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SGA Comptroller resigns

Former SGA president Chris Jones
appointed to replace Pat Rauscher

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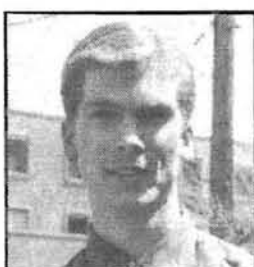
Student Government Association (SGA) president Beth Titlow announced the resignation of comptroller Pat Rauscher and the appointment of former SGA president Chris Jones to the position during the Oct. 31 SGA meeting.

Titlow said that Rauscher, who was not in attendance, resigned due to his rigorous course work as a nursing student and his need to devote more time to his personal life. "I'm sorry to see him go, but I don't want him to sacrifice his health, his personal relationships or his education," Titlow said. "I have the utmost respect for Pat. He did a wonderful job, and only Pat knows what is best for Pat."

According to the SGA constitution, in the case of a resignation, the title of comptroller would be assumed by the treasurer. Titlow was in a bind after Treasurer Alicia Friedrichs turned down the position because she had several other personal and work-related commitments. After consulting with Student Services Coordinator Don McCarty and Associate Direc-

tor of Student Activities Rick Blanton, Titlow used her presidential power of discretion to appoint Chris Jones as comptroller.

Jones comes to this position with an impressive track record. In addition to being a former SGA president, he was the treasurer and president of the University Program Board (UPB), the largest funded organization on this campus. He was also the Mirthday coordinator for UPB for three years.



Pat Rauscher

"I've been blessed with a second chance to finish a few things I left undone last year," Jones said. Among the projects he said he wanted to finish was a resolution to enable student organizations to requisition computers through the use of student service fees. He also said that he wanted a more ethnically diverse budget committee and that he would report on the need for a comptroller's position. He said that his main focus will be heading the budget committee, attending budget hearings, and appointing committee members.

Titlow also appointed a new parliamentarian, Bob Fritchey. Fritchey is the

managing editor of LitMag, the campus literary magazine.

Other topics were discussed during the meeting. Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean gave a presentation on the raising of student activity fees on a per-credit-hour basis. The University was mandated to set aside a maintenance and reserve building fund worth 1.5 percent of the replacement value of buildings such as Mark Twain and University Center within three years. This fund would cover such things as roof repair, tuckpointing, heating and cooling.

In addition to the three-year mandate, fiscal year 1996-1997 is the final year of a five-year plan that required taking the state's contribution and putting it into the library, enhancing undergraduate education and enhancing select graduate programs. To make up for this reallocation of resources, a dollar increase for Health Services, a 78-cent increase for University Center, a 14-cent increase for athletics, and a 43-cent increase for recreation are on the horizon. Health Services wants to use their share of the increase to fund men and women's clinics and to hire a consulting physician.

During the meeting, SGA president Beth Titlow acknowledged the existence of a rumor that the Board of Curators of

the University of Missouri system voted down UM-St. Louis' bid for a new University Center and instead wanted to support a new Fine Arts center.

"I didn't hold a referendum on a new Fine Arts center and I don't know of anyone who voted for a Fine Arts center," she said. "Students on this campus voted for a new University Center and that's exactly what we should have... for the University to give us anything else is a travesty."

Titlow also said that she saw the Board of Curators as a political group that was easily swayed by legislators and that the wording on the referendum clearly stated 'new university center', not 'new fine arts center'. "For them to turn around on us and welch on the whole deal is reprehensible," she said. She said she is planning to speak with Chancellor

Blanche Touhill about this matter.

Clint Zweifel, SGA vice-president, presented the pros and cons of having an exclusive beverage contract with either Coke or Pepsi. In issue 836 of The Current, a survey of 100 students revealed that 77 percent were against an exclusive contract. Zweifel pointed out that an exclusive contract could mean new

lounges for buildings that do not have any or new bulletin boards in the quadrangle. He said that the Red and Gold Lounge in SSB was the result of an exclusive contract with a vendor. He said he had no idea

Photo: Monica Senecal

SGA President Beth Titlow officially appoints former president Chris Jones as the new comptroller at last Tuesday's meeting.

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University remembers Dr. Howard Brown, Jr.

by Susan Benton
of The Current Staff

Assistant Professor of Behavioral Studies Dr. Howard P. Brown Jr. was found dead in his home in Creve Coeur on Monday, Oct. 23. Brown, an advisor and professor at UM-St. Louis for five years, was 45 years old.

A memorial service for Brown was held on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the Marillac Educational Auditorium. Faculty, staff and students were invited to participate in the service by sharing anecdotes and feelings about the late professor.

"He was an angel that came through our lives," said Margaret Cohen, associate professor of behavioral studies. "If we remember him as anything less, we would be doing him a disservice."

Brown was described by many as a humble man, someone who always put others above

himself. His Southern charm, wit and intelligence were cited as a few of the many attributes that made him the well-liked, well-respected man that he was.

One woman shared a story about how Brown counseled her 17 year

"We will always remember him as a friend, a teacher, a colleague and someone people enjoyed being around...."

- George Yard

old son when he admitted to a serious drug problem. She claimed he saved her son's life. Yet another woman stood up and claimed that had it not been for Brown's encouragement and support, she feels she would have never had earned her degree, let alone gone on to graduate school.

A native of Mississippi, Brown was a licensed professional counselor and a member of the American Psychological Association. He earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in Counseling and

Educational Psychology at Mississippi State University.

Brown began teaching at UM-St. Louis in 1990. He taught courses in educational psychology and chemical dependency in the school of education.

"We will always remember him as a friend, a teacher, a colleague and someone people enjoyed being around," said George Yard, associate professor and department chairperson of behavioral studies. "He didn't try to be the 'end all' to anything. He gave people direction and inspired them to do the best they could."

Recent UM-St. Louis graduate, Phyllis Momtacee was touched by the former professor as well.

"I don't think of him as being gone," she said. "I can picture him in my mind, and I can hear him talking in class. That's a living memory, and I'll probably carry it with me for as long as I live."

Environmental forum teaches students lessons

by Susan Benton
of The Current staff

Students and instructors from UM-St. Louis and 11 area high schools along with representatives from various environmental agencies gathered Tuesday, Oct. 31 in the J.C. Penney Conference Center for a forum to discuss "Diverse Responses to Environmental Issues." All were invited to attend the forum by Citizenship Education Clearing House (CECH), designers of the event.

"Every year we have an issues forum," said George Ruh, CECH representative. "We have high school kids come in, we present both sides of an issue, and we ask them to go back to their schools and do something to make the situation better."

The organization is located in Marillac Hall and is a component of the Center for Excellence in Urban Education in the School of Education at UM-St. Louis. According to its mission statement, CECH is dedicated to helping young people develop a commit-

ment to informed, responsible participation in the civic, governmental and political affairs of our community.

From 9 a.m.-1 p.m. students focused on various environmental issues including air pollution, drinking water, flood control, public transportation, solid waste and toxic waste.

This was the first of three forums that will be held in the 1995-96 school

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Chancellor Touhill and Rams' Jerome Bettis help open new U-Mart store at Marillac

by Julie Pressman
of The Current staff

Rams Football star Jerome Bettis helped UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill cut the ribbon for a crowd of students, faculty and staff at the grand opening of the new U-Mart Store on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The new convenience store, attached to Marillac Hall, is the first of its kind on campus. It was created by the Bookstore to accommodate the increased residential and commuter activity on South campus.

"I think it's really good for the people who are around here," Bettis said. "There aren't a lot of big stores around here, and this is just right around the corner."

Bettis signed autographs and talked with his fans, both before and after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"It's fun to get a chance to inter-

act with the community and to see some of the people who follow me," Bettis said. "It's just a treat."

The store carries a wide variety of items ranging from coffee and soda to Campbell's soup. According to Gloria Schultz, director, business and management services University Bookstore, the prices are modeled to fit in between grocery and convenience store prices.

Residential students in general seemed to welcome the new addition. Before the store opened there were no food service facilities open on campus after 7:00pm or on weekends.

