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Photo: Monica Senecal

Dennis Chitwood stands at burner with Griffin's parents Carol and Jack Angelbeck during UM-St. Louis memorial.

Melinda Griffin remembered with on-campus memorial

by Michael O'Brian
of The Current staff

The family of Melinda "Mindy" Griffin and UM-St. Louis mourners burned incense in remembrance of victims of violent crimes at the Summit Lounge on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The memorial service was brought about by the forcible rape and murder of Griffin on Sept. 30.

Director of Campus Ministries, Dennis Chitwood led the memorial and asked that we remember those who have been victims of violence. He said that perhaps we can begin the process of healing and honor each other in "such a difficult time in our society."

"This is the worst crime to be committed against a parent's child," said Griffin's mother Carol Angelbeck. "Mindy really loved people."

Angelbeck said that Griffin always looked out for the underdog, and that she wanted to help people. This caring nature stood out in Griffin's love for animals and horses.

"She taught herself to drive a Clydesdale team when we moved onto the ranch 12 years ago," Angelbeck said. "Mindy went on to become the first woman to win the Unicorn Hitch at the National Clydesdale Show."

The "Unicorn Hitch" is three Clydesdales pulling a carriage with one driver. No woman had won this event before Griffin, because the ride requires great strength to control the horses. Griffin's carriage team was headed by a horse named Terry that Angelbeck said Mindy loved very much. Griffin and Terry won the Traveling Trophy three years in a row. Now the trophy is displayed at Griffin's parent's home.

Griffin's love for horses came

out in her paintings and pastels as well in her riding.

Business Senior Brian Lawton was a member of the Student Investment Trust Association during the year that Griffin was president of the organization.

"She was a very good artist," Lawton said. "Her work portrayed horses in tranquil settings. She was a very happy person, and that came through in her art."

"Mindy was an outgoing leader. I respected her immensely. If you were having a really bad day, just her smile would make you feel better."

"Mindy was a great leader," said Debbie Selecky, Griffin's oldest sister. "When she did something she did it perfect. Now we are all going to do something."

Selecky said that Mindy was "too important to too many people" for them not to do something. The family is planning to set a candlelight vigil in the near future for victims of violent crimes.

Griffin would have graduated in December with a Bachelor's degree in Business. Along with her full-time studies, she worked part-time at the Creve Coeur Houlihan's and at Krieger's at Highway 141 and Big Bend. As president of the Student Investment Trust Association, Griffin restructured the investment portfolio, which had not been updated in some time. The portfolio contains combined investments totaling \$50,000.

Griffin's father, Richard Griffin, died when Mindy was seven years old. She was raised from that time by her mother and stepfather Jack Angelbeck. She is survived by her oldest sister and two older brothers John and Jerry Angelbeck.

"Mindy would've made a difference," Selecky said. "Maybe this is her way of doing it."

by Scott Lamar
of The Current staff

Today is being labeled a National Holy Day for the black community.

African Americans are being encouraged to stay out of work and school in order to reconcile with one another and atone with God.

Several UM-St. Louis students and staff members are in Washington D.C. to attend the Million Man March. The two-mile march, which begins at the Lincoln Memorial and ends on the west side of the Capitol Building, is being led by Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam. Along with Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Benjamin Chavis, former director of the NAACP are scheduled to speak at the rally.

Nicholas Wren, a representative of the Coalition of Black Stu-

dent Organizations at UM-St. Louis, said he considered attending the march. He said that the rally could have one of two effects.

"It could bring attention to the world, and people could realize that there is a need to be unified with each other," Wren said, "or it could have a non-effect."

Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, is in Washington to attend the march.

"Men have a responsibility to improve themselves and improve the community," he said before leaving town. "The idea is to become stimulated and then go back to their individual communities and emulate what they have seen."

Although Farrakhan is leading the march, Wren said that the rally is not one philosophical viewpoint, rather it is a collaboration of 100 to 200 other groups each with interests in the black community.

A matter of taste Students may be forced to conform to campus-wide single beverage contract if they don't react now

by Heather Phillips
of The Current staff

Will UM-St. Louis have to suffer with either Coke or Pepsi products? UM-St. Louis students say no. They want to keep their options open.

UM-St. Louis is thinking about going to a single-beverage contract. This means that the campus will have only Coke or Pepsi products. The vending machines, convenient stores and the Underground will be affected by this choice.

UM-Columbia recently switched to all Coke products. They asked all of the other UM campuses to consider switching. UM-Columbia made the switch without notifying the students.

Gloria Schultz, director of business and management services at the University Bookstore said the proposals have been sent out, and she is expecting to receive them in November.

"The earliest decision will come in December or January," she said. "No matter what, we are not going to raise prices."

Schultz said that she wants to involve the students with the decision. She went to the first

SGA meeting and talked to the representatives. She is also organizing means to get in touch with the students.

"We are now constructing a survey that will be distributed to the campus in a few weeks," Schultz said.

The soft drink companies are also going to do a poll on campus to find out how the students feel.

The Current talked with people and found that out of 100 people, 77 did not want the University to switch to a single beverage contract.

Crystal Doser Sophomore was more blunt.

"We need variety," she said. "Don't do it. It's wrong."

Other students want only one product.

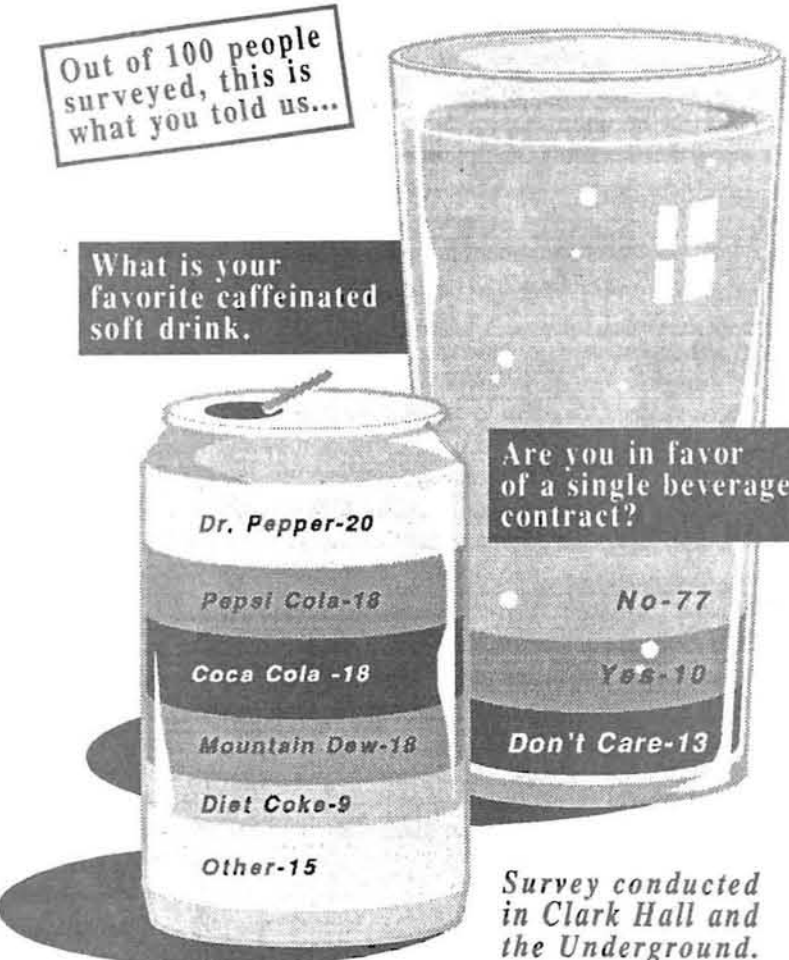
Junior Karen Hochlander said, "As long as it's Coke, I don't care." Bryan Billy said he does not care which product, as long as there is only one.

