting onto the altar, security guards have been hired. Students must be able to show scars from hazing to be admitted.

"We paid our dues during our dredge semesters and now we are reaping the benefits," said Handy Masturbator, DIK member and president-elect of Stupid Greedy Assholes (SGA).

"We don't want any undesirables intruding on our sovereign soil," said Smelli Hairs, president of spamhellarsenic, the inter-whorority council and member of Tau Iota Tau (TIT) whorority. "If they want to socialize with us, they should have joined when they had the chance."

Blob Smallfeels, director of social activities, said the geeks were entitled to do whatever they wanted.

"They contribute so much to the campus that the least we can do is give them the altar. I wanted to go ahead and give them the Undermound, but those damn non-geeks would do something stupid and try to get me fired," he said.



Spackle That Crack Groupies Do Wonders For Baseball Team's Morale

by Ferris "Tell it how it is" Beuhler

associate editor of the oldest sport there is

There is a fine line between being a follower of baseball and a follower of the baseball team. Annie Won't and Cindy Road Hazard definitely fall under the category of the latter.

It all started when Miss Won't and Miss Road Hazard were working the concession stand at the home game. Desperate times were at hand, you see they were out of hot dogs. Well, Miss Won't took it upon herself to rectify the situation by approaching the team's bench and exclaiming "I need wieners now!"

As the story goes, nothing is sacred in the men's locker room anymore. The word "Men's," which is posted on the outside door, has an attachment underneath it that reads "and Cindy and Annie." For being such an old sport, baseball seems to have become very liberal.

It seems Miss Won't and Miss Road Hazard have not only made themselves fixtures among the shower curtains but also as onlookers at home baseball games. Once, while Miss Road Hazard was attempting to show pitcher Stan Chinchilla her femininity, Chinchilla hurled a wild fastball that landed

smack dab in the batter's masculinity.

Miss Won't has not gone without making her own effect. It is said that she provides a means of transportation for assistant coach Lenny Turmeover to and from every game. The athletic department must have really boosted their budget this year since they are providing chauffeurs for coaches. Now, if Miss Won't can actually get him there on time.

Let us not forget what the duo has done for the team's morale. The team and the ladies attend parties well into the night, but the players always come to practice early in the morning with smiles on their faces. Ah, the power of female companionship.

It seems Miss Road Hazard's best chance for employment is as a physical trainer. She is always willing to lend a helping hand with any application of ice or ointments. She is dedicated to treating all sorts of conditions.

Miss Won't should seriously consider coaching third base. After all, she does have the best signals and the players seem to respond really well to whatever motion she gives them.

We are not sure where the team would be without the ladies' presence at home games — or are we? All of that aside, the two deserve medals of merit for going beyond the call of duty as baseball fans.

Extracurricular Activities Of SGA Exposed

SGA Scandal by Spacey Hardass

It was a hot summer night. I was on my beat at Clementines, a popular gay leather bar in Souldard. As I sat sipping on a seltzer, interviewing one of the bar's patrons, I nearly fell off my stool when I spotted Handy Masturbator and Slave Withier at a dark back corner table, sucking on each other's fingers. I was very pleased to see some of the members of the Stupid Greedy Assholes (SGA) there, and I went over to say hello. As I crossed the room, out of the little girls' room stepped none other than Frill Hoss, SGA cocktroller! Decked out in a sequined gown, platform shoes, and of course, a bandana tied around his/her head to hide that annoying receding hairline, Frill was definitely a true vision of beauty.

I linked my arm through Frill's, and we went over to sit with the two lovers at the back of the bar. Handy

was sitting provocatively with his leather and lace boa wrapped around Slave's naked chest. For the first time, I noticed that Withier was wearing nothing but a pair of leather riding chaps, matching cowboy hat and boots, and nipple rings. Handy then began to live up to his name, and we all sat and watched as he proved the rumors we all had been hearing.

The night dragged on, and I silently watched as Frill fondled my leg under the table. I tried to explain that I wasn't interested, but she/he persisted. Thank goodness that Mike Queen showed up in a hot little spandex number that blew Frill's mind away. With his/her attention drawn away from me for a moment, I took the opportunity to escape. I never did get to finish the interview I had started, but I was finally enlightened to the way that one can get things done on campus.



