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November 14, 1994



REBOUND

The Rivermen have had dismal seasons in recent years, only to follow with a tremendous year on the court. A year ago the Rivermen finished 8-18. So what's on tap for this season?

EDITORIAL

Clint Zweifel writes that students need to put additional financial effort into the success of student organizations.

FEATURES

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability has named Carolyn Scharkey its Disabled Student of the year.

SPORTS

Review: Todd Rick and Mark Lynn's stellar performances highlighted the Rivermen's soccer season.

Voters soundly defeat Hancock II Amendment

Russell says hiring freeze will remain in effect for now

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

"Amendment 7: that dog won't hunt," said UM-St. Louis Political Action Committee Chairman Lance LeLoup, minutes after the amendment—or Hancock II—went down in flames.

Missourians voted 68 percent to 32 percent against Hancock II, which could have cut \$60 million from the University of Missouri system's budget. The measure also would have affected prisons, highways and programs for the elderly.

LeLoup said last week, at the UM-St. Louis Staff Association meeting, "With one vote, we could bring down what it's taken us 30 years to build."

Wednesday, LeLoup was all smiles. "It looks like all the hard work has paid off," he said. "And it reaffirms the confidence and intelligence of the

American voter, especially the Missouri voter."

UM-system President George Russell, who said he would begin plans for cuts if Hancock II passed, issued this statement Wednesday:

"Although the people of the state of Missouri have rejected Amendment

7, the University of Missouri will continue its work on re-allocating available resources to improve faculty salaries, fix buildings, replace equipment and improve programs across

its four campuses."

UM-St. Louis forecasted a loss of \$12 million if Hancock II was approved. In Aug., Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan allocated \$16 million to UM-St. Louis in bond issues to be consumed by the University's Master Plan. But the University was at a standstill when Hancock II was placed on

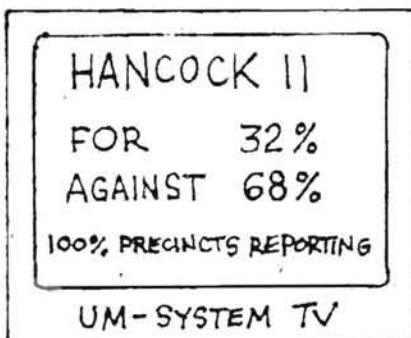


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WE ARE FAMILY: (from left) William Darby, Chancellor Blanche Touhill, UMSL Political Action Committee chairman Lance LeLoup, and other members of UMSLPAC toast to the defeat of Hancock II, an amendment proposal which opponents said would have cut \$60 million from the budget of the UM-system. For a minute-by-minute account of the organization's party at the Alumni Center, see page 8.

the ballot in Oct.

"My understanding was that Governor Carnahan said if Hancock II passes, he would not float the bonds," Touhill said. "[Now that Hancock II

has been defeated] the Governor has indicated the state will issue bonds earmarked for improvements at colleges and universities, including nearly \$16 million for this campus to begin

implementing its master plan."

The Hancock II proposal and the Amendment 6 gambling issue brought

see Vote, page 8

University can now move on

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

As the dark clouds that were Hancock II part over the University, the Administration got back to work on long-range projects designed to improve the campus.

Deputy to the Chancellor Donald Driemeier said that the University would continue to move forward on projects that might have been cancelled if Hancock II had passed.

"[Hancock II defeat] removes a cloud overhead and allows us to proceed in an active manner with the implementation of the Master Plan," Driemeier said.

Unfortunately the University will have to move forward without the help of any new employees. In a statement released to the press on Nov. 8, 1994, University of Missouri President George Russell said that the hiring freeze would continue despite the failure

see Hancock, page 4

Lesbian, gay student group speaks out

Organization wants removal of military recruiters from campus

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

The Lesbian and Gay Students for Change organization is starting a movement to remove military recruiters from the UM-St. Louis campus. This organization was approved at the Senate Student Affairs Committee meeting on Oct. 26, approximately 30 students make up this organization.

As of Tuesday, the organization had set up a committee to deal with this particular issue. Tonya Hutchinson is the chair of the committee.

"What we have decided to do so far is to pass out petitions," Hutchinson said. "We think that the more people we get behind us, the better it will be."

The group is also planning to speak with each student organization and faculty member in an attempt to gain



Hutchinson

additional support.

"Washington University is going through this exact same thing right now," Hutchinson said, "so we are going to try and work with them to exchange ideas."

Apparently, students at Washington University have already started to circulate their petitions and have acquired many signatures in support of their organization. The Lesbian and Gay Students for Change at UM-St. Louis are planning to use some of the same methods that are being used by the Washington University group.

"We don't think that this is just a gay and lesbian issue," Hutchinson said. "There are many reasons why people would not want the military to be on campus, like racism and sexism."

"One of the main things that we have behind us, is the non-discrimination policy that UM-St. Louis has for gays and lesbians, which would be in direct conflict with the recruiters being on campus," Hutchinson said. "That in itself should be enough, but of course that would be an ideal world."

The UM-St. Louis policy is on page 26 of the student handbook. It states: University of Missouri-St. Louis stu-

see Change, page 8

Village People



Photo: Monica Senecal

HATS OFF: Employees of Continental Construction repair damaged steps between Lucas and Clark Halls last week. Orange spray paint had marked the damaged areas since the beginning of the fall semester.

Touhill shakes up Police Department

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

■ see Campus Crime, page 4

The UM-St. Louis has expanded its arrangement with the St. Louis County Police Department effective Nov. 12, Chancellor Blanche Touhill announced Friday.

St. Louis Police County Lt. Robert Roeseler, who has worked for the University since July, has been assigned to safety operations on the campus. Roeseler takes the place of Capt. James Smalley, who was the interim director of the UM-St. Louis Police Department. Smalley assumed control of the of the department in August when John Pickens, the former chief of police, took a similar position at Northern Illinois University.

"In July, I announced several operational changes involving the University Police Department and indicated that the department would undergo organizational changes as we," Touhill

said in the letter. "Therefore I have expanded our arrangement with the St. Louis County Police Department to provide us with the leadership and extra personnel to ensure campus safety."

Evaluations of changes made to the UM-St. Louis Police Department appeared in issues 804 and 805 of *The Current*. The stories stemmed from a meeting between Touhill, Smalley and Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services.

Smalley said the University was disappointed with the visibility of the patrol officers, particularly the officers patrolling the campus in the Cushman carts.

"She complained that she can not look out of her office window and see

see Police, page 4

MacLean proposes increase in student fees

Three variables account for needed increase, vice chancellor says

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

At the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting Tuesday, Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, presented a proposal for increases in student fees. These increases will be implemented in the summer of 1995.

There were three variables that lead to the increases. "We are under a UM directive to pull money out of auxiliaries and put it into higher priorities," said MacLean.

The higher priorities include libraries, undergraduate education, development of professional programs and research. Over five years, money will be pulled from general operating money, state money and tuition and transferred into student fees.

Another reason for the increase is inflation.

"The University of Missouri system is also requiring, based on legislative pressure, to set up maintenance and reserve funds for all of the buildings [on campus]," MacLean said. "That is 1.5 percent of the value of the building."

"These are things which we have no control over," MacLean said.

The money for the buildings will go into a capital pool and will be used on this campus only. This money does not include

the maintenance of the roads. MacLean also said that there is a long range plan to resurface all the roads.

SGA controls the student activities fee and the student service fee. These two fees generate nearly \$300,000. MacLean takes SGA's recommendations for the increases

'We are under a UM directive to pull money out of auxiliaries and put it into higher priorities'

—Lowe 'Sandy' MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs

of these fees. SGA was first told of their need to make a decision on the amount of increase at the meeting. MacLean asked that SGA have their recommendations to him by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

"We can supply all the information they will need," MacLean said. "I think they have enough time to make a

good decision."

"I would have liked more time," SGA president Chris Jones said. "At least a month."

"I would recommend that they increase the student activity fee, but not the student service fee," said MacLean. "The student service fee is running a nice balance, so we might as well leave it the way it is."

All of the money generated from the student activities fee directly benefits the student organizations. These fees serve 65 organizations.

In other SGA news:

The Student Court justices were appointed at the SGA meeting. The new justices are: Nkruma Zuberi (senior, Political Science); Jerry Conwell (senior, Business-Accounting); Jackie Miller (junior, Business); Shannon Pack (senior, Business-Marketing); Tom Lawson (junior, Business-Marketing) and Steve Bartok (senior, Business-Management and Accounting).

Also at the SGA meeting, President Chris Jones brought up a proposal to the Student Affairs Committee. The proposal outlines a new procedure for registered student groups to receive funding for programs with less hassle.

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Students must pay more to see benefits of campus organizations

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

For students, it sometimes seems as if University administration's policy revolves around picking students' pocketbooks.

It is frustrating for students when their educational fees and tuition rise, especially since they have little control over the decision-making process. This lack of student control builds a wall between frustrated students and administration.

There is a hole in that wall at UM-St. Louis. Through this hole, students can have direct effect on University policy that plays an integral role in the success of student campus life—the funding allocations for student organizations.



To set a Student Activity Fee or Service Fee for the next fiscal year, Student Government Association (SGA) first makes a recommendation on the amount of the fee. The recommendation is based on student organizations' needs and students' willingness to pay a specific sum of money. A cost of living increase is also taken into account. Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said past SGA administrations have been conservative about raising the fee.

It is time for this conservatism to change. Responsible funding is important, but so is sufficient funding.

It is no secret that UM-St. Louis has a serious problem with student involvement. But, the University has given students a direct role in deciding the Student Activity Fee, so the responsibility lies in the hands of students to make improvements in student life. Control over the amount of funding student organizations receive gives students a real role in increasing student involvement.