"That means one less choice to make," he said.

Other students did not seem to care about what the University does but had an opinion to give.

"I want Mountain Dew," Senior Anne Bohanan said. "It's a great upper."

According to an informal poll



of 100 UM-St. Louis students, the favorite sodas on campus are Dr. Pepper which is individually owned and Sprite, which is owned by Coke. The favorite juice drink is Snapple, which is owned by the Snapple Beverage Corporation.

Beth Titlow, president of SGA is discouraging the University's switch.

"Things are fine the way they are now," Titlow said. "If we go with an exclusive contract, [the stu-

dents] can weigh out their options."

Titlow created a task force to keep all options on campus. Currently there are four people serving on the task force.

Ultimately, Titlow said, the decision is in the hands of the administration.

"There's not much we can do as students, and we may not change anything," Titlow said. "I'm just trying to watch out for the students."

Campus support of United Way campaign nears goal

by Delrdre R. Oglesby
of The Current staff

On Sept. 28, the 1995 United Way kicked off their annual campus campaign with a luncheon in the Hawthorne Room. The fund-raising campaign will continue through Oct. 27. Departmental distributors are accepting pledges for the duration of the campaign. To this date, the United Way has raised \$25,000 of the \$42,000 goal.

"Our support of the United Campaign is one way in which we demonstrate our support of the community as a whole," Vice Chancellor of University Relations Kathleen

Osborne said.

Joining with individuals, corporations and other institutions, UM-St. Louis plays a vital role in the continuing existence of programs which address social, health and economic issues that affect thousands of St. Louis area residents.

"As the campus campaign coordinator, I am proud and very grateful that the University faculty and staff have stepped forward over the years to ensure that we have met

and exceeded our campaign goal," said Osborne. "This reflects well upon us as a community partner and as individuals."

**United Way contributions go to more than
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our community.**

The United Way raises money and distributes to not-for-profit agencies in the metropolitan area. United Way contributions go to more than 140 local agencies and services right here in our commu-

nity.

Distribution among the following agencies occurred in 1995: Annie Malone Children's Foster Group Home received a total of \$441,784. The Central Institute for the Deaf received over

\$293,000 and the Matthews-Dickey Boys' Club received over \$472,000.

In 1995 there was a 91.1 percent distribution of funds that went into strengthening families, improving education and literacy, investing in

children, helping the elderly, providing disaster relief and providing affordable child care. 8.9 percent of fund raising and fund distribution and administrative costs went to reducing and preventing health problems, building safer communities and helping people overcome disabilities. Job counseling and training and preventing violence were also included in the areas that benefitted from the fund raising.

There are several fund-raising partners in United Way's annual fund-raising campaign among business and industry.

The American Cancer Society offers patient services and medi-

cal research to control cancer. The American Heart Association-Missouri Affiliate offers medical research and promotion of cardiovascular health. The Boy Scouts of America-St. Louis area affiliate promotes scouting programs for youths in the St. Louis area.

"If people are going to pledge I encourage them to make the decision and send their donation in by the Oct. 27 deadline," said Susan M. Robben, development officer for University Relations. "I think it's important that the campus support the United Way, because they do so much for the community, and the need is so great."

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Why women should be in power, and why men should learn respect.

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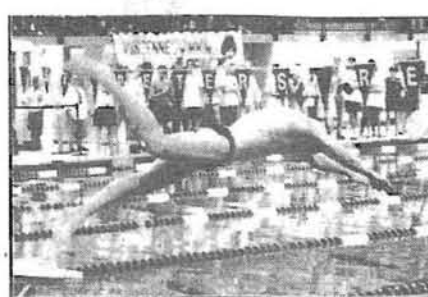
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Breaking violent traditions

by Michael O'Brian
of The Current staff

The memorial dedicated to Melinda Griffin and other victims of violent crimes that was held Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Summit Lounge has really stirred some ill feelings in my mind-feelings that reflect the many crimes that occur within the metro area and the many men that commit them-yes men.

So many want to argue that crime is a black thing or that the justice system is a white thing, but the sad truth of the matter is that crime is a male thing.

When crime involves violence, you would be hard pressed to find women who have been convicted. For every Susan Smith (the woman who drowned her two sons

in South Carolina), there are dozens of male examples: Thomas Brooks (Cassidy Senter), John Wayne Gacy (raped and killed boys then buried them under his house), Jeffrey Dahmer (canibalist), Ted Bundy (national serial rapist), Mike Tyson (rape). Now we may have another in the midst with Michael Worthington (according to St. Charles Court documents has confessed to murdering Griffin).

Why are so many men convicted of violent crimes? What environmental or genealogical traits cause such a slant in the percentages of violent crimes? I say that it is the system, constructed by men, that opens the doors for men to use violence against others. As we condemn men who have committed violence, we perpetuate the ideology of violence in our global quest for power and domination of others.

America does substantially better than most countries in fair and equal treatment of all peoples. However at best, our system is a filthy example of equality. The top 100 CEOs in America are all men. The Supreme Court has only had two women justices. This only happening within very recent HStory. Of course there has never been a woman serve as President or Vice President either. In fact, 1992 was named "the year of the woman" because nine of them were elected to legislative offices out of the 535 combined seats available in the House of Representatives and the

Senate. Men have made an occupation of governing women.

Men live in a society that reinforces the "second class status" of women. This status makes it commonplace for men to objectify women. It gives rise to the bathroom jokes and sexist rhetoric shared by men privately and publicly. It encourages men to "keep their women in line" and yields quotes like "behind every great man, there is a great woman."

