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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

January 24, 1994



HOME SWEET HOME

Rivermen defeat Pittsburg State
86-71 on Saturday.

EDITORIAL

Will Student Government Association's
decision to expel seven organizations actually
encourage student involvement?

FEATURES

Turn off the television and get a little artsy.

SPORTS

The Rivermen won their first MIAA basket-
ball game of the season.

An Ice Cold Bugg Lake

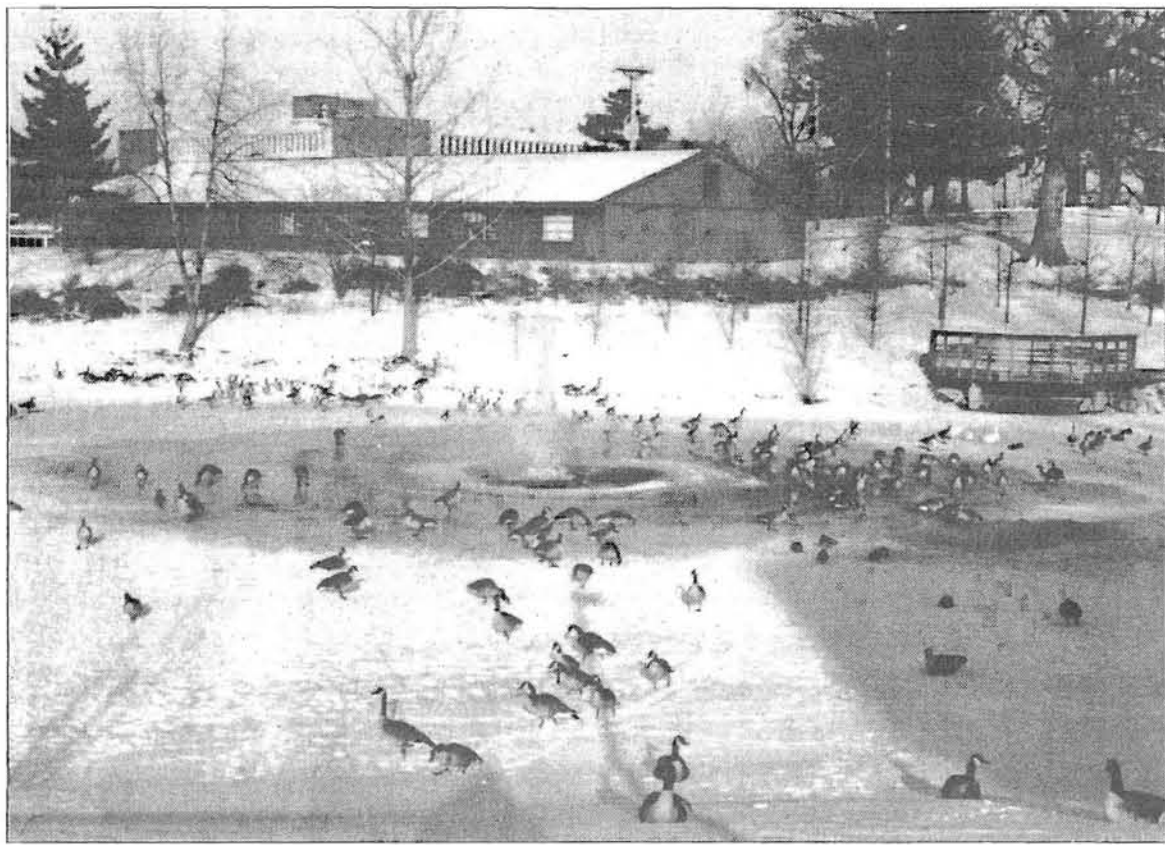


Photo: Dave Floyd

NO BUGGS ALLOWED: Numerous geese experience freezing temperatures at their home last week; UM-St. Louis' Bugg Lake.

Former Employee Files Lawsuit Against University

by Russell Korando
and Larry Offner
of The Current staff
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A former UM-St. Louis administrative assistant/customer service specialist filed a charge of discrimination against the University with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission.

Pamela Thomas, of St. Louis, who had been a University employee for two years, and whose job was eliminated Nov. 17, stated in her charge that she had been subjected to adverse terms and conditions of employment.

Thomas has also filed two claims for workers compensation for an alleged respiratory problem and work-related stress.

Barbara Carroll, associate director of Human Resources/Payroll, said, "From an organizational standpoint, I feel it's inappropriate to comment on individual personnel issues." Carroll added she could not comment on Thomas's charges of racial and gender discrimination.

In her charge, Thomas stated that, "I believe that my terms and conditions of employment are related to my sex (female) and my race (African-American) because: my office was moved to the basement in an area that is infested with flies and which has very little ventilation; I was placed in an area that is noisy due to automation and a loading dock, elevators, carpenter equipment being used, drilling and the

smell of paint; I cannot enter or exit my office without going through someone else's area, and the lock on my office does not work..."

In a memo dated Aug. 31, 1993, Carroll issued a written warning to Thomas under the University's disciplinary process. The subject of the memo was a confrontation between Thomas and a co-worker.

Carroll wrote to Thomas: "...your confronting her (the co-worker) by screaming and using offensive terms, both in the main office and in the back room—despite efforts by your immediate supervisor, Pam Rottman, to have you control yourself—are unacceptable and will not be tolerated."

Carroll also stated in the same memo that Thomas, "...did not provoke the incident with the co-worker."

In a second memo, dated Sept. 28, 1993, from Rottman, supervisor/Human Resources Services, Rottman discussed Thomas's failure to mail a job description to a University staff member who had twice requested one.

In the memo, Rottman states, "Several things concern me regarding this incident, the first of which is that you may have not dealt honestly with this person. Despite your statements to the contrary, there is no indication that you mailed copies of either the job posting or the job description or that you really tried to phone her."

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Governor Proposes Extra Financial Punch

UM-St. Louis Would Like Complete Flexibility In Usage Of The Funds

by Clint Zweifel
news editor

Gov. Mel Carnahan's budget request for higher education could bring UM-St. Louis \$16 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994.

The money is part of the governor's budget request that calls for \$177.5 million on capital improvements. Of the allotment, voters would have to authorize \$130 million of the budget as a bond issue.

Carnahan proposed \$12.9 million of the allocation to renovate Benton and Stadler Halls. The remaining \$3.3 million would go to social science and business building renovations.

Donald Driemeier, deputy to the chancellor, said although renovation of buildings is a priority, the acquiring of more land for the university's Master Plan is of more importance. He said a budget officer is examining the budget to see if the usage of the monies allotted can be more flexible, so that it can be used

to acquire property for the university. Acquiring the land is part of the university's Master Plan. The plan will change the physical setting of the campus by adding dormitories, changing parking and moving academic programs.

"The renovation is important, but the land acquisition is a higher priority," Driemeier said. "The governor's office has shown a willingness to change the emphasis from remodeling to property acquisition."