Recent Student Activity Fee allocations are as follows:

- 1988-89/\$240,000
- 1989-90/\$251,200
- 1990-91/\$257,860
- 1991-92/\$290,858
- 1992-93/\$272,464
- 1993-94/\$292,988
- 1994-95/\$293,865

Bob Schmalfeld, director of Student Activities, said to keep organizations funded at the current rate in fiscal year 1995-96, students will need to pay a 10 cent increase per credit hour on their Student Activity Fee. This would bring the \$1.25 per credit hour charge to \$1.35, increasing the increasing the student activity fee by \$2.40 per year for a full-time student.

Funding for student organizations' has been a catch-up game and even a 10 cent per hour increase is not going to make up for the financial abandonment

the fee has suffered. Raising the fee 10 cents will keep organizations at the current level of funding, but student organizations need more than that.

There are many who say money cannot be used to correct problems. This is true. Money is not always the savior for one's needs.

But money is important because students deserve organizations that are funded well enough to put on programs that entice student involvement. Student organizations may have all kinds of ideas to reach students, but they cannot implement those ideas without the necessary funding.

The numbers are deceiving. An allocation of close to \$300,000 appears to be an overly sufficient amount of money for student organizations' survival and success. It isn't, though. Over 60 organizations receive funding from that \$300,000. The average organization's budget hovers just over \$4,000, and many speakers' fees cost over twice that amount.

SGA President Christopher Jones needs to take a serious look increasing the Student Activity Fee when he gives his recommendation to MacLean this week. These projections show that a minimal increase in the Student Activity Fee greatly increases overall revenue going to student organizations.

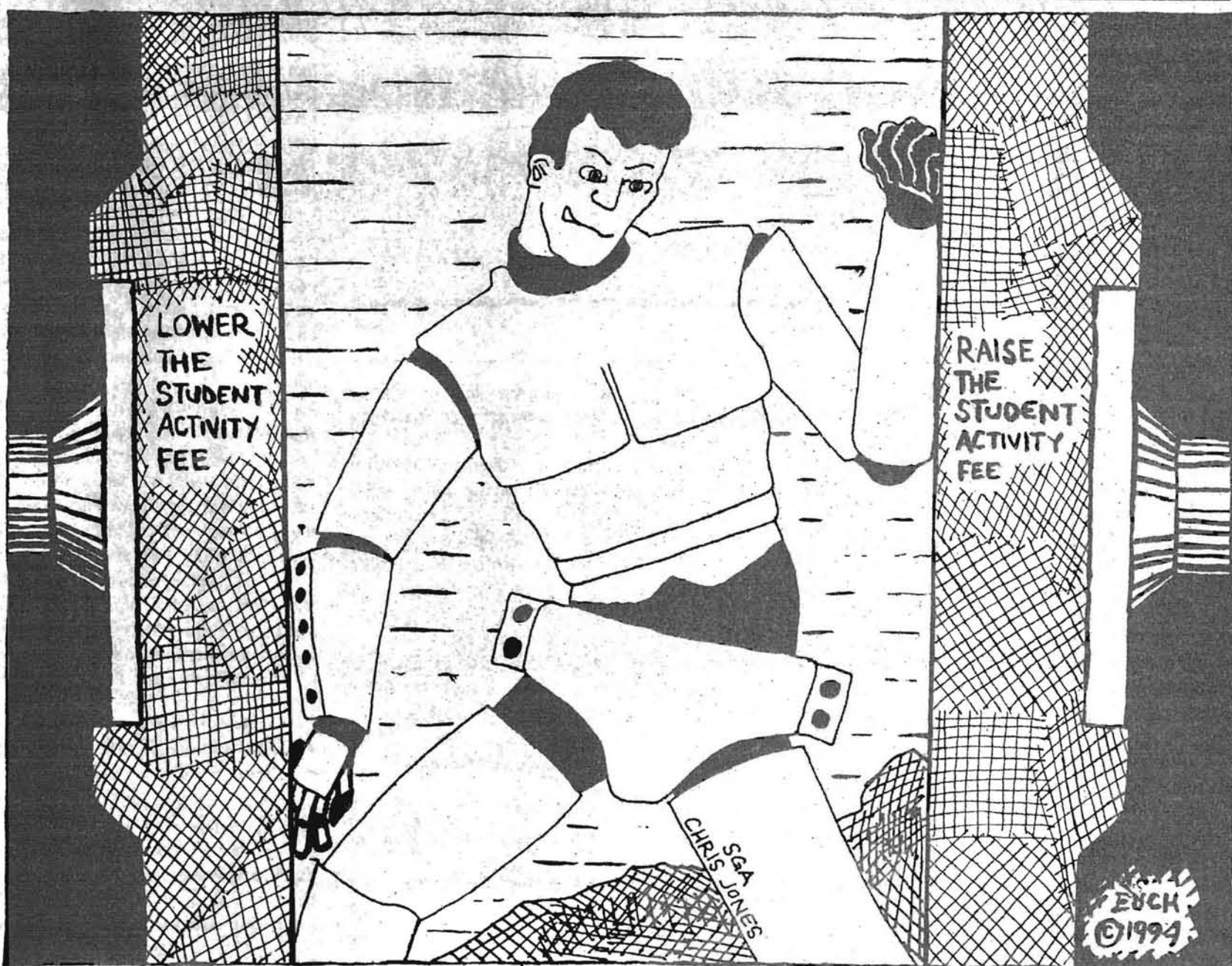
•Per credit hour charge: \$1.25
One full-time student's Activity Fee total for one year: \$30
Total revenue to student organizations based on 216,000 credit hours: \$270,000

•Per credit hour charge: \$1.65
One full-time student's Activity Fee total for one year: \$39.60
Total revenue to student organizations based on 216,000 credit hours: \$356,400

Organization leaders are in a precarious situation. They listen to complaints from students who say organizations do not attract enough big-name talent. Those same complaining students need to give organizations enough funding to put on the programs they are asking for. Most student organizations are doing what they can with the money they have. Students cannot ask for anymore than that.

SGA needs to make a stand in the name of student involvement and give organizations a real chance to flourish, by increasing the Student Activity Fee by 40 cents per credit hour.

SGA is holding an emergency meeting Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. to discuss the recommendation of the Student Activity Fee.



Court needs organization, logic to eliminate haphazard decisions

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

A consistent obstacle to swift justice in the "Sexy Legs II" controversy has been, without a doubt, the disorganization of Student Court.

Since the beginning of the controversy, the Court has taken every opportunity to get in the way of progress of this issue.

The problem appears to be a lack of policy concerning the Court. On several occasions, acting Chief Justice Steven Bartok seemed to be making up the rules as he went along.

Throughout the last few months, Bartok got in hot water with both Sigma Pi, the fraternity that put up the sign, and Tonya Hutchinson, the student who filed the complaint against the fraternity.



The first hearing that was scheduled for Sept. 27 at 2 p.m.

Bartok said that "by Student Court rules" the timing and manner of notification (a phone call six days prior to the hearing date) were acceptable.

Then Bartok flip-flopped on his position, and much to the chagrin of Tonya Hutchinson, postponed the hearing date.

"The fraternity asked that the date be postponed because they weren't ready," Bartok said. "I talked with

somebody who knows something about these kinds of cases and he recommended that I give the fraternity time to get ready. That's the reason for the decision."

Who is this person that Bartok talked with and how does his recommendation override Student Court rules?

The hearing was further delayed when Student Court had trouble recruiting justices. I can understand how this process could take a long time on the UM-St. Louis campus. The thing I can not understand is why Student Court needs six justices to hold a hearing.

In the average court only one judge is needed, but at UM-St. Louis we need six justices, not to hold a trial, but to hold a hearing.

The issue that I am talking about

here is policy and how a consistent policy can help organize and improve the actions taken by Student Court. Bartok has on several occasions taken the time to quote Student Court rules.

Is there really a rulebook or are we putting one together through precedent? Bartok's behavior would suggest the latter.

The decisions of a student court should not be made haphazardly.

A written policy gives things an organized flow and backs a justice up when a decision is questioned.

Although justice is sometimes not swift, it should follow its own internal logic, depending on the clear and concise written procedures of those who ran the Court over the years.

Student Court has a long way to get to this point, but it is high time to start.

Voice of the people...

'Hetero-sexist' party not way to discover sexuality, reader says

Dear Editor,

Walking through campus the other day, I was alarmed to see an advertisement for a party sponsored by the College Republicans and the Sigma Pi Fraternity.

As many others who have seen it know, the sign is a promotion for "Heterosexual Awareness Night." I am really curious to know the true intentions

of this party, and more precisely, the sign.

The answer was revealed to me later in the day when I saw a flier for the exact same party. It states: "Are you heterosexual? Find out for sure Saturday. Heterosexual Awareness Night!"

Is there some doubt about sexuality here? Is this implying that the party will be held for people who are unsure of the sexuality? I had always assumed that almost every member of every fraternity was straight. Or, at least if they were gay, they were extremely closeted.

The flier is a big surprise to me because I wasn't aware the College Republicans and the fraternal community were so sensitive toward "pointy-headed liberals" and to the needs of those who are experimenting.

But believe me boys and girls, this party is not the place to discover your true selves, because beer and the Rush Limbaugh show can be a very nasty combination.

For those of you who really want to talk to someone about your problems, you should attend the next meeting of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students for Change. We're friendly, loving, caring and willing to listen to your concerns, but most of all, we're here to help you.

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Deeply concerned
Bill Coons

Evening student calls newspaper homophobic, demands apology

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter as a member and in support of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students for Change.