"This is great for residential students like myself," Honors College resident Kristen Wilke said. "Now I won't be forced to drive all the way to Schnucks or Quick Trip to get coffee or food on the weekends."

The idea for the campus convenience store was originally sparked

by Reinhard Schuster. He gave Schultz the okay to initiate the plan early this year. Schuster then hired Carolyn Kuo to design and rehabilitate the building. The rooms where the store is now located were originally used as a convent kitchen and eventually as a storeroom. According to Kuo, the area was in poor condition.

"It was a fun experience," Kuo said. "But you should have seen it before. It was a complete disaster. There was still grease from when it was used as kitchen."

The store is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (the store may start opening later on weekends in response to lack of customers in early hours).

Students may use their UM-St. Louis ID to charge items from the store much like they charge textbooks at the Bookstore.

Joe "Moe" Cullen created the name U-Mart in a campus-wide competition to label the shop. Cullen received a \$50 gift certificate for the store.



ABOVE: Scherie Seay processes one of the first customers at the new C-store. Photo: Monica Senecal

RIGHT: Joseph Modise poses with St. Louis Ram running back Jerome Bettis, as both celebrate the opening of the new convenience store. Photo: Ken Dunkin

Did you forget something? Criticizing Pat Rauscher's resignation

by Michael O'Brian
of The Current staff

Before a stunned Student Government Association assembly, Chris Jones quoted Emerson, Lake and Palmer saying "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends," after his appointment to the position of SGA comptroller. Jones' appointment comes after the abrupt resignation of elected comptroller Pat Rauscher.

This action on behalf of the SGA is a bizarre role reversal that puts Jones into current SGA President Beth Titlow's former position of comptroller with Titlow now filling Jones' former position of SGA president. The ethical questions of this decision must be examined.



The student body went to the polls last April to elect the new representatives for the SGA. Now, following the resignation of Rauscher, what students have is the same administration with some subtle gerrymandering of titles. The result is that students who may have been voting for change are silenced as the SGA administration has become in essence a mirror reflection of last year's unit.

Titlow claims that procedure was followed by appointing Jones to the vacated position. SGA Treasurer Alicia Friedrichs allegedly declined the promotion to the comptroller's position. Had she accepted the position, everything would have gone as outlined within the SGA constitution. Because of Friedrichs' declining, Titlow has used some creative tactics in filling a vital position within the administration.

Some would question whether Titlow's decision is a type of nepotism. It is even reasonable to question the intentions of this administration in running with Rauscher on the ticket in the first place. Obviously, the decision on the part of Rauscher to run was hasty at best. Rumors that circulated during last year's said Rauscher on the ticket was to take advantage of the potential voting block that surfaced with the influx of 500 new nursing students acquired through the Barnes nursing merger. We shouldn't stoop to printing rumors. Now with Rauscher gone and the administration safely in office, those nursing students who voted have every right to feel used.

Pat Rauscher should be held accountable for his actions. He has

shirked his responsibilities by walking away from his position. Rauscher didn't even show up at the SGA meeting to admit being a quitter in front of those who trusted him enough to cast their votes on his behalf last April. I wonder how big the rock was that he hid under?

I have no patience for a person who campaigns in a full-campus election to win a high-power position only to let down all of those people that believed in him because his schedule constraints are too much. If your schedule is so tight,

maybe you should consider that before asking hundreds of students to believe in you.

The comptroller position at UM-St. Louis is not like a burger-flipping job from McDonalds. It is a position that must be filled by someone with strong personal fortitude and dedication. This student body can only hope that Pat Rauscher realizes how much he has let them down. If he finds it so easy to walk away from a position of this caliber, then he must have no personal responsibility. Rauscher should have thought about the sacrifices that must be made to garnish the honor of acquiring an SGA administrative position. He should have at least shown up to tell the people he let down why he could not make the sacrifices he promised last April.

Now that Rauscher has resigned, at least students can rest assured that a responsible person has filled the ranks of the position. I know Chris Jones fairly well, and I respect him for the work that he has done previously as the SGA president and before as he filled various roles with the University Program Board.

Still, as much as I like Jones, I must ask Beth Titlow what she was thinking when she made this appointment. She must have under-estimated what the student body would think of such actions. Even if her intentions were on the level (which in my gut I believe to be the case), students will question this type of "political incest."

SGA may feel a decline in trust from students and the organizations that they are members of. This type of politics will not foster growth in community feelings toward the SGA. What it could do is make students feel like their voice is not heard, and when it is heard it won't matter anyway because their leaders are not held accountable for their actions.



Raising fees for the wrong reasons shouldn't be tolerated

by Scott Lamar
of The Current staff

Do you remember when going to UM-St. Louis used to be a bargain? If you do, hold on to the memories and put a death grip on your wallet because your fees are rising.

On top of the escalating tuition costs, student fees will increase for several reasons that should make you think about where the administration's priorities lie.

Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean announced at last week's SGA meeting that the University Health Service fee, Athletic fee and Recreation fee will raise. The added revenue will help fund things such as a women's wellness program and a men's health screening program.

He said that students wanted these services.

This seems odd because I don't remember voting on the issue. I don't

recall a petition being circulated or even a single campus activist raising a stink about it.

Perhaps the figures came out of the Center for Public Policy Research. If it did, then it was kept a secret.

Inflation increases of 2.7-5 percent were another reason given. I'm not an economist, but it doesn't feel like the cost of goods is that much more than it was three or four years ago. Even if they are, it could easily go down by the same percentage. If it does, don't look for student fees to decrease as well.

Students also must pay into the UM system Three Year Maintenance and Reserve Program. Instead of the state allocating money to repair the facilities on campus, students must pay the cost.

One final reason for the increase was that general operating subsidies are to be eliminated from the auxiliaries of Athletics, Recreation, Univer-

sity Center and University Health Services. This is all part of the UM system Five Year Plan.

Outside of telling students that they have to come up with extra cash, these programs and plans tell students very little in the way of their purpose and benefits, if any.

Students griped and groaned when MacLean announced the ugly news. This was the best reaction that could be expected under the circumstances. The last thing UM-St. Louis students want to hear is that they will be paying more for what can almost be called a second high school diploma.

There was, however, a fee that students did pass. The fee for the new U-Center was voted on and approved by students in a referendum last semester.

Unfortunately, MacLean said that the University needs to find \$7 million to fund it. Apparently, the idea was thought out but wasn't approved first in Columbia.

Somebody messed up. Due to the lack of communication between the administration and the Board of Curators, all of the work to prepare the

largest student voter turnout in the school's history may be all for naught.

As it stands now, the University plans on building a fine arts building instead of the one-stop service center for all students.

The additional student fee revenue earmarked for the added health services, equipment and maintenance reserve funds in athletics and recreational sports and a collaborative physician should be called into question.

We shouldn't fund programs that aren't being supported before programs that are more popular among students. For instance, if the additional fees were to go toward adding to the computer help desk staff as opposed to a doctor, I think students would consider the money well-spent.

Students at UM-St. Louis are reasonable. Any fee that is genuinely needed would be accepted. But when students are deceived, fleeced and expected to buy into programs that they don't understand with weak rationales, they have good reason to spite and distrust the University.

Letters to the editor

• LETTERS POLICY •

The Current welcomes letters to the editor. Letters are edited for length. Letters must be signed as the editorial opinion of The Current is that a signed letter carries more weight with the readers.

Former student saddened by death of Dr. Brown

I was greatly saddened to hear of the death of Howard P. Brown, Jr. Assistant Professor in the Department of Graduate Behavioral Studies at UM-St. Louis.

While I was a post-graduate student at the University, I was fortunate enough to have Dr. Brown as a teacher. His graduate course in Counseling the Chemically Dependent and Substance Abuser was one of the better experiences I had since I graduated from the department.

Initially I did not want to deal with this "special population," as I felt that individuals who were alcoholics were somehow responsible for their plight, and I wanted to concentrate on other groups of people who were not voluntarily putting themselves in a negative situation.