We would like ultimate flexibility (with the monies), so the funding could be used for both (property and renovation)."

Driemeier said the university would like full flexibility with the funding, so the most desirable property could be acquired.

"The longer you wait to acquire property, the more people there are who might find alternative uses for it," he said.

Driemeier said he expects a decision on the flexibility of the funding between two weeks to a month.

Student Handcuffed, Escorted Out Of Student Court Meeting

by Dana Cook
managing editor

UM-St. Louis student and news editor of *The Current*, Clint Zweifel, was handcuffed and escorted out of a Student Court meeting last Thursday.

Zweifel was at the meeting to hear the appeals of the student groups that were expelled from the Student Government Association (SGA) assembly for failing to comply with the SGA attendance policy.

Kel Ward, chief justice of the Student Court, asked Zweifel to leave on a number of occasions, but Zweifel refused on the basis that he had a right to be there.

"I had already covered the fact that they were expelled from the assembly the week before. Not much worse was going to happen to these groups. They had already become un-

recognized organizations," Zweifel said. "These weren't personal problems with individuals, they were merely problems with SGA assembly attendance. It doesn't seem justified to keep

(MPA) attorney Jean Maneke and *The Current's* advisor, Larry Offner, who is also an attorney. He said they both felt it was a relevant issue and encouraged him to attend.

"To me, it seems ridiculous that a student government that stresses student unity has excluded an organization from involvement."

Clint Zweifel, news editor of *The Current*

"That's really all I needed, once I talked to a couple of professionals," Zweifel said. "In the SGA constitution there is nothing written that allows for closed meetings. But, it still wouldn't have made a difference either way."

Zweifel also said the attorneys talked to him about the Missouri State Sunshine Laws which give the press the freedom to attend governance meetings.

Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice-chancellor of Student Affairs, said Ward knew that Zweifel was planning to attend the meeting the day before so he, Ward, contacted the university attorney.

"We don't have a definitive deci-



Clint Zweifel

sion at this point, but the attorney said it's (Student Court) not a governance body," MacLean said. "The Board of Curators is a governance body. What

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Student Says Red-Tape Slowed Reaction To Water Heater Explosion In Dormitories

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

A water heater burst on the second floor of Residence Hall on Jan. 17, damaging two occupied rooms.

At approximately 5 a.m., a water heater burst in the room of Ray Marceau, damaging his unit and the unit of Tene Smith.

Katie Tripani, who lives in the room next to Smith, said when she woke up at 5:30 a.m., no one from the maintenance department had arrived.

"We immediately notified the R.A. (Residential Assistant Kim Grant), and she contacted maintenance," Tripani said. "But she said it was unnecessary to notify Jeff Brown (Residence Hall director). If the director of the building can't help you, who can?"

Tripani said one maintenance man arrived one hour and 15 minutes after the water heater burst.

"It wasn't until about 6:15 a.m. when someone finally showed up to turn the water off," Tripani said. "And I can understand, because it takes awhile to get over here. But then he left, and no one else showed up until after 8 o'clock a.m."

A second maintenance man walked into Smith's unit at approximately 8:20 a.m.

"He came in and complained because no one cared about what had happened," Tripani said. "He left saying he would bring back more people to help, but he didn't."

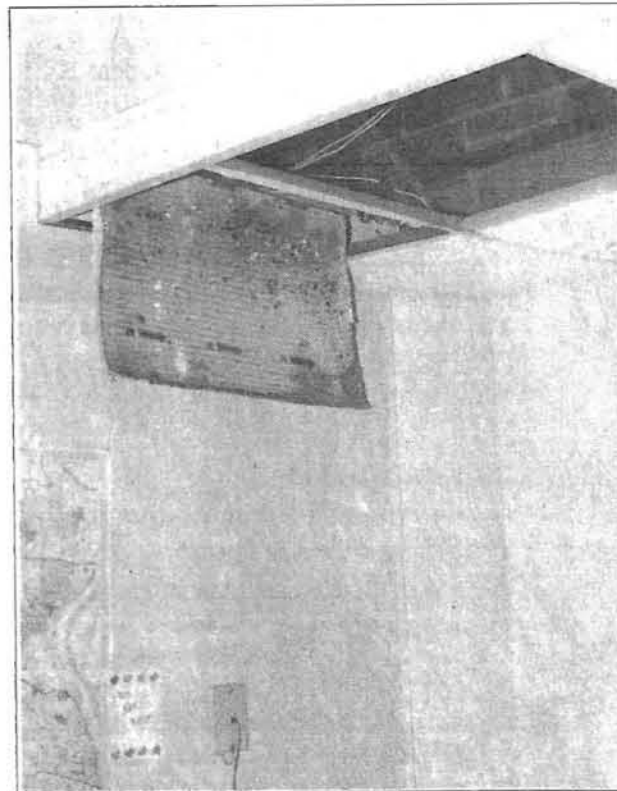


Photo: Dave Floyd

A loose ceiling tile in a dormitory room of the UM-St. Louis Residence Hall that broke loose when a water heater burst on the second floor of the dormitory.

Faculty Questions Response To Fire; Senate Approves Nursing Merger

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

The response to a fire alarm in the Computer Center Building (CCB) on Jan. 18 was questioned at the UM-St. Louis Senate meeting by Joseph Martinich, business professor. On Tuesday, at 1:55 p.m., an alarm in CCB signaled, causing faculty and staff on the second, third and fourth floors to evacuate.

Martinich said he met other faculty members, who had also evacuated, outside CCB.

"We waited about five minutes," Martinich said. "Then, we asked if anyone had called the police. A lady said that she had, and that they responded by saying, 'We'll send the maintenance man over to check it out.'"

Gail Ratcliff, mathematics professor, said she had called the police, and was put on hold after telling the dis-

patcher a fire alarm had signaled in CCB.

"The dispatcher came back to the phone after a minute or two and asked for additional information," Ratcliff said. "I didn't know what else the person wanted."

"My secretary called the maintenance department, and they told her that they have a board that tells them it was a false alarm. I don't know how they can be so sure."

Martinich said after 10 minutes had expired, Larry Westermeyer, director of Computing and Networking Services, entered the building to make sure there was not an emergency.

"Well, after the alarm had sounded, Larry began making the rounds of the floors to make sure everything was okay," Martinich said. "But

why weren't the police there immediately. Even if it was not a fire,

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Committee Looks At Fraternity's Status

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

The Pi Kappa Alpha (PKA) fraternity executive board attended the UM-St. Louis Senate Committee on Student Affairs (SCSA) meeting on Jan. 20 to learn of their status as a recognized organization.

Bob Schmalfeld, director of University Center, said PKA is recognized-including funds-but is being reviewed by himself and Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

MacLean reported that PKA has been under fire for recent allegations.

On July 26, 1993, the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity reported that PKA was selling alcohol to minors.