There seems to be some sort of a problem with an article being written for our group in *The Current*. It seems that *The Current* found it newsworthy to print a front-page article pertaining to the removal of Sigma Pi's sexist "sexy legs" sign. You did not find it newsworthy, though, to print an article for our group concerning students tearing down our signs placed on campus bulletin boards as fast as they are put there. I do find that to be discriminatory on your part.

It was rather distasteful to put a picture of the "sexy legs" sign on the front page. The purpose of removing the sign was because it was sexist and disrespectful towards women. Printing the picture of the sign shows me your paper has little respect for women students that make *The Current* possible by paying your wages. As a woman on this campus, I need to say: "You are fired!"

It is real scary that people who are suppose to be educated are so narrow minded. *The Current* really needs to take the time and recognize the importance of having a group like ours on a college campus.

You proved your homophobia by printing Sigma Pi's heterosexual awareness ad in issue 806 of *The Current*, but refused our request to print an article for our organization.

I personally feel that an apology needs to be made to our organization and the women on this campus. A written apology in *The Current* would be acceptable.

Unsigned
evening student

Correction

In issue 806, a caption for a photo at the top left of page one refers to Southern Illinois University—Carbondale. The school that should have been referred to is Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville.

Also in issue 806, a picture at the top right of page five is identified as Valeria T. D'Souza. The name should read Valerian T. D'Souza.

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UM-St. Louis Student Affairs

Proposed Student Fees Increases

Department	Present	Proposed	Change (%)
Athletics	\$4.22	\$4.82	14.2
University Center	\$2.15	\$2.84	32.1
Student Activity	\$1.25	—	—
Student Service	\$0.20	—	—
Mark Twain Renovation	\$1.25	\$1.45	16
	-to be determined		

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The current system requires student organizations to submit a budget for the entire academic year to the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC). The committee then goes through the planned budget to identify all of the proposed costs and then money is allocated to the student organization.

Under the proposed system, student groups would be allowed to receive funds for one time only events without applying for supplemental financial support from the SABC. The organization would have to fill out a short form to receive the funds.

SGA is proposing that \$5000 of

the SABC funds be set aside for use in this program. Availability of the funds would be on a first come first serve basis. Registered student groups would be allowed to apply for up to \$300, one time per academic year and for one event only. Organizations must decide to take this option prior to the SABC budget request deadline.

If the organization decides to take this option, they will forfeit their voting rights in the SGA assembly the remainder of that fiscal year. Once an organization takes this option, they cannot apply for SABC activity or student service fees. To reacquire their

voting rights they have to submit a budgetary proposal to a full SABC in Jan.

During a set time frame for organization budget requests, money will be allocated by SABC. If any excess funds are available, they will be set aside in an account to be distributed by the student comptroller and three members of the SABC until the funds are exhausted, or the next budget deadline.

Chris Jones called an emergency meeting of the assembly "to discuss confirming the SABC to disperse next years funds." This meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the Benton Theatre.

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of Hancock II.

Driemeier would not say if this would be an obstacle to the University's future growth.

"The hiring freeze has been continued by the President," Driemeier said. "I think we need to understand the President's thinking on this matter before assessing judgement good or bad. We need to wait until his general objectives become more specific."

One project that is reaching a more specific stage of development is the plan for a new University Center. The planning committee had two meetings on Thursday to discuss the new financial model prepared by Brailsford Associates, a facilities planning consultant.

Paul Brailsford, president of Brailsford Associates, lead the committee through the information provided by the model. The whole financial model was programmed into a laptop computer which displayed the financial fate of the new University center on the meeting room wall via a special projector. Jeff Turner, an analyst for Brailsford Associates, could then answer questions from the planning committee almost immediately

by changing numbers in the computer model.

"It is the most outstanding model I have seen anywhere at anytime," said Bob Schmalfeld, director of Student Activities and member of the planning committee.

This instant information left the planning committee free to discuss issues of policy.

One of the issues grappled with was the size of the student fee increase which would be needed to pay for the new building and when that student fee increase would take effect.

The conclusion the committee arrived at was to begin the student fee increase when the building opened and make the University Center fee somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6.05 per credit hour. This would drive the total student fee up to \$9.38 per credit hour. There is a 12 hour cap on the fees so the maximum a student would pay is \$112.56 per semester.

This increase in the student fee was planned to avoid the problem of starting the fee before the building was completed thereby charging students who would never use the facility. These numbers are still preliminary and could

change with further number crunching by the planning committee.

Kel Ward, Student Government Association vice president, attended the meeting and acted as the student voice when the committee needed feedback on certain issues.

"With students providing a majority of the money to build [the new University Center] they should have a big say so in how it is run," Ward said.

The person with the biggest say in how the new building will be built and paid for is Chancellor Blanche Touhill. The committee plans to be able to present the finalized financial model to the Chancellor some time in Jan.

Jim Edson, a University architect and member of the planning committee, said the committee was "really close" to a favorable balance between what the University wants and what it can afford.

"The committee is considering the tight economic environment that we are in right now and is working very hard to get the one-stop shopping [concept] that the students want."

The time taken to redesign the financial model, the student referendum will be pushed back to the Spring.

Campus Crime Campus Crime Campus Crime

The following criminal incidents were reported to campus police during the period Oct. 28-Nov. 9. If readers have information that could assist the police investigation they are urged to call campus police 553-5155.

10-28

At 10 a.m., two juveniles were taken into custody at UM-St. Louis MetroLink South. They were released to their parents.

11-1

A staff person reported damage to a wooden door at the Child Development Center. The damage occurred between 10-28 at 8 a.m. and 11-1 at 10 a.m.

11-2

A student reported that on 10-31,

she forgot her purse in 209 Lucas Hall. At 10:30 a.m. on 11-2, contents of the purse was found in the outside book drop at Thomas Jefferson Library.

A student reported that unknown persons damaged a windshield wiper arm on his vehicle between 8:10 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. The vehicle had been parked on Parking Lot "P" on West Drive.

11-3

A person reported that between 8:50 a.m. and 1:12 p.m., unknown persons stole the license plate tabs from the front and rear of the vehicle. The vehicle had been parked on Parking Lot "G."

11-4

A staff person reported the theft of her wallet and it's contents from an

insecure desk drawer between 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The office was unattended while the victim was out of the area. The incident occurred in 249 Benton Hall.

11-7

A staff person reported that between 11-5, at 8 a.m. and 11-7, at 8 p.m., unknown persons took a GTE Telephone from 110 Woods Hall.

11-8

A staff member reported that between 11-7, at 9 p.m. and 11-8, at 11 a.m., a pair of Oakley sunglasses were stolen from his office.

11-9

A person reported that between 10:30 a.m., and 3 p.m. unknown persons took a purse from her vehicle which was parked on parking lot "I." The purse was found by a worker.

the carts," Smalley said in issue 804. "The carts, though, were limited to being mobile. That could explain why the Chancellor may not be seeing them."

Touhill said she did meet with Smalley, but said she meets with the department often.

"I am very proud of the campus," Touhill said in issue 805. "I think the police are doing a very fine job of engaging themselves in community outreach."

Smalley said in an interview Friday, "I learned about (the changes) yesterday." Smalley said he hopes adding officers will improve the force.

"Right now we're short-handed manpower wise," he said. "We're lacking at least six police officers. (The University) is just trying to fill some of

the gaps."

Smalley will stay on the force, and work 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. A sergeant from St. Louis County will work 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., and a second sergeant will work 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Touhill said as evidenced by a recent study, UM-St. Louis is one of the

safest universities in Missouri.

"These measures are intended not only to improve this foundation, but also to foster a better relationship between campus police and students, faculty and staff."

Attempts to contact Roeseler were unsuccessful.

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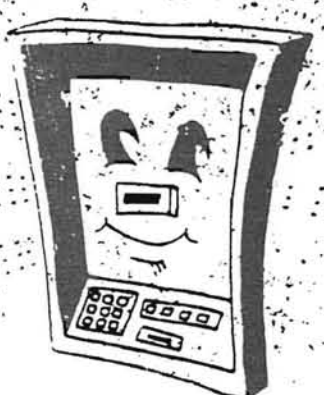
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Just a Thought

by Don Barnes
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Home Training 101

by Don Barnes
features editor



We need to have a little talk kids, so gather round and let Uncle Don brief you on a few things.

Everybody here is a college student, right? Or at least a faculty or staff member, yea. Then who doesn't know how to flush a toilet?

The answer should be no one, but this is not the case. I don't know if the women are having the same problem, but some of the men on this campus need to have a class on what to do after number 1 and number 2.

I've considered the possibility of it being water conservationists, doing their part in every way to preserve this precious natural resource. If this is the case (which I kinda doubt) I must say I admire your efforts, though a little misguided, and the strength of your numbers.

Then there's the gum in the urinals. I know the ladies don't have this problem, and it's really not a problem for the person using the urinal. But somebody has to retrieve that piece of gum out of there. Couldn't it be discarded just as easily in the trash can on the way out?

Apparently not.

But gum isn't being found only in the urinals. Three times this semester, in Sept. to be more concise, I have stepped in gum on the sidewalks.

I can already hear people saying, "Then maybe you need to start paying more attention to where you step, nimrod."

Well, I pay very close attention to where I step. I watch for puddles and people and rabid squirrels and golf carts. But I shouldn't have to watch out for gum because it shouldn't be there in the first place. Hit the trash with it or aim for the grass or somewhere else that people are less likely to step on it.

I don't consider tossing your

gum in the grass littering. Nor do I consider tossing small portions of food in the botanical garden and other untrod areas littering because of the amount of wildlife that congregates on this campus.