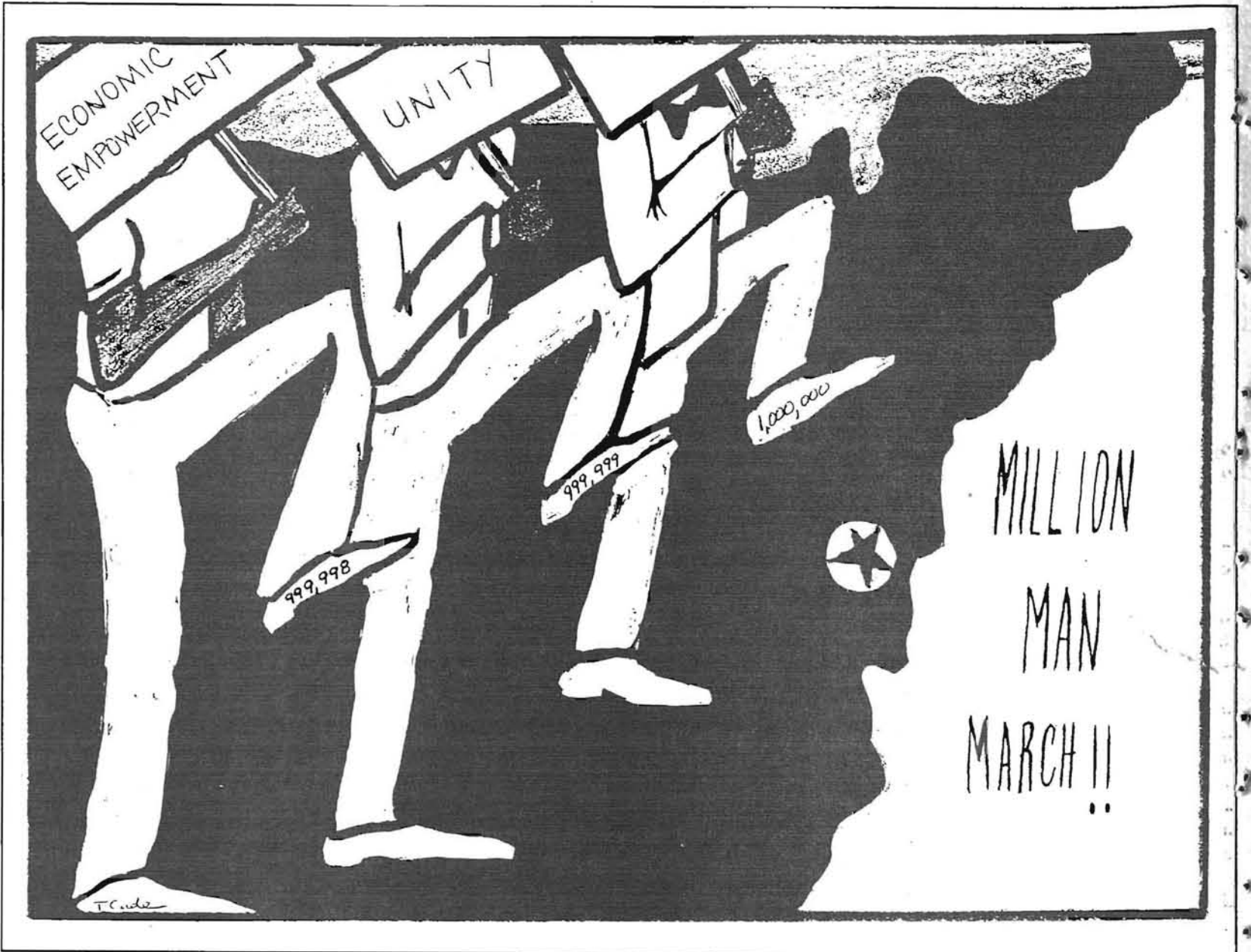
The structure of our society leads men to become great sexist or sends the false message that dominance is an acceptable way to gain power; it kills women.

I count myself lucky to attend this University governed administratively by Chancellor Blanche Touhill; politically by President Beth Titlow and by the work of many strong leaders such as Alicia Friedrichs (HISLA), Nikisha Bridges (Horizons) and Pam White (University Senate).

In Missouri, UM-St. Louis is charting the direction of equal representation. Here we see women stepping into leadership roles and governing men. This must continue to happen, and we as students must take active roles in our communities to foster it's growth. We must take gender equality beyond our University confines and spread its effects to city, state and national political systems. Only when this is accomplished will men take women seriously and respect them as beings instead of objects to be possessed.

Some may find it strange that this editorial would be written by a man, but more men need to speak up if others are ever to follow. More men should lead their organizations the way I have led The Current. Of the top five positions at this newspaper, three are held by women. Of the five section leadership positions, three are held by women.

Melinda Griffin would have been a great leader. She had already been president of a student government organization and was a seasoned victor in horse competitions which had previously been dominated by men. Now 4,000 years of dominance and gender inequality has cost the life of another great woman at the hands of another pathetic man. Let's do more than mourn; let's learn.



Million Man March could have all or nothing effect

by Scott Lamar
of The Current staff

People, by their nature, are unwilling in the face of change. They must first realize that a need exists and then find the motivation to take action. However, getting them to move is the hard part.

The Million Man March in Washington D.C. is an important first step for the black community. Coming together and addressing the role of the black male in society is good. One million men together is a strong show of support. Furthermore, black men need to realize that they have a responsibility to shoulder some of the burdens carried by black women such as raising children.

The future for many African American males is dismal. Black on black crime has created a kill or be killed mentality among inner-city youths. Most people see young, African American men as criminals before perceiving them as productive members of society.

The media's daily barrage of pictures and reports about another rape or murder committed in the city by a black man do little more than reinforce prejudiced attitudes.

The National Holy Day for the black community has numerous goals, possibly too many. Along with encouraging black men to vote, the organizers want them to stand up against the abuse of black women, become responsible heads of families and rebuild their neighborhoods.

The leader of the event, Louis Farrakhan, must also realize that some of the goals may not be realistic for everyone. Even though the men are the same race, they don't necessarily share the same ideas.

Not every black man can be in the frame of mind to make peace and look after one another if they are busy watching over their own backs.

Those African Americans who don't attend the march are being

told to pray, atone with God and work together to be more responsible. However, a more pro-active approach may be required to get the desired results.

Today's events depend on several things if they are to be successful. First, a sound plan must follow all of the rhetoric. Preaching a message to a mass audience that is already, for the most part, educated and established in the community won't do anything for those who really need help and advice.

Education is the key to accessing change. With an education, people can approach something in a logical manner. This is how upward mobility is attained. However, people have to be taught before they go out and attempt, for instance, to start their own business or reclaim their neighborhood.

Another element is cooperation. Even if a fire is lit under everyone at the rally, African American males cannot act by themselves to spread the word around that other blacks need to recognize their unfulfilled potential. They must have the support of everybody. This means that different races must work together, which is a big hurdle in itself. Other cultures must see the importance of the day and be willing to offer assistance. But before this is done, all of America must take the event seriously.

Support from the media is crucial. It will be interesting to see how much coverage the march receives. A lack of coverage would be a huge blow for the march, which could be the largest march ever in Washington D.C.

Though the march is of great importance to African Americans, the days that follow are the days when we Americans will be able to say if the Million Man March Day was history in the making or just cheap talk. For all of our sakes, I hope that it makes history.



Letters to the editor

To Remember Melinda Griffin

Inspired by the tragedy I pen this piece
For it perturbed my peace
Sadness and madness battling around
All the more to her loved ones their hearts are pounded to the ground

Who can know?
Who can tell?
Each of us are waiting in fear of our own time
Still many say NO FEAR
In reality fear prowls like a lion
Looking and searching for a slight to devour
We all are witnesses of this pride

Be alert! my friends...
Know that life can be a joy or can be a crime
Each decide a way to live
Each decide a destiny
Never let others choose it for you

Wake up from this sleep!
Today can be your day of JOY
As long as it is called Today
Give all you have of who you are
Then you are keeping it lasting
Or you have it all to yourself
Your way-your style-your mind-your business
Then it's still your choice and your destiny
You choose you decide
But today I tell you I am innocent of your decision

For time is now running for an end waiting for none
For time is here now to count the cost
For time is here now to consider the alternatives
For time is here now to win or to lose
For time is here now to fight or surrender
For time is here now to ask questions
Like Benton and find the answers-though she will
For time is here now to understand and not guessing
Like Pressman-though she will

For it's time to be righteous not religious
You will have that chance to decide
For it's time to STOP resisting the WILL
You will have that chance to realize
Why are you sitting here reading never understanding?
Why are you standing here looking never seeing?

But for her...
Pray for her name to be written
We can't decide nor can she decide now
For the Time's up...

Take a break and consider the Book for the cost of life
We don't know when we will leave for our souls to take
One question I leave: Are you prepared?
Prepared or not we must consider this
As Assimov put it
The Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

Jipril Onn

*Editor's note

This work of poetry was accepted as a letter to the editor because of its connection with the Melinda Griffin story. All letters submitted are subject to restrictions in available space and can be edited for length or clarity.