On Sept. 23, 1993, an active member of the PKA was paddled on his birthday as part of a tradi-

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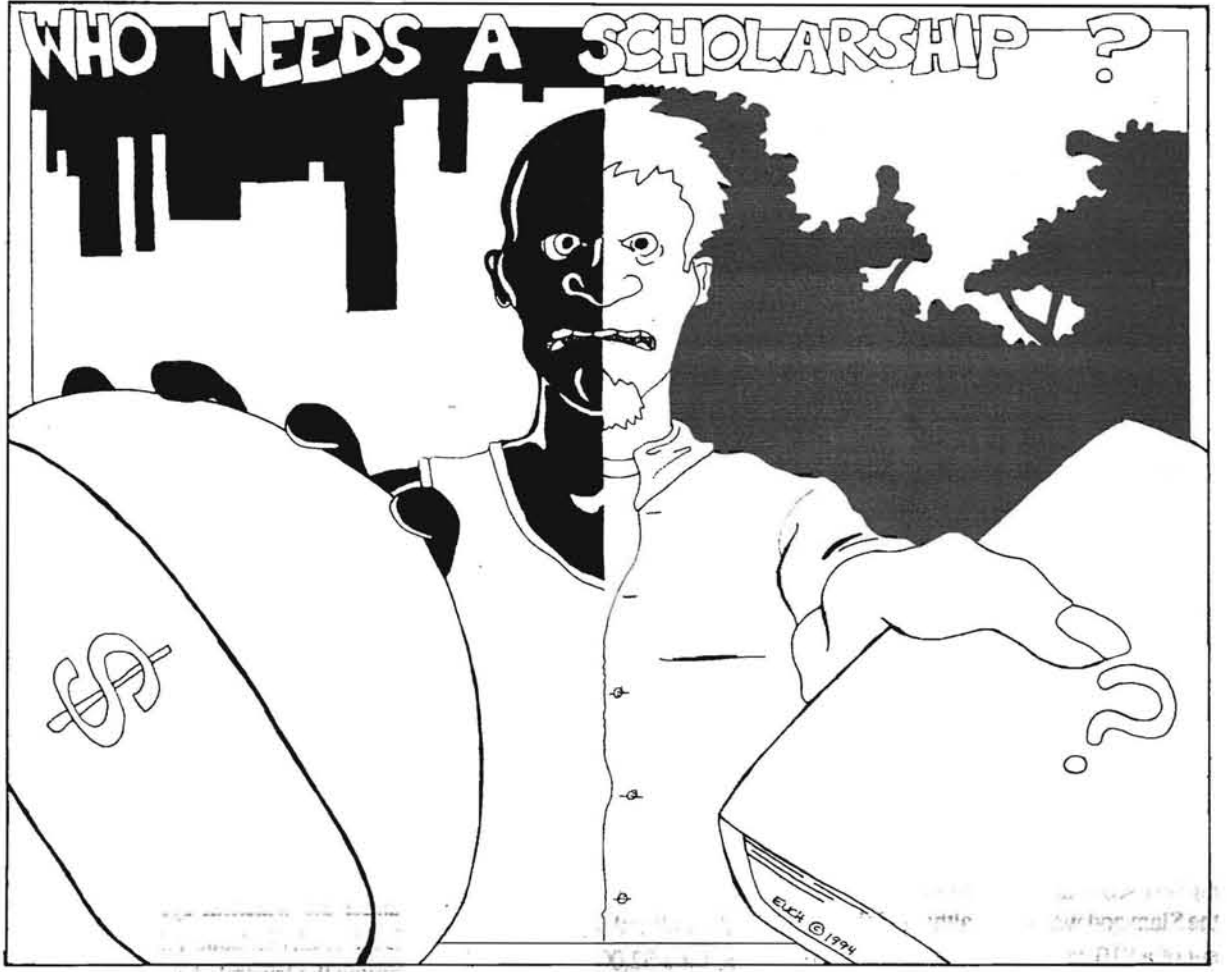
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THE UNDERGROUND

Wilderness Areas Seek Volunteers For Conservation Work

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

Do you like the outdoors? Have you always wanted to see more of our country? Would you like to make a difference in our troubled environment? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, The Student Conservation Association (SCA) may have something to offer you.

SCA is a non-profit educational organization that has been recruiting volunteers for public service projects since 1957. In 1993 the SCA placed more than 1,500 volunteers at more than 250 national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other sites throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Before you cringe at the word "volunteer," allow me to let you in on

one other bit of info. Each of the approximately 1,000 positions offered this year is expense-paid. Imagine spending your summer vacation (but not your money) in Hawaii, the Florida Keys, or in the Great Smokey Mountains. These are only a few of the many possibilities offered by SCA. The SCA's Resource Assistant Program lets you apply for the area and type of work you want to do.

There are several different areas of work involving conservation, resource management and education. In each area, volunteers work directly with experts in the field gaining hands-on experience. There is also potential for academic credit through an internship with your college or university.

A catalog is available that is coded by region and type of work. Applicants

then select their preferences and turn them back in to SCA. Selection is competitive: the earlier you apply, the better your chances are at getting the position you desire.

If you are selected for the program, the SCA will cover all of your expenses. This includes travel, housing, living expenses, accident insurance and uniform costs. The program lasts 12 weeks and is open to men and women 18 years and older.

"From the snow covered peaks of Alaska to the fragile coast line of the Florida Keys; in deserts, forests, on mountains and at shorelines, people's lives are changing through a season as Student Conservation Association volunteers," stated Lesley Schuler, Recruitment Director. "As they gain valuable professional experience through conservation and management of our natural resource areas, SCA participants know they are making a difference."

To apply for a position, contact The Student Conservation Association at P.O. Box 550, Charlestown, NH 03603. The phone number is (603) 543-1700 and the FAX number is (603) 543-1828.

