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THIS WEEK



Do not forget to vote Tuesday, Feb. 5

Missouri and Illinois are two of more than 20 states holding primaries this Tuesday. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Check with your local municipality for polling places.

INSIDE



It's a gas, gas, gas

Wayne Garver, UM-St. Louis physics instructor and research scientist, converted his Volkswagen into an electric car.

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When the president gets schooled...

Political Science Professor David Robertson teaches students a timely subject during this election year.

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Hannegan's mixes good food with politics

Check out *The Current's* review of Hannegan's Restaurant and Pub in time for Super and Fat Tuesday.

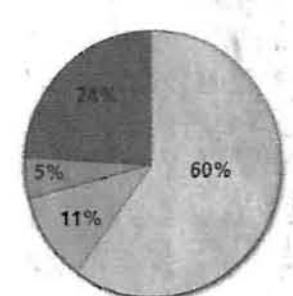
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ON THE WEB



Web poll results:

Do you plan to vote on 'Super Tuesday'?



- Yes.
- No.
- Not sure.
- It's Super Bowl Sunday, not Super Tuesday, duh.

This week's question: How did you spend your snow day last week?

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Clinton campaign trail stops by for student support



Photos by: Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

(TOP) Justin Nilhas, junior, business, was confronted by a member of Hillary Clinton's staff during her daughter Chelsea's visit to the Millennium Student Center on Jan. 28. Nilhas was holding up a homemade sign for Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul. (ABOVE) Chelsea Clinton answers students' questions about social security, education and more for her mother's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Chelsea Clinton rallies voters for her mother

By SARAH O'BRIEN
News Editor

Last Monday in the Millennium Student Center, Chelsea Clinton, daughter of presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton addressed students questions about her mother's campaign.

Clinton is the daughter of Democratic hopeful Hillary and former President Bill Clinton. The 27-year-old is campaigning to students across

the United States not only to help her mother, but to encourage students to vote.

Clinton traveled to Kayak's Coffee near Washington University in addition to other Missouri universities to speak to students.

"It doesn't matter if you don't want to vote for my mom," Clinton said, "but please at least vote."

Clinton was introduced by Johnathan Eftink, sophomore, undeclared, who endorses Hillary Clinton for president. Eftink is also a member

Quick Read

The daughter of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton spoke to a large crowd last Monday, including a student with a poster supporting Republican candidate Ron Paul.

of the College Democrats at UM-St. Louis.

"I think that it's amazing that campuses aren't supposed to be for Hillary and there are all these students here supporting her," Eftink

said about the stigma that college campuses are more geared toward rival candidate Barack Obama.

"The democrats in the media say that more conservative, and older liberals will vote for Hillary, and the liberal college students are all for Obama."

Chelsea commented on how nice the MSC was, saying, "It's nicer than anything I had at Stanford."

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BOARD OF CURATORS

Architect named for science lab renovations

By PAUL HACKBARTH
Editor-in-Chief

The Board of Curators named Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) of St. Louis as the design-build bridging services for the Benton-Stadler science complex addition and renovations Thursday at its meeting here.

HOK was chosen after campus administrators interviewed three additional firms: Health Education & Research Associates, Inc. (HERA), Cannon Design and Mackey Mitchell Architects, which were ranked second, third and fourth respectively.

About \$28.5 million of the \$350 million in assets from the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority was set aside for improvements in labs and classrooms in the science complex.

The science complex includes five buildings: Benton Hall, Stadler Hall, Research Building, Anheuser-Busch Ecology and Conservation Complex (Greenhouse), and the Center for Nanoscience (CNS) Building.

The total area of the five buildings is 354,750 square feet.

The University requested the services of HOK at a "not-to-exceed fee of \$582,000," with a total estimated project cost of \$50 million.

The first phase will be covered by \$28.5 million promised by the MO-HELA sale.

The remainder will come from maintenance/repairs capital pool and the infrastructure fee, as well as land grants and loans as needed.

The plans for the renovations were included in the request to name HOK as the architect.