Correction

In Issue 835, Shelly Crossen was identified as the Co-chair of the Association of Computing Machinery in the story titled SGA organizations invited to "surf the net." She is the organization's Fundraiser.

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A fly in the Web

by Don Barnes
of The Current staff

I hope midterms have gone, are going or do go well for everybody over the weeks here.

I'm experiencing one of those odd semesters in which I don't have anything that could be considered a midterm.

I had a test last Monday, but it was just a "test," not a "midterm." I don't even have that many writing assignments due yet. A scene for playwriting every 7-10 days or so. An essay for my Alcohol and drugs in society class that's due this Friday.

What a class that is! One of the coolest things about it is the instructor, Robert Keel, has his class notes on the World Wide Web and uses them, via the computer and projection device in Lucas 100, to guide what is less like a lecture and more like a presentation.

One of my greatest downfalls as a student, or attributes depending on how you look at it, is that I prefer discussion over lecture. I don't come to class to scribble for an hour. I like to sit back and listen and try to interact with the information and the instructor, and if I'm really lucky, other students in the class. Because of this my notes are usually sparse and rather inconcise.

Not any more—at least, not in this class. All I have to do is access his home page at <http://www.umsi.edu/~rkeel/> on Netscape, select the class notes and print exactly what was being or will be projected on the screen in class. Crisp and clean.

It's especially helpful when dealing with sections of the presentation that are more detail and fact oriented. I don't have to race to copy a chart or table or diagram and hope that I got it all right any more. It's on the Web. Control P, baby, and I got it in my hot little hand.

It takes me more time to access the system and get to the notes (about 3 minutes) than it does to print them (about 30 seconds per section).

But I suspect it takes Keel a lot longer than that to set them up. Once they're there, they're there though. (Say that three times fast.) And if he ever wants to delete, add or change something the file is there to do it on and everything just slides into place.

Now I know that this thing isn't for all instructors or for all classes, such as poetry writing or American Literature II. But for these more scientific classes in large lecture halls it seems to be working out great.

Another form of electronic communication he's using in class is the E-mail system. Well, actually, he's using it out of class. He set up a ListServ account and established E-mail addresses for all of his students. All they had to do was go to a lab and log on, for which they received a couple of participation points.

His hope was that students would use it as a device for open discussion about topics raised and not raised in class or in the reading material. A place outside of the 150 person class where students could ask questions and offer opinions or experiences about drugs and alcohol honestly and with some anonymity.

All in all I think it's a pretty neat use of the electronic communication services we have available to us.

Columbus Day

To some, it's a celebration of the eternal spirit of exploration. To others, it symbolizes the start of systematic enslavement and cultural annihilation

By Jill Barrett
of The Current staff



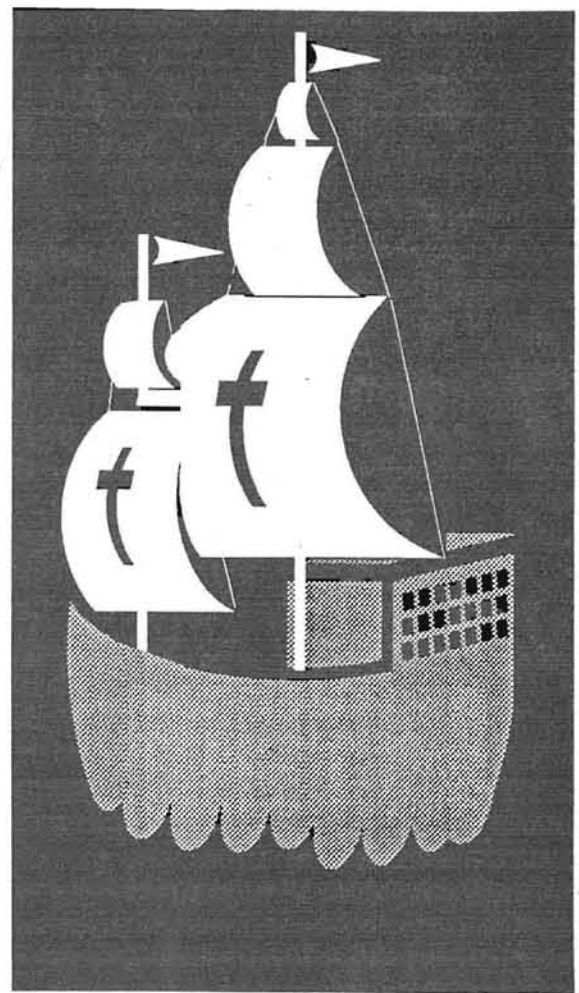
Photo: Monica Senecal
Vernon Bellecourt spoke about his feelings toward Columbus Day at a rally in front of the Underground last Monday.

An old comic once said that Christopher Columbus was the perfect American hero. He didn't know how to get where he was going, he didn't know where he was once he got here, and he did it all on borrowed money. For most people, until recently, Columbus Day was just one of those irritating bank holidays that meant little unless you were lucky enough to have the day off from work.

Columbus Day represents something more, though. It symbolizes the beginning of European colonization in America, a process through which colonists brought European culture to America at the expense of the highly developed Native American civilizations that were already here. For Native Americans, whose ancestors died in mass at the hands of the colonists, Columbus Day marks the start of the systematic destruction of their cultures. To them the celebration of such a day further symbolizes, at best, the insensitivity of white society to the minorities in this country.

Vernon Bellecourt visited UM-St. Louis Monday to speak about the "oppression that Native Americans and African-Americans continue to face" in this country. Vernon Bellecourt is his "colonial-missionary" name; his Chippewa name is WaBun-Inini. He is a member of the Anishinabe (Chippewa Nation), and has been a representative of the Central Council of the American Indian Movement (AIM) for the last 20 years and of the Movement's International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) since 1974. As a representative, he has extensive knowledge of the political and social issues facing Native American people on a local and national level. Bellecourt has spoken with Nicaraguan and Guatemalan Indians, and he was a principle organizer of the International Peace Gathering held in Tripoli, Libya on the anniversary of the U.S. air attack on Libya. He is obviously qualified to speak on such issues, and his passion attracted about 50 students to listen to his speech.

Of course, the reactions of the students who heard Bellecourt differed.



"I was passing by when I overheard him mention revolution, so of course I had to stop," said one student. "I'm glad I did. I learned things about the casinos and how the government wants to control their profits." (Casinos in South Dakota are Sioux-run, and the profits go to the tribe. The government now wants to control these profits.)

"I thought it was good that he spoke not only about Native Americans, but also about African-Americans and women and even the elderly," said Allyssa Naumann, an English major. "He's right that we all have to work together if we want to change things."

Not all students agreed with Bellecourt's views. Some found his statements to be too extreme.

"I found [the speech] to be a splendid exercise in futility," history major Joe Allen said. "I mean, you can't change the past."

Bellecourt spoke of the present. He pointed out the discrimination of all minorities of this country (by calling attention to such things as the disproportionately large number of African-Americans in U.S. prisons contrasted with their disproportionately small number in policy-making positions). Of course, the past cannot be changed, but Bellecourt and his organization are working to change the future.

Seay to attend the Million Man March

by Scott Lamar
of The Current staff

As hundreds of thousands of people listened to Martin Luther King deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963, Norman Seay prepared to surrender to the sheriff of the city of St. Louis.

In 1963, as a member of C.O.R.E. (Committee of Racial Equality), Seay, now the director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, was very active in attempting to break the color barriers in St. Louis. Even though there were no laws denying African Americans access into public places such as restaurants and movie theaters, Seay said, they were excluded out of tradition and practice.