The men of *The Current* before testosterone turned them into the he-men they are today. Can you figure out who's who?



Bird's eye Bashed

by Rush Dacomme America's #1 Limbaugh fan

This column space has been exploited for an entire semester by an all-knowing, tree-hugging, professional otter-scrubber named Brad Touché. This pathetic pro-everything chaotic man is the perfect example of irresponsible journalism.

First of all, he admits to living with a woman to whom he is not married (tsk! tsk!). Then he goes so far as to say gays should be allowed in the military! What is he thinking? I'm sure if a great leader like Bush or

Rush Limbaugh were in power, we'd have none of that nonsense allowed in newspapers.

We Americans need to be protected from radical thinkers who disguise themselves as intelligent. They are dangerous to our very existence! That's why we need government monitoring of our liberal press. Next thing you know, Touché will be trying to tell us that women have every right to be equal to men! Hey, we need someone at home to cook, clean and reproduce. What's wrong with the way it's been for the past 300 years?

Touché tries to tell people that everything should be made available, and that if we, the American people, don't want it, we have the choice to

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The Unofficial, Official Products Of *The Current* Staff

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 Official saying: "Ekallent"
 Official complaint: "What's wrong with this f**king computer!"

Clatter Box

Where's the strangest place you've had sex?

by Michelle Lawson
Current photographer



"In the middle of the stockroom on top of a bed within Chesterfield Mall's Famous Barr store, while I was at work."

- Adam Brewer Junior



"Well, I've never had sex before but I know that I will eventually have to explain it to my seven-year-old son Stephen."

- Shirley (Candy) Ousley



"I think that's a personal thing between the two individuals involved."

- Charles French Senior



"Raquetball courts. About a year ago, it was the middle of a sunny day, everyone was out, but no one saw us. It was totally intense."

- Gina Cirillo Sophomore

Trialoffer Hinders Campus Media

by Mary J. Wauna
staff smoker

Bob Trialoffer, news hound for *The Current* and UM-Sore Losers (yea right, my ass), informally announced today that he will no longer give press releases (at least on time) for use of *The Current*. Trialoffer said it is a punishment to *The Current* for not covering unnewsworthy events he deems important.

"It does not matter what that paper thinks, I run the media on this campus. Now I am going to punish the whole school and not release anything," he said.

Do you take me for such a fool To think I made contact With the one who tries to hide

What he don't know to begin with Bob Dylan, "Positively 4th Street"

An associate said there may be ulterior motives to Trialoffer's unexpected move.

"He wants The Spoof, evening college pages of boring press releases, to take over *The Current* as the university paper even though it is worthless," said UM-Sore Losers tattle-tale Jane Narc.

UMSL staff spoofologists said there might be hidden motives for Trialoffer's "power struggle" with *The Current*. She said his early male-pattern baldness causes Trialoffer to be more sensitive to his many shortcomings and therefore more power-hungry.

Another spoofologist said Trialoffer's career frustration may have pushed the asinine move. The

spoofologist said Trialoffer's goal was to work at a daily newspaper (fat chance), but could not get hired.

"His failures have made him feel unworthy. He now feels the need to be a horrid pest in the lives of the campus community," said the person.

And now I know you're dissatisfied With your position and your place Don't you understand It's not my problem

Bob Dylan, "Positively 4th Street"

A boss of his said Trialoffer would have been fired long ago if it was not for minority quotas on hiring short-bald-white-male-overachievers.

"Even with his inefficiencies, the fool must still work for us. We have to play by the book," said the boss.

An unnamed member of the campus community said Trialoffer has been belligerent and degrading to some of the groups on campus.

"I don't mean to belittle you but you probably won't be able to understand this information," said Trialoffer to a campus group member when receiving information.

I wish that for just on time You could stand inside my shoes And just for that one moment I I could be you

Yes, I wish that for just one time You could stand inside my shoes You'd know what a drag it is To see you

Bob Dylan, "Positively 4th Street"

Narc said Trialoffer is just another example of campus apathy.