Dr. Brown provided what he termed, an "intense learning experience" where his students learned "the disease concept" and among other things "The Twelve Step Program."

In both private practice and in a hospital setting, I have utilized many of the techniques taught by Dr. Brown. His sensitivity and insight in terms of recovery and growth, along with his teaching and training will be greatly missed.

Loren Richard Klahs
Clinical Psychotherapist

Student says get rid of athletic department

I attended the SGA meeting October 31, a meeting at which Lowe "Sandy" MacLean proposed to hike the student athletic fee by \$1.41 per credit hour. His justification for the hike: the University needed to compensate for the subsidies the Five Year Plan took away. I realize that SGA is trying to increase student involvement on campus, but I don't understand why we continue to fund athletics on campus.

Instead of hiking the athletics fee, SGA should consider other options. For instance: SGA could pass a user fee for non-UM-St. Louis students who use the gym. Or, if this fee already exists, why not raise it or extend it to cover alumni. Granted this

might not recoup all the money the Five Year Plan took away, but so what? Maybe UM-St. Louis students don't want to use the gym. Why not save some money by cutting back or by eliminating some programs—say, the volleyball team?

Consider this analogy. Suppose Highburty Corporation sold new age crystal sets at \$5 a set and nobody bought them. Suppose further that Highburty responded by increasing their quality, in the belief that better quality means more sales. Now suppose that the number of sales didn't change at all. If Highburty didn't stop spending money to improve their crystals' quality, we would consider it a bad company which deserves to

fail. Well, UM-St. Louis is the Highburty here. Just as Highburty can live without selling crystals—maybe it could decide to sell widgets—UM-St. Louis can live without athletics. Maybe then it could put more money into humanities.

I propose this not to spit in UM-St. Louis' eye, but rather to make it what it should be: a first-class, highly competitive university. UM-St. Louis will never attract the good students it needs if it throws money down a black hole in the name of attracting students. A university should aim to increase academics, not athletics if it wants to attract students.

Ronald Ribaud

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A new cause for Nancy Reagan

by Julie Pressman
of The Current staff

My name is Julie and I'm an addict. But I'm not an alcoholic or a sexaholic or even a codependent. I'm addicted to my modem.

Two months ago, I didn't even know how to sign on. Now, thanks to our Internet consultant, Dean Denton, I'm an official computer geek.

I used to wait for the mail to come everyday, praying that someone would drop me a line, but I usually left with a feeling of rejection. Now I check my e-mail three times a day and never leave disappointed.

I used to play computer versions of Memory and Solitaire on my Mac when I had some extra time and their wasn't anything good on television. Now I stay late at the Current some nights talking on the chat lines and don't even care what happened on Beverly Hills 90210 anymore. This Halloween, I opted to stay online instead of going out. When trick or treaters came to the door a few times and I didn't have any candy, I turned out all the lights and chatted in the dark.

In the short time I've been a Internet junkie, I've passed the library over as obsolete. Now I look up most of the information for papers and articles via the Internet. I say to myself that it's just technology, it can't hurt anyone. But soon I fear I'll forget where the library is.

Unfortunately I'm not alone in my addiction, several other staff members are beginning to show signs of the disease I have named, "I can't get enough of this mindless crap." Like alcoholism, we have become each other's enablers.

Elementary school teachers now show their students how to surf the net instead of how to use a library card catalog. And with newspapers cutting back and folding by the thousands, I fear that I may be going to school to write news bytes for the Internet instead of for the New York Times. Like Albert Einstein once said, "our technology has surpassed our humanity."

The Internet is jam packed full of all the intelligence and socialization anyone can imagine. But like any investment, it's not a secure one. On nights when the system goes down (which it often does) I find myself fighting back tears of frustration.

Like your mama used to say, "it's all good 'til someone get's hurt." Well, it hasn't hurt too much yet. But the potential for disaster is there with so much information all crammed into one space; so many people's well beings based on computers. It's scary sometimes, and I often ask myself, "is the Internet the end of life as we know it, or just a welcome addition?"

Like it or not, we net junkies will probably take over the world someday. The takeover will probably be a hostile one but I predict that this new technology will eventually come to play in everyone's lives even if they have to be dragged kicking and screaming from their manual typewriters.

So for now I will call it a disease. I may even follow the likes of Stuart Smalley and start my own twelve-step program. But watch out Nancy Reagan, we net junkies are here to stay.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

By Jill Barrett
of The Current staff

Seventy-five years ago, women received the right to vote, and the political landscape changed forever. Women were, at long last, granted a formal voice in the democratic process. UM-St. Louis observed this anniversary with an inaugural salute to six of its women trailblazers. Last Tuesday, the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) presented an inaugural salute to six women who were the first to occupy positions traditionally held by men. These

women students, alumnae, staff, and faculty—were recognized for their "trailblazing" at UM-St. Louis.

The women saluted were: Marguerite Ross Barnett (posthumously) as the first female chancellor of the university; Mary S. Gillespie as the first alumna to become a curator, and the first MBA candidate; Brenda Stith Loftin as the first alumna to become a judge; Janet Robertson, as the first female manager of the Custodial Services; Blanche M. Touhill, as the first female faculty member to receive tenure, (also the first female vice-chancellor for academic affairs); and Carol Elaine Usery, as the first full-time female gardener. Gwendolyn Moore-Harris accepted Barnett's posthumous award.

Linda McDaniel, the president of the Missouri League of Women Voters, presided over the program. In addition to the presentation of the Trailblazers of 1995, the program included the performance of the UM-St. Louis alma mater, a performance of the popular suffragette-era folk song "Bread and Roses," and a portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt.

Jane Miller, an associate professor of Chemistry and Education Emeritus, best illustrated the difficulty of being a trailblazer. In her talk titled "UM-St. Louis As

It Was For Women," she spoke of her experiences as a female professor at UM-St. Louis in the mid-to-late '60's. When Miller was hired in 1965, most of the positions in academia, particularly in the sciences, were in women's colleges. UM-St. Louis hired a large number of women professors, because, according to the dean, "[women] were so cheap he could hire two or three for the price of a man."

Women were also hired to fill lower, non-tenure track positions. Miller recounts the story of a husband and wife who were both hired to teach. The wife had her PhD and several publications to her name, while her husband was still writing his PhD dissertation. She was hired as an instructor; he became a tenure-track professor. Even when women professors were on the tenure track, actually receiving it was difficult.

Miller herself was once denied tenure because the department was

TRAILBLAZERS!



Photo: Monica Senecal

Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill receiving her Trailblazer award from Dr. Norman Seay. Brenda Jackson, the scheduling coordinator, looks on.

1995 TRAILBLAZERS

Marguerite Ross Barnett
First female chancellor

Mary S. Gillespie
First alumna to become a curator
First female MBA candidate

Brenda Stith Loftin
First alumna to become a judge

Janet Robertson
First female manager of
Custodial Services

Blanche M. Touhill
First female faculty member to
receive tenure

Carol Elaine Usery
First full-time gardener

Second hand stores offer wallet relief

by Michael O'Brian
of The Current staff

With the UM-St. Louis administration raising student's fees at warp speed, how can students find ways to survive on what little funds they have left? Second-hand stores may be one answer.

Second-hand stores (often called thrift stores) offer nice products at more than reasonable prices. If you have never shopped in one of these stores, you would probably be surprised to find out that many carry stock that would rival a name-brand discount store. Except there is one difference; you won't find clothing from Dillards, Famous Barr or Lord and Taylor in your standard discount store. However, these items and many more are readily available from second-hand stores, and they only cost a fraction of retail prices.

UM-St. Louis is in the middle of several top-notch second hand stores. Just a short jaunt east on Natural Bridge is Value Village Thrift Store. Located at 7400 Natural Bridge, Value Village is a huge warehouse full of second-hand bargains. The store has numerous racks of clothes for men, women and children. You never know what kind of a deal will be offered until you browse the selection. On one occasion, a pair of women's Cavaretti shorts (sold in mall stores for \$45) was offered for \$2.49. For denims, there are often used Levis, Zenas and many other name-brands. Nice t-shirts range from \$.99 to \$2.49, and wool and cotton

decorative sweaters are usually less than \$5.