"We went to Jefferson Bank downtown and asked that they hire four African Americans by a certain date," he said. "When they

refused, about 300 of us demonstrated in front of the bank." This happened on Friday, Aug. 27, 1963.

Prior to the group's demonstration, a judge had issued an injunction against C.O.R.E. not to interfere with the business of the bank, which they had done.

"The march on Washington was Saturday," Seay said. "I surrendered to the sheriff on Sunday. I wanted to go but my loyalties were divided. I didn't know whether to go to Washington and be one of the thousands to attend or stay here and attack the problem we had."

As a result of protesting in front of the bank, Seay spent 90 days in the city jail and in the workhouse.

This year, however, Seay will not miss the march, dubbed the Million Man March, in our nation's capital today.

"I feel the need to attend this one," Seay said, "because its going to address some of the challenges that are plaguing the African-American community and the total community in which I live."

Seay said this march would be a catalyst "to bring black men together from all over the United States to establish some objectives such as getting them to vote."

Seay also said that he wishes to bring back some ideas for bringing families together, reducing crime and building self-esteem.

"I am making a commitment," Seay said, "to knock on doors to make sure that those persons in my own community who are not registered to vote get registered."

Seay said that the two main differences between the marches are that the one in '63 included people from many different backgrounds.

"It was an integrated march," he said. "The march this year is primarily for African American males. We are saying to African American men, 'stand up, be counted and take your rightful place in society.'"

Although some people are apprehensive about the march because it is being led by Louis Farrakhan, Seay doesn't anticipate any discrimination or spreading of hate by anyone at the rally. He also said that it won't be an attempt to convert people to Islam.

"This is an opportunity to forgive and forget, a time of atonement," he said. "I'm expecting this to be an upbeat, therapeutic event."



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— Norman Seay,
director of UM-St.
Louis' Office of
Equal Opportunity



If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

"I would have more self-discipline."

— Beth Bailey
Senior • Early Childhood Ed.



"I wouldn't change a thing because I am perfect."

— Selina Horton
Sophomore • Elementary Ed.



"I would start working out."

— Todd Appel
Sophomore • Criminology



"I would change my residence."

— Anthony Barnett
Junior • MIS



Current Music Reviews

Arlo Guthrie at the Sheldon

The acoustics couldn't have been better Friday night, as Arlo Guthrie played to sold-out crowd to open the Sheldon Concert Hall's "Fantastic Folk Series."

Guthrie, with his long grey hair draped over his shoulders, took the stage just after 7:30 p.m. He quickly had the audience enthralled with his '60s-style folk singing punctuated with social humor, stories of his life during the turbulent Vietnam war years and tales of his life growing up with an icon like Woodie Guthrie for a father.

Guthrie traded off between playing guitar and harmonica, and piano. He was accompanied throughout most of the evening by his son Abe who

played electric piano and organ and who also sang backup.

Guthrie didn't disappoint the predominantly over-thirty crowd as he played what could be argued are his all-time greatest hits including "Alice's Restaurant," and the nostalgic Steve Goodman written "City of New Orleans."

Guthrie spoke several times throughout the evening of the interesting individuals he was surrounded by while growing up—people like Leadbelly, Pete Seeger, Ramblin' Jack Elliot, Sonny Terry and others.

The audience sang along as he paid tribute to his dad and the other old timers playing "This Land is Your Land." At several times during the song, Guthrie would stop

sound like one big choir.

During the first of two encore songs, "Inch By Inch, Row By Row, [Gotta Make This Garden Grow]," Guthrie stopped and went into one of his signature, rambling sidebars. He said that some songs that aren't written with a specific political message in mind often end up with one. He said this particular song helped preserve the use of the English weights and measurements system despite efforts to convert the United States over to the metric system. This brought a thunderous applause from the audience.

The show was an excellent one. It's just too bad that the Sheldon is so small that it seats less than 1000 people. If it were any bigger, however, it would have detracted from the intimacy of the evening.

For tickets to any of the other upcoming concerts in the Sheldon's Fantastic Folk series or to find out who's coming, call the Sheldon box office at 533-9900.

--Michael J. Urness



Arlo Guthrie

Folk

Cake

"Motorcade of Genorosity"

Cake, an up and coming band from California, bills itself as "the alternative to alternative." After listening to the disc a few times, I'd have to call it "the alternative to good music." They follow the same style as most popular alternative bands do today, concentrating less on vocal ability in exchange for "deep" lyrics.

The new album, "Motorcade of Genorosity," was, in a word, boring. There was one exception with the song "Rock and Roll Lifestyle," which some of you may remember hearing played on 105.7 POINT every hour or so a while back. The lyrics mocked today's alternative rock and roll lifestyle in which everyone is competing to hear of the new songs first. The lyrics ring true,

but again, it seemed kind of hypocritical coming from this band.

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The album was uplifted to the point of listenability by the skaesque sounds of trumpet player Vince di Fiore and the unusual sounds of organist Greg Brown. Brown also plays guitar on the album. John McCrea provides the vocals and more guitar; Victor Damiani plays bass and Todd Roper plays drums.

Although this album has some good points, it's just not worth the money for one genuinely good song. Look for them on a Point one-hit-wonders special not on your record store shelf.

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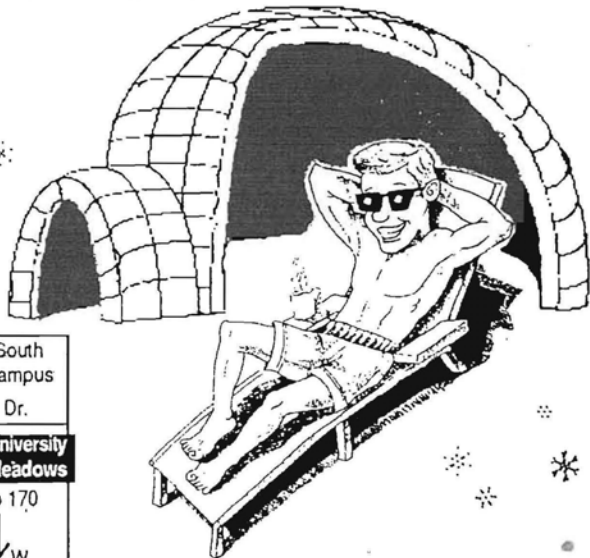
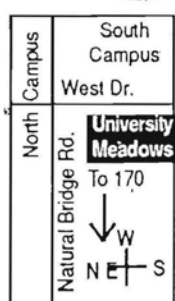
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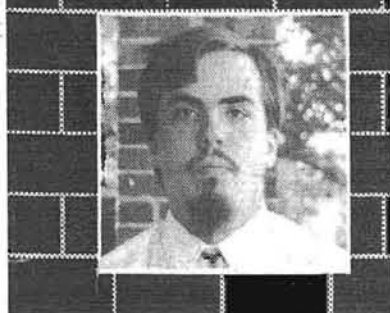
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OFF THE WALL



by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

After my Mary Liston resignation story ran last Monday there was an overwhelming response from people associated with the swim team. The players wanted to tell their side. After all the interviews, I found that I was even more upset than when I first heard about the group that ousted Liston.

The resignation hit me hard. Liston is a great person. Often interviews would last a long time because she was great to talk to. She was respected in the athletic office because she did so much for so little. In her first season Liston said she figured she was paid .18 cents an hour. I don't know many people that would do as much work as she did for pennies. Many swimmers liked her because she wasn't a strict coach, she gave the players freedom. Something many players needed with demands such as school and jobs taking up a lot of their time.