"Trialoffer is just another example of what an ass-backward campus UM-Sore Losers can be," said Narc.

Razors Cause Riots On The Campus Of Misery

by Enrique O'Malley
village idiot/burden on society

What began as a peaceful day of registration and barbecuing turned ugly last Tuesday when a riot erupted on the campus of the University of Misery-Sore Losers.

Tempers flared in the registration line when it was announced that all classes but "Disposable Razors and Their Role in Rural Society" were closed until the fall semester of 1997.

Students cursed their advisors, the administration and personal hygiene.

"What kind of crap is this," questioned undecided senior Peter Stuckinsider. "Bics for hicks is the best they have to offer. I knew I should have gone to Jay's Truck Driving School."

Registration and admission employees barricaded themselves in a broom closet when angry students mummified a custodial sanitation engineer with registration forms and floor wax.

"We didn't know how long we'd have to be in there, but we were prepared to stick it out," said Annie Analretention of the registrar's office. "We had rationed out water from a mop bucket and some petrified Chicklets we found on a shelf. I think we could have made it a week without resorting to cannibalism."

Students stormed the administration offices in Woozy Hall, but found them unoccupied. Blanche Molehill and Lowe "Handle" MyKane were sipping margaritas on their leer jet and miraculously escaped injury.

Confused, the angry mob milled around aimlessly playing with electric pencil sharpeners and Molehill's Jordan Junior Jammer behind the wet bar. Several scholars began a rousing ruckus of a water fight in the jacuzzi, when someone shouted "Parking tickets suck!"

Once again aroused, the rioters rushed across campus to the General Incompetence Building where they were met with tear gas, billy clubs and trained beagles.

The students responded by hurling molotov cocktails, accounting texts and chocolate doughnuts looted from a candy machine. The beagles were effectively neutralized after eating stray doughnuts, and the tear gas had no effect on students who have spent seven or more years eating in the Blunderground.

National guardsmen were rushed in, led by former Vice President Dan Fayle. When Fayle began ranting about some environmental book, the men in his charge beat him about the head, stuffed him in a mailbox and headed for Bugg Lake for an afternoon of bong hits and brautwurst.

The situation seemed out of control when police chief Butt Pickens came before the students with a proposal. He offered the students complete immunity from prosecution for parking tickets and damage caused by the riot in exchange for returning his inflatable doll collection and buying him a dozen doughnuts and a tub of coffee. When the students balked, an unknown representative of the School of Farts and Appliances offered to make nude sunbathing a three hour class.

A potential catastrophe was avoided and everyone had dandy time.

The Current Top Ten Reasons To Blow Off Class

1. It'll still be there when you get back.
2. Make new friends by finding out who takes good notes.
3. Provides you an opportunity to get to know your professor better in one-on-one conferences.
4. Support the local economy with reckless drinking binge.
5. Why break a time-honored tradition.
6. The sun is out, the songbirds are singing and it's too nice of a day.
7. It's sleeting, the traffic's bad and it's too bad of a day.
8. The bed is warm and cozy and Geraldo is featuring ambidexterous hermaphrodite strippers and the reason they broke up with their boyfriends.
9. The bed became iron and you developed a magnet in your butt overnight.
10. Just cuz

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turn it off or stay away from it. Well, Mr. Save The World, What if I don't want to avoid your dirty television shows or sickening song lyrics? People like me don't like to have to deal with such filth. I'd rather let one of our paid officials decide for me what is good and safe to see, hear and read.

He tried to say it was okay to be gay! C'mon Mr. Touché, everybody knows that gays don't really exist.

I don't believe in his liberal interpretation of the first amendment. People aren't allowed to yell "Fire!" in a crowded auditorium. That would be the act of an irresponsible person. Hence, irresponsible people should not be allowed to express their opinion in a public forum. You, sir, have no idea about reality and are being irresponsible by acting like you do.

Why would someone allow women who are old enough to vote decide whether or not to have a baby? Women, like men, need a government to direct them to the right choices. Pregnant women cannot think rationally, so they need to be told what to do. A law against abortion is the only way to do just that. I can't believe he once said that pregnant girls under 18 should be able to get an abortion with a parent's permission! Mom and Dad are not as wise as our government, Brad.