What I do consider to be littering is the cans, cups and candy wrappers I see left to find their own way to the trash can.

I admit, UM-St. Louis could use a few more trash cans. And it would be even better if they had recycling bins instead of trash cans. But that's no reason to leave your trash lay around to be carried by the wind or picked up by someone else. Have a little respect ya' know.

That goes for *The Current* also. I know there are more than a few of you out there that have little respect for our weekly efforts at journalism, but that doesn't mean you have to toss *The Current* on the ground to be trampled upon and blown about in the breeze. Line your bird cage with it or wad it up and take a three pointer or take it home and burn it in your bathroom to practice your flushing. Even if you don't respect *The Current*, at least have a little respect for the appearance of the campus.

"Home trainin'," Frank Rogers used to say. "The reason people don't act right is because they ain't got no home trainin'." Barnes. Ain't nobody ever taught 'em how t'act right or told 'em when they was doin' wrong."

Frank may not have been a whiz with the English language, but he had manners.

And he had a point. A lot of people don't realize what they're doing or know that it is wrong, or at the least inconsiderate.

Simple classroom etiquette. This should be taught to people at freshmen orientation, though that's no guarantee it would be practiced.

Though I never thought to name

see Training, page 7

UM-St. Louis student honored by Governor's Council on Disability

Carolyn Scharkey named Disabled Student of the Year

by Scott Lamar
associate features editor

Carolyn Scharkey, a UM-St. Louis student, was recently honored as the Disabled Student of the Year by the Missouri Governor's Council on Disability.

Scharkey, who is legally blind, is president of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB)-Student Division. She also is working toward a degree in social work at the Pierre Laclède Honor's College.

"It was a great feeling [to win the award]," Scharkey said. "It just goes to show that with the right support, you can win and fulfill your dreams."

The award was presented by County Executive Buzz Westfall in a ceremony to recognize community leaders for their work in breaking down barriers to inclusion for people with disabilities at home, school, work, and community life.

Scharkey, 49, is married and has three grown sons. With a little encouragement from her pastor, Scharkey

decided to return to school after a 26 year break.

"I decided back in Jan. of '89," she said. "Our pastor was saying that God has placed a dream inside of everybody's heart and for some of us that might mean going back to school."

She said she was reluctant at first because she thought her eyesight wouldn't allow her to be a very good student. Then, through

Florissant Valley Community College, she was exposed to the array of new technology available to help blind

people.

"I have a pair of what I call bubble glasses," she said. "They are high-

powered magnifying glasses that enlarge the print to about 1/2 inch in size.

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AND THE WINNER IS: Award winner Carolyn Scharkey with St. Louis County Executive Buzz Westfall and event emcee Veronica Lieb.

Long-time author, English professor wins Armchair Detective Award for book research

by Brian A. Dashner
reporter

Peter Wolfe, a UM-St. Louis professor of English, was presented the Armchair Detective Award in Oct. by Armchair Detective Magazine. This was the first time the award has been given, and it is slotted as an annual presentation.

Wolfe won the award for his book "Alarms & Epitaphs: The Art of Eric Ambler." The decision was based on the quality of the research which was required for the book and the profundity of Wolfe's analysis of Ambler's work.

"I worked very hard on this book," Wolfe said. "Eric Ambler was an interesting and difficult subject."

Wolfe said that his search for information for this book required him to research both people and politics.

"Ambler was a professed leftist



Peter Wolfe

before (World War II), then he changed after the war," Wolfe said.

He is currently working on a novel which deals with the television show

"The Twilight Zone."

"This book will be very different from all of my previous works," Wolfe said. "Instead of concentrating on a particular writer, I am studying a show."

Wolfe has recently begun to take interest in several subjects, like music and theater, that are not directly connected with his work. He is learning to play the saxophone, and he recently participated in a theater production.

"(This production) was the first play I have been in since my childhood," Wolfe said. "It was very exciting."

Wolfe feels as if his new accomplishments will enhance his life in many different ways. He said diversifying his talents is certain to lead to a multitude of new projects in his career, enabling him to breach the arts on a level he has not yet attempted. His understanding of different liberal arts will enhance his ability to write about

many different accomplished persons with a wide range of talents.

Wolfe said he is continuing his research with a twist toward a broader audience and is expanding his readership with a renewed eye toward change.

His research through the years has introduced him to many famous people whom he has interviewed and had ongoing correspondence with.

Wolfe has been an author since 1964, when he published his first article. His first book, "The Disciplined Heart: Iris Murdoch and her Novels," was published in 1966. He has since published 12 more novels and an impressive assortment of articles.

All of Wolfe's books have been about other writers. His in-depth research of writers, their lives and their works has made him an authority on the subject, and he has traveled world-

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College Bowl '94 goes to the wire

University Program Board pulls it out in final minutes of match

by Scott Lamar
associate features editor

The 1994 College Bowl Tournament at UM-St. Louis came right down to the nitty-gritty.

University Program Board (UPB) rallied in the closing minutes to defeat

Sigma Pi and advance to the regional finals at Kansas State University.

The event, which was hosted at Pierre Laclède Honors College in Convocation Hall Saturday, is a trivia contest open to all college students to test their knowledge in current events and all areas of academia.

The contest works just like a game show. Two, four-person teams sit on either side of a moderator and members can individually buzz in if they know the answer. The matches consist of two, seven-minute halves with a short intermission in between.

Two types of questions existed in

the contest: toss-up and bonus. The match would start off with a toss-up question. If the team that buzzed in first answered correctly, they received 10 points and a chance at a bonus question. Bonus questions were worth either

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Speaker Michael Goldfarb discusses British views of American Politics

by Julie Pressman
reporter

Michael Goldfarb, a London correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR) treated a gathering of political science students and faculty to a humorous interpretation of British views of American politics. Goldfarb visited UM-St. Louis on Nov. 10 in 331 SSB.

Goldfarb lives in London, where he has covered Northern Ireland and London for NPR, for the last nine years. His recent BBC special, "Homeward Bound," won him the prestigious Sony Radio Award for 1994.

"I've really been looking forward to coming to UM-St. Louis because I've been out of the U.S. so long," Goldfarb said. "It's very important for me to talk to my fellow countrymen in person instead of through the radio."

Goldfarb's speech focused on views



Michael Goldfarb

British citizens have of American elections. He said because the British citizen's have a low understanding of American

politics, they have a tendency to be judgmental in everyday speech and newspapers.

"If you really want to know the British view of this country's elections—they think we're all crazy!" Goldfarb said.

He said that many British newspapers are blatantly biased. He displayed a copy of the most popular newspaper in London, the Sun, in which Bill Clinton was called a "lame duck" in a news headline.

"There is a huge gap in how the British perceive U.S. politics and what it is really like," Goldfarb said.

He said Britain's low understanding of American politics has a lot to do with the differences between the British Parliamentary system and the U.S.'s republican form of government.

He also said much of the misunderstanding occurs through the media's use of short, single-person opinions called

sound-bites. Goldfarb said although some people say intelligent things in sound-bites, many times sound-bites are misrepresentative of the American people because the media chooses to use a more exciting quote from a "loud mouth" at the bar than one from an everyday citizen that may be happy with their system of government.

"Information is the perfect word for sound-byte discourse," Goldfarb said. "It means everything and nothing at the same time. In the media, there seems to be no clear line between gossip and information these days," Goldfarb said.

Goldfarb's speech was sponsored by the Center for International Studies, the Pierre Laclède Honors College, the master's program in public policy administration, the Public Policy Research Centers and the departments of history, communication and political science.

Current Chatter

by Don Barnes
features editor

Do you think politicians do the job we pay them to do?



"No I don't. I think the politicians are the employees of the American people, but they sure don't seem to act that way."

Kevin Carriker
Sophomore
Art History

"As a general rule, no. They're more concerned with re-election than doing they're job."

Ben Hockenhull
Senior
English



"No. All politicians should be forced to apply for public assistance before they're allowed to make any decisions."

Frank Richter
Junior
Communications



"I think they all sell out. There's corruption at all levels and once their elected they sell out."

Kayte Crisler
Sophomore
Business



UM-St. Louis hosts largest debate tournament in region

53 schools attend Gateway Tournament

by Jack Dudek
of The Current staff

Over the Nov. 4 weekend, UM-St. Louis hosted the ninth annual Gateway Tournament, a regional debate and forensics competition. This was the largest gathering in the tournament's history, with 53 colleges in attendance. The previous record was 52 schools in 1991.

Among the many individual competitions held, there were three overall champions. Western Kentucky University was the overall winner in the Individual competition. UM-Kansas City was the overall winner in the Debate competition. And Southwest Baptist College won the overall Sweepstakes award.

The UM-St. Louis debate team was not ethically allowed in any of the competitions because the hosting team of a region or sectional tour-

nament supplies the official judges. The judges are often members or directors of the hosting team.

Forensics and debate director

Members of the team helped serve dinner to guests Friday night and a continental breakfast the following morning.

'This has been one of the best competitions held so far this year.'

**-Tom Preston
Forensics and Debate director**

Tom Preston said, "It is logistically impossible for schools to afford outside judges."

Most of the 10-20 UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate team members volunteered at the Gateway competition. There were more than 40 volunteers that helped aid and assist the 600 or more people that came to the tournament.

Lisa Garavaglia, a first year team member who enjoys individual and persuasive debate, said, "Jen Weiersmueller and I were in charge of serving all of these people, and we swore that if we saw another piece of pizza we would scream."

Monetary contributions were made from the participating schools to help for the cost.