"Mary didn't make you sell your soul to swimming," Cliff Morlan said. "We had some freedom. If you had to miss practice because of a test she would let you."

I just wonder if things could have been done differently. Swim Captain Chad Fowler said that swimmers had tried to talk to Liston individually last season, but the discussions never had the impact that they had hoped. That is why, he said, they didn't tell her they were upset. But wouldn't they have gotten their point across with two-thirds of the team showing they weren't happy with the way things were going?

There were other problems with the way things were handled. The biggest is that the team didn't notify three of their teammates of their intent to go to Interim Athletic Director Rich Meckfessel with the intent on getting Liston to resign.

Thom Bick found out 20 minutes before the letter went into Meckfessel's hands. After reading the letter he declined to sign it and so ended his career at UM-St. Louis.

"I'm upset they didn't tell me earlier," Bick said. "If I would have known Mary wasn't going to be the coach I would have transferred. As it is, I am stuck at UM-St. Louis. I have a one year lease on a house and I will lose a semester of swimming eligibility."

Losing Bick hurts the team, he was the highest nationally ranked member on last year's team. He was ranked in five events, three relay and two individual. Bick said no one else ranked in more than two events.

The team has also lost Trevor Bilhorn a player that showed a lot of promise in his freshman season. The whole resignation has left him with bad feelings toward his former teammates.

"I don't think I could swim with that team after the way they handled things with Mary," Bilhorn said.

They also stand to lose Morlan. The swim team failed to notify him that they were going to Meckfessel, he found out after the letter had been delivered.

"I think the way they did things was very unprofessional," Morlan said.

There is a possibility that Morlan may swim. The team currently has six returners and five freshman on the team.

The new swim coach Scott Caron was named on Wednesday. He is coming in with a steel fist. The program had been both successful and fun for the swimmers, Caron is strict. "I have my way of doing things, anyone who doesn't like it can leave," Caron said.

I hope the swimmers like the way things have turned out, they lost a great coach, a great person and a friend.

Swimming in controversy

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

"It wasn't the swim team that ran her out. She ran herself out," Swim captain Chad Fowler said speaking of former swim coach Mary Liston. Liston resigned in early-September.

The process that led to Liston's resignation was a built up process according to Fowler. In a letter dated August 23, six of the nine swim team members stated their problems with

We told Meckfessel that we felt that things weren't right," he said. "We gave him the list and told him we didn't think we could swim for Ms. Liston."

The group discussed the problems with Meckfessel. The team found that while they were very much against Liston, Meckfessel didn't see the charges as serious as they did.

"Meckfessel has not been cooperative," Fowler said. "At first he said he was going to give her

son."

Thom Bick a member of the team last season was asked to sign the list 20 minutes before it went to Meckfessel. After reading the list he refused. "Three-fourths of the list was bullshit," he said. "They twisted the facts to sound different from what really happened."

The resignation has split the team in two. Cliff Morlan is still deciding whether he will swim at UM-St. Louis. Trevor Bilhorn, and Thom Bick will not swim as a result of the lost of Liston.

"I don't think I can swim with that team after the way they handled things with Mary," Bilhorn said.

Even though three swimmers may be lost, the team still has six athletes returning and five incoming freshman. Losing several returners could hurt the team in the long run.

"It will hurt us losing three top swimmers," Fowler said.

Though they lack strength in numbers the team has been busy practicing. They started at the normal time even though they lacked a coach.

"We have been training as hard as we can," Fowler said. "We have been going business as usual, there just isn't a coach there."

A new coach Scott Caron was named the new head coach Wednesday. The team has their first meet Nov. 4. It gives the team three weeks to learn under his style.

"Not having a coach early in the year will hurt us early in the season," Fowler said. "We'll be fine by January. We'll be just as good as we were last year it will

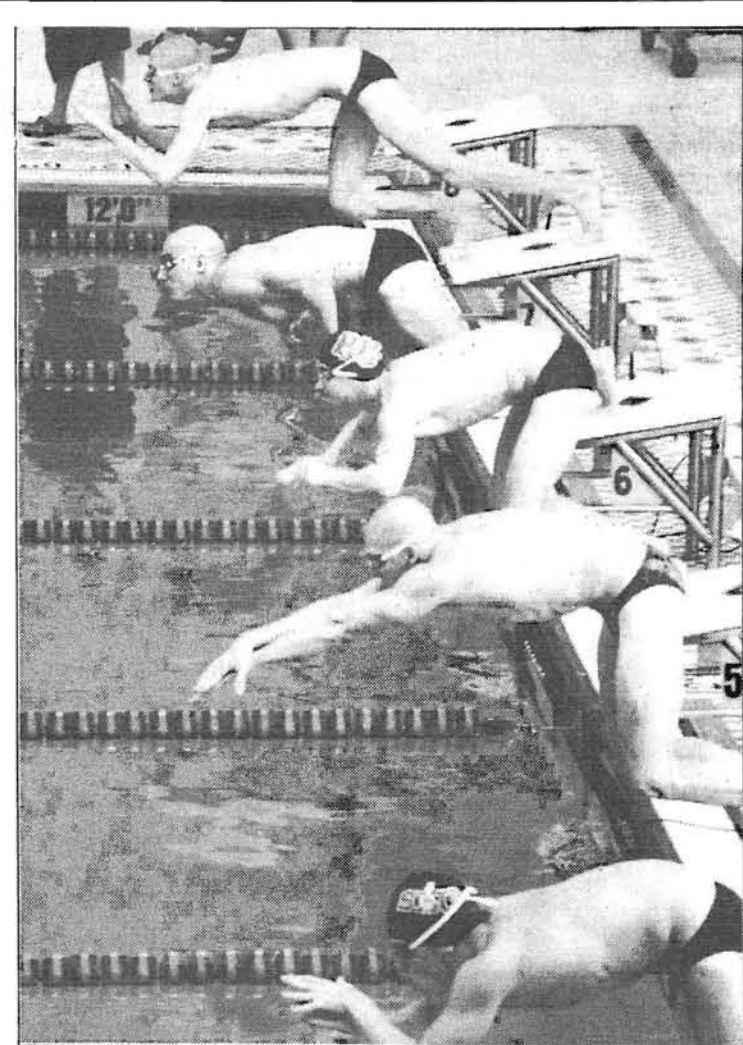


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Swimmers dive into the controversy of the Liston resignation

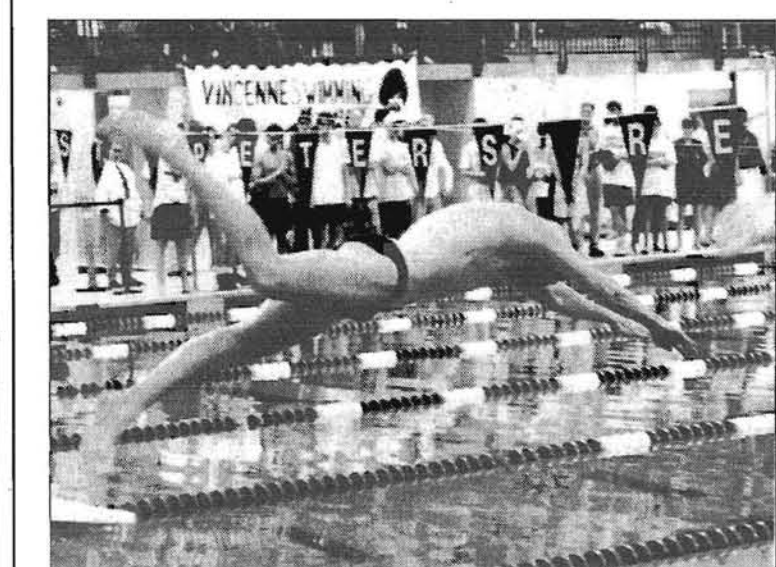


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After practicing on their own, the swim team gets a coach.