Student Government President Bryan Goers said the plan is to build a new building while renovations are occurring in the other buildings.

See BENTON-STADLER, page 3

Oh, the weather outside was frightful...

By ANGIE SPENCER
Proofreader

"Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!"

That is what UM-St. Louis students were thinking last Thursday when around 10 a.m. it began to snow and they hoped UM-St. Louis would cancel classes.

By 3 p.m., however, the school still remained open.

As of 2:46 p.m. on Thursday, the University was planning to remain open, according to an e-mail sent to the faculty and staff by Glen Cope, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

However, less than an hour later, at precisely 3:33 p.m., a second e-mail was sent out stating that the University would be closing "based on new

Quick Read

Campus closed Thursday evening and all-day Friday for snow. The only event that was not cancelled was the Board of Curators meeting, which was held both Thursday and Friday on campus.

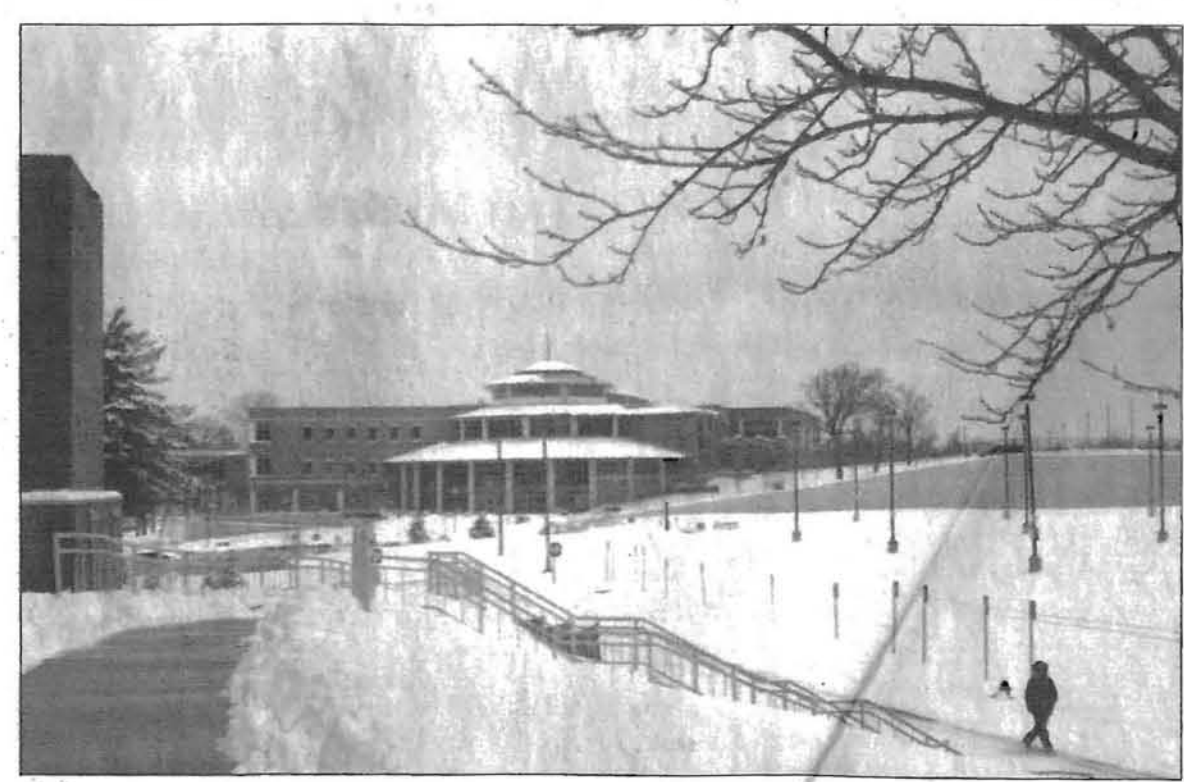
information." That information was not released.

Students received the same e-mail at 3:37 p.m. stating that evening classes were cancelled.

