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Barnes, UM-St. Louis Discuss Nursing Merger

Christopher Sutherland
of The Current staff

Negotiations are being made between UM- St. Louis and Barnes- Jewish Inc./ Christian Health Systems, to merge the nursing programs of Barnes Hospital and UM- St. Louis.

UM- St. Louis' nursing program offers a completion program in nursing. This is only for those students who already have a certificate in nursing, and are registered as a nurse.

Don Dreimeier, deputy to the chancellor, said the a merge between UM-St. Louis and Barnes Nursing Schools could begin within two months .

"With the addition of the Barnes- Jewish Inc./ Christian Health Systems, we will be able to offer more degrees in nursing," said Donald Dreimeier, deputy to the chancellor.

The merge will include approximately 400 students and 32 faculty members being added to the UM-St. Louis faculty, staff and student body.

"The addition of Barnes Hospital Staff and student body will help us to succeed in our five-year plan," Dreimeier said.

"At the end of five years (which began in 1991) we set a goal of keeping an average of 1,300 students through the years."

Dreimeier said the program could begin in as early as two months. The program will be offered to students in the fall semester of 1994. UM-St. Louis will arrange for the students of Barnes Hospital's School of Nursing to live on or around UM- St. Louis' campus.

"There will either be new dorms built for them, as well as our current student body, or we will arrange for

apartments to be used," Dreimeier said.

Students in the program will do their course work at UM-St. Louis and practice at Barnes Hospital. Dreimeier said students can ride the MetroLink from UM-St. Louis' South Campus station and exit one block away from Barnes Hospital.

"My hope is the program will work out," Dreimeier said. "We have a situation where everyone will win."

University Employees To Decide Health Care Option

First of a two-part series

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

The UM-St. Louis change in health insurance to GenCare this year is a miniature version of the plan President Bill Clinton introduced to the American people. Both plans focus on a managed system, meaning the rates are less expensive but the choice of practitioner is limited.

Administrative officials said a change was necessary because under the previous plan, the rates would have doubled in the next five years.

Steve Lehmkuhle, UM-St. Louis Senate chairperson, said the change is for the better.

"I think it (the change) is better than not doing anything," Lehmkuhle said. "Now we just have to sit back and see if it meets our needs."

The updated comparison of health plan electives consists of five choices: (Plan A) Point of Service, (Plan B) Catastrophic, (Plan C) Out of Network, (Plan D) Health Maintenance, and (Plan E) Non Network with a \$250

deductible.

For simple comparison, a single employee would pay per month: (A) \$38.98 (B) \$16.20 (C) \$53.20 (D) GenCare \$32.94, Group Health Plan \$51.28 (E) \$63.08. But when choosing, an employee must consider the benefits each plan offers.

The complexity of the system, Lehmkuhle said, is the main factor of concern with employees at Senate meetings.

"There are two questions," Lehmkuhle said. "Number one; convenience, and number two; quality of the service."

"Faculty and staff won't be able to go to the doctor of their choice anymore, and that concerns some of them. Under the options offered, there will be a primary practitioner that will determine if the person actually needs further service."

Another issue that disturbs the faculty and staff is the administration's involvement. With the previous plan, the university paid two-thirds of the premium cost, while the employee paid

the final one-third. Although the employee now has less expensive premiums, under the university-proposed plan, the university is also paying less. Employees believe the university should contribute the same dollar amount as they did before.

Susan Fagenbaum said a managed system will work on this campus. "This is a literate campus," Fagenbaum said. "The managed system will work for you if you know how to work with the system. It's a question of what are people willing to pay to preserve a choice (of practitioner)."

Lehmkuhle said the package that is the least expensive may not always be the best.

"Faculty and staff really have to go into great detail," Lehmkuhle said. "They have to look at what they can get and what they need."

Employees have until Dec. 1 to decide on which package they desire. They will sign a contract that stays in effect for one year. After the one year, the employee can change packages. The university has a three-year contract with GenCare.

Who's That Pig?