Liston. Chad Fowler, Valerie Fowler, Kelly Droege, Jodie Passwater, Pierce Cole, and Brian Widner were the six members that made the accusations.

The letter listed many instances in which the team felt Liston "behaved inappropriately."

The letter accused Liston of buying alcohol on the team's training trip to Florida during the training trip of 1993-94. "She purchased alcohol for minors on New Year's Eve at Universal Studios. After consuming alcohol herself, she drove the team back to the hotel in the university van. On October 5, 1994, Ms. Liston while intoxicated, kissed a male member of the team. When the swimmer responded with a sarcastic remark, Liston struck him in the jaw."

The teams main issue with Liston was drinking. "She pressures and ridicules swimmers who are reluctant to consume alcohol," the letter said.

Members of the team said they knew each action was wrong, but didn't speak their displeasure because they thought they were the only one who was upset.

"A lot of people knew that the things that went on were wrong," Fowler said. "At the beginning of the year, a lot of swimmers got to talking about how bizarre things were last season. We all got the letter together and went to Meckfessel."

another chance. Then he said 'why isn't there parental support?' So we brought in parental support. Our parents either came up or called him. He didn't like that at all. His big qualm was why did we wait to do it at the beginning of the season, why not last year? We didn't know that our teammates felt that way. We didn't talk about it last sea-

Scott Caron, new swimming coach, wades through situation

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

In searching for a new swim coach due to Mary Liston's resignation UM-St. Louis has hired Scott Caron, a former UM-Columbia swimmer.

Caron is a 1995 graduate of UM-Columbia. The 22-year-old, first-time head coach will have his work cut out for him. He said he is prepared for the challenge.

"I want to bring more organization to the program," Caron said. "I have my way of doing things. If anybody doesn't like it they can leave and if there are problems there could be suspensions."

Though that may sound harsh, swim team captain Chad Fowler said it is that discipline is needed.

"He demands respect," Fowler said. "He wants to run the program by the book. He is looking to make sure we go to practice, follow our tasks, and don't skip any classes."

"I demand and expect respect," Caron said. Caron's career at Columbia was a good one Fowler

said. He was a three-year member of the varsity squad. He placed in the Big-8 tournament one season, his two events were the butterfly and breast stroke.

"He is a competitor and a hard worker," Fowler said. "He was the hardest worker in the Columbia program. He was the first one at practice and the last one to leave."

The most recent coaching experience that Caron had was for the Sharks, a swim team at Rec-Plex in St. Peters. He was the lead assistant coach.

The expectations to exceed are not a high priority for the rookie coach. He instead wishes to run a clean and tight program free of internal flaws.

"I know I will be judged on how clean of a program I run," Caron said. "Not on how well the swimmers perform in the water."

Now the team has a coach three weeks before their first meet November 4.

"I am very excited," Fowler said.

Dolan has big plans as Athletic Director

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

With big ideas for the sports department Pat Dolan, officially took over as the permanent athletic director at UM-St. Louis.

In a press conference held last Wednesday at the Mark Twain Building, Dolan addressed some things she would like to do in her first year in office.

"The job I need to do here in the next three to four months is to listen and learn from everybody," Dolan said.

The type of department Dolan envisions is that of the Olympic rings. Each connecting to another to form a solid object.

"The first ring is the student athlete," Dolan said. "We need to make decisions on what is best for student-athletes and how to best help them succeed during their academic career, and how to help them become good people in the community."

"The second ring is the athletic coaches," Dolan said. "I think the job of the athletic director is to create an environment for the coaches to succeed. I see directorship as coaching coaches. I have tried historically to try to take the pressure off of the coaches. They are under

a lot of pressure."

Dolan also addressed the role of the UM-St. Louis athletes in the community. She wants the athletes to become more involved with local activities.

"When athletes put on uniforms, they are role models, whether we want to do it or not," Dolan said. "They need to go back to the community and give a few things back."

Giving back to the community through programs such as the Special Olympics and Toys-For-Tots is high on Dolan's priority list because of the good reputation it brings the university.

"I think the university needs to be proud of the athletic department," Dolan said. "I think the athletic program is the window of the university. It is what the community sees and hears. We need to do the best job we can."

Even though she has her own ideas for the program she still recognizes the role the previous athletic directors have had.

"More than anything I want build on what Coach Rich Meckfessel (a interim director) and Chuck Smith have led the program to at this time," Dolan said. "It was after their diligence and hard work that this athletic program was started."



Photo: Ken Dunkin

Dolan took on her position as Athletic Director on Oct. 9.

PLAYER Profile

Men's Soccer

by Ethan McCollister
of The Current staff

"Joe Fisch is one of the best," said soccer player Todd Rick. "He is always intense and never really has had a bad game."

Fisch is a midfielder that is relied on to play tight defense.

"We knew having Joe would bring us a tremendous defensive presence," said Rivermen Head Coach Tom Redmond. "He has been our best player this season."

The route Fisch has taken to play at UM-St. Louis is interesting. He played for the Rivermen in the 1992-93, he then transferred to Florida International. After playing there on season he returned home to play for the Rivermen, but since he had transferred twice he was forced to sit out the 1994-95 season. The season off gave Fisch the chance to train himself mentally and physically.

Though the team came in with high hopes they have suffered several set backs, their current record is 4-6-3. The losses have been rough and disappointing for the team, but the team is still optimistic. "There is still hope," Fisch said. "We are a good team."

"The team is a lot better than our record shows," Rick said.

Fisch said the team has it where it counts, there is a tremendous amount of quickness on the team along with a well organized backfield. "Our defense is solid," Fisch said.

Fisch is quick to say that the team gets along well even though the season has been frustrating. "There are a lot of good guys on the team to get the moral up."

Fisch is a senior working on his major in secondary education, specifically history. He hopes to stay in the soccer scene as a coach. He said he wants to make sure his future players have good attitudes about the game. And if his schedule wasn't busy enough, he also helps out with the wrestling team at Oakville Senior High. He hopes that the experience he is gaining while helping coach the Oakville program will help him in the future.

With the team winning two games two weeks ago the team is looking to finish strong. Fisch thinks it is possible.

"I believe we can," Fisch said.

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Deadline nearing for Student Activities Budget Committee

by Nikisha Bridges
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To many student organizations, the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) is the knife that slices up the student activity fee pie.

Beth Titlow, current Student Government Association president and former SABC comptroller, compared the process of deciding which organizations get what to

being a mother of hungry children. "You want to give them the world, but there's only so much to go around," she said.

Once again, the SABC is looking for members to make such tough decisions on campus.

The SABC comprises nine students who allocate money from activities fees for use by student groups. The group looks at preliminary allocations for student organizations, discusses the organizations'

purposes and goals, and votes on how much each group should get based on their contributions to the campus community. The only prerequisites for students who wish to join the committee are being in good standing with the University and filling out an application form. These forms are available at the SGA office and are due Oct. 31.

A seat on the committee means affecting the fates of many student organizations—positively or negatively. Members of the SABC who are also members of student organizations are expected to abstain from the budget discussion when their group comes up.

This action is in place to prevent "stacking" the vote toward any organization.