"This has been one of the best competitions held so far this year," Preston said. "Sherry Laboon was director of events this year, and everything went as planned."

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate team travelled to Oklahoma this weekend for a tournament as the team tries to beat the outstanding record of 134 awards in the 1993-94 campaign.

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20, 25 or 30 points, depending on the difficulty. An incorrect answer resulted in a five-point deduction from their score and an opportunity for the opposing team to give it a shot.

Some of the questions asked in the tournament included: which amendment prevents illegal searches and seizures, what hockey team won the Stanley Cup this year and which posture is favored for meditation during yoga. If you guessed the 4th, N.Y. Rangers and Lotus, you probably would have done pretty well.

Seven teams turned out for the contest. Along with UPB and Sigma Pi were the BSers, Eagles, Golden Eagles and Pierre Laclède teams I and II.

With the exception of a couple of matches, most were blowouts. The Eagles pounded on the Golden Eagles 120-10. UPB humiliated Pierre Laclède



photo: Scott Lamar

HANDS ON BUZZERS: Members of the University Program Board team wait for moderator Dennis Bohnenkamp to pose the next question.

II 220-15 and Sigma Pi beat the BSers 185-40.

Nail-biting time came when Sigma Pi's finest minds faced the brainiacs of UPB in the championship match.

UPB started off by jumping out to a 30-point lead, but Sigma Pi quickly caught up. The lead seesawed back and forth throughout the match. Despite Sigma Pi's 75-60 halftime lead, UPB pulled it out in the final minutes.

Other members of the winning team include: Shawn Gittens (senior, marketing); Tanya Thurman (senior, English/French); and Ryan Buchmueller (senior, criminal justice).

Tom Knox, the tournament's director, said the event was a success.

"For my first time out, I think I did a pretty good job," Knox said. "All the participants did a really good job."

Award from page 5

I can read just about anything now, but it's tiring so I can't do it for long

periods of time."

In addition, she uses a closed circuit TV which allows her to enlarge the print in a book to a level which she can see it.

"Between the bubble glasses and the enlarger, there is nothing that I can't see," she said. "It's like being handed back a pair of eyes."

Scharkey also uses a computer that reads to her what is on the screen and tells her what key she presses when she's typing.

"I can do all my own term papers

now," she said.

Upon completion of her degree, Scharkey said she would like to work with blind and visually impaired students as a rehabilitation teacher.

"I'd like to do it because of living through it and beating it, so to speak," she said.

Her work with the NFB entails getting together with other colleges in Missouri to exchange ideas and ways that blindness can be overcome.

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International week offers UM-St. Louis students diverse cultural experiences

by Eric Thomas
reporter

The Summit lounge, located above the Underground in the University Center, was host to a number of activities that celebrated International Week at UM-St. Louis Nov. 7 through 11.

In charge of planning and executing International Week was Wan Fadhliah, secretary of the International Students Organization.

Mas Atika Jaffer, a member of the Malaysian Students Organization, said, "Wan worked extremely hard organizing this week."

International Week kicked off with a screening of "Orphan Army," a Chinese movie with English subtitles.

A Malaysian festival was conducted Nov. 8 with an array of demonstrations and displays on hand to satisfy the curious mind.

There was a Silat martial art demonstration, followed by a Nadjat Warrior dance exhibition.

A troupe performed ancient poems and musical selections, each explaining a tale or anecdote about a god or goddess, to the accompaniment of a drummer, Mohd Asri, and a shaker, Fadhliah Hezmezul. Gabriele Wing performed the warrior dance.

There were also numerous Malaysian items and goods on display. Spices and fruits, most of which are native to Malaysia, were available to sample. Bou-

quets of Bungapahars, the official flower of marriage in Malaysia, were on display. Kipas, which are rainbow colored fans woven from mengkuang leaves, were hanging on the walls. Hung beside the kips were wavs, which are kites used in competitions in Malaysia.

The Malaysia Day exhibit was sponsored by the Tourist Development Center of Malaysia.

Nov. 10 was Korean Day, again located in the Summit lounge.

The Korean Students Organization sponsored Korean Day, and they took a little different route than the Malaysian students.

They used two video screens to show tapes about their country. Subjects like traditional dance, festivals, the artistry of the language and tourism were covered in the videos.

There was also a table of Korean packaged snacks, like sesame seed and rice cakes, available for visitors to sample.

Duk Kim, president of the Korean

Students Organization, said, "We wanted to serve real food, but they [Student Activities] wouldn't let us."

An International Food Festival was conducted Nov. 11 in the International House, 7942 Natural Bridge Road. Literally hundreds of students swarmed around the tables and in the kitchen for their fill of international dishes from Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, France, and Brazil.

"We were expecting 100 to 150," Fadhliah said. "We hadn't anticipated this many people."

She said she was pleased with the enthusiasm that the events received.

"I would like to see more awareness among students on campus concerning international events," Fadhliah said. "I think it is important for people to know what is going on in the world."

Fadhliah wished to thank Marilyn Ditto, Barb Marty, Horizons, the University, and everyone else involved in the International Students Organization for making International Week a success.



A TRIBUTE TO TRADITION: (from left to right) Nikkie Lee, Christine Oh and Sang Lee wearing traditional garb at Korean Day.



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the UM-St. Louis 10 step, I make reference so often to the people who fall into the following categories that quite naturally labels have been given to them.

The Speed Freaks: these people are always tapping their foot/feet or tapping their pen on something. God that annoys me! I don't know if it's too much coffee or amphetamines or boredom or what that makes people do these things, but I do know it's very distracting to the people around them.

The Drummers: these people combine the tapping of both feet and the tapping of their pen, usually playing about six sets per class period. Unfortunately, it's never a song I recognize, and even if I did and it was a song I liked, I'm usually trying to pay attention to what's going on and not in the mood for a musical interlude anyway.

The Chatterboxes: I signed a fat check over to this university so I could sit in a classroom and participate in intellectual exchange. I don't want to hear people talking about their trip to some rinky dink haunted house with Jill and Bob when I'm trying to listen to my instructor explain natural selection. I'll show you some natural selection! It is, of course, a much worse problem in the lecture halls and intro classes than it is in smaller, upper division classes, but it goes on in both, and it is just as annoying in either circumstance.

The Crack Dealers: these are the people whose beepers go off in class and they have to rush out of the room to make a call. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying that everyone who carries a beeper is a drug dealer. I think beepers are a great idea, and I need to get one myself. And it's usually not too distracting when one goes off in class. What's distracting is the disturbance caused by that person leaving the room, especially if they sit on the side of the room opposite the door. Instructors should arrange their seating order so people with beepers are seated nearest the door. Or, dare I say it, the crack

dealer should take the initiative and choose to sit near the door out of consideration for their fellow students and the instructor. It's really quite simple.

I haven't named this last group, but you've all encountered them, or you may even be one. The people with ball point pens who sit there and click click click that pen, sometimes fast, sometimes slow, sometimes with their thumb, sometimes on their book, sometimes on their forehead. No matter where they do it though, it always makes that annoying click. I think people do this most when they're thinking or listening intently, rendering them completely ignorant of what they're doing. It helps them focus, maybe. Well guess where my focus goes when the person beside me or behind me or near me starts clicking their ball point.

There's one more thing that, above all the rest, really works on my last nerve. People who are late to class that let the door slam behind them. Talk about a gross disrespect to the instructor and a resounding distraction to the students. It's bad in small classes because they're so small and the noise is therefore much louder. But in lecture halls you have more people arriving late, and the slamming can go on for 15 minutes. I tell ya it makes me wanna scream sometimes!

Man do I feel better!

If you fall into one of the categories I've listed, it's time to start checkin' yourself. If you're one of the people, such as myself, who are tired of these people and their disregard of common courtesy, let them know next time.

It's just a thought.

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wide to teach his craft and conduct research for books and articles.

"I was very happy to accept this award," said Wolfe. "I want to mention all of my colleagues. They have been not only a great help but an inspiration."

Award from page 6

"The NFB is a group of blind people across the nation who have a voice in Washington," Scharkey said. "It's the blind people speaking for themselves instead of sighted people thinking, 'I wonder what blind people need.'"

Scharkey said blind students' attitudes are the biggest humps to get over.

"With the technology that is out, there is so much that allows you to rise above the disability," she said. "The disability kind of fades into the background and the abilities come forward."

Scharkey said that college has been an excellent experience for her.

"It has helped me learn to take responsibility for my own dream," she said, "and realize that, with the support system that is out there, it can be done."

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Liberman to Speak on Health Care
Lee M. Liberman, chairman of the board emeritus of Laclede Gas Co., will speak on "The Business View on Health Care Reform" as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 in the Summit Lounge. The talk is presented by the School of Business Administration Alumni Association Chapter and sponsored by Price Waterhouse LLP.

Chancellor Touhill Honored
Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill has been named the recipient of two local

awards recently. On Nov. 5, she received a community service award from the St. Louis Bar Foundation and on Nov. 12, she will receive the Silver Bell Award from the Mental Health Association of Greater St. Louis.

Canadian Government Makes Grant
The University has received a \$7,500 program development grant from the Embassy of the Government of Canada. The funds will be used to develop plans for a new Institute for North American Studies and bring prominent speakers to the campus.

Segal and Sherraden to Speak
Uma Segal, professor of social work, and Margaret Sherraden, professor of social work, will speak from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 15. Both talks will be given in Room 222 of the J.C. Penney Building.

Chemistry Colloquium Nov. 14
Hong Gu of the UM-St. Louis chemistry department will speak at 4 p.m. Nov. 14 on "Physical Organic Chemistry Studies of the Dimethyldioxirane Carbon-Hydrogen Insertion Reaction" in Room B451 of Benton Hall.