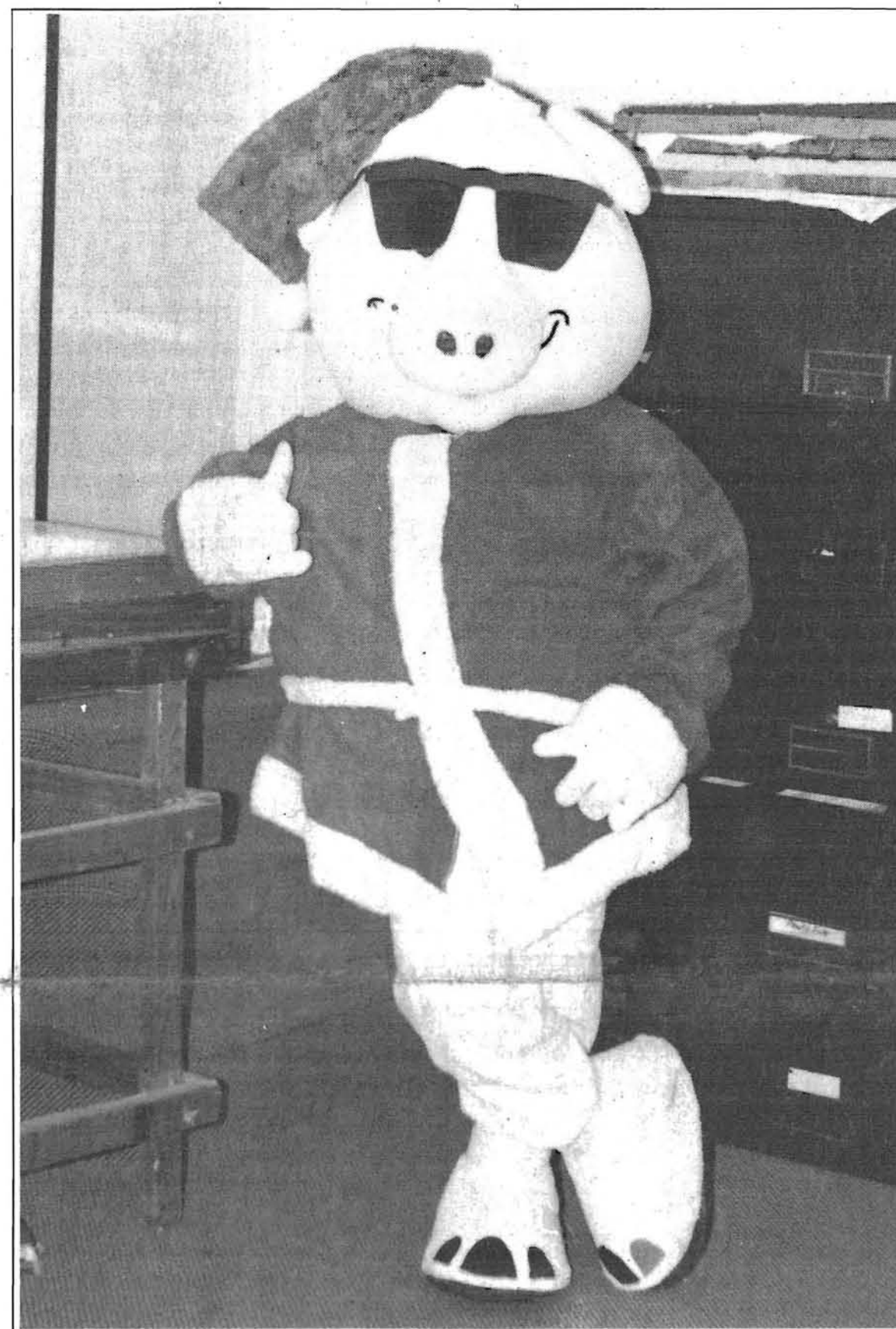


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READY FOR THE PARTY: K-SHE 95's mascot Sweetmeat is dressed in Christmas Schtuff (sic) while getting ready to leave The Current for KSHE's 26th anniversary party.

Professor's Book Addresses High Crime Rate

Christopher Sutherland
of The Current staff

In his recently published book, a UM-St. Louis professor attempts to answer one of the most asked questions concerning crime in America

Richard Rosenfeld, associate professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at UM-St. Louis, along with Steve Messner, recently published a book titled "Crime and the American Dream." The book deals with the question: why are crime levels so much higher in America than in any other world-wide? Rosenfeld said that what they have done is deal with the answers that don't work and then answer the question.

"People often say that crime is so high because gun availability is so much greater here," Rosenfeld said. "It is true that gun availability contributes to ho-

micide in America, but even if you compare non-gun homicide rates in America to the homicide rates in other countries, America's rate is still much higher."

Rosenfeld said the crime problem in the United States lies very deep in our culture.

"Some of the values and institutions we prize and consider to be part of the success story, we argue is responsible for the crime in the United States," he said. "The American Dream can pressure people to succeed monetarily. It leaves restraints on people on how they go about doing that, so we live in a society when people say things like, 'by any means necessary.' These are expressions that hit the underlying message, that it is very important to succeed monetarily, and how you go about



Richard Rosenfeld, Criminology Professor

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Optometry School To Help Eye Clinic Opening

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

The Shadow Ball Dance raised \$25,000 for the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry. Proceeds will benefit an eye-care clinic in East St. Louis scheduled to open in March.

Jerry Christensen, dean of the School of Optometry, said there are two standpoints the new clinic will assist.

"The education of actual interaction with patients will make the students better optometrists," Christensen said. "And the community is in need of the care."

The School of Optometry also received \$155,000 from community funds that will be used to pay the salaries of employees at the clinic.

Currently, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE) has dental and nursing clinics in East St. Louis. Their success, Christensen said, is the reason for the construction of the eye clinic.

See Clinic, page 8

Health Care Options For University Employees

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** Plan A- \$0 for Network, \$350 for Non-Network; Plan B-\$1500 individual/2 times individual for family; Plan C-\$250 individual/2 times individual for family

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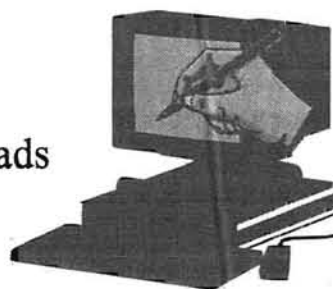
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Vox Populi

Dear editor,

Just when I was convinced that *The Current* could not get any worse, your ad-rag reached a new low in the Nov. 22 issue. Cory Schroeder's outrageously ignorant "article" about "A Thanksgiving Controversy" was a total waste of ink, paper and space.

I have spent nearly two decades achieving an international reputation for research on the Powhatan Indians and their relations with the Virginia colonists, and I have never encountered such erroneous, fanciful *crap*, as in this piece. Maybe the quoted, but little-known "source" is to blame, but journalists are responsible for checking the reputation and credibility of the supposed "experts" they interview. Given the Metro area's vast array of faculty talent and library resources, there is no excuse for such inaccurate reporting.

Everyone I've talked to has given up on *The Current* as a relevant, reliable source of news at UM-St. Louis. While I used to be concerned that too much space was devoted to advertisements and silly illustrations (like the photo of a squirrel occupying one-fourth of the front page!), Schroeder's article convinced me that your staff is incapable of finding newsworthy items or of writing literate or accurate stories about them. Since you have failed in all of the most basic journalistic endeavors, why don't you publish *all* advertising in the next issue and save this university further embarrassment?

Sincerely,
Fred Fausz, UM-St. Louis Honors College dean

From the editor's desk

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

In journalism, as in life, nothing will please everyone, all of the time.

I am willing to accept constructive Letters to the Editor, when they are succinct in their disagreement with the newspaper's editorial stance—as was the case with Mathew Taylor in his eloquent letter in the Nov. 1 issue.

Taylor rebutted my column, and objectively attacked my remarks by giving detailed examples of his point of view and criticism. He also straightened me out on a few things. You see, take every experience and learn from it.

What was there to learn about Frederick Fausz's, UM-St. Louis Honors College dean, mean-spirited attack about the characters of students he has never met? Other than it dawned on me that Mr. Fausz had never approached *The Current* to aide in giving information on Powhatan Indians, or did we know he knew so much about the subject.

My policy is to print every letter—flattering or not. And when it comes from a student, and the attack is self-serving, I usually chalk it up to age or experience with the situation. But such ferocity from a Dean of our Honors College?

"I have spent nearly two decades achieving an international reputation for research on the Powhatan Indians..." is the point of Fausz's attack. The rest of the narrow-minded, unsupported accusations are just window dressing to his anger of a differing opinion.

I guess students have to ask permission from academic international superstars, on which books to read, before they can largely *donate* their time to write their historical perspective. What ego.

Who is "everyone you've talked to?" At least Schroeder attributed his remarks. Why don't you "save the university further embarrassment" and resign from your position as Dean of the (Dis)Honors College?

I mean. Isn't that what you're asking us to do? Quit, because you don't agree with us.

Wonder why kids are screwed up today? It's pretty easy to ascertain why with such influences in such important positions in our society.