They then received a second reminder e-mail at 3:55 p.m.

At 5:01 a.m. Friday morning, students were sent an e-mail stating that all activities on campus were cancelled.

See SNOW CLOSING, page 3



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Snow covers the campus Friday morning after about 8.5 inches fell from a snowstorm that swept through St. Louis Thursday evening and Friday morning. Thursday evening classes and events and all classes and events on Friday were cancelled except for the Board of Curators meeting.

Stay Current with this week's weather	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weather predictions taken from NOAA national weather system.
	Hi/Low: 65/48 Precip: 30%	Hi/Low: 51/24 Precip: 80%	Hi/Low: 35/25 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 44/31 Precip: 30%	Hi/Low: 45/29 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 47/32 Precip: 10%	Hi/Low: 51/35 Precip: 10%	

CAMPUS CRIMELINE

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

STEALING OF A CREDIT DEVICE - UNIVERSITY MEADOWS

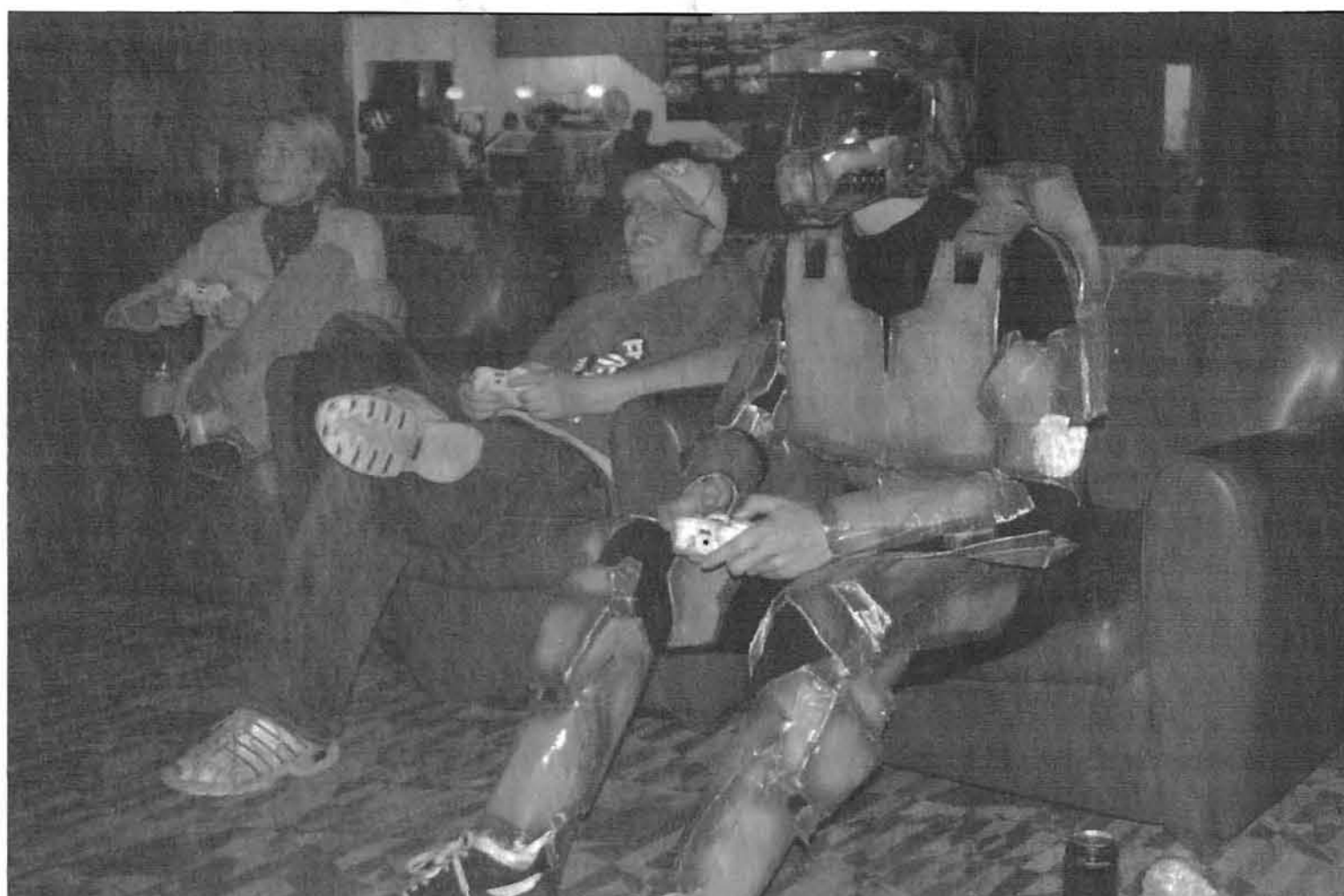
The incident occurred sometime in November 2007. The victim reported that someone stole her mail, containing her credit card and then used it in November of 2007 to make purchases without her permission.