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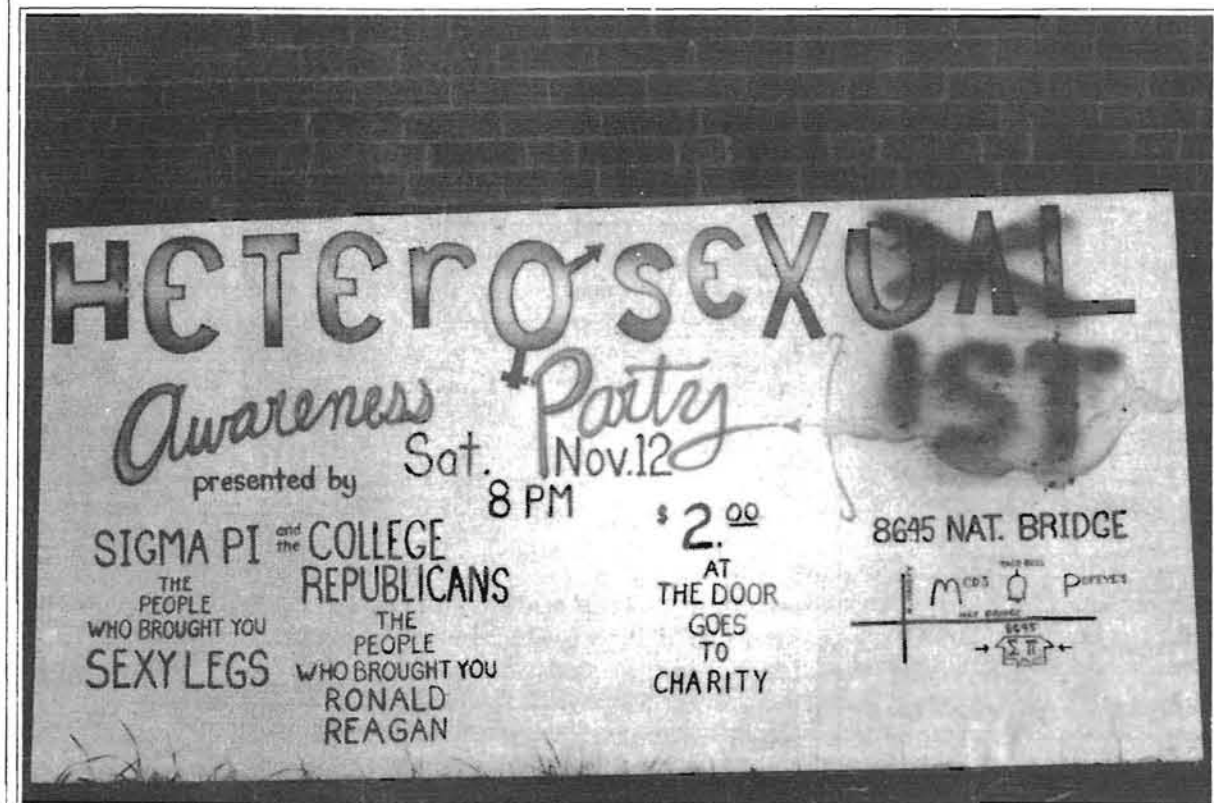


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DO THIS, DON'T DO THAT, CAN'T YOU READ THE SIGN?: A sign promoting the Heterosexual Awareness Party, sponsored by Sigma Pi and the College Republicans, was vandalized on Thursday. Also, Tonya Hutchinson, a member of Lesbian and Gay Students for Change, alleges that her organization's signs have been removed from campus bulletin boards.

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Hancock II Notes

'Looks like all the hard work has paid off.'
—Lance LeLoup, UMSLPAC chairman

7:00 p.m. "The polls are closed now, so we're waiting to see what the local news reports. We're waiting for phone calls from the election board, but nobody's called yet."

7:39 p.m. "Still nobody's called. We've seen some of the national races. Oli North just lost. We're waiting to see the first numbers on Amendment 7. Probably around 8 p.m., they'll start showing them."

7:50 p.m. The first numbers on Hancock II are displayed. With eight percent of the precincts reporting, 72 percent of Missourians

were opposed to amendment.

7:52 p.m. Chancellor Touhill arrives, and immediately calls her husband upon hearing early numbers. "I am delighted because, I know it's still early, but with 72 percent against, I am hopeful."

7:53 p.m. The vote totals from 12 noon were reported by phone from the election board. LeLoup announced to UMSLPAC that 62 percent of Missourians voted against the amendment from 6 a.m.-12.

8:10 p.m. LeLoup heads for KWMU 90.7 FM to give his analysis on the races and the amendments. There

he tells listeners, "I think Hancock II has generated state-wide, grass roots interest in voting. I think turnout will be more like 55 to 60 percent, instead of 35 percent, like last year."

8:35 p.m. The vote for Hancock II is called by the Associated Press with 68 percent of Missourians voting against the amendment. LeLoup hears of its failure at KWMU. "Looks like all the hard work has paid off, and it reaffirms the confidence and intelligence of the American voter, especially the Missouri voter. Amendment 7: That dog won't hunt in Missouri."

Vote from page 1

thousands of voters to the polls. Russell said in his letter that Hancock II has sparked the interest of the community and the UM-system, and the system will learn from Hancock II.

"There will be no pause for celebration here; we recognize that the taxpayers of Missouri demand that the University continually demonstrate that

it offers the best teaching, research, and service it can," Russell said. "While the laws governing state revenue have not changed, change will be a constant at the University of Missouri. We will continue to examine the ways we spend money, to tighten budget procedures, to focus our resources on our strongest programs."

Russell also said, "The hiring freeze (which went into effect on Oct. 3) will continue for the time being, as the Board of Curators and the administration examine ways to improve faculty salaries and physical facilities under the goals outlined in the University's five-year plan."

Change from page 1

dents may use the UM discrimination grievance procedure for students to file grievances based on alleged discrimination because of sexual orientation.

This policy is printed in a box outlined in black at the end of the section titled Discrimination Grievance Procedure for Students.

"Our organization is about to file a grievance with the University, because we think that they are going against their own anti-discrimination policy for us by putting us in a box at the back of the book," Hutchinson said. "There

is an area where they have 'we will not discriminate against people based on race, class, gender, sex' and we are not there, where we should be."

Hutchinson said she has taken her complaint straight to Vice Chancellor Sandy MacLean.

"I have talked to Sandy MacLean and told him what I was going to do," Hutchinson said. "He said he disagreed with me, so he is going against the policy. He claims to take responsibility for the little box [in the back of the student handbook concerning sexual

orientation], and for him to believe that much in equal rights and say that recruiters should be on the campus, he is sort of contradicting himself."

MacLean said he could not see the connection between the two issues.

"Yes, I was involved in making the present policy regarding sexual harassment that sexual orientation would be included under," MacLean said. "I do not see how that conflicts with having recruiters on campus."

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SEASONS GREETINGS

It's hoop time: Basketball season is here

Rivermen hoping to rebound from disappointing 8-18 record

by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

After posting an 8-18 record in the 1993-94 season, the UM-St. Louis men's basketball team has no place to go but up this year.

Last year, the Rivermen were more of a collection of individuals who never came together as a team.

"We need to play together as a team this year," said guard Lawndale Thomas. "So far in practice you don't see the selfishness you saw last year."

Thomas leads a group of returners which include, guard Marcus Albert, center Kevin Tuckson and forwards Rodney Hawthorne and Dave Reddy. Senior guard Jim Robinson is also back this season after a year of being red-shirted. Robinson, Albert and Thomas should form one of the best combinations of guards in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Association Conference.

Albert was the teams second leading scorer last year and is the teams best threat from the outside.

"Marcus is the best shooter on the team," said head coach Rich Meckfessel.

"Our guards are real strong this year," Thomas said. "A good inside game this year, should open it up for us from the outside."

The good inside game Thomas is talking about includes 6-foot-7 Tuckson, 6-foot-10 center Eric Bickel and forwards Eric Lytle, Mark Lash, and Jamar Sanders.

Bickel is a transfer from St. Louis University. Lytle a transfer from University of Missouri-Kansas City, Lash a transfer from Lincoln Land Community College and Sanders a transfer from DuPage Community College.

"Bickel, Lash and Sanders are significant parts of the team," Meckfessel said. "It will make competition for playing time more intense this year."

Meckfessel is also high on Lytle. However he will have to wait a semester to see Lytle play in a game. Lytle is academically ineligible for the first semester.

"Eric (Lytle) might be the most talented player I have had come through here since I've been here," Meckfessel said.

The center position also should be very strong with Tuckson and Bickel battling for playing time.

"Tuckson is the most improved player on the team, and he is not conceding anything to Bickel," Meckfessel said.

Bickel comes over to the Rivermen after a disappointing go around at St. Louis University.

"I'm just going to go out, do my best this year and just try to help the team win," Bickel said.

Bickel has been encouraged with what he has seen so far in practice.

"We have some good talent. I think we can win 20 games and be third or fourth in the conference," he said.