If I'm to be held accountable for the image and respect this newspaper holds on campus—something that I take very seriously—I'm going to hold people looking to assassinate my character, or my staffs, up to the same.

The section editor, who's page Schroeder's story ran on, checked his source and the facts in the story. That's gatekeeping. Mr. Fausz should have had someone edit his Letter to the Editor.

"Fanciful crap?" How sophomoric. Where are your "sources?" Stop looking in the mirror. Why is the author of his source "little-known?" Sounds like a personal problem, to me.

The folks in Woods Hall are wishing I would have talked to them first, right now. They have their job to do; we have ours. We could have all talked it out in private, and avoided a "total waste of ink, paper and space." But Mr. Fausz's remarks weren't private, and I'd like to be spared the joy of actually meeting Mr. Fausz.

It's Saturday night, and I'm sitting here enjoying the pain of an abscessed molar, because I can't afford dental insurance, and I've worked up just about as much hate in me in the 20 minutes it took to get this far, as Mr. Fausz did in his public display of ill will.

See, I can't go the the dentist until payday. I don't have a cushy government job, lofty medical benefits and a white throne on which to sit and pass judgement. I'm just student number 916073. Now, maybe that's tenuous.

But then again, I'm not going to sit back and watch my staff get crushed by "ignorant" letters, by pompous so-called educators.

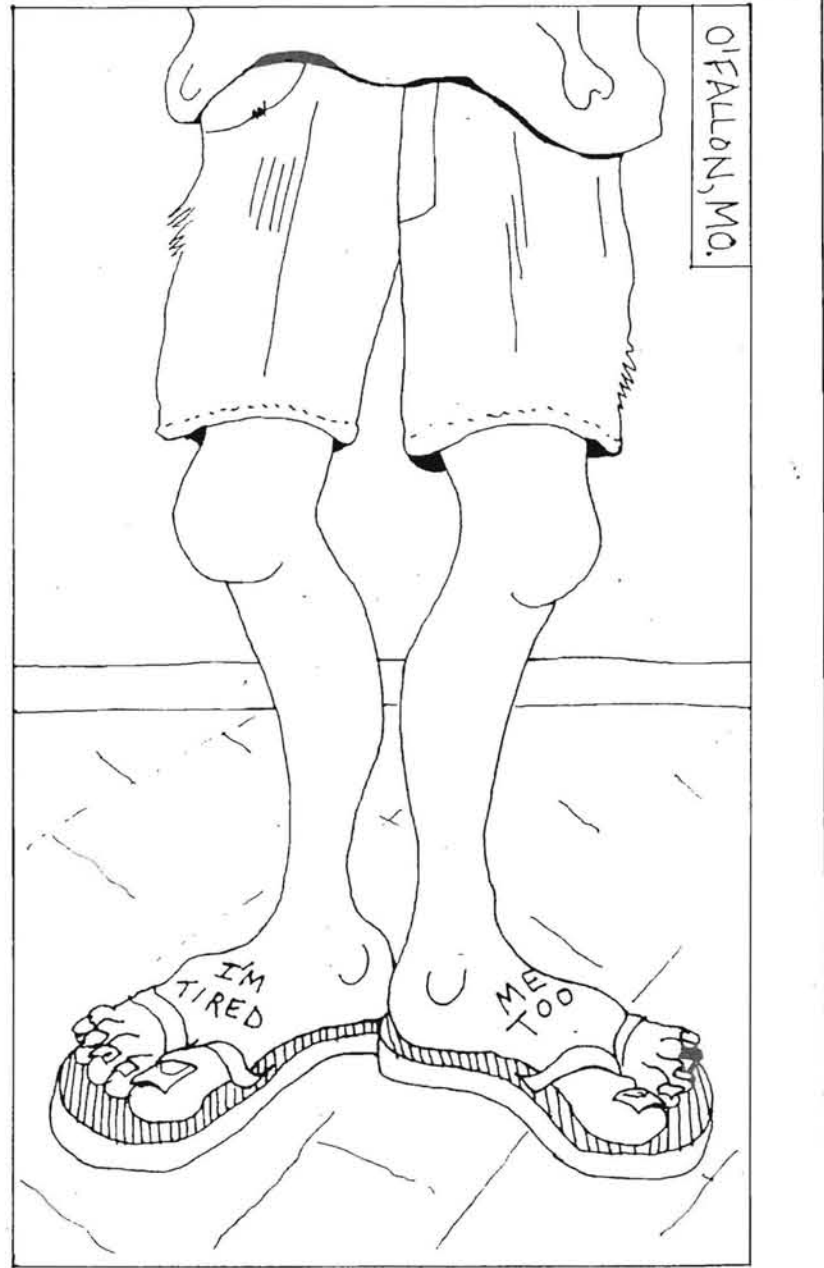
I've heard the reports from students, who say some professors use valuable class time to slander *The Current*.

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As for the comments on our "ad-rag" and the amount of advertising we run, Mr. Fausz definitely exposes his newshole, here. I'll spare the details of the financial situation the paper was in when I took over as editor, but it's safe to say the Maneater (UM-Columbia's student newspaper) uses more space for house ads than our total weekly page output.

The amount of copy is determined by the amount of advertising revenue earned weekly, Dr. Dean Frederick Fausz.

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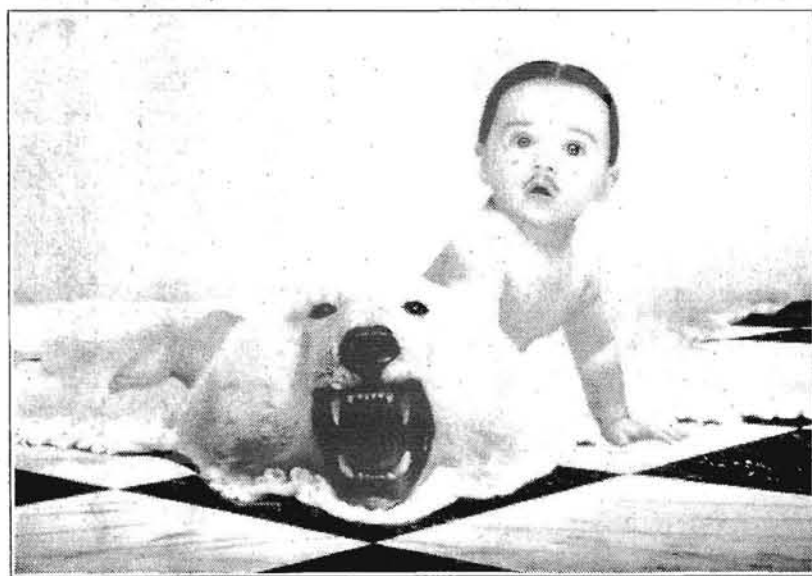
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AND BABY MAKES THREE: Baby Pubert is the newest addition to the Addams clan.