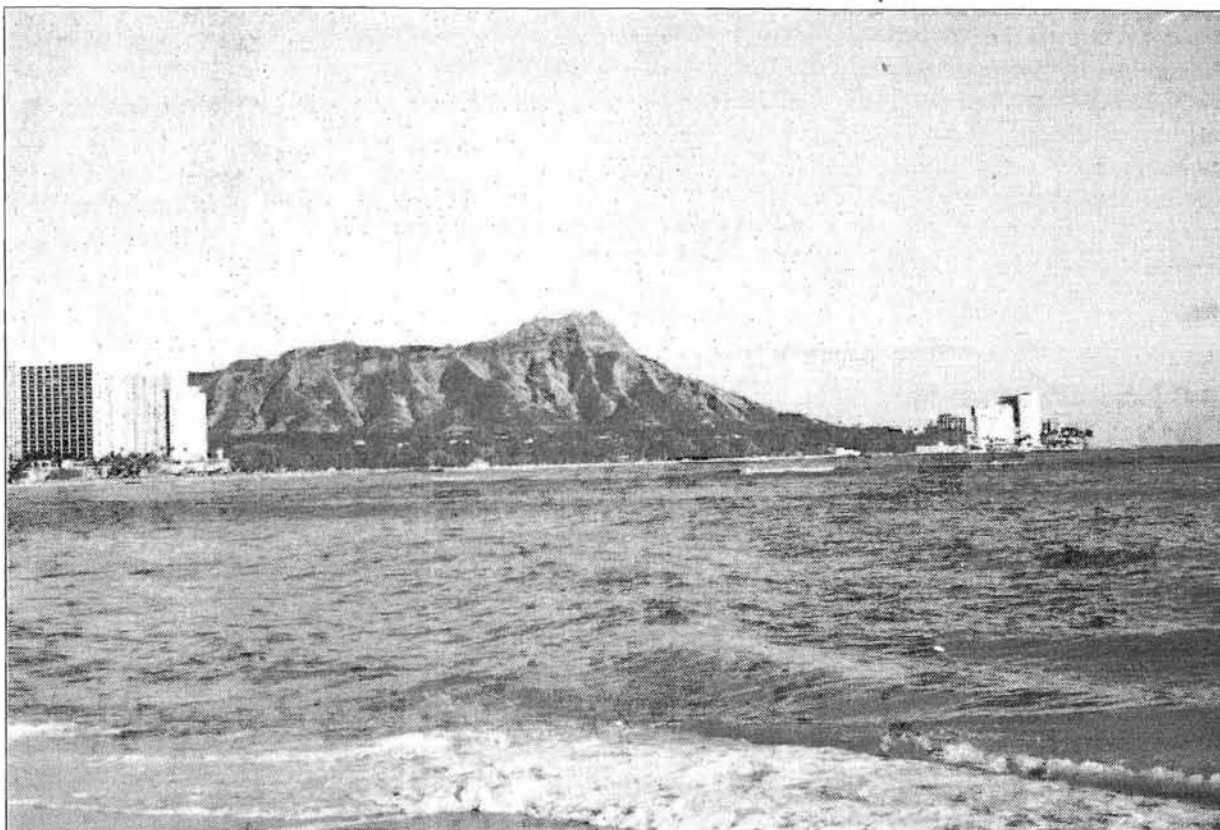


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ALOHA: Diamond Head crater on the island of Oahu, Hawaii is just one of the possible locations for Student Conservation Association volunteers to serve the environment.

Positions Beginning
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DON'T GET LEFT OUT: Application deadlines for the Student Conservation Association's Resource Assistant Program.

Competition A Hit With National Poetry Slam

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

Eight years ago Mark Smith, master of ceremonies at the prestigious Green Mill in Chicago, started what is now the National Poetry Slam.

In an attempt to bring attention to the non-academic writing population, Smith devised a competition in which audience members volunteer to judge willing poetry readers at the Mill's open mike. The performer with the highest score after two rounds won the Slam and was the wealthy recipient of a \$10 cash prize.

When Smith decided to work together with Boston Globe journalist, and now proclaimed writer/performance artist, Patricia Smith the results were outstanding. Teams formed in cities across the nation to go to Chicago to compete in the first National Slam held at the Green Mill for

a prize of \$1000.

For several years the Slam was held in Chicago, but now the city changes each year. St. Louis has attended twice in the last three years. Local performance artists such as Percy Wells from the original Warrior Poets, the Venice Cafe's Uncle Bill Green, and fast upcoming Chris Branch have represented St. Louis in the past.

Last year the National Slam was held in the cultural vortex of San Francisco for a \$2,000 prize which went to the team from Boston. New York waged a close second under the direction of MTV's spoken word organizer Bob Holman.

This year's Slam will be held in Asheville, NC. The St. Louis venues are uniting to devise a system to select this year's team.

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

The television has nothing new to say. You'd like to go out drinking but you only have five bucks 'till Saturday. It's a great night for poetry.

The St. Louis open mike poetry scene has been exploding over the last year. New coffee houses have opened, each with their own brand of open mike readings for the closet wordsmith.

On Monday nights, Bob Putnam and Sheri Lucas host the city's longest running open mike at the Venice Cafe at the corner of Pestalozzi and Lemp in the old brewery district. The Venice, under the watchful eye of owner Jeff Lockhead, (St. Louis painter), has been giving the frustrated writer a venue for venting wit now for four years.

Rob Templeton ('93 St. Louis Slam Team member) hosts St. Louis' only poetry slam at the Wabash Triangle just outside of the U-City Loop at 6155 Delmar. Poets from across the area show up to the Wabash on Wednesday evenings to compete for a \$50 cash prize. Poets are judged by volunteers from the rowdy Wabash crowd.

The Slam has been structured to closely resemble a similar event at the



Poetry Live!!!

Green Mill in Chicago. Mark Smith (Green Mill MC) is the father of the National Slam which is now eight years

Louis are currently competing to arrange the four-person team to represent the city.

As the result of a poetry war waged last August, Putnam and Lucas have started a very successful open mike at M a n g i a Italian on South Grand. "Word Anarchy," as this night is dubbed, goes head to head against the Wabash on Wednesdays where Bob and Sheri

used to host.

The rookie of the year award for open mikes would have to go to Mokabes Coffee Shop in Kirkwood at 124 Jefferson. This Thursday night venue packs in both crowd and poets each week. Though the crowd is typically younger (16-20), the work is outstanding.

Oasis Coffee House hosts an open mike on Tuesdays in a non-smoking environment in Webster Groves at 8130 S. Big Bend.

At Cafe Amora on the St. Louis University Campus there is a reading on Sunday evenings. However prior arrangements must be made with the ownership to perform at this "open" mike.

All venues have been bringing in good size crowds and quality readers every week. Subject material ranges from slapstick humor to the very dark experiences of the performers. The presentations are sometimes outlandish, occasionally boring, but the patient viewer will always get a chance to see one of the many very talented performers in St. Louis.

Chatter Box

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

Why did you brave the cold to come to school today (Jan. 18 - coldest day in St. Louis since Dec. '89)?



James Pennies
Psychology/
Criminal Justice
Senior

"I have 18 credit hours, four classes today, and I want to graduate."

Renee Whitaker
Teacher's Assistant
History Department

"I had to teach today. I had a class this morning and one this evening. I'm here just for the thrill of it all."



Matt McMet
Mass Communications
Junior

"Nothing better to do."

Penny Fisher
Social Work
Junior

"It's cold out here!"



Listen

Can you sit in a warehouse apartment listening to slow jazz?
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Does literature market?
How much is a cup of coffee at the Green Mill?
What can fifty people do for you as individuals when words fly from full puffed mouth body in motion?
Can you sleep in a warehouse apartment listening to slow jazz?