Another accessible shopping area for students to check out is Frison's Indoor Flea Market. Frison's is the warehouse located at the Rock Road MetroLink Station that looks like it could be the new Trans-World Dome. During the warmer months of Spring and Summer, you don't even have to go into the building to find the good deals because the parking lot buzzes with the many vendors who set up shop for bargain hunters. Inside is the virtual Galleria of second-hand items. Frison's has nice mahogany desks sometimes for \$50 to \$75. They have, at times, had stylish bar sets, lamps, games, toys, you-name-it. You would never know until you looked. Frison's also has a nice selection of reasonably priced new items. Every week there is a vendor that sells complete living room sets (table, couch, chairs) for \$200. Another vendor sports a table of remote-control cars and robots from \$7 to \$10 (are you thinking Christmas gifts).

For used suits and formal wear, Unique Thrift Store Inc. is a short drive from the University. Located at 9715 St. Charles Rock Road, this store has a nice selection of men's suits that average around \$12 for the whole set (jacket, vest and slacks). The store may suit you better if you fall in extremely large or very small sizes, but it's always worth a look to the smart shopper. Like Value Village, Unique Thrift has racks of shirts, shorts and slacks to sort through that rarely cost more than \$5.

These stores all offer electronic goods as well. However, you may want to think twice about purchasing a television, stereo or computer at one of these locations. Prices on these items range from \$30 to \$100. They offer no warranties, so once you've got them they're yours. Often these types of items are outdated and have been well beaten by the time they hit the second-hand stores. Items such as toasters, waffle-makers and sandwich warmers are a little safer and don't require the large investments.

If rising tuition has got you down, look to the community to help keep your closets full. There's a second-hand world just waiting to make your life easier.



Photo: Monica Senecal

Amayah Grose takes the bargain shopper's challenge at Value Village Thrift Store just east on Natural Bridge from UM-St. Louis.

the Under CURRENT

How do you think women's roles have changed in the past 75 years?

"I think we're moving towards equality, but many women still have the mentality that they won't do as well as men—they should start out with a more positive attitude."

- Christy Lange
Sophomore • English



"I think women's positions have improved a lot as far as the work force is concerned and hopefully, someday, women will be considered equal to men in all respects."

- Steve Bloethner
Senior • Finance

"Things are better, but there is still room for improvement."

- Monnika Chapman
Senior • History



"Women's roles are much better, but it's not like a woman ever needed a man to validate her worth. Now, however, a woman can do whatever she sets her mind on."

- Timothy Hamilton
Senior • Music/English

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Jeanie Stahl

Jeanie Stahl "Mysteries"

Jeanie Stahl, has been playing and recording acoustic folk and children's music for over 20 years. In her latest release, "Mysteries," we find her singing everything from the old English sea ballads like "Lord Franklin" to the country-flavored "Little Cowboy's Lullaby."

"The August of Our Years," one of the few tracks penned by Stahl and lyricist Harriet Reisen, is a uptempo tune about the childhood memories of each, as they both grew up in New Jersey.

Another of their co-written tracks, "Mysteries of Science," is a delightfully innocent and humorous track that features such questions as:

How come the body's beautiful
but nudity's obscene?
How come pistachio nuts are red
Pistachio ice cream's green?

Joining Stahl on this release are: Duke Levine, guitars and mandolin; Paul Bryan, bass; Stuart Schulman, fiddle; Guy Van Duser, guitar; Bill Staines, guitar and vocals and Mason Daring,

vocals, guitars and dulcimer.

"Lord Franklin" is one of the best songs on the disc. It features Stahl's voice clear and resonant as a crystal bell as well as the haunting penny whistle playing of Billy Novick, and interesting hammered dulcimer playing of Daring.

On "The Little Cowboy's Lullaby," Schulman, West and Van Duser and Bryan team up to produce a riding-the-range sound akin to that of long time children's favorites "Riders in the Sky."

One of the prettiest songs was the Randy Newman written "Texas Girl At The Funeral Of Her Father." On it, Stahl is backed by Chris Neville on piano and Daring on "strings." In a tender duet, Stahl and Staines sing of a love that was never nurtured due to the restless winds of youth.

Though I've been an avid folk fan for several years, regrettably I'd never heard of Stahl before this disc arrived. Now that I've heard her, I can't wait to get to the store and find a couple of her earlier discs.

—Michael J. Urness

Acoustic Folk

Highstrung "Now Or Never"

After two years of playing the bluegrass circuit and delighting crowds at events like the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Highstrung has released "Now Or Never," their second Pinecastle release.

The disc begins with the title track, a sad tale of a 50-year-old rounder who's faced with the decision of hopping an outbound freight train or staying put and loosing his mind. The second track,

"Grandpa," is a nostalgic number written by lead singer and vocalist Keith Tew. On it he pays tribute to his grandfather, singing of special times they spent together as he was growing up.

Highstrung is Tew, lead vocals and guitar; Jerry Nettuno, vocals, mandolin and guitar; Terry Campbell, vocals and bass; and Steve Pye, banjo. Guests artists on the disc include Aubrey Haynie, fiddle and Kim Gardner, dobro.

No bluegrass record worth its salt would be complete without a

gospel song or two, and Highstrung doesn't disappoint. While "Show 'em Your Sermon" isn't exactly gospel, it does lean that way, offering advice on clean living and righteousness. Pye's banjo pickin' and Tew's vocals really stand out on this one. Other songs of note include "Going To The Hilltop," and "On And On (The Story Goes)," the later a soft-sung tale of life and love.

From start to finish, influences of early bluegrass pioneers like Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, the

Osborne Brothers and Jim & Jessie come through loud and clear in the group's music.

I found this to be one the best of a group of up-and-coming bluegrass bands. I was particularly impressed with all the vocals as well as Haynie's fiddle playing and Pye's banjo pickin'.

Harmonies as tight as banjo strings, impeccable musicianship and songwriting abilities to boot, what more could a fan want? —Michael J. Urness

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Home for the Holidays

by Jill Barrett
of The Current staff

The holiday season is upon us, and for those people who believe holidays are really just a cruel joke played by Hallmark and tradition, "Home For the Holidays" is a movie for you.

Holly Hunter plays Claudia, a single mother who loses her job as an art restorer on the same day she is supposed to leave town for Thanksgiving weekend. To make matters worse, she learns, at the airport, that her 16-year-old daughter plans to have sex with her boyfriend while Claudia is out of town. Perhaps the final blow is that Claudia is returning home to visit her parents.

During the middle of the first night, Claudia's brother Tommy (Robert Downey, Jr.) makes an appearance with a co-worker, Leo Fish (Dylan McDermott). Claudia is unsure of Leo's exact relationship with her brother, although she assumes it to be a romantic one. Tommy helps offset the dread and frustration Claudia feels while at her childhood home. During the next day and a half, Claudia and Tommy have to suffer through the endless little rituals that make up a traditional holiday - a visit from the perfect sister, Joanne (Cynthia Stevenson), the ramblings of a slightly crazy aunt, and of course, parents treating them as if they were still children.

("That's okay, Mom," Claudia says after her mother leaves the bathroom door open while Claudia is in the shower. "I don't mind public showers. I have no self-respect. I'm still only four years old.")

The cast, especially Charles Durning and Anne Bancroft as the parents, work marvelously well together. Bancroft, as always, is entirely convincing as the mother, a woman who "talks to, and

talks over" her husband and children but genuinely adores them. She manages to be irritating and endearing at once. Downey, too, stands out as the kid brother who still finds it funny to take pictures of his sister while she is in the shower. He gives the role a frenetic energy without making his character obnoxious, and contributes to much of the film's humor.

Director Jodie Foster recognizes that family holidays are black comedies of sorts, and her movie captures the funniness of trying to cope with your family, without losing the underlying warmth. The movie's humor turns sentimental towards the end, but not too much. Also, the movie, like the holiday, does not end quite as soon as you wish, but overall, Foster presents a successful mix of sharp humor, drama, and sentiment rare in holiday films.