"They Really Are A Scree-Um"

by Jeffrey Struyk
of *The Current* staff

They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky . . . well, you know the rest. When the theater lights dimmed and the theme music began to play, most of the audience snapped their fingers along with it. It was apparent that this movie would be well received no matter how good or bad it really was.

"Addams Family Values" isn't bad—fans of this macabre clan will enjoy seeing Charles Addams' comic strip characters brought to life again. The cast remains the same as the first "Addams Family" movie. Anjelica Huston plays the seductively sadistic Morticia with Raul Julia as her romantic husband, Gomez. Christopher Lloyd is back as Uncle Fester, Christina Ricci is Wednesday, Jimmy Workman is Pugsley and Carol Struycken plays Lurch, the butler.

This sequel, like the original, falls short of satisfying in the area of plot. Both movies are a series of disjointed jokes and gags chained together to form a 90 minute movie. This lack of cohesiveness is somewhat offset by the bizarre relationships between the characters.

"It's an Addams!" Gomez proudly announces the arrival of Baby Pubert (Kaitlyn and Kristin Hooper), the newest addition to the family. A striking resemblance to Gomez (moustache and all), Pubert causes a lot of sibling jealousy. Wednesday thinks there are too many kids, so one of them has to die. When the "games" Wednesday and Pugsley play with the baby be-

come increasingly violent, Debbie (Joan Cusack) is hired as a nanny.

Debbie is a near clone of June Cleaver from the pastel-colored world of Suburbia. She seems oblivious to the decadent surroundings and even flirts with the lonely, drooling Fester.

Never before in an intimate relationship with a woman (he did have one with the disembodied hand, Thing—I'll leave that up to your imagination), Fester is bitten by the love bug. His attempts at imitating the romantic style of Gomez backfire horribly and provide many humorous scenes. In spite of this, Debbie seems to be falling for Fester—she's really after his money. The only ones who aren't completely clueless to her ploy are Wednesday and Pugsley. To get them out of the way, Debbie sends them to an Addams Hell on Earth: Camp Chippewa.

The camp is the most unlikely setting in the movie—a place for spoiled rich kids and the last place one would expect to see any Addams offspring. Wednesday meets her first boyfriend, Joel (David Krumholtz), a boy who also hates camp and is allergic to almost everything. Together, they make repeated attempts to escape in order to save Fester from Debbie.

"Addams Family Values" shows that a family doesn't have to fit society's definition of normal to be a good one. Director Barry Sonnenfeld says that the Addamses are "the ultimate functional family. The parents love the children. The mother and father love each other. They don't change their values based on a whim. They're a perfect family."

Sig Taus Throw Feast For Elderly

by Rebecca C. Dames
of *The Current* Staff

'Twas the night before Thanksgiving and all through the house not a creature was stirring at the Sigma Tau Gamma house. Why, you ask—because they were giving free turkey dinners away.

On Wed., Nov. 24, the UM-St. Louis Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity brothers were serving up a hearty Thanksgiving dinner to local senior citizens at the Bel-Ridge Community Center. The meal consisted of oven-roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, salad, cranberries, green bean casserole, rolls, pumpkin and cherry pies.

The fraternity has been serving the community in this way for more than 10 years.

"It's a nice way to give something back to the community," said Andy Masters, fraternity member.

The Sig Tau's raised money all year to help pay for the dinner. They sponsored half of the event while the rest of the money was donated by the City of Bel-Ridge.

With support from their brothers it was a snap for the Sig Tau's to pull the dinner together. Each member helped out in some way, by gathering donations, shopping for the food, cooking the food or serving the food that night.

"It only took us a couple of weeks to get it together," said Phil McClung, co-chairperson of the event.

The whole community was out to show their holiday spirit. Police officers from the area offered their services for the night. They helped the elderly park their cars and walk across the street. For their kindness they also shared in the feast.

"Makes all of us feel good that we

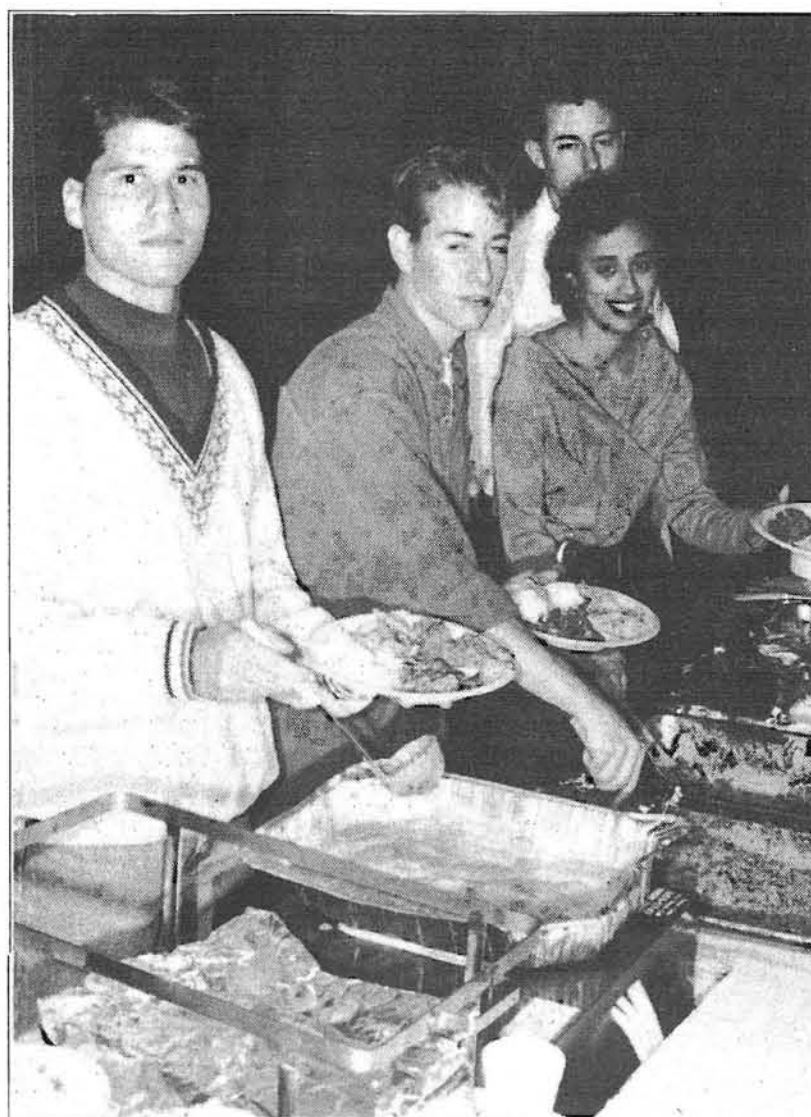


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SERVING THE COMMUNITY: Members of the Sigma Tau fraternity share their holiday spirit with elderly members at the Bel-Ridge Community center last week.

are doing something for the community of Bel-Ridge," said Steve Pennington, co-chair of the event.