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Michael O'Brian

Campus Career Corner

by Dana Cook
managing editor

Imagine going to a high school class reunion. You know, where everybody sits around and talks about how successful they are. You're high school best friend is now a neurosurgeon, your worst enemy is a corporate lawyer and your high school sweetheart is the CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

So, whadya do? Well, how about telling them you're a phytopathologist, or maybe a viticulturalist. And you could do this if you had a degree in biology. You may have to specialize this degree, but that is one of the beauties of this program. There are so many areas of biology to explore that whether you're interested in the workings of a cell or the reproduction of elephants there's something for you.

Some of those areas include health, plant biology, zoological science and ecological and environmental studies. But, according to Dr. Albert Derby, chairperson of the biology department, for the more exciting jobs you should go to graduate school. But there are jobs available for those with an undergraduate degree.

"UM-St. Louis biology graduates enter industrial positions at a rate three times that of the national average, obtaining positions with area employers such as Monsanto, McDonnell Douglas and Anheuser-Busch," states a pamphlet available in the department. Other companies in the area that hire biology majors are Monsanto, Sigma,

Culligan and, of course, the hospitals. Derby said the health and biotech markets are very strong at this time.

He said salaries for biologists vary, obviously, to what field you pursue; but undergrads can expect to start out in the low to mid \$20s with some of the smaller local companies. But, larger technical companies, such as Monsanto, pay in the mid \$30s.

Potential biology majors don't have to think they would spend all of their time buried in the books. There is a Biology Club on campus where members do a number of fun things together, such as field and float trips with a biological purpose. They also have purely social functions and they invite guests to speak about available careers. Derby said the club is also a good source for networking.

If biology is an interest of yours, but you just can't imagine learning exactly why roses are red and violets are blue, then you can get a certificate in conservation or biotechnology. The biotechnology certificate has already been implemented, and there are just a few details to work out in the conservation certificate program.

The opportunities in the area of biology are much too exhaustive to describe here, but they are definitely worth checking out.

Oh, by the way, if you were a phytopathologist you would be working with the diseases of plants. And if you were a viticulturalist, you could possibly make your own wine because viticultural is the science of growing grapes.

Student Groups' (Lack) Of Involvement Cause For Expulsion

by Clint Zweifel
news editor

Student involvement is and always has been a critical issue on the UM-St. Louis campus. Involvement is plagued by a university that houses only 80 students on the campus. Trying to bring students on campus for social activities is not easy.

Student Government Association President Andy Masters and his administration has tried to combat a lethargic student body by emphasizing the positives of being involved on campus. He has been attempting to show the average student avenues for involvement.

Unfortunately, while SGA has pulling their share of the load, there have been recognized student organizations who refuse to take the responsibility as leaders of the student body.

SGA's decision to expel seven organizations last week for not complying with SGA meeting attendance policy bylaws was a surprising move from an administration that has only emphasizes the positive.

The groups expelled were the "bad apples" of the SGA assembly. These rotten apples may have spoiled the whole batch if not thrown out. These groups failed to meet a SGA attendance policy bylaw that was sent to their respective SGA representative. The policy said the group could not miss more than three meetings without being punished.

Coming to an one-hour meeting once a month is not much to ask. As usual, though, everyone has an excuse.

Venka Pulumati, president of the International Student Association said

he assumed their SGA representative had been attending meetings.

"(SGA) should have notified us that they were not attending," he said. "We thought (our SGA representative) was still attending the meetings. I told him to write a letter to me if he could not

relevant to South Campus are not addressed at SGA meetings. Hunter said he would be more inclined to attend the meetings if topics, such as a lack of lighting on South Campus, were addressed.

"(The meetings) are just plain stupid," he said. "They talk about nonsense at these meetings. It's pitch black when the education and nursing students leave at night."

If there are more organizations who will not accept their responsibilities as student leaders, South Campus will not be the only part of the university in darkness.

Commentary

attend."

One would think better communication skills would be exhibited between the group's members. Letter writing just does not seem to suffice as communication that is integral to attain student involvement.

Ozzie Hunter, Rho Nu president, said he had too many other responsibilities that took his time to attend SGA meetings. He said age and family both kept him from participating.

"We're not your average college student," Hunter said. "We all have lives and families and many of us are in our 30s. Student organizations are just not that important to you."

Why then Mr. Hunter did you decide to become involved if student organizations are "just not that important to you?" Instead of setting an example of participation for those who are not involved, the organization is a hindrance to SGA. In a sense, SGA is a machine. If all parts are not doing their job, then the machine fails as a whole.

"If this isn't completely enforced then groups would abuse the attendance policy and no one would show up," Masters said. "You would have no student government and nothing would get done."

Hunter also complained that topics



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Voice Of The People

Vox Populi

Dear editor,

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) hopes that Tonya (Harding) will quit, so they won't have to deal with her directly. The affair is, after all, so distasteful to their sophisticated artistic palates.

I, for one, in the absence of a smoking crowbar, found in her hand, hope that she is allowed to compete. I don't believe that accusation and innuendo is the reason to bar her from the competition for which she has prepared for so long. The proof, at this level, is in performance.

She is an artist and an athlete. Neither profession, if dim memory serves, requires sainthood as a prerequisite. In the glitter, amid the sparkle of ice, it is easy to imagine a pure and fair competition. But at the levels of money and power involved, innocence is a rare commodity indeed.

I wish them all well.

Ronald Sons

UM-ST. LOUIS/THE CURRENT NEWSWIRE

New Morning Edition
Host/News Producer At
KWMU

KWMU 90.7 FM is pleased to announce that Ronni Radbill of Washington D.C. is the station's new Morning Edition Host/News Producer. Radbill assumed the position Jan. 17.

Radbill will be hosting local segments of Morning Edition from National Public Radio (NPR) and producing news features and reports for KWMU.

Radbill comes to St. Louis from WAMU, an NPR affiliate

in Washington D.C. where she was a reporter. Radbill also has been a Reporter/Anchor at WFMD in Frederick, Maryland. Radbill has production and writing experience at WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., WHAG-TV in Hagerstown, Maryland, and MCPS-TV in Rockville, Maryland.

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Tickets for a performance Feb. 18 by comedian Renee Hicks in the J.C. Penney Auditorium are on sale now at the University Bookstore. Hicks' appearance is sponsored by the University Program Board. Tickets are \$7 with a UM-St. Louis student identification card; \$10 without.

Professional Development School Grows

The Professional Development School Program, operated by the School of Education, expands this month to the Laclede Elementary School in St. Louis. University faculty and students get together with teachers and students from area elementary, junior and high schools to upgrade teacher education and improve the overall quality of education.

sterling example, God help us all, of an institution of higher learning in America today, it is easy to excuse your possibly justifiable suspicions about sex police, but to equate your experience with the more egalitarian and progressive setting of the small college like Antioch, is to cast aspersions on one of the originators of the personal freedom enjoyed on this, and other larger more reactionary campuses, and to, perhaps, thereby miss the presumed point of such policy.