The charm of the movie is that Foster does not forget the most basic truth of family holidays: No matter how old you are, as soon as you get off the plane and into your parents car, you're still their child. You become an adolescent again, sitting in the back seat of the car rolling your eyes while your mother talks non-stop about the neighbors and your father recounts how hamburgers only cost 39 cents in 1959 every time he drives past a McDonald's. And still you sit, idly hoping that a sinkhole forms in front of the sedan to spare you from the holiday ahead. An alternative would be to see the movie-you experience a traditional Thanksgiving holiday and you get to leave after two hours.



Holly Hunter and Anne Bancroft in Jodie Foster's new movie "Home for the Holidays."

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OFF THE WALL



by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

It was quite a season for the UM-St. Louis Riverwomen soccer program. They finished the season with a 11-7-2 record and were at times an excellent team. I have thought about who did what well and what type of awards they should get. Every player could get a award of some kind, but I have picked a few that I had noticed a few players that stood out this season. With no further ado, here are Dunkin's Donut's.

MVP-Jenni Burton

Was there ever any doubt? Burton again led the Riverwomen in every offensive category possible. She tallied 23 goals and 9 assists for 55 points. Eight of her goals were game winners. What a player. It always seemed Burton would get the ball in the net, and she did most of the time. Without her to rely upon, the team will have to search for another offensive player. It's going to be tough next year. She will definitely be missed by the team.

Most Improved Player-Amy Abernathy

Abernathy found her groove as the team's number one goalie this season. She improved in every category. Last season as a freshman, she faced 225 shots and saved 117 of them. She allowed 40 goals for a goals against average (GAA) of 2.58. She also had three shutouts.

This was a great year for her. She dropped her GAA to 1.37 and had 6 shutouts. She faced a total of 199 shots saving 95 of them. If this year is any indication of her future seasons, Abernathy will be a key player for the next two years.

Freshman of the Year-Carrie Marino

Despite missing the final 13 games due to a knee injury, Marino finished fifth on the team in scoring. She played in seven games. The season was going great prior to the injury, she had scored three goals and had seven assist for 13 points.

Marino was a huge factor in the offensive game plan. Before she was lost for the season, the team was averaging 3.80 goals per game, and after her injury, they were only scoring 1.55. Her prowess is also noticeable in the teams record, 6-2-1 before she was out for the year, 5-5-1 after. Quite a difference.

She was a key player early on when she played in the forward slot along side Burton, and she'll be a huge factor next year barring any more injuries.

Best Defensive Player-Lori Lueddecke

Lueddecke quietly had a great season. She earned all-tournament honors at the UM-St. Louis Classic held in early October.

She started all 20 games for the Riverwomen and contributed with her strong defense and smart play. She will return next season and lead the defense to yet another great season.

The Everlast Award-Tracia Niederer

Niederer was a player who never quit running. Niederer earned her nickname "Forrest Gump" because she never quits running.

She was always after the ball as her opponents will attest. Offensively she was great too. She tallied four goals and three assists for 11 points. The freshman midfielder was injured throughout the final four games which really hurt the team, as they missed her aggressive style.

Jennifer Frohlich gets a honorable mention for this award. She hustled for most of the year often to the other teams dismay. From trash talking to hard hits Frohlich did it all. On the offensive side, she had four goals including the lone goal in the 1-0 defeat over Washington University Oct. 29. She also had seven assists for 15 points.

Burton ends season on top

3-year starter plays her last game for UM-St. Louis

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current

The women's soccer team will lose only one player from this year's squad. It is a huge loss though, because it is Jenni Burton who is leaving.

Burton, a 3-year starter at UM-St. Louis, finished her collegiate career Oct. 29 in a game against Washington University. She played that game in a style she has become used to, by scoring points. She also got a assist in the 1-0 victory, with a pass to long-time friend and teammate Jennifer Frohlich. The assist was her ninth of the season and her twenty-first at UM-St. Louis. But passing isn't the only thing Burton is good at; her real specialty is scoring goals.

"If you had a team full of Jenni Burtons, you wouldn't have to worry about anything," said Riverwomen Head Coach Ken Hudson.

In her three seasons here she has tallied 65 goals and a total 166 points, both records are tops in school history. She did all this in only three seasons. It didn't come to a surprise to Dave Robben, Burton's high school coach at Oakville.

"Jenni is a natural goal scorer," Robben said. "Very few people have that ability, but she is one of them."

While still in high school, Burton became a star player. She jumped to the varsity squad in her freshman season and scored 10 goals. She followed with 20 goals in her sophomore year. It was in her junior season that Burton really began to find the back of the net continuously. She scored 47 goals that season and led the team to a third-place finish in the state tournament. In her senior year she scored 33 goals for the state champions. As she has done repeatedly since, she scored in the clutch for Oakville, scoring three goals in the 5-

0 victory in the finals.

"When she left to play at the college level, it was tough to see her go," Robben said. "She was ready for the next level of play."

The next level for Burton was a stop at St. Louis Community College at Meramec for her freshman season. She led the Meramec team with 26 goals and trips to the Junior College National Championships. But as the team rolled to a national-record 31 consecutive victories, Burton began to miss the competition.

"We were beating team by scores of 4-0 and 3-0 in the national tournament," Burton said. "I enjoy it more when there is competition. I don't like it when we beat teams real bad."

While at UM-St. Louis Burton never made the national tournament, but she doesn't have any regrets.

"I don't have any regrets," Burton said. "When I look back, I will see that I had three good years here. I really enjoyed playing here, and being coached by Kenny Hudson. He was a good coach to play under."

The respect is mutual. Hudson said that he admired the way that Burton handled her self both on and off the field.

"Sometimes you get some self-centered players on your team," Hudson said. "Jenni would just as soon help her teammates out. That's what I really like about her. She is a great kid to have around and not just for the goals she scores. She's a leader, and she does it quietly. She does it on the field in a do-it-by-example way."

The reputation Burton had developed with her great play reached soccer players all over the area, even her future teammates.

"I heard about how good she was before I came to UM-St. Louis," teammate Dianna Ermerling said. "It was



Photo: Ken Dunkin

Jenni Burton speeds past an opponent.



Photo: Ken Dunkin

Jenni Burton fights for the ball in a game earlier this season.

true what they said. I'm sad to see her go. She is a admirable player."

Other players will miss her too. "She is a leader, she hates to lose," teammate Carrie Marino said. "She is amazing."

Of Burton's 65 goals as a Riverwoman 22 were game winners, which also sets a school record.

"You could always depend on her to do awesome," said teammate

Tammi Madden. "She is everywhere on the field."

Burton said she will possibly play some indoor soccer in the future, but her plans for now are to play indoor volleyball with five of her teammates from the soccer team.

"I'm going to keep doing things with the players on the team," she said. "I have some good friends on the team. I'm kind of sad it's over."

Bob Westling named new UM-St. Louis softball coach

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

With a winning history and a optimistic attitude, Bob Westling has taken over as the new UM-St. Louis head softball coach.

Westling comes from a winning background. He was the first softball coach in Lindenwood history. He coached that program to a 79-30 record, taking them from a fledgling program to being a ranked team by the time he left the program.

During his years at Lindenwood, Westling had his team play against

UM-St. Louis. He said he saw something in the Riverwomen team's potential.

"St. Louis is a softball hot spot," Westling said. "Softball has just as much popularity as soccer here, and UM-St. Louis is perfect for some athletes."

After coaching Lindenwood for two years, Westling was recommended for the head coaching job at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga a Division I program. He was hired at Tennessee and coached that school's team to a 28-24 record. He left the school after

one season due to family difficulties.

Though his collegiate career was on hold, his coaching career wasn't. He coached an under-18 team that finished seventh in the National Softball Tournament.

Westling's teams have traditionally had high powered offenses. He said his players are usually quick, switch-hitters. His offense will rely on players having the ability to get on base and steal their way to third base. His Tennessee team had 150 stolen bases.