Finishing third or fourth would be a feat in itself, considering the River-

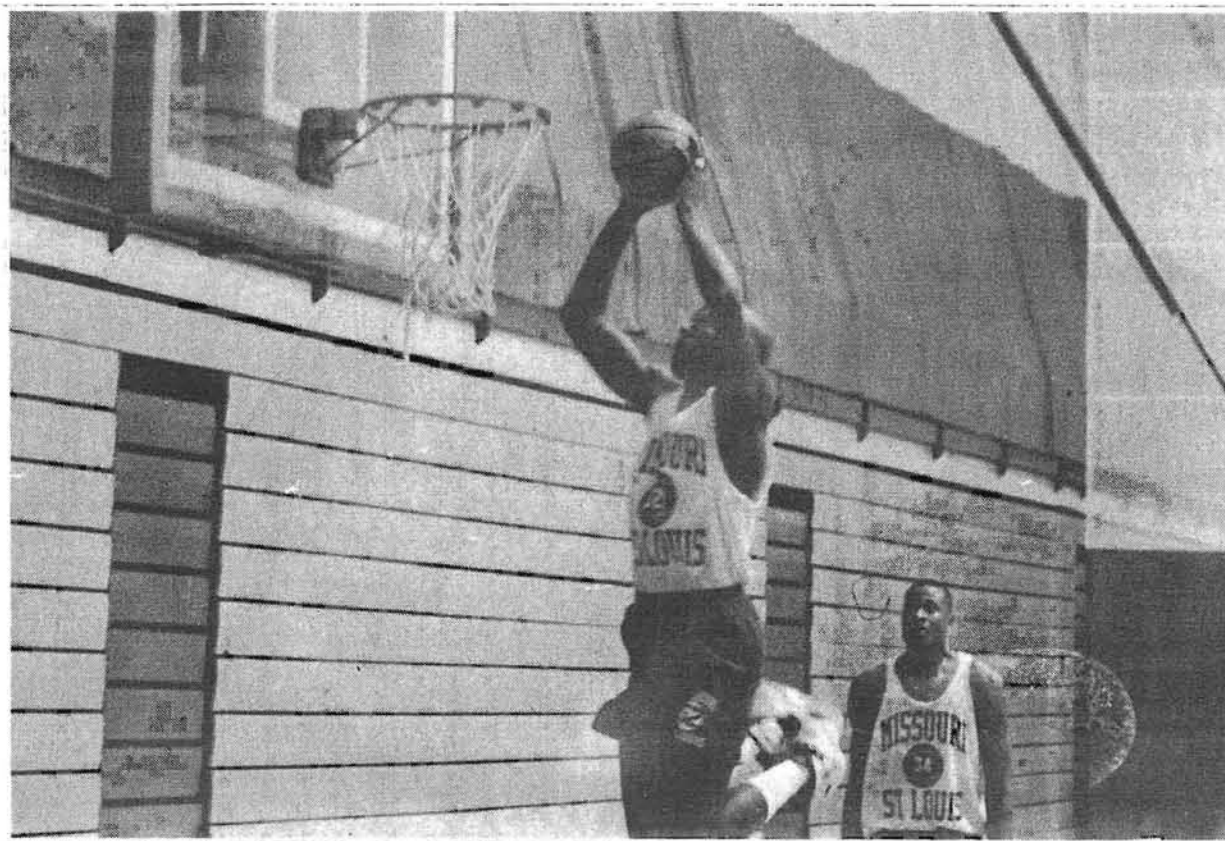


photo: Ken Dunkin

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME B-BALL? Riverman center Kevin Tuckson slams the ball as forward Eric Lytle (#34) looks on in practice last week. The Rivermen hope to have a successful season and turn a few heads.

men have been picked to finish 10th in the MIAA pre-season poll.

"I saw that we were picked to finish 10th, and I think we're going to upset some people," Bickel said. "We're going to turn some heads."

The Rivermen will also benefit from having a fellow by the name of Jim

Robinson back in the lineup.

"Jim is a player who understands how to play the game," Meckfessel said, "and he makes other players on the floor better because of that."

Robinson will probably play in the two-guard spot, and he likes the new faces the coaches have added to the

team.

"We have a lot of new guys that care more about the team, instead of going out and playing for themselves," Robinson said. "Eric (Lytle) will make a big impact when he starts playing, and Tuckson and Bickel are better post players than we have had here in a long

time."

The Rivermen have a great deal of weapons to go to, and they will get another one back healthy soon.

Forward Rodney Hawthorne recently had his appendix removed and has just started to get back in shape. He should be ready around the third or fourth game of the season.

"He has a tremendous amount of talent, and he will help with his quickness and jumping ability," Meckfessel said.

If the Rivermen can keep some players healthy, they should be strong coming off the bench. Forward Mike Graves should make a contribution off the bench if his knees hold up.

"Mike will be a positive contributor, if he can stay healthy," Meckfessel said.

Kevin Jordan is also another player the Rivermen can throw at you off the bench.

"Kevin is probably the second best defensive player on the team," Meckfessel said.

Sophomore Dave Reedy, who learned a lot as a freshman, will also see some playing time off the bench.

Meckfessel believes he has a team that will be able to run a little bit, shoot the three and score from the inside.

"I feel we have the talent to finish in the top four in our conference and win between 16 and 19 games," Meckfessel said.

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An inside look: 1994-95 Rivermen B-Ball team

by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

Guards

Lawndale Thomas, 5-11 junior- The junior guard returns for another year of driving opponents nuts with his defense. A tough, hard-nosed player, who is the best conditioned athlete on the team. Looks to see playing time as the point guard and in key defensive situations.

Marcus Albert, 6-1 senior- Was second on the team last year in scoring and is the teams best pure shooter.

"He has been shooting the ball great. He is the best three-point shooter on the team," said head coach Rich Meckfessel.

Albert looks to see time at the point guard position and at the two-guard spot.

Jim Robinson, 6-2 senior- The senior guard returns after being red-shirted. Should step right into the starting shooting guard spot. Has a great shot and will be a force from the three-point line. A steady performer, who could also see some time at the small forward position.



Eric Bickel

Forwards

Mike Graves, 6-4 senior- Missed most of last year due to knee injuries, but hopes to contribute this year off the bench. If he can stay healthy, Graves can make a contribution with his three-point shooting ability.

Mark Lash, 6-4 junior- Like Robinson, Lash is a steady player, who could see some time at forward and

guard. Is a good rebounder for his 6-foot-4 size. Shooting needs to be a little more consistent if he is going to gain a starting position.

Rodney Hawthorne, 6-5 sophomore- Recently had appendix removed and might not be ready for the season opener on Nov. 19 against Jacksonville State. Should be a force with his quickness and jumping ability, when he is ready for action.

"Rodney has a tremendous amount of talent," Meckfessel said.

Kevin Jordan, 6-4 junior- May be a victim of the numbers game with a lot of forwards on the team. Is the second best defensive player on the team and his work ethic should get him playing time off the bench.

Jamar Sanders, 6-4 junior- Was slowed down in practice due to a broken finger, but should be ready for the first game. Should contend for a starting position based on his shooting ability and strength.

Eric Lytle, 6-6 senior- Will miss the first half of the year because he is academically ineligible. The Rivermen will miss Lytle because he can do everything well. He can shoot the three-

pointer, score inside and is a good defensive player because of his long arms.

"Eric is probably as talented a player as I ever had here," Meckfessel said.

Dave Reddy, 6-5 sophomore- Gained a lot of experience at the end of last year. Is also facing a numbers game at the forward position. A smart player, who will contribute when on the court.

Centers

Eric Bickel, 6-10 junior- The transfer from St. Louis University will be a big help inside this year. Can score on the inside and should make it easier for his teammates to get perimeter shots. Needs to be a more aggressive defensive rebounder. Should see plenty of playing time.

"Eric is going to be a fine player for us," Meckfessel said.

Kevin Tuckson, 6-7 sophomore- Most improved player on the team and is not ready to concede the starting center position to Bickel. Plays hard and has improved his scoring ability. Learned a great deal last year as a freshman, which should pay off for him this year.

Swim team off to fastest start ever, improve record to 3-0

by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

With meet victories at Milliken University and in the Hawk Relays at the Illinois Institute, the UM-St. Louis swim team is off to their best start in three years.

Their record is 3-0 and enthusiasm is running high at the swimming pool.

At the Milliken meet Nov. 4, the women won four events and placed fifth out of six teams, scoring two first-place finishes and one second-place finish.

The big winner was Loren Shelton in the 50-meter free style.

The men won six events and one relay at Milliken.

The men's winners were: Scott Calhoun, 100-meter free style; Brian Widener, 200-meter backstroke; Thom Bick, 200-meter breaststroke and Cliff Morlan, 200-meter free style.

"Milliken has two national cali-

ber swimmers, so beating them at their place was very satisfying," said head coach Mary Liston.

In the Hawk Relays on Nov. 5, UM-St. Louis snagged first place by overcoming a 28-point deficit in the scoring.

Other schools which competed at the Hawk Relays included: Marquette University, Eureka College and Carthage College.

UM-St. Louis won every event at the Hawk Relays except for one.

"Everyone loves to swim relays, so it is easy to get psyched up top swim fast," said captain Dave Snead.

After a disappointing season last year, the swim team has come out this year with vengeance, and they are taking no prisoners.

The competition better watch out, Liston is beginning to put the UM-St. Louis swim team back on the map.

Last weekend, the swimmers competed in the Henderson State Daily News Invite in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Rivermen home basketball schedule

Nov. 29	Lindenwood
Dec. 17	SIU-Edwardsville
Jan. 14	UM-Rolla
Jan. 18	NW Missouri St.
Jan. 28	Missouri Western
Feb. 1	Missouri Southern
Feb. 4	NE Missouri St
Feb. 11	Washburn
Feb. 15	Southwest Baptist
Feb. 25	Pittsburg State

Riverwomen hoopsters ready to run and gun

by Rob Goedeker
associate sports editor

The Riverwomen will enter the 1994-95 basketball season with a slim lineup. The last couple of months have been frustrating for the Riverwomen. When the 1994 fall semester began on Aug. 22 the Riverwomen had 12 players on the roster, but since then, four players have quit.