A worthy goal of any community of scholars, is the free exchange of ideas. This freedom can be exercised best in an atmosphere of physical and intellectual safety and acceptance. A school must work at being a place in which one can be free to be outspoken or not, flamboyant or not, unpopular or not, and where the right to be secure in one's person and property is assured. The student should not be unwillingly exposed to some Darwinian campus jungle where the only ethic is, Me first, and devil take the hindmost." In any event, it might be remembered that the conditions in the universities have an effect beyond the time and place of their immediate existence and action, and are to some degree, through the elites that are molded there, a role model, for good or through ill, for the society at large. This work falls on the shoulders of both the administration and the students.

The tone of your piece, that the administration would be imposing on students by expecting them to talk about their sexual activities, rather than doing "what comes natural," is in some ways endearing. As is your matronly concern for childlike males who would be forced to walk on eggshells on a first date rather than feeling free than to just go for it. Your fatalistic response to date rape, and your belief that most girls will not report it anyway, is distressing. Your example of nonverbal communication of desires, such as a grown woman sitting on her hands, moves one to hope that you are not in the company of a partner who takes that to mean abject submission...

In the real world of a college campus in the 1990s, it is necessary to protect most of the students, at one time or another, from being preyed upon. One such arena in need of structure is that of sexual behavior. Active not passive. Perhaps turning the mating ritual into a perverse game of Simon Says is not the ultimate answer to an atmosphere safe for student exploration of personal lifestyle, or to providing safety and personal freedom in the light of conflicting needs of liberty and safety, but proposing that an act can be consented to prior to liberty being taken may well be a place to start.

You, as a student leader, downplaying the problem and proposing continuation of the status quo, strikes me as odd. Perhaps it is not. Maybe your article displays the attitude that is necessary for a young woman to possess if she is to survive. I hope not.

Knowing that I will, alas, never have contact with you socially or otherwise, I take this opportunity to wish you a long and happy life.

Ronald Sons

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For Pete's Sake



Riverwomen Live And Die By Three Pointer

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

In an era where the three pointer is changing the game of basketball, the UM-St. Louis women's basketball team has done more than their share to enhance the popularity of the shot.

The Riverwomen have shot the most three pointers in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Association Conference (MIAA) this season. Matter of fact, two players alone, Nancy Hesemann and Laura Satterfield have attempted more three pointers (258) than all the other teams in the MIAA.

On Jan. 19, in a game against Northwest Missouri State the Riverwomen set a school record by making 13 three pointers in one single game. They broke their original mark of 11 set earlier in the year against Southwest Missouri Baptist.

I have been at UM-St. Louis now for three years and by far this is the most exciting women's basketball team I've seen. Everyone knows they're a small team, but even when down by 20, they're never out of a game.

UM-St. Louis head coach Jim Coen loves the three-point shot and gives his team free reign to bomb from all over the court. Going into Saturday night's game against Pittsburg State, the Riverwomen have attempted 465 three pointers in 17 games. An average of 27 three pointers per game. At this rate they will smash every three-point record in school history. Probably more than once.

The two main engines behind the long-range missile assault are Hesemann and Satterfield.

Hesemann, a senior forward has always been able to shoot the three pointer, but now under Coen she has been able to shoot it more frequently.

Hesemann has attempted 128 three pointers and has made 37, she was five out of nine against Northwest Missouri State.

Satterfield, a junior guard has shot the most three pointers on the team. She has put up 130 three-point shots and has made 42, most on the team. Satterfield is the Riverwomen's first player off the bench and is usually called upon in tight ballgames to hit a Big 3 to put the other team away.

Hesemann and Satterfield are not alone, however, guards Nicole Christ and Christine Hampton have both shot more than 50 three pointers.

Christ has the best percentage on the team, she has made 19 out of 51 for .373 shooting percentage.

The Riverwomen, with their lack of height, must be able to shoot from the outside in order to win. They're a good shooting team overall from the outside, so why not get three points every time down the court instead of two. It's just simple math.

Letting the other teams keep pounding the ball inside for two points, the Riverwomen will just come back and nail a three. The last time I checked, three was more than two.

So, if you're a basketball fan and you like the three-point shot, head over to the Mark Twain gym. The Riverwomen are helping change the game of basketball. Bombs away!

Rivermen Get Monkey Off Their Back, Shackle Gorillas For First MIAA Win

by Rob Goedecker
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team finally won their first Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference game 86-71 on Saturday against the Pittsburg State Gorillas.

The home victory gave the Rivermen a 1-5 in conference record and they're 5-9 overall.

"The way things have been going for us, so far this year, any win would have been a big win", said coach Rich Meckfessel. But for Meckfessel and the Rivermen this victory wasn't just any win. The victory ended the Rivermen's 0-5 conference start, which seemed to be setting hard on the minds of the UM-St. Louis players. The Rivermen had started four of their first five conference games on the road and three of them were against teams that were undefeated in the MIAA.

The Rivermen have also been short-handed, playing without Shawn Caldwell (Personal leave) and Marvin Smith (Illness). Finally, to top it off, the Rivermen were in a terrible shooting slump, shooting just 28 percent (29-102) in the two previous road losses to Missouri-Rolla 93-65 on Jan. 15 and to Northwest Missouri State 66-46 on Jan. 19.

But in the game against Pittsburg State, both Caldwell and Smith had returned to the line up, so there would be no excuses for an unsuccessful performance.

The Rivermen were successful and



Photo: Dave Floyd

THE HAND IS QUICKER THAN THE EYE: Sophomore guard Lawndale Thomas (#3) drives by a bewildered Mark Byrd (#52) Pittsburg State. Thomas was a force on the boards with five offensive boards.

beat Pittsburg State convincingly. The Rivermen led throughout most of the first half. The biggest difference for UM-St. Louis was their field-goal shooting. They shot 50 percent (15-30) from the field and 55 percent from three point range (6-11) for a 48-40 half time lead.

When asked why the field goal shooting drastically improved, the

players all had the same response. "Shot selection. We usually take bad shots. We got comfortable with working the ball around and getting good shots," said Junior guard Marcus Albert, who finished with 19 points and converted on five out of nine three pointers. Freshman forward Rodney Hawthorne continued his recent success with 14 points and 11 rebounds, including an

authoritative dunk to complete a three-point play with :15 seconds remaining in the first half. "We were more relaxed as a team," Hawthorne said. "We were moving the ball around more and that's going to open up good shots for us."

Smith also had a good game with 17 points, in his first game back from illness. On one play, Smith stole the ball and passed it up court to Caldwell

for a two on one break. Caldwell lobbed the ball up for Smith who slammed it home for a 8 point lead (62-54) with 9:20 remaining in the game.

In the game, the Rivermen were having problems with defensive rebounding. PSU had 18 offensive rebounds, but fortunately for UM-St. Louis the Gorillas only converted on 40 percent of those rebounds. The Rivermen shot 47 percent (25-56) from the field and 46 percent (10-22) from three point range for the game.