The victim discovered the theft when she received a statement from the credit card company. The investigation is continuing.

The UM-St. Louis Police Department is open 24 hours a day. If you see anyone that looks suspicious or out of place you are encouraged to call the UM-St. Louis Police at 516-5155 or 911 if it is an emergency.

Remember that crime prevention is a community effort, and anyone having information concerning these or any other incidents should contact the campus police.

BEATING MASTER CHIEF AT HIS OWN GAME



(LEFT to RIGHT) Marcy Wynscllick, freshman, finance; William Long, junior, media studies; and Robbie Haupt, junior, media studies, played Halo 3 at Wednesday's competition. Sigma Pi was the host of the event, which was held in the Pilot House.

What's Current

Your weekly calendar of campus events

MONDAY, FEB. 4

Ingrid Popp Recital

Ingrid Popp, a violinist and sophomore, will have a recital in the E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Theater in the Touhill Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. This event is free to the public.

Black 68 Pageant

This is the first event of Black 68 week and the Associated Black Collegians wants you to participate! The event is held from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Pilot House.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

Big Event Planning

A planning meeting for the Big Event, an annual community service project, will be held at 2 p.m. in the SGA Chambers in the MSC.

Tzveta Koicheva Recital

Tzveta Koicheva, a violinist and senior, will have a recital in the E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Theater in the Touhill Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. This event is free to the public.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

MSC Advisory Meeting

Any questions, comments or suggestions for the events and operations in the MSC can be voiced at the MSC Advisory Committee Meeting, held in the SGA Chambers at 3 p.m.

Gearing up for Success

State Farm Human Resources Representatives, Agency Representatives and Claim Management will share tips to prepare students for job fairs. Food and drink provided. To register, visit fusion.ums.edu/career/jobfair/.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

Booksigning

Drs. Elizabeth and Charles Schmidt will hold a booksigning for their new book about the secrets of a successful marriage, "7 Golden Anniversaries" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Marillac Lobby on South Campus. Food and drink provided to those that attend. This event is free and open to the public.

Exhibit Opening

Gallery 210 will open a new exhibit titled "Urgent Shelter," which explores and address the issues of socially responsible design, featuring artists and designers such as Global Village, Electroland, Michael Rakowitz and Mad Housers. This event is free and open to the public. Call 5976 for more information or visit <http://www.gallery210.ums.edu>.

Disabilities Lecture

Michael Berube, Paterno Family Professor in Literature at Pennsylvania State University, will discuss disabilities studies and analyze the controversy of liberal bias in the classroom. This event is from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in MSC Century Room A. This event is free and open to the public.

Irish Music Lecture

Dale Russ, a self-taught fiddler, will discuss Irish dance music and play several examples at 12:30 p.m. in 205 Music Building. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information, call 7299 or visit <http://www.cfis-ums.edu>.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Flashback Prom

Participate in the Flashback Prom by wearing gear from proms past at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC Century Rooms. Food, door prizes, and souvenir glasses

"What's Current" is a free service for all student organizations and campus departments. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all postings be submitted at least one week prior to the event. Email event listings to thecurrent@umsl.edu.