"My teams play the game aggressively," Westling said. "The kids who joined my programs before were the type of players who could get on base, and steal second and third. The UM-St. Louis team had played an offense on which the players would get on and then wait to be batted in."

The coaching situation was a rough one last season. Head Coach Harold Brumbaugh was relieved of his duties before the season started, former player Kristi Toppins then took over for the remainder of the season. Toppins was unable to take the job on a regular basis, as she

already had a full time job. Westling was hired a few weeks ago.

With his distinct coaching strategy, he has also brought an assistant coach along for the ride. Mel Richardson helped Westling in his years at Lindenwood. He has 16 years of coaching experience behind him.

With all the changes he and Westling still have very high hopes for the season.

"I want to finish in the top four in the conference," Westling said. "I feel that is a reasonable goal."

Rivermen finish second in MIAA despite loss

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

Despite their 8-9-3 record the UM-St. Louis Rivermen finished second in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association final standings.

The Rivermen had a shot at solidifying a first place finish but they fell short dropping their match against Northeast Missouri State 2-1 last Saturday. Northeast is currently ranked fifth in the NCAA Division II soccer poll.

With the loss, the Rivermen finished 3-1-1 in the conference behind No. 1 team Northeast. The losing record was only the second in school history.

"It's hard to explain what happened," Senior forward Todd Rick said. "I just don't know what went wrong."

The team started off the game with several scoring opportunities, the best being by Rick. Rick had a clear shot at Northeast goalie Derek Mazeitis, Rick's first shot was blocked, his second rolled wide of the goalpost.

"I had the goalie out of position on the rebound, but I just rushed it," Rick said. "That really hurt because it

could have been a different game if we had gotten that first goal."

The Rivermen would not score first. Northeast forward Claes Meleal got past the Rivermen defense and beat goalie Mark Lynn. They were down 1-0 at the half.

After the half the Rivermen were ready to jump on the scoreboard. Greg

Thompson fired a shot from five yards away. Mazetis made the save. He finished the game with seven.

The game was won for Northeast on a tap-in by Kevin Kelly. Northeast player Ryan Seim headed the ball past Lynn. With Lynn beat, Kelly tapped the ball in the open net for a 2-1 lead.

The Rivermen didn't fall quietly. Skip Birdsong shot from 30 yards out hitting the bottom of the crossbar.

"I saw the goalie was way off his line," Birdsong said. "When the ball left my foot, I thought I had a chance. But, looking back on

the way the season has gone, it doesn't surprise me that it didn't go in."

The Rivermen will graduate 11 players from the program, Saturday was their last game for the Rivermen.

"This is a frustrating ending to a difficult season," Redmond said. "We just have to do a better job next year."

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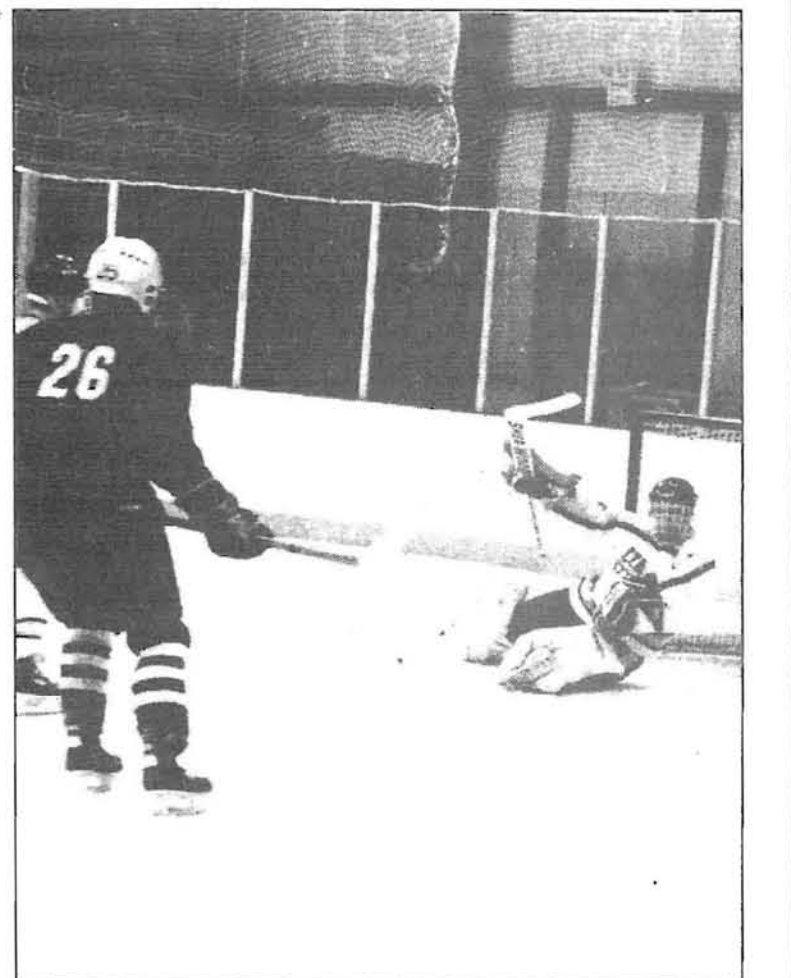


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Ian Mackle dives to make a save in the Rivermen victory over UM-Columbia. The Rivermen have a 5-2-1 record.

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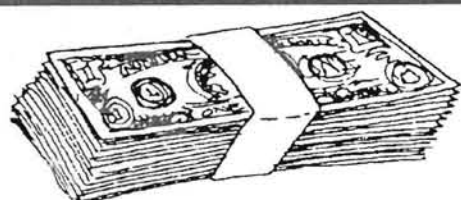
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Randy Mayfield to hold concert. A concert to benefit Holiday Fest (food baskets) will be held Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in UM-St. Louis, J.C. Penney Room 101. For more information call Betty or Den at 385-3455.

"South Africa: The Present Situation and Future Prospects." A panel discussion will be held Friday, Nov. 10 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the McDonnell Conference Room (331 SSB). Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Center for International Studies.

New sales representative joins KWMU staff. KWMU 90.7 FM announced that Angela Cameron has been appointed Sales Representative. She joined the KWMU staff on Oct. 11. Cameron comes to KWMU from Anheuser-Busch. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mizzou.

Basketball free throw contest open to all. Rec sports is sponsoring a basketball free throw contest from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 7-10 in the Mark Twain Building. Most out of 50 wins. For more information call 516-5326.

Bonfire/party at University Meadows. Various restaurants, campus organizations, and a DJ are joining forces in what promises to be the biggest party of the school year. On Thursday, Nov. 16 from 8 p.m. until after midnight University Meadows will host a campus-wide party titled "We All Shine On." For more information call Kevin at 516-7503.



Angela Cameron

Student recital to be held. Performances by music majors and minors will take place on Nov. 8, noon-12:50 p.m. in Room 205 Music Building. There is no fee. For more information call Nailah Hardrick at 516-5980.

Career Services sponsors recruiting on campus. Monsanto Company will conduct on-campus interviews from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 9 in 308 Woods Hall. For more information call 516-5113.

Dialup-1 online. The campus now has a listserv, called "dialup-1" for those wishing to discuss issues relating to the computer dialup/modem lines. As dialup access to the Internet and campus computing resources is a topic of growing concern to students, the listserv can help. Contact Donald Lewis at the Computer Center.

UM-St. Louis officials receive citizenship awards. Following the recent arrest by the bike patrol on Tues., Oct. 17, Police Chief Robert Roeseler presented awards to several UM-St. Louis staff members for their efforts. The individuals are Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services; George Chapman, shipping and receiving; George Brooks, receiving; Jay Bess, Emergency Services; Tom McEwen, University police; and James Brady, baseball coach.

Nursing Alumni Chapter Reception/Merger Signing to be held. A reception recognizing the UM-St. Louis/Barnes Nursing Merger will be held Thursday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Lobby. Sponsored by Alumni Relations, free admission. For information call University Relations at (314) 516-5789.