Along with all of his stories about his fiancé, who he lives with in sin, Mr. Touché repeatedly exposed us all to his trashy ideals of tolerance of one another, along with his "peace and love at any price" philosophy.

People, especially impressionable students, need guidance. Trust Rush and your local government for it. Don't ever depend on young radicals like Mr. Touché for your information. You don't need anyone opening your mind or confronting you with topics. If we don't rock the boat, the ride will be more pleasant for everyone. Thank you for your time.

Birdy's note: Although this is found on the parody page, this train of thought is still strong in our country. This last column goes out to all the people I upset this year. I hope it at least gave you the chance to think for yourself. Even if your opinion was different from mine, at least you're allowed to have it. Don't forget it and don't get lazy with it. Keep your mind open and use it every chance you get 'cuz I'm outta here for good. Vaya con Dios.

Thought of the Day:

"All you see, all you hear, all you know filters through nerves into your head. If everything is in your head, why let anything bother you?"

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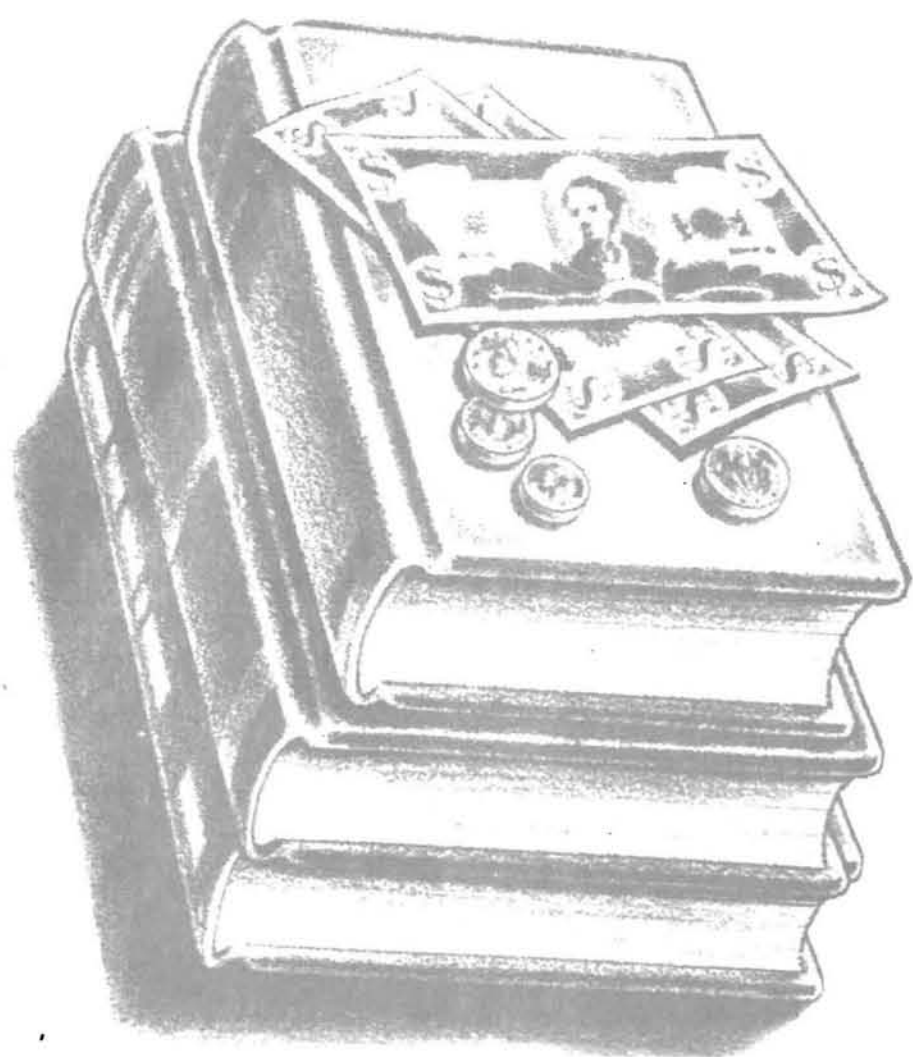
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