All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

for those who attend. Prom King & Queen will be crowned from among the students, faculty and staff. \$5 admission. Proceeds go the American Cancer Society.

Jan Prokop in "I'm Flying"

Jan Prokop will perform at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, showcasing songs by Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hammerstein, and Mary Martin at 8 p.m. Visit toughillpac.ums.edu for ticket prices and information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

SGA Meeting

Student Government Association will be holding its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the SGA Chambers. Students may voice their questions or concerns at this meeting. Visit <http://www.sga.ums.edu> for more information.

Maria Callas Gala

UM-St. Louis will be commemorating the 30th anniversary of the passing of American-born Greek opera singer, Maria Callas. This event starts at 7:30 p.m. at Touhill Performing Arts Center. The event will include performances by the University Symphony Orchestra, the University Singers, and the Ambassadors of Harmony. Visit toughillpac.ums.edu or call 4949 for more information and ticket prices.

Jan Prokop in I'm Flying

Jan Prokop will perform at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, showcasing songs by Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hammerstein, and Mary Martin at 2 p.m. Visit toughillpac.ums.edu for ticket prices and information.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

Concert

Grammy Award-winning (and 12-time nominee) Lady-smith Black Mambazo rep-



Jan Prokop and Frank Ponzio will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 in the Touhill PAC.

resents the native culture of South Africa at home and around the globe through traditional Isicathamiya music. The group will perform at the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall at Touhill Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Visit <http://www.toughillpac.ums.edu> for more information.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

Scholarship Deadline

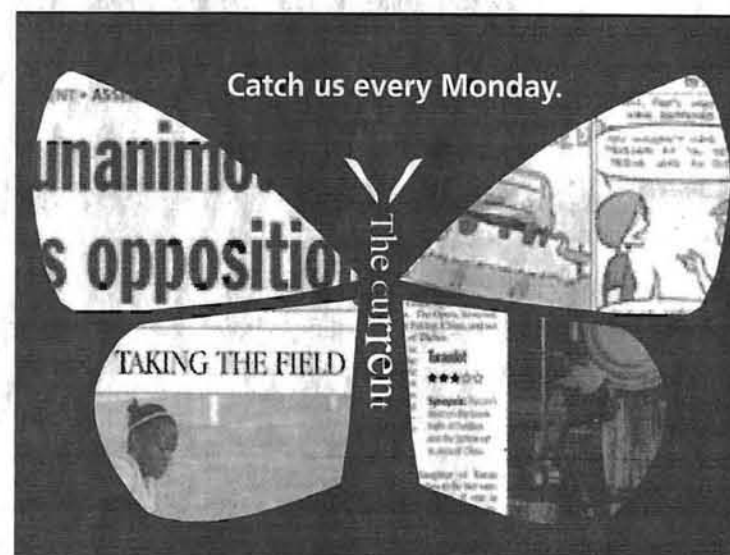
Feb. 15, 2008, is the deadline to apply for University of Missouri scholarships created as part of the legal settlement of a class action lawsuit regarding past educational fees charged by the institution.

Announcements

The Greek Professorship is offering \$1000-2000 to each UM-St. Louis student who will register for archaeological field school in Greece this summer. Visit <http://www.iklaima.org> for more information.

The Program Board is offering reduced-price tickets to Broadway show "Avenue Q", showing at the Fox Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Tickets are \$10 each at the front desk in the Office of Student Life. Student ID is required. Limit two tickets per student. Call 5291 for more information.



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The Current regrets that sometimes in our making of this publication, we make mistakes. To report any corrections that need to be made, please contact The Current at 314-516-5174 or by email at thecurrent@umsl.edu.

In the Jan. 28 issue of The Current the following corrections need to be made:

The caption for the photo "The muse of Mexico presents..." incorrectly named them as members of Dance St. Louis. The performers were from Tania Perez Salas Compania De Danza.