LaMarca undertakes new career focus. Mimi LaMarca, formerly of UM-St. Louis recruitment and admissions, will devote her time and energy to serving as registrar and overseeing the registration responsibilities of the campus.



Citizenship award winners.

KWMU sets fund drive record

by Susan Benton
of The Current staff

In just seven days, KWMU 90.7 FM raised \$166,656 from 2,226 listeners during "Challenge '95," the annual on-air fundraiser held in the fall. This is an all-time fundraising record for the station.

"We told people that if we reached our goal before the ten-day deadline, then we would end the drive," said Jill Wagenblast, promotion manager for KWMU. "Well, that's what happened, and we surpassed our goal in only seven days."

According to a press release from KWMU, this year's total is a 22 percent increase over last year's fall fund drive, and the number of listeners who pledged their support of KWMU is up 30 percent from that of a year ago.

Included in the total is \$20,700 which came from 26 corporate and individual matching grants. The number of corporations and individuals issuing grants increased 44 percent from last year.

Patricia Wente-Bennett, KWMU

Director and General Manager said, "In light of this year's publicity about federal funding cuts for public broadcasting, the great success of our fund drive is a strong statement of support from the St. Louis community."

Wente-Bennett feels the change in programming has also contributed to the station's successful effort.

"The drive's success is also due to growth in the number of people who are listening to KWMU since we increased news and information programming on the station."

The money raised is used to purchase programs heard on KWMU and for the operation of the station. Additional funding is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), businesses and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The fund drive was held from Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. The KWMU station is a service of UM-St. Louis. It features news, classical music and jazz programming. Listeners can become members of KWMU anytime by calling the station at 516-4000.

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how an exclusive contract would effect non-beverage items such as Pizza Hut and Taco Bell (who have contracts with Pepsi) or any bottled water or juice products. Coca-Cola has a de facto contract with UM-St. Louis because all soda vending

machines, except for the ones in Lucas Hall and the new University Meadows convenience store, carry Coca-Cola products. An exclusive contract would last for three years and show no increase in the price of soda.

Forum

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year. One workshop takes the students to Jefferson City for a state-wide forum.

Ruh explained that this fall's event received a good response.

"We have over 300 high school students this year," said Ruh who has been with CECH for two years. "We have participants all the way from Pacific Heights."

Facilitators of the workshop included CECH representatives, UM-St. Louis faculty members and members of the St. Louis Public School system. Representatives from the St. Louis Science Center, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Missouri Conservation Department had booths and literature at the event.

"We tried to bring as many resources as possible to the forum," said Dr. Marvin Beckerman, CECH program director. "We wanted as many experts as we could here so the participants would have the information right at their fingertips."

Several UM-St. Louis students participated as facilitators in the event. "I'm really interested in the environment," said elementary education major Christine Ballos. "I want to see what today's high school students are doing, how they are getting involved."

Ballos, who was the facilitator for the solid waste group, said that her students were in-tune to today's problems with the environment.

"I found that a lot of the students were

already involved in organizations concerning the environment," said Ballos. "They came (to the forum) with opinions and offered solutions to the issues we are facing in our world today."

Other facilitators had a different experience. "A lot of students weren't prepared," said secondary education major William Bakula. "I saw an attitude in some of my students that said 'these are problems adults can't find answers to and the government's not going to do anything anyway.' They looked at the issues like they weren't their problems."

Bakula stated that there should have been more guidelines at the forum. "The students should have been required to be more prepared," he said.

Bakula, who was the facilitator for the transportation group, claimed that most of his students seemed to have attended the forum for the day out of school, and many were not serious about the topics or offering solutions. He said he doubted if his students went back to their high schools and did something with the information gained at the forum.

For the most part, the program received a positive response. Both Ballos and Bakula said, given the opportunity, they would participate in upcoming forums. "I think it's a great experience," said Ballos. "The CECH program is a really great way to get high school students involved in serious issues."

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PLAYER Profile

Todd Rick

Men's Soccer

by Ethan McCollister
of The Current staff

Todd Rick has been doing a lot of scoring the past two seasons for the UM-St. Louis soccer team.

Rick scored eight goals this season. After starting off in the midfield four years ago, Rick was moved to the forward position. He said he prefers to play forward.

While he may not be happy with his performance this season, he feels that he has been at full throttle in recent games. He has had to contend with various injuries this season including a broken nose. He had his nose broken against Gannon. The player who caused the foul received no penalty because the referee had his back to the action.

The presence Rick brings to the team rubs off on his teammates. The coaches see him as a top player.

"Todd is very dedicated and works hard at his habits," said Glenn Zipfel, Rivermen assistant coach. "He is a complete player and he gives it his all."

The season is winding down and the team currently has a 6-7-3 record. Rick feels that the record doesn't do the team justice.

"The team is playing 100 percent better," Rick said. "We're playing more as a team."

Rick is a senior majoring in criminal justice. He is unsure where exactly he wants to take his skills in the job market.

The Rivermen will finish their season Nov. 4 against Northeast University. The game will mark the return of former Riverman Mike Quante who transferred to Northeast over the summer.

Ermeling battles till the end

by Eric Thomas
of The Current staff

The season is over, but there are numerous memories for the Riverwomen soccer team. Ask any of the Riverwomen what the highlight of the year was and, next to Jenni Burton breaking the UM-St. Louis all-time scoring record, they may refer to defender Dianne Ermeling's battle on Oct. 7.

Ermeling, a junior in the nursing program, received three stitches above her right eye from a game the previous week. The stitches were removed Friday, the day before the UM-St. Louis Classic began. With the doctor's approval, Ermeling was back in action the following day as the Riverwomen played the Eastern Illinois Panthers.

At the 15:45 mark, Ermeling was tripped by a Eastern Illinois player and kicked twice in the head by Panther Beth Annsin. Annsin's foot connected near the wound above Ermeling's eye.

"I thought that she did it on purpose," Ermeling said, "because there was no way that it was an accident."

"My head was still real sore from the stitches, and when she kicked me the first time, it really hurt," Ermeling said, "but after the second kick, I don't know what happened. I jumped on top of her and just started punching."

"Dianne really beat the crap out of her," Head Coach Ken Hudson said.

"She held the Eastern Illinois player on the grass and punched her four or six times," Hudson said.

By the time that the officials stepped in to end the melee and separate the two, Annsin was helped off the field, nose bleeding and eye cut.

"I was totally shocked," midfielder Lori Lueddecke said.

"Dianne is not a violent person. I have played on teams against her since gradeschool and never has she done

anything like this," Lueddecke said.

"I led mostly with my right hand, but I got a left in too," Ermeling said.

Both Ermeling and Annsin were issued red cards for their performance and sat out one game each. Ermeling's suspension restricted her from playing in the match against Presbyterian College.

Since this episode the Riverwomen have nicknamed Ermeling "Rocky."

"That was the first fist-fight I've ever had in my life," Ermeling said, "and hopefully my last. It all happened right in front of the bench, so Ken saw it all. He agreed that my actions were justified."

Ermeling was born in St. Charles on Jan. 17, 1975 and graduated from St. Charles High School. There Ermeling lettered in volleyball, track, basketball, and swimming, as well as starting all four years and a two time all-conference soccer pick. Two of those years Ermeling served as captain. In addition, Ermeling was Treasurer of the National Honors Society.

Ermeling originally chose to attend Culver-Stockton, a private school. This desire brought her to UM-St. Louis.

"Culver-Stockton didn't have a soccer team, so I transferred," Ermeling said.

"I'm taking 14 hours this semester, but it feels like 40," Ermeling said.

Ermeling is also a sister in the Alpha Z Delta sorority. In addition to playing defense, Ermeling played goalie in three games this season and faced 11 shots, allowing no goals.

"Dianne is a strong, physical player, but I didn't think she would ever beat up a player from the other team in a game," Carrie Marino said.

"Dianne hustles, knows how to play smart, and won't get pushed around," said team captain Jennifer Frohlich said. "It's great to have her on the team."