The kitchen was running fairly smoothly with 12 men scurrying about. The highly spirited mashed potato cook was happy to share his secret of the trade. He did not mind putting in the

hard work because he was getting a lot in return.

"It's nice because it gives the senior citizens of Bel-Ridge a chance to get together and to see all their friends in one place," said Frances Gomez, fraternity member and mashed potato cook.

Nick Karabas, president of Sigma Tau Gamma seemed especially proud of the fraternity's work. This is his third year serving at this event. He enjoys mingling with the ladies as well as refilling their coffee.

"It's fun! I like talking to the ladies, they are a lot of fun," said Karabas.

Karabas also boasted there was plenty of food and it is all very good.

"Anything we prepare is excellent," he said.

I talked with a group of ladies enjoying their overflowing plates—all members of the Senior Citizens of Bel-Ridge, a group consisting of at least 100 members.

"I look for it every year, I've been coming here for the past four or five years," said Gussie Fischer.

"I've been here ever since it started at least ten years ago," said Rose Stassi.

Between discussing their arts and crafts fair, coming up Dec. 4, at the Bel-Ridge Community Center and how good the meal was, the guests also commented on how nice these "young men" are for preparing and serving this meal.

"I enjoy eating everything. I come here every year and these young men are very kind," said Ruby Walker.

Besides serving the dinner at the community center, they bring meals to the elders' homes. The Sig Tau's call the city hall of Bel-Ridge to find out who can not make it to the center and how many dinners are needed. Then a couple of the fraternity brothers deliver the meals.

"When they see a couple of young guys walking up to their door with packages they get really excited. . . It's really a good feeling," said fraternity member Marty Schutte.

As usual, the Thanksgiving dinner was a great success. The Sigma Tau Gammas and the community of Bel-Ridge are thankful to have one another.

Music News 'N Views

by Eric Pherigo
of *The Current* staff

As December draws near, and the new releases dwindle down to a steady stream of box sets, tribute albums and Christmas music from all of your favorite artists (like Ren & Stimpy's *Crock O' Christmas*) our beloved year of music comes to a close. But before it's time to buy that CD for the special person in your life, splurge on yourself and go see some great concerts that are coming up. On Dec. 10 and 11, Uncle

Tupelo (who are the best band from this area) will be packing Mississippi Nights. On Dec. 13, Evan Dando and his other two Lemonheads, supported by Redd Kross will be in town. And on Dec. 7, quite possibly the best concert of the year will be at the American Theatre, the Smashing Pumpkins with support from an equally great band, Swervedriver.

If you are looking for a great Christmas present that lacks in taste, is extremely vulgar and downright atrocious then I suggest you get Jim Rose and his

Circus Sideshow acts on American Videos. See Lifo lift concrete blocks and irons from his various body appendages, watch Jim Rose put his face in glass particles while someone else stands on top of it and much more, but I won't spoil it for you. Other super (huh huh) new releases that are out this month are: Gun's N' Roses, *The Spaghetti Incident*, Metallica, *Live S**t, Binge and Purge*, and the *Beavis and Butt-head Experience*. Like its namesake, it really does S U C K.

There are also a couple of good

gift titles available, such as the new home videos by Dream Theater and Pantera. Or perhaps you want that new band that just hasn't made it yet, but just might be next year's White Zombie. If so go get Clutch or the Afghan Whigs. And if you're really trying to find a great present for that hard to please somebody, check your local import store and pick up some rarities like the Smashing Pumpkins first demos or some great live bootlegs from U2 or Pearl Jam. There is just so much music and so little money to buy it.



Photo: Alfie Ali

by Dana Cook
features editor

Birthplace: St. Louis, Mo.
Last good movie I saw was: "Remains of The Day."

I stay at home to watch: Crossfire on CNN, Larry King Live and I like David Letterman.

My favorite junk food is: Gooney Butter Cakes from St. Louis Bread Company and I like Ding Dongs.

I went to college at: St. Louis U, and I went

All You Ever Wanted To Know About: Mrs. Nancy Gleason English Lecturer

here.
My favorite college memory is: When I was a TA and when I was studying Moby Dick in Dick Cook's class.

My prized possession is: My dog, Abby.

I'd give anything to meet: Emily Dickinson and Shakespeare.

A really great evening to me: Would be to see a play and go out to eat where I'm not in a hurry.

The one thing I cannot stand is: Laziness.

The people who knew me in college said: That I tried to do too much and I needed to slow down.

My friends like me because: I enjoy helping other people at the expense of my own sanity

and sometimes I get behind because of that.

If I wasn't a professor I'd be: I don't know, I've never thought of myself as anything other than a teacher. I'd like to stay home and write a book about teaching, but I couldn't do that without already having done what I've done.

Two words that best describe me are: Serious and energetic.

My favorite basketball team is: North Carolina Tarheels.

I've never been able to: Snow ski.

My favorite childhood memory is: Summers spent swimming with my mother at the public pool that we used to go to.

If I could change anything about myself it would be: I'd have a little more confidence in myself.

When I grow up I want to be: A teacher.

My hobby is: Reading and spending time with my kids and other teenagers.

The thing about me that would surprise most people is: Sometimes I get my feelings hurt more than I let on.

The books that I am currently reading are: "New Poems by Emily Dickinson," "Get Out Of My Life, But First Take Cheryl 'n Me To The Mall," and I'm re-reading "As I Lay Dying," by Faulkner.