"The way things have been going for us so far this year any win would have been a big win"-- Rich Meckfessel, UM-St. Louis men's basketball coach

If the Rivermen stay relaxed and keep moving the ball around like they did against Pittsburg State, the field goal percentage will continue to increase and so will the wins.

Next Rivermen Home Game

January 26

@ Lincoln University

Riverwomen Fire Bricks From Field, Mamed By Gorillas 78-68

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

A slow start and missed free throws stung the UM-St. Louis women's basketball team Saturday, as they fell to Pittsburg State 78-68.

"We didn't shoot free throws," UM-St. Louis head coach Jim Coen said. "Without question, that was the game."

The Riverwomen's record dropped to 10-8 on the year overall and 3-3 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference.

Pittsburg State started fast and scored the first 11 points of the game before the Riverwomen knew what hit them. Gorilla forward Jenny Pracht led the way as she scored six of the teams first eight points.

On the other end, the Riverwomen looked tight and confused. They came out cold and missed easy shots.

"We shot the ball poorly and then I think some of our kids became tentative," Coen said. "We don't care how many shots they miss; in the course of the season it all balances out."

The Riverwomen, who lead the MIAA in three-point field goals per game (16.1), were 0-for-17 from the three-point line in the first half.

Their two big guns Nancy Hesemann and Laura Satterfield were a combined three-for-18 from the three-point line in the game.

When the Riverwomen were finally able to control Pracht, the Gorillas brought their three-point shooter Jenni Miller off the bench.

Miller hit two three pointers in a row and the Gorillas had their biggest lead of the night at 25-8.

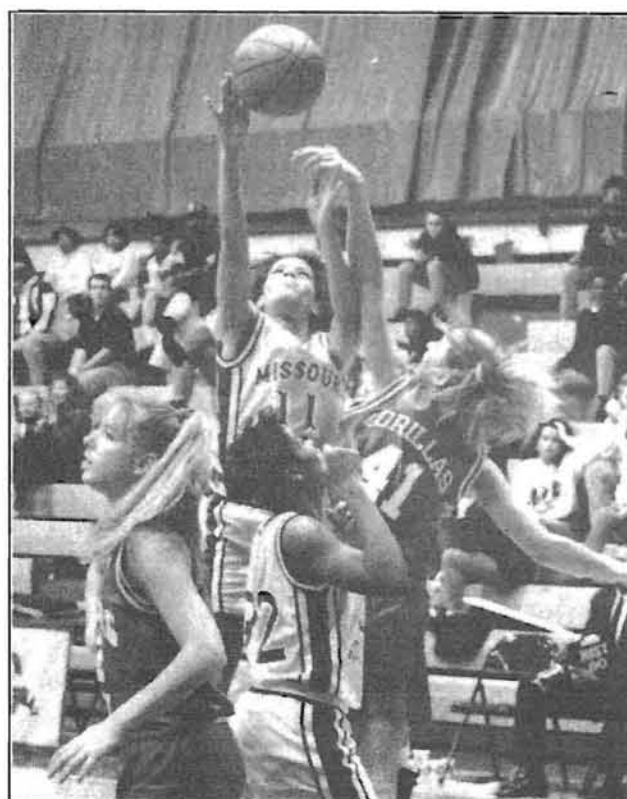


Photo: Dave Floyd

OVERMATCHED: Riverwoman guard Regina Howard (#11) and center Arletha Lewis (#32) struggled inside against the bigger Gorillas..

The Riverwomen did everything they could in the first half to hang on for dear life and they went into the locker down 44-

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The Quote Box



KFNS sports talk-show host Kevin Slaten stating his opinion of the Rivermen's trials in a recent broadcast

"There are actually still people going to UM-SL games with the way the Billikens are playing,"

Players To Watch

Men's Basketball: Malcolm Hill

Hill started off the season fast averaging about 15 points a game, but he has been slumping of late, only averaging seven points over the last six games. Hill is do for a big game.



Women's Basketball: Nancy Hesemann

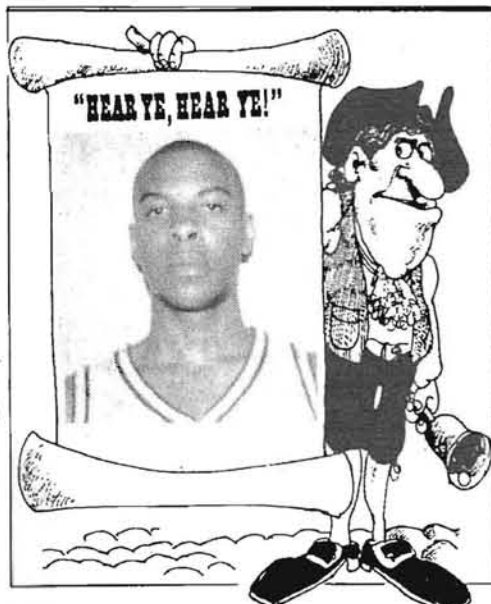
Hesemann has shown she can put the ball on the floor. Look for Coen to utilize more of her inside game.



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Hockey Team Prepares For Four-Game Showdown With Meramec

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis Hockey team has been in deep freeze, inactive since their loss to Northern Iowa on Dec. 13.

With a conference record of 2-2-1, the Rivermen are in third place in the southern conference of the Central States Collegiate Hockey League with six points. Northern Iowa has a tight grip over first place with 14 points while Drake University is not far behind in second place with 10 points.

In order to obtain a postseason bid, the Rivermen will have to finish at least in second place. With that in mind, the Rivermen have four games



Photo: Dave Floyd

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ON GOLDEN POND: The Rivermen are hoping to get a playoff bid.

Court from page 1

applies to the Board of Curators doesn't apply to Student Court."

After the police arrived at the meeting, Zweifel said Ward then decided to move the meeting to the Student Activities office. When he got up to go to the other office the police blocked the entrance to the door while allowing the others through. At this point, the police once again asked Zweifel to leave. After refusing, he was handcuffed and taken to the UM-St. Louis police station. He was released without any charges being issued.

Zweifel said that even now he still would have attended the meeting after knowing what would happen.

"To me, it seems ridiculous that a student government that stresses student unity has excluded an organization from involvement," Zweifel said. "The Current is an organization that can help promote student involvement

in campus issues. College is supposed to be a preparation for reality and if the University or SGA only wants me to promote positive issues then it doesn't seem like a preparation for the real world."

MacLean said he thinks the issue is one that students can learn from. "In some ways, I think this is a good issue for students to wrestle with. I think the students ought to look at this whole thing," MacLean said. "Should the court, its sessions, be open or should the hearings be open and the deliberations be closed? Should that be included in a certain set of bylaws that are published? I think it's an opportunity for education and I don't know what the outcome is. It's a good meaty, substantive free-speech issue."

Ward did not respond to calls for a comment.

Status from page 1

tion. The university took undisclosed discipline measures.