Last year, former SGA President and Vice-President Chris Jones and Kel Ward believed that the committee did not represent a diversity of interests on campus and extended the deadline for ap-

plication. Beth Titlow, then-comptroller, said she saw no problem with their idea of opening things up, but felt it could have been handled better. "It wasn't extended in a very public fashion," she said. "It wasn't even brought up in SGA meetings or advertised in The Current."

In an effort to give student groups a chance to voice their concerns about budgeting, the committee weighed the possibility of giving each student organization an opportunity for a hearing. According to Titlow, this made the process longer, but it allowed the committee to meet the face behind each organization.

As the 'hungry mouths' of student organizations increase, members of the SABC will be more important than ever, as they attempt to allocate money in an equitable manner.

The Current Newswire

Flu shots available for students. UM-St. Louis University Health Services will sponsor flu shots for all students and faculty on Oct. 25. Shots will be offered in the University Center Lobby from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Marillac Hall Lobby from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and in the evening on the 3rd floor of Lucas Hall lobby 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Shots are \$10.00.

Blood Drive to be held at UM-St. Louis. A blood drive will be held in J.C. Penney from Oct. 16-17. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate.

Jay O'Callahan to visit UM-St. Louis. The College of Arts & Sciences-Continuing Education & Outreach Pierre Laclede Honors College present a storytelling performance by Jay O'Callahan, one of America's premiere storytellers. The event will take place Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Honors College.

Sork to receive YWCA Leadership Award. Victoria L. Sork, professor of biology, has been selected to receive the 1995 YWCA Special Leadership Award in the Science and Technology category.

Haywood inducted into AAKPE. Kathleen M. Haywood, associate dean for instruction in the School of Education, was recently inducted into the American Academy of kinesiology and Physical Education during the Academy's annual conference in Vail, Colorado. The Academy recognizes a maximum of 125 individuals in the United States for their leadership in kinesiology and physical education.

Going once... going twice. UM-St. Louis will sponsor an auction on South Campus on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. Merchandise such as cars, office equipment, computer equipment, furniture and many other items will be up for bid. Items may be viewed from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and from 8 a.m. until sale time on Oct. 25.

EXCITING COLLEGE HOCKEY

Friday October 20 10:30 p.m.
& Saturday October 21 Noon

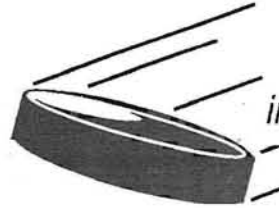


Rivermen Ice Hockey

UM-St. Louis
Rivermen

vs.

University of Illinois
Fighting Illini

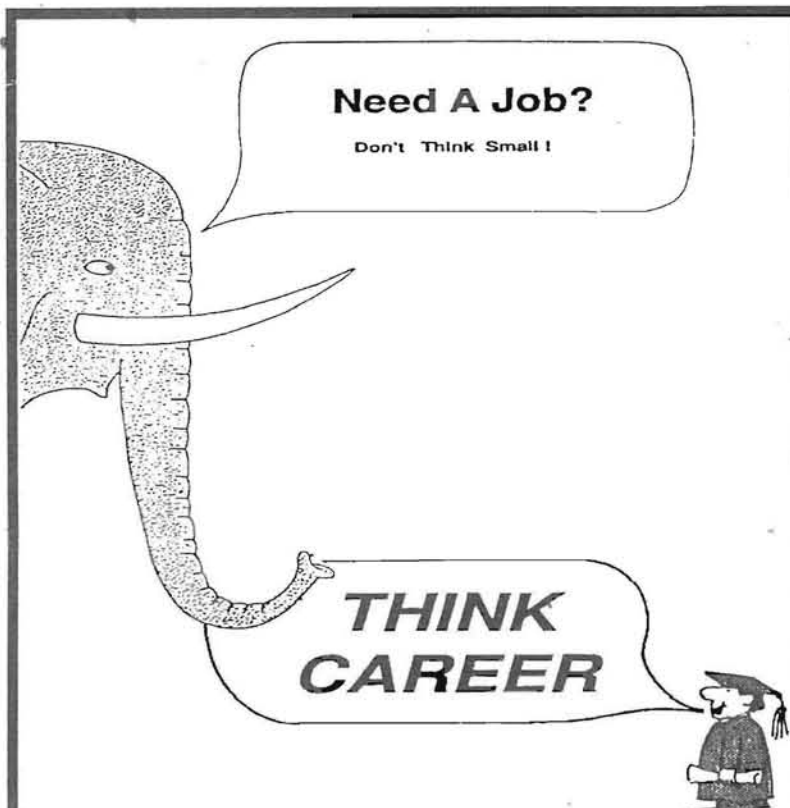


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CASTING BY BARRY SONENFELD BASED ON THE FILM BY EDWARD LOMBARDO SCREENPLAY BY SCOTT FRANK PRODUCTION DESIGNER DANNY DEVITO MICHAEL SHANZINGER SHERY SHER PRODUCED BY BARRY SONENFELD

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AMC NORTHWEST SQ. LIND & OLD ST. CHAS. RD. 291-0055	WEHRENBURG RONNIE'S 8 CINE LIND & BAPTIST CH. RD. 822-4900	WEHRENBURG ST. CHARLES 10 CINE HWY. 94 AT PRALLE RD. 822-4900
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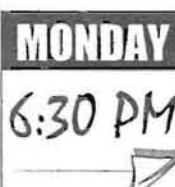
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HOMECOMING 95

A week of activities to bring the campus together

Homecoming Dance

"Moonlight Madness Masquerade"

Saturday, October 21, 1995

Hyatt Regency at Union Station

Doors Open: 7:00 P.M. Dinner: 7:30 P.M.

Presentation of the Royal Court will be
immediately after dinner.

Dancing follows until midnight.

Tickets go on sale October 1, 1995 in the SGA office, Rm. 262 University
Center.

Tickets will also be sold at booths during Homecoming Week. Numbers are
limited.

Tickets are \$12.50 each, \$20.00 for two, or \$100 per table. (seats 10)

Black Tie Optional

HOMECOMING COURT

Application Rules & Regulations

1. Applicant must be sponsored by at least one student organization.
2. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
3. The applicant, if elected, must be able to attend the Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Game, and the Homecoming Dance.
4. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. October 13, 1995. Applications are available at the SGA office. Submit applications to the SGA office, attention Pat Rauscher.
5. A non refundable entry fee of ten dollars is required for each application.
6. All students are welcome to apply for the Homecoming Court.

Elections will be held October 16-20

HOMECOMING WEEK

List of events

Sun. Oct. 15 Football Clinic 2:00 Mark Twain Field
Mon. Oct 16 Country Line Dancing 11:00-1:00 in the Summit
Tue. Oct. 17 Powder Puff Football Tournament (Co-Sponsored by Intramural Sports) 12:00-2:00 Mark Twain Field
Wed. Oct. 18 Wednesday Noon Live
Twister II 11:00 in Commons (In Summit in case of rain)
Thur. Oct. 19 Day II-Powder Puff Tournament 12:00-2:00 Mark Twain Field
U.P.B. Talent Show 7:30 P.M. J.C. Penny Auditorium
Fri. Oct. 20 Homecoming Parade "Raging Through with Spirit" 1:30 P.M.
Homecoming Game
7:30 P.M.
UM-St. Louis vs. Wisconsin Parkside
Free admission for students
Bring pots, pans, and sticks for the Kazoo, Pots & Pans Band" (Kazoo provided)
Possible Tailgate Party Before Game

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