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UM-St. Louis Campus Club Corner

Featured This Week: Sigma Tau Gamma



by Amy Weicht
of The Current staff

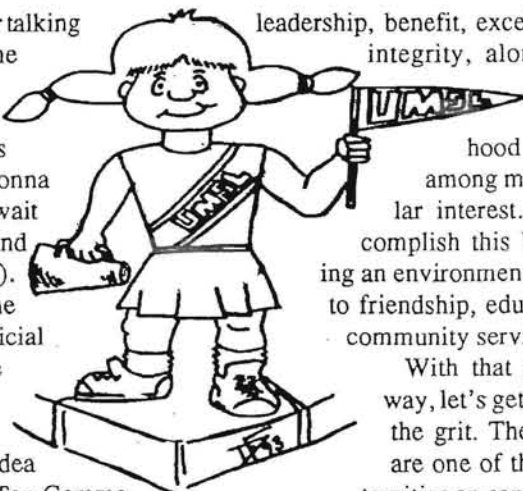
I personally love surprises. I just don't want to know if I'm going to be surprised because the anxiety kills

me. If you've been on campus at all in the last month or read any of our past issues then you've had to have seen something that said Dec. 3. What the hell is on Dec. 3 anyway. Since I've already said I hate surprises I figured I would search out the student organization responsible for these nerve-wracking signs and find what they were all about. I was on a mission. The suspense was killing me, and any organization that can promote an event and think that they don't even have to tell us what it is, definitely needs some clarification.

As we all know the student group I'm referring to is Sigma Tau Gamma

fraternity. After talking to some of the members I now know what Dec. 3 is but I'm not gonna tell, I think I'll wait a little while and surprise ya (sic).

First let me tell you the official purpose of the fraternity and get that out of the way. The idea behind Sigma Tau Gamma is to promote the principles of value,



leadership, benefit, excellence and integrity, along with a sense of brotherhood and unity among men of similar interest. They accomplish this by providing an environment dedicated to friendship, education and community service.

With that out of the way, let's get to some of the grit. The Sig Taus are one of the few fraternities on campus. Their house is located at 8660 Natural

Bridge Rd., right next to Popeyes Chicken. In that quaint little house live a few of the 49 members of the fraternity. This little house is also the site of some of the fraternity's functions, such as the Beach Blast held every fall during Rush Week and the New Year's Eve gala they hold every year.

Contrary to the popular misconceptions about fraternities, Sig Taus strive to make themselves a asset to the community which they reside in. In addition to such projects as the Thanksgiving dinner they serve to elders in the community (see related story), each pledge is required to do a certain number of community service hours. For those of you who might not be Greek literate, a pledge (or associate) is a guy who has not been officially made active in the fraternity. It's kinda like a period of paying your dues to the older and wiser fraternity actives, or those who have already paid their dues so to speak and have been there a while. Once you've been made an active, you're in for life.

According to the fraternity's president, Nick Karabas, when you get involved in a fraternity you open yourself up to more involvement on campus and in the community. It puts the final touch on the whole college experience.

If you think that something is missing from your college experience then Sigma Tau Gamma just might be the answer. To get involved in the fraternity keep an eye out for signs about spring Rush, scheduled to begin on Jan. 7. If you decide that this is something you want to get in to, you spend a little time with some of the members and then they issue bids which are kinda like invitations to join. I you find yourself needing more information about this great group of guys you can show up at one of their events or you can call the house at 428-5431.

Alright, I guess I've made you wait long enough. I'm sure you're just dying to find out what the hell is so special about Dec. 3. On this, now all too famous, date the Sig Taus will hold The Holiday Fest All-Campus Bash. It's being hailed as the largest UM-St. Louis party in years. It'll start at 8 p.m. on Friday and go on till 2 a.m. Saturday. All you need to attend is an UM-St. Louis I.D. and one can of food or a buck, which ever you can scrounge up. All of the money and food collected will go to the Holiday Fest for the local needy. If you want to see these guys in action and find out what the Sig Taus are all about then why not help the needy at the same time. Tell the guys you heard about it on The Corner.

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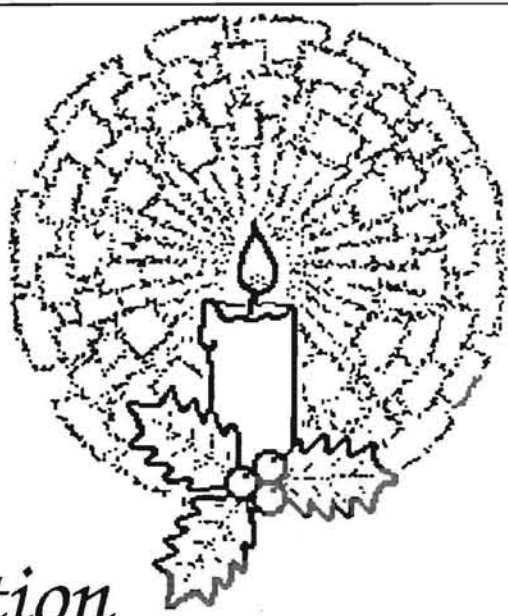
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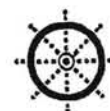


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Showtime At Women's Basketball Games

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

Blink and you might miss something.

This is exactly how I felt after getting my first look at the 1993-94 Riverwomen basketball team on Saturday Nov. 24.

A new coach, new players, and a new system which is guarantee to have the fans home in a little over an hour.

Head coach Jim Coen has implemented a system resembling those often found in the National Basketball Association. Run and shoot the other opponent to death.

So far, the system has worked, as the Riverwomen were 2-0 heading into last weekend.

In the first two games, the team attempted 162 shots, a whopping average of 81 shots a game. Also the ladies have attempted 63 three point shots. Coen loves the three point shot. Their opponents on the other hand have only attempted 16 three pointers.

Every player on the team has the green light to shoot the three point shot.

"We'll shoot the three approximately 20 to 30 times a game," Coen said. And so far his team is on pace.

Guard Laura Satterfield has put up the most three pointers so far. She has made six out of 21 in the first two games.

On defense, the Riverwomen try to pester their opponents crazy with full court pressure. The team while not very big, is very quick and uses the quickness to their advantage.

In their second win of the year the Riverwomen drove Harris Stowe insane with their pressure. The ladies had 12 steals against Harris Stowe and have 35 for the young year. A 17.5 average a game. Ouch!

Forward Arletha Lewis leads the team with seven steals. Lewis, plus the additions of fellow transfers Christiana Hampton, and Lisa Jordan, have made the Riverwomen a very quick team.

If the ladies play good defense and shoot the ball well, it will be more than enough to make up for their lack of size.

It might be David versus Goliath, but no one gave David much of a chance either. The Riverwomen have what it takes to surprise some people.

Here are some other bits happening around the Athletic Department.

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team played Division I power Ohio State, last Saturday in Ohio. It was the first time ever a Rivermen basketball game was seen on television. The game was on one of your local cable channels.