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Curators table vote on student fees, but approve 4.1% tuition hike

By PAUL HACKBARTH

Editor-in-Chief

The Board of Curators delayed the vote on whether or not to approve student fee increases after administrators at Mizzou sent forth recommendations without students' approval.

"We presented to the board what our student fees were going to be, but they were tabled until next meeting," said Bryan Goers, Student Government Association president.

On the UM-Columbia campus, administrators there sent some fee proposals ahead to the curators for approval although students at Mizzou had voted them down.

The document sent to the Finance

and Audit Committee of the board of curators stated the recommended fee increase for the student health center was \$3.66, but a resolution by the students in the Missouri Student Association Senate recommended an increase of \$2.32.

"The students didn't approve that, and it said in the board documents that the students had approved all the fees," Goers said.

Tony Luetkemeyer, student representative to the Board of Curators asked the board to table the vote on student fees until the students could vote again.

"The board said we need to respect the student process. I was very, very happy to see that. It could have set a precedent to the board that administrators can approve student

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To see a complete list of tuition and residential housing rate increases, check out www.thecurrentonline.com.

fees without student's input," Goers said.

Senate Bill 389 set a cap on student fee and tuition increases at the Consumer Price Index. While the vote on student fee will be delayed, a 4.1 percent increase in tuition was approved for next academic year.

Last year, tuition rose by 3.8 percent with the CPI fixed at 3.2 percent.

"Now, whatever the CPI is, that's what the tuition rate is going to be

for the next few years," Goers said. "It's a shame because maybe one year [the CPI] will be something really big because the legislature will not fund universities as much."

Blunt has promised an extra 4.2 percent increase in state funding to Missouri universities this year.

Before the CPI was set, the SGA at UM-St. Louis set fee increases to be no more than between 2.8 and 3 percent.

Cadence Rippeto, vice president of SGA, said, "Because our fee increases were only about \$1.06 increase, it didn't affect us."

However, in the upcoming April elections on campus, Rippeto said the student fee review committee is looking for what student fees will be up for referendum.

"The ASUM fee has to go up referendum, and we are looking at [USA Today] readership program and possibly looking at the Metro-link pass program. Right now, it's included in infrastructure fee. We're looking for a way to help help costs go down on that and what options we might do," she said.

However, Rippeto noted that the fee committee would prioritize which fees would get priority if they went to referendum.

Housing Rates

Students living in the residential halls and Mansion Hill condominiums will also face increased rates starting next academic year.

On average, housing rates at UM-St. Louis went up by about 5.2 percent for the predominant plan. Rippeto said members of Residential Housing Association were able to give their input about fee increases.

In addition, rates for meal plans also increased on average of about 12 percent for the predominant meal plan, largely because of the new dining hall in the Provincial House on South Campus.

Goers said meal plans went up because of more variety served and more available meals to residents on South Campus.

For example, Meal Plan I will include a \$900 declining balance, plus seven meals per week for next academic year compared to \$1,300 plus three weekend meals this year.

Barack Obama rally draws UMSL crowd out from the snow

By JUSTI MONTAGUE

Copy Editor

After a long trek through 35 degree weather in multiple inches of slob from the melting snow, an impatient crowd filled the Edward Jones Dome Saturday to hear presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama speak.

Obama was joined on stage by Congressman William "Lacy" Clay, Sen. Claire McCaskill and former Sen. Jean Carnahan, all of who are strong supporters of his campaign.

"I was shocked by the amount of people who came out for this event," Trish Detwiler, sophomore, accounting, said. "It will be really interesting to find out the exact numbers."

McCaskill answered her question by raising her arms in victory and announcing, "I want you to know, St. Louis, you are over 20,000 strong."

Shortly after, Obama took the stage to discuss his policies and his reasons for running for a high office at such a young age.

"I am not running [for president] because of some long held ambition...I am running because of what Dr. King called 'the fierce urgency of man.' I believe there is such a

thing as being too late, and we are on the brink of that. In such a state, we cannot afford to wait. The time for action is now."