•And most recently, two students were charged with the theft of a Sig Tau Gamma sign. The students, who were not technically PKA pledges, said they were friends of the fraternity members.

"Those are all allegations," said a former UM-St. Louis student and PKA member. "We have set up a board of five alumni Pikes that will monitor and make sure the current Pikes are going in the right direction; I think that is very sincere."

Members of the SCSA said the status of the PKA fraternity was based on their compliance to have the term of the president one year, and have a faculty advisor.

PKA President Doug Haldeman said the PKA executive board was willing to change the term of the president to one year. He also said that his fraternity found a faculty advisor im-

mediately after it had been unrecognized by the university for one week.

"We named Carolyn Mills, (University Center receptionist) as our advisor," Haldeman said. "Basically we came here today to let the committee know what's going on with our fraternity."

Rick Blanton, associate director of University Center, said that PKA was not recognized for one week in October, 1993.

"When their faculty advisor resigned, they were not recognized by the university," Blanton said. "But they filled the position in the appropriate time, which then made them recognized."

"So now (the administration) will look at the 'what ifs'."

Schmalfeld and MacLean will now work with PKA outside of the SCSA meetings, and notify it of any probation stipulations.

Fire from page 1

come and tell us that, so that we can go back to our offices. We didn't know what the story was."

John Pickens, chief of campus police, said he has heard such rumors, but currently he is gathering the facts and he said a report will be filed.

Martinich said the response issue bothers him because he was the chairperson of the Senate last year, and he discussed, with the administration, the upgrading of the current situation.

"We should have a way to respond correctly," Martinich said. "To the best of my knowledge, we do not have training for the faculty and staff. In the 15 years that I have been here, I think we have had one fire drill. And now the solution is said to be building monitors. Well, some of these people don't even know they are building monitors. And a majority of them are not on campus during the times they are scheduled—like 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The system is non-existent."

In other Senate business, a possible nursing merger between the Barnes School of Nursing and UM-St. Louis was unanimously approved by the Senate on Jan. 18. Two boards, including the Trustees of Barnes, have already approved the merger. The UM

Board of Curators, who meet on the UM-St. Louis campus on Feb. 3-4, and the Barnes ?, who meet on Jan. 27, still need to approve the merger. If approved, Barnes students would move to the UM-St. Louis campus in the fall of 1994 to form the "Barnes College of Nursing at UM-St. Louis."

Shirley Martin, dean of the current nursing program at UM-St. Louis, would continue as dean of the merging program. She is appreciative of the response the merger has received from the campus.

"It's going well," Martin said. "We are more than half way through with both Barnes and the university is happy with the way things are going. The vote will now go to the curators."

Martin said the word college in the title of the merger is not a pattern, but is a one-time move away from the customs of the university.

"It's something different," Martin said. "The university usually admits students as Arts and Science students, but we will just enroll the students as they would have been enrolled at Barnes next year."

Bob Samples, director of University Relations, said everyone involved with the merger is positive.

Dorm from page 1

A different group of maintenance men finally showed up about 10 or 10:30 a.m."

Tripani said it was a lack of responsibility on everyone's part. "It's a bunch of red tape," Tripani said. "If I were living in an apartment, the landlord would have taken the responsibility. If I had been at any other four-year university, it would have been handled right then. I wish I could have just handled it myself."

Brown, who Tripani said arrived at 11:00 a.m., shares the feelings of Tripani, but said it was the job of the Physical Plant to take care of the problem.

"We ourselves could have cleaned up the water if mops and wet vacs were available," Brown said. "But we are not allowed to do that because of union rules, so we had to wait for them (Physical Plant), and that upset the

students."

Brown said when the water heater burst, it created a problem, but it was solved in the best possible way.

"We offered another option for housing," Brown said. "The two students could have moved to a vacant room. One student decided to move, and the other did not."

Karl Beeler, assistant vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said there was damage to the second level unit, and residual water damage to the lower unit. He also said some possessions of the two students were damaged.

"Mr. Brown did the right thing (by notifying Physical Plant)," Beeler said. "Now the University needs to repair the damage, and they are working with the students to make sure they are housed in a warm, comfortable environment."

Suit from page 1

Thomas told *The Current* that she believes these accusations of poor job performance are related to Carroll and Rottman's efforts to eliminate her position altogether. Thomas accused fellow Human Resources staff of harassing her, sabotaging her work, and she said she entered the hospital last summer and was admitted for two weeks due to stress caused by her office environment. Thomas also said that she had received good work reviews until Carroll's hiring last year.

In Thomas's charge to the EEOC, she stated, "The fumes from the paint and other chemicals from this shop, as well as drilling of wood, and plastics, make me very sick."

Thomas requested removal from the office, "... the same as all the white female administrative assistants."

Also in Sept. 28 memo, Rottman expressed her concern about Thomas's inability to locate applications that were filed alphabetically.

"When we discussed this incident," wrote Rottman, "I received conflicting information from you regarding your willingness to accept responsibility for not locating the applications."

Rottman stated in the memo that

there had been other instances which occurred within the office where Thomas's job performance had not met expectations.

In a letter dated Nov. 17, 1993, Carroll told Thomas, "as you know, since I joined the University of Missouri in July, I have been assessing the needs and capabilities of the Human Resources Department. In order to better match our customer demands with our structure, I have decided to reorganize the department."

"As a result the position you now hold will be eliminated."

When asked when Thomas was fired, Carroll said, "I wouldn't call it fired." Carroll would not elaborate further.

In the Jan. 10 issue of *The Current*, Carroll said none of the employees in Human Resources had been laid off due to her departmental reorganization plan. A memo sent to HR employees Dec. 6, from Carroll, said their was going to be a departmental reorganization and if they didn't reapply or were not considered a successful applicant, they would not be considered for the new job openings.

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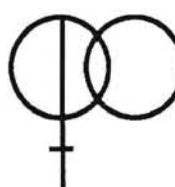
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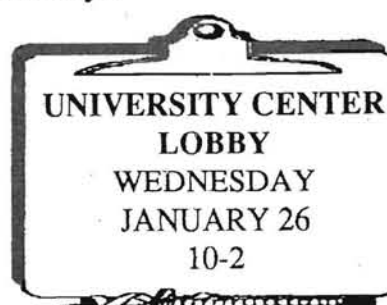
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"Those should determine our fate," senior defenseman Bob Weiman said.

The Rivermen have preyed on weaker teams like Iowa State but have been lackluster against the tougher schools like Drake and Northern Iowa.

"No one has totally dominated us," Weiman said. "We can skate with anybody."

One of the problems has been the extensive travel which has forced several key players like defensive stopper John Dubicki and playmaker Derek Schaub to miss games. With four games in the metro area against Meramec, the Rivermen should have all their weapons.

"We've picked up some new players so we're a little bit deeper," Weiman said. "We've looked good in practice so we should be ready to go against Meramec."

Top Scorers

Dan Dagenais 8 goals
Dan Moran 5 assists