Baseball coach Jim Brady can be seen always helping out at UM-St. Louis athletic events. Which leads me to wonder if he ever goes home. Jim you have been missing LA-Law every Thursday, go home!

The Softball team continues to keep losing players, the latest to fall was second basemen Erin Hurt. Coach Harold Brumbaugh will again have to patch together a competitive team, last year he did a great job with similar circumstances.

The Soccer seasons have ended, but women's coach Ken Hudson and men's coach Tom Redmond have been busy talking to a host of new recruits. Hudson top priority could be a goalie and Redmond needs some help in the midfield. No rest for the weary.

Conference Championship Race In MIAA Promises To Be Heated

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team will have their hands full in a quest for a conference championship.

The Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association has notoriously been one of the top Division II conferences in the country.

The Rivermen have never won the MIAA crown but did go to the NCAA tournament in 1972 and 1988.

Washburn has won the MIAA title the last two seasons in a row but is not the early season favorite.

That honor goes to Central Missouri State with Missouri Southern a close second.

Here is a look at the rest of the Rivermen's opponents this year in the MIAA.

Central Missouri State University



Nickname: Mules

Betcha Didn't Know: Head Coach Bob Sundvold used to be an assistant coach for the University of Missouri Tigers.

Watch For: Corey Williams. Williams averaged 27.7 points at junior college last season and at 6-6 plays above the lights.

Play The Rivermen: Rivermen get the Mules at home, Feb. 9.

Emporia State University



Nickname: Hornets

Betcha Didn't Know: Senior forward Celso Doria is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Watch For: Guard Sean Robbins averaged 15.8 points in his freshman season and appears to have improved his game over the off-season.

Play The Rivermen: The Hornets travel to UM-St. Louis Feb. 9.

Southwest Baptist University



Nickname: Bearcats

Betcha Didn't Know: The Bearcats didn't receive an NCAA bid despite finishing the season with a 21-7 record.

Watch For: Sophomore forward Gregg Schmieding who was an oak tree last season with 15 blocks in 21 games.

Play The Rivermen: At UM-St. Louis on Jan. 12 and in Bolivar Feb. 15.

Missouri Southern State College



Nickname: Lions

Betcha Didn't Know: The Lions won the MIAA tournament despite finishing third in the standings.

Watch For: Forward Chris Tucker. He has been projected by "NCAA Basketball Preview" to be one of the nation's top Division II performers this year.

Play The Rivermen: At Joplin on Jan. 2.

Missouri Western State College



Nickname: Griffons

Betcha Didn't Know: The Griffons are picked by "NCAA Basketball Preview" as the tenth best Division II team in the country.

Watch For: Junior transfer Troy Hubbard. He was a second team All-American at Kshwaukee College last season.

Play The Rivermen: At St. Joseph on Jan. 29.

Northeast MO State University



Nickname: Bulldogs

Betcha Didn't Know: Junior forward Xavi Cargol is a native of St. Joan Les Fronts, Spain.

Watch For: Sophomore guard Brian Basich was second in the MIAA in assists last season and dazzled fans with behind the back passes.

Play The Rivermen: At Kirksville on Jan. 5.

Northwest MO State University



Nickname: Bearcats

Betcha Didn't Know: The Bearcats won 42 games in a row from 1929-30

Watch For: 6-9 center Chad Deahl. Deahl was overshadowed last season by the play of all-MIAA standout Orlando Johnson.

Play The Rivermen: At Maryville on Jan. 19 and back at UM-St. Louis on Feb. 23.

Pittsburg State University



Nickname: Gorillas

Betcha Didn't Know: The Gorillas will have 11 new players this season.

Watch For: 6-8 Saddrick Daniels, a transfer from Georgia, who should be an intimidating force on the boards.

Play The Rivermen: In St. Louis on Jan. 22 and at Pittsburg Feb. 26.

Lincoln University



Nickname: Blue Tigers

Betcha Didn't Know: Lincoln University only has 4000 students.

Watch For: Freshman center Mike Turner who is 6-8 and has a reputation for blocking shots.

Play The Rivermen: At the Mark Twain Building Jan. 26.

See MIAA, page 8

A Fan's Perspective: College Sports Spectators Are Missing The Point



Steve Russotto
of The Current staff

"Shoot the Rock" and "Call a T.O. Baby," are two phrases immortalized in the minds of college basketball fans everywhere. For those of you who are not familiar with these, the originator is an over-energized, outspoken sports announcer named Dick Vitale.

I myself am a loyal college basketball fan. For many seasons, I have sat in

my basement and screamed at the top of my lungs at the television for my team to win. This seems to be the case of fans at many other colleges, but for some reason this does not seem to apply here. People seem to believe that supporting athletics is just a waste of time, and energy.

If these same people took the time to sit down and actually let themselves get caught up in the excitement of the game, they would see the grace and the power of athletics. I recently attended a college basketball game, and I was terribly distraught over the reactions of the fans. The man seated behind me was not screaming and cheering when his team scored but was continually badgering the referee for making bad

calls.

Is this the kind of atmosphere we wish to have at games? I think not.

Another thing that seemed to be lacking was the mascot. The mascot was no where on the floor to be found, and I know for a fact that we have one. I realize that this may be a nit-pick kind of thing, but I think that the mascot adds to the fans getting caught up in the spirit of the game.

Many people have been able to recall exactly what they were doing when John F. Kennedy was shot. This is the same for me, but for a different event I can remember exactly where I was, who I was with, and what I was wearing when a player from Duke hit the game winning basket with one and three tenths of a second left.

I could probably not sink a three-pointer to save my life, but with this inability comes a greater admiration of people that can.

People have also come to the conclusion that since athletes are on scholarship they do not care whether the fans are there or not. Even with my limited athletic experience, I can tell you that there is no greater feeling in the world than to walk onto a playing field and hear the roar of the crowd.

To those of you who have already experienced the excitement of college athletics this article is something you already know, but for those of you who have not I invite you to take your student id and use it to experience your first athletic event.

If you do go please, go there to cheer your team on and do not worry about what the quality of the referee's calls were. Perhaps if enough people go, new traditions will be started the wave, and perhaps everyone dressing like their mascot. Whatever happens as the commercial says "Just get up and go".

Players To Watch

Women's Basketball: Guard Regina Howard has gotten off to a slow start but appears ready to explode at any time.