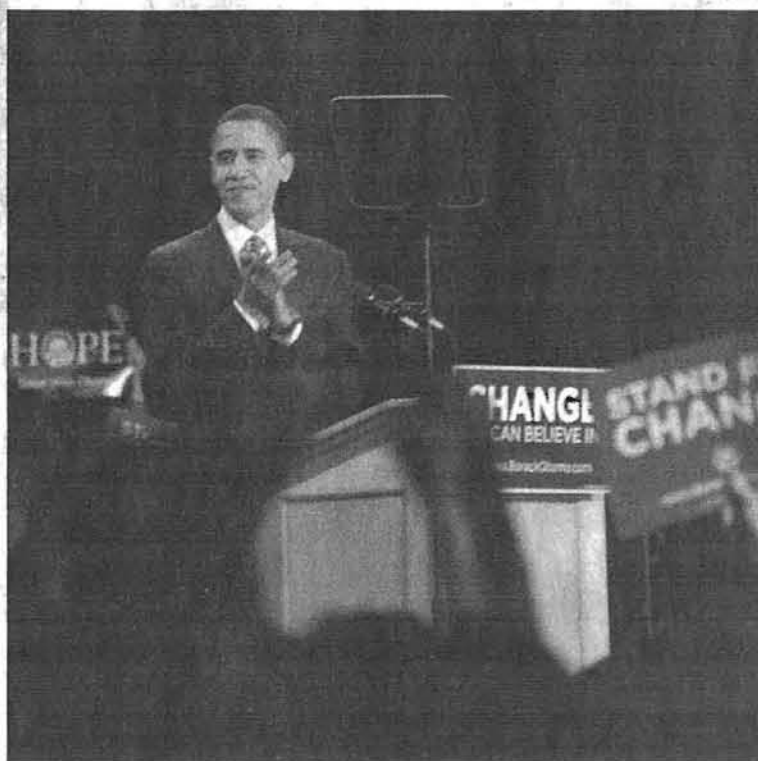
Obama also expressed his immense pride in not only his victories in the primaries and caucuses held so far, but in voter turnout.

"We have doubled voter turnout in every primary and caucus that has been held so far," Obama said. He also shared with his supporters that he has visited 46 out of 50 states, and everywhere he goes, people feel the need for change.

McCaskill echoed his success in primaries and caucuses of those states so far. "He has received the most votes, the most delegates and the most diverse support. In South Carolina, 15,000 volunteers came out to help, and today, here in St. Louis, 2,000 volunteers are out knocking on doors and encouraging people to vote," she said.

Obama appealed to his young supporters by explaining his education plan and then announcing to the crowd, "You guys know that you will go to those polling places in November, and no matter what happens, the name George W. Bush will not be on that ballot."

Obama then shouted to the crowd,



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Sen. Barack Obama gives a speech after winning the Iowa caucuses in January 2008. Obama visited St. Louis on Saturday, which drew a crowd of about 20,000 to the Edward Jones Dome.

"These young people are fired up! They believe they can change the world!"

UM-St. Louis students in the crowd really seemed to respond well to his speech.

"Senator Obama Baracks my face off," said Ira Crockett, sophomore, vocal performance and political science.

"[Obama] really gives young people hope they haven't seen in their lifetime," said Jessica Woods, volunteer for the Obama campaign. "He gives them a sense of empowerment and shows them how they can be as American people and how they

can change the world they live in."

"I believe that ordinary people can do extraordinary things when given the chance," Obama said, "Change in this country cannot come from the top down; it must come from the bottom up."

For more information on Obama, visit his St. Louis headquarters at 12th and Washington Streets downtown or his Web site at <http://www.barackobama.com/>.

BENTON-STADLER, from page 1

"I don't know exactly where it will be, if it will be adjacent or an extension of the complex, but part of the money will go to build a new science building and then renovate Benton-Stadler," Goers said.

"While renovating it, they push all the science teachers into the new building so they do not disrupt any of the classes," he added.

The new state-of-the-art teaching labs in the new building will be part of Phase I of the project, in addition to renovating the vacated space in Benton Hall for