Clendenen "quarterbacks" Riverwomen volleyball

by Ethan McCollister
of The Current staff

This week for the student profile I had the opportunity to interview Tracia Clendenen, one of UM-St. Louis' most talented volleyball players. The season is coming towards an end, but Clendenen and her teammates are still pushing hard, as winners do.

Clendenen is the starting setter for the team, therefore, she's like the quarterback of the team. She displays confidence while running the winning plays, and she also sets the ball for the powerful hitters.

"I am happy with my performance," she said.

She should be, she is a very impressive athlete. She's fourth in the Division II rankings for service aces.

The team members also seem to get along well. The chemistry is just right for them this year.

"We have had a fast rise, a big turn around from last years season," Clendenen said. "Our team has nine aggressive girls who are very determined and continually becoming more aggressive as time goes on."

The coaches have put a great deal of effort into preparing the team. They constantly scout opposing teams and then deliver the opposing game plans to the team. These are just a few of the reasons the team has done well this year.

"We have done very good," she said. "I have blocked better than I have in a long time."

The team has played well in their recent matches. They defeated Central Missouri on October 26. They followed that victory by winning three of four matches in the UM-St. Louis Volleyfest held Oct. 28-29.

"We played five matches in three days and won four of them," Clendenen said. "We played the Abilene Christian Wildcats from Texas. They were very tall and it was a true challenge to get past them. We ran so many miles in practice and it really paid off."

The end of the season is quickly coming to a close; but, Clendenen is proud of her team and what it will be next year. She is the only senior on the team; however, she quickly boasts that next year's team is dripping with po-

tential, and the upcoming freshmen are powerful athletes with definite talent to watch for.

Clendenen's play has impressed her opponents and her coaches. They have noticed her unselfish play and her hard work.

"Tracia is the most unselfish player on the team," assistant coach Erik Kaseorg said. "She has improved more in one year than any setter the school has ever had. She is a tremendous stabilizing force on the team. And her positive ora carries over to the rest of the team."

Clendenen is a senior and hopes to earn a degree in graphic arts and then enter into promotion and advertisement.

The Riverwomen will wrap up their season November 11 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association tournament.

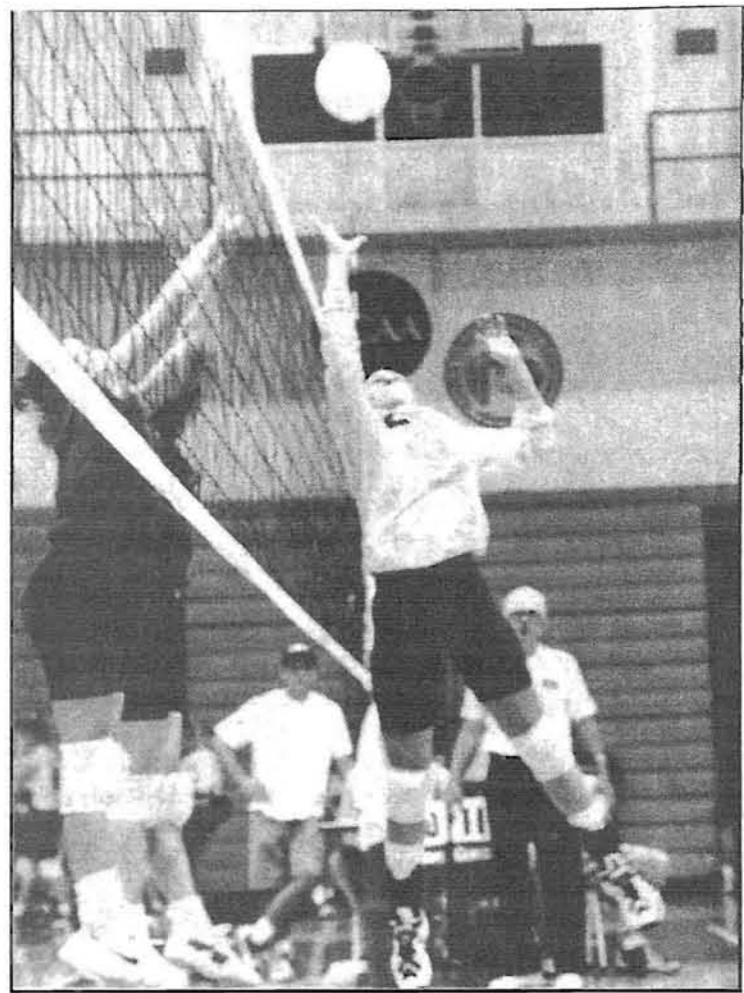


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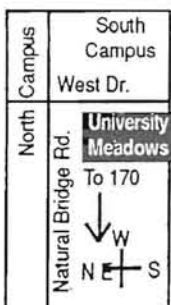
Tracia Clendenen knocks the ball over the net.

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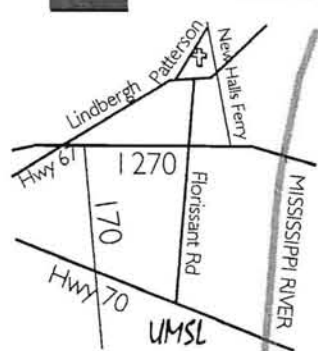
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RIGHT: Contemplating the morning atmosphere in and around Afterthoughts, one of the roadside cafes in Capital City.

BELOW: The National Cathedral gives viewers a new slant on life.



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ABOVE: Even the rain doesn't keep this peace-lover from her pigeons.

RIGHT: The haunting features of Washington's newest memorial honoring the soldiers of the Korean War.



ABOVE: Somber warriors guard the pathway to the legendary wall of names.

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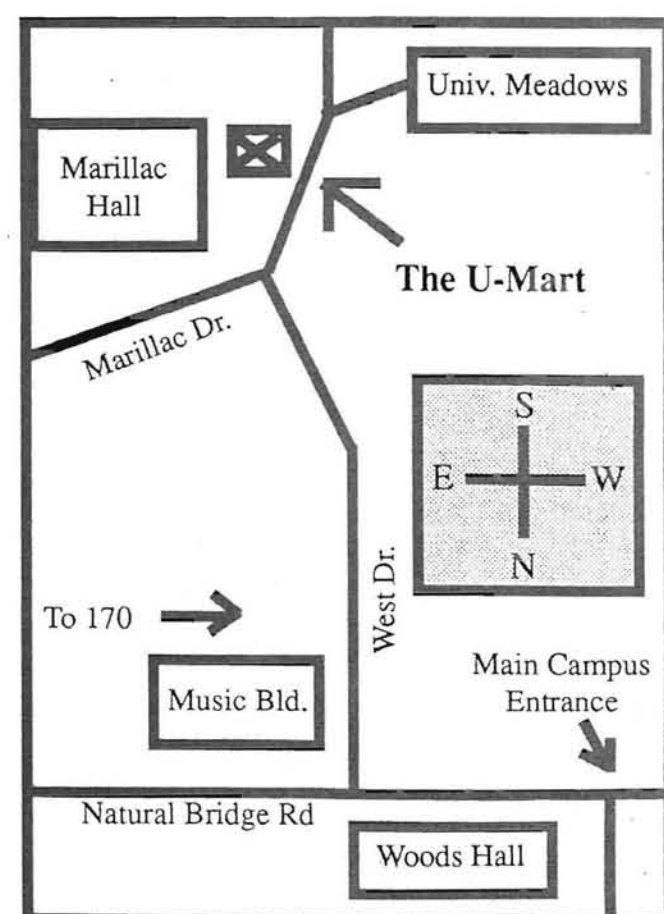
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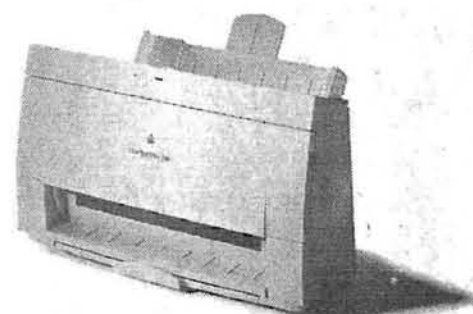
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