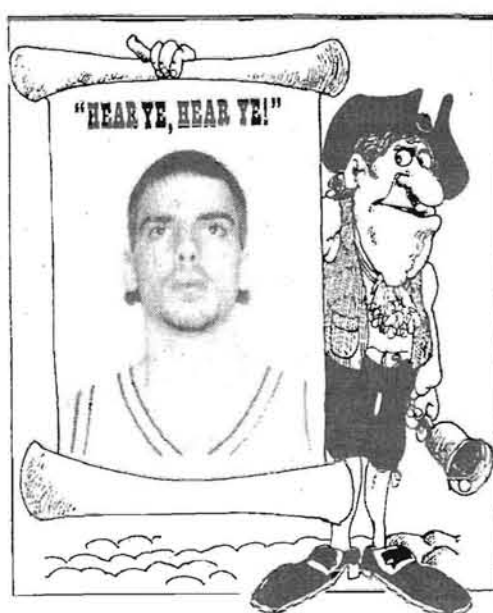
Men's Basketball: Phenom center Marvin Smith had just six points against Harris-Stowe but watch out, he's for real.



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University Of Missouri-Rolla



Nickname: Miners

Betcha Didn't Know: The Miners lost three 1000 point scorers in Billy Jolly, Chris Dawson, and Donnie Brown.

Watch For: All-MIAA

freshman Jamie Brueggeman to have a monster year.

Play The Rivermen: At Rolla on Jan. 15 and at UM-St. Louis Feb. 19.

Washburn University



Nickname: Ichabods

Betcha Didn't Know: They advanced to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals last season.

Play The Rivermen: At Topeka on Jan. 8 and back at UM-St. Louis Feb. 12.

Book from page 1

doing it is less important than the fact that you accomplished it."

Rosenfeld said that this attitude imposes pressure on people to succeed in one area and it leaves restraints on people on how to go about doing it.

All nations Rosenfeld and Messner compare America to are capitalist nations.

"What happens in the United States, is the market has dominated other insti-

tutions to a much greater degree than less capitalist societies," said Rosenfeld.

"America is organized for crime. Our cultural and institutional structure, our values, especially those that relate to the American Dream, are set up in such a way they produce rates of crime that are higher than that in other countries like the United States."

The book was published in October 1993 and is in local bookstores.

Clinic from page 1

"Basically, the Illinois legislature has contributed \$455,000 to the renovation of the clinic," Christensen said. "SIUE asked that if they could supply the property, would we be able to supply the staff."

Christensen said the details of the clinic are very preliminary.

"We will continue to have fundraisers to support the cost of equipment," Christensen said. "We want to put back into the operation

what we are receiving."

Christensen said the idea for the clinic goes back to when Arnold Grobman was the chancellor UM-St. Louis.

"Both he (Grobman) and Earl Lazerson started this a number of years ago," Christensen said. "They were looking for an area where SIUE and (UM-St. Louis) could join, and this (the clinic) is what grew out of it."

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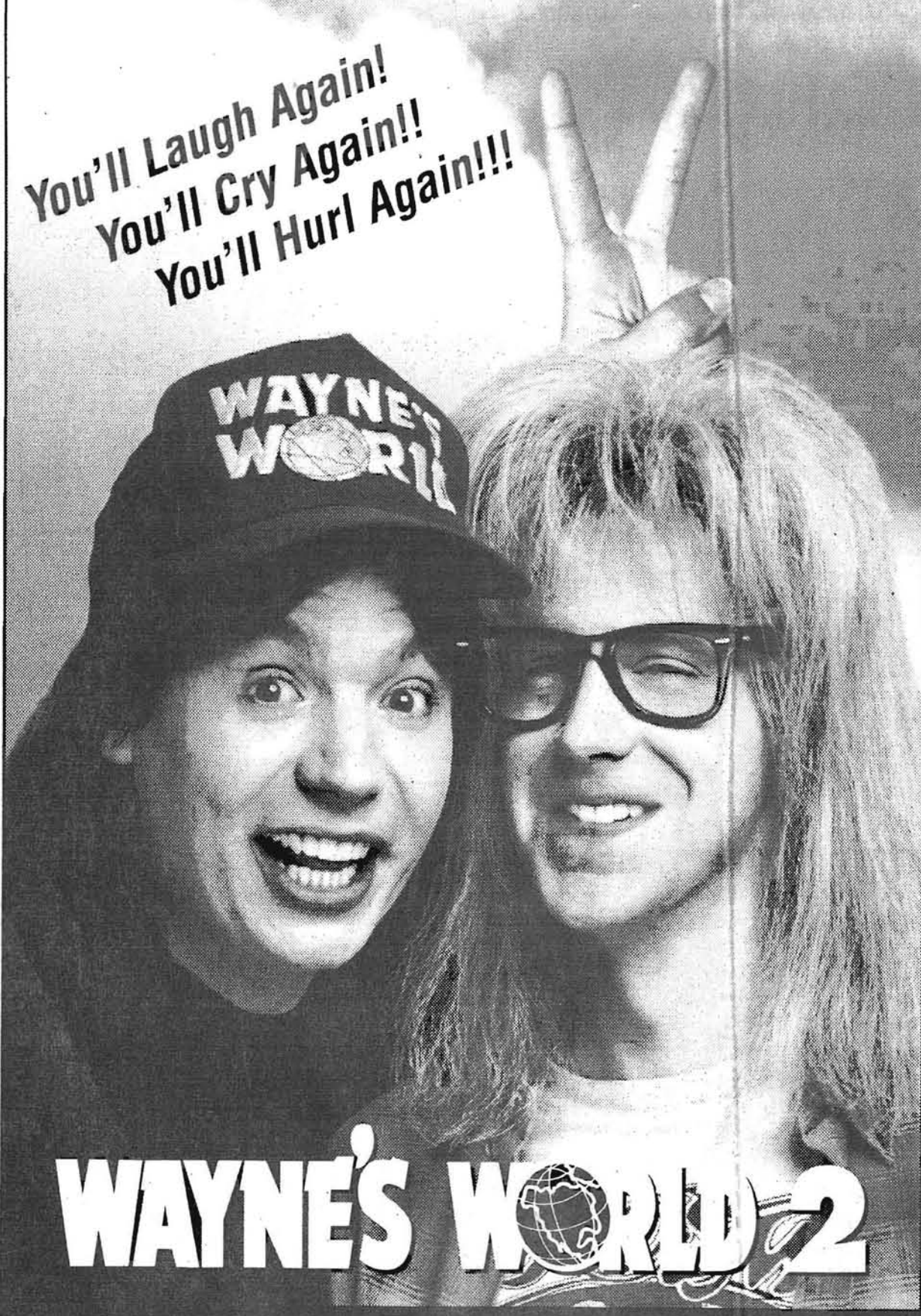
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