The Riverwomen now currently have seven players on the roster and one of them, 6-foot-4 center Jade Turner, will be ineligible for the first eight games of the season. So, there shouldn't be any complaining about not getting enough playing time. In fact, there may even be complaining about not getting enough rest on the bench. With this situation facing the players, they know they have to be in top shape when the season starts.

"Our team, as a whole, has really come together," said guard Nicole Christ. "We're going to work as hard as we can no matter what the circumstances."



photo: Monica Senecal

WORKING OVERTIME: Riverwoman forward Melissa Yates attempts to block a pass to guard Laura Satterfield (#25) in practice last week.

In the past, the Riverwomen have been known for their aggressive style of play, but with seven players on the team, they're going to have to play more cautious.

"We can't afford to have people foul out," Coen said. "So now, we're

going to have to become less aggressive."

One disappointment for the Riverwomen will be the absence of junior guard Regina Howard, who will be redshirted this season for medical purposes. Howard was going to start

this season in the backcourt. She was expected to be one of the Riverwomen's top defensive players and among the team's leading scorers.

Without Howard in the lineup, the Riverwomen will undoubtedly look to senior guard Laura Satterfield to move into a starting position as the shooting guard. Last season her role for the Riverwomen was to come off the bench. She was familiar with the starting role in high school, and she's ready for the change.

"I'm going to have to devote myself all over again to trying and get that leadership role back," Satterfield said. Coen is confident she can do the job.

"There's no question that Laura's going to start," Coen said. "She's a great shooter and has become a good defensive player."

One down side of Satterfield playing in a starting role, is that she won't be able to show her defensive improvements as much as if she was coming off

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With perennial powers Missouri Western University, Central Missouri State University and Washburn University being in a class by themselves in the MIAA, finishing fourth would be a great accomplishment. Hopefully the team can get healthy before the season

starts.

This could finally be the year the Rivermen shine and put the team back in the MIAA race.

It all begins on Nov. 18 against Jacksonville State in the Grand Canyon Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz.

Rick, Lynn highlight season for Rivermen soccer team

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

With a record of 10-4-4, the Rivermen soccer team had a great season. Outstanding performances by Mark Lynn and Todd Rick were a key part of the Rivermen's success.

Lynn had a spectacular season between the pipes. He finished with an amazing 0.78 goals against average, which placed him in fourth place among Division II goalies. He also grabbed nine shutouts to go with his 94 saves.

"Mark made some spectacular saves this year," said Riverman defender Joe Carroll. "I felt more confident knowing he was behind me."

While Lynn did a great job defensively, Rick did everything he was asked to do on the offensive end. He led the team with 17 goals, tying the school record for goals scored in a season, and seven assists for 41 points. His scoring touch earned him the MIAA player of the week award three times, in addition he finished first in the conference in goals scored.

"If we didn't have Todd, we would not have won half of the games we did," Lynn said. "He helped out a lot on offense. Without him we wouldn't have done well offensively."

The team had several big games such as the 11-0 defeat over Kentucky Wesleyan and the 5-0 season finale victory over Lincoln. Yet for every big victory, there were games that could have been won that weren't. They tied Oakland 1-1 and lost to Gannon 1-0. A victory over either team could have put the Rivermen in better light with the officials who de-

cided the tournament bids.

"We had a number of opportunities this year to pull away from the pack and establish ourselves as a tournament team," said coach Tom Redmond. "Every time we had that opportunity we didn't take advantage of it."

Many players on the team were unfamiliar with the Rivermen's style of play. For a couple of players, it took a while to adjust a new style.

"We had a lot of new players, and many had different styles of play," Lynn said. "A few players wanted to use their own style, and they didn't know what to do. Towards the end of the season, people began to know their role and realize what it took to win."

The bench was a key part of the team with 18 players participating in more than seven games each. The large rotation kept many players fresh for the entire season.

"Our bench was a strong point," Carroll said. "A lot of players that sat on the bench could have started. We had a lot of depth at many positions."

The rest of the team had some scoring punch to help out Rick.

Kevin Smith had eight goals to go along with four assists for 20 points. Kurt Bruening finished third in team scoring with six goals and four assists for 16 points. Skip Birdsong led the team with eight assists, while knocking in three goals for 14 points. With all of these players returning, hopes are running high for many of the players.

"A lot of the guys are aiming for the national tournament next year," Lynn said. "Anything less would be a disappointment."

An inside look: The 1994-95 Riverwomen hoopsters

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•Guards

Regina Howard, 5-7 junior- Howard's quickness and speed helps her run the floor extremely well. She has excellent strength for her size and has an outstanding vertical jump. She has great court awareness and is a tireless worker. Howard will be redshirted this season for medical purposes and will be deeply missed by the Riverwomen.

"Regina is the best defensive player in the conference," Coach Coen said. "She dominates defensively and has a great work ethic. We're really going to miss her."

Nicole Christ, 5-7 sophomore- Another returning starter from last season, Christ will help solidify the Riverwomen's backcourt. With excellent ball-handling and play-making skills, she should see a considerable amount of playing time at the point guard position this season. She has good shooting range and is a tough player with excellent leadership skills.

"She might be the most improved player I've ever had from one year to the next," Coen said. "She's become a dominant player."

Laura Satterfield, 5-7 junior- With her sensational perimeter shooting, Satterfield will be an offensive boost. She should receive a lot



Nicole Christ

more playing time by filling the void that was left when Howard had to be redshirted. Satterfield is the Riverwomen's top three-point shooter, after breaking the schools record for three-pointers made and attempted last season, with 78 and 241 respectively. She is expected to increase her dominance in that department this season.

"She's might be our leading scorer this year," Coen said. "She's probably are best perimeter shooter and our best offensive threat."

D.J. Martin, 5-6 sophomore- Martin is a hard-working player who will be fighting for some playing time in the backcourt. She will be the backup point guard, behind Christ. She's a

very versatile player and should see some action in different positions throughout the season. She is a good perimeter scorer and an excellent free throw shooter.

"She's a smart kid," Coen said. "She has the ability to play all five positions."

•Forwards

Paulette Carothers, 5-9 senior- A transfer from Avila College, Carothers should get a considerable amount of playing time on the frontline. She was a second team NAIA all-district 16 in 1992 and a third team in 1991. Last season she averaged 15.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. She shot 75 percent from the free throw line. She was a three-year starter and team captain in 1990 at Ladue High School. She also holds the school's record for most points scored in a game at 32.

"She works very hard, and she's dedicated," Coen said. "She's very tough inside."

Melissa Yates, 5-7 sophomore- Being a very versatile player, Yates should get a lot of playing time at various different positions. She is a good free-throw shooter and an excellent passer. Last season, Yates was a member of the Kankakee Community College team that finished second at the junior college national tournament in 1993. She was also a three-year starter at Crescent-Iroquois

High School, a team that went 53-5 in her final two seasons, won the regional championship in all of her four seasons, and reached the Final Four in her senior year.

"She's a good perimeter player," Coen said. "She'll have to guard a lot of big forwards, but she'll do a fine job."

•Centers

Jade Turner, 6-4 freshman- With her size and talent, Turner should make an immediate effect at the center position. She will also get some playing time at the post position. She is a good scorer and a solid rebounder. She also runs the floor well. She originally signed with Pepperdine University from Division I, but didn't enroll. She was a starter at Omaha Central High School for three seasons, and in her senior year, she was the team's captain and leading scorer. Turner will be ineligible until the end of the first semester.

"She's got a lot of ability," Coen said. "Down the road, she's probably going to be one of the better post players in the conference."

Angie Stubblefield, 6-2 junior- A transfer from Culver-Stockton College, Stubblefield will give the Riverwomen much needed size on the frontline. She helped lead Culver-Stockton to their best season to date, with a 27-5 record and #5 national ranking.

"She's a very good low post player," Coen said. "If we get the ball inside to her, she has the capabilities to score.

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the bench because she has to be more careful about committing fouls.

"It's a shame," Coen said. "She's worked very hard and has improved a lot, but without an opportunity for her to be able to sit down occasionally, and without us being able to give her the freedom to be able to commit a foul, it's going to take the aggressiveness away from her."

Throughout all the problems and frustrations that have plagued the Riverwomen over the last couple of months, head coach Jim Coen has been able to keep a level head and has been able to focus on the upcoming

season with the players that he has available. He has looked at the situation with a positive attitude and has decided to not let the past determine the team's future.

"There's no sense worrying about things that you don't have any control over," Coen said. "You just find a way to do things. You don't make excuses, and you don't except excuses. You just go out and do it. Sometimes adversity brings out some better things in people."

The Riverwomen still expect to have another good season. With the additions of 6-foot-2 forward/center Angie Stubblefield and Turner, the

Riverwomen will have some size on the frontline. Last season the Riverwomen, with the help of Satterfield, were known for their tremendous three-point shooting.

With the added size, one might think the Riverwomen would change their style of play, but Coen said that won't happen. In fact, he said the added size should only enhance the Riverwomen's outside shooting.

"The big people make the three's a better shot," Coen said. "People are going to double-team Angie and Jade, so that's going to leave our shooters open. Last year, we shot the three's

out of necessity, but this year, we'll shoot the three's because they're available."

For the Riverwomen, what's done is done, but what's to come in the future, is to be done now.

"You can look at things two ways," Coen said. "You can say what if, or you can say this is the way it is, and we're going to do the best job we can do, and that's exactly what I'm going to do."

The Riverwomen will play their first game of the season on Nov. 19 against Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill. Game time is set for 3:00 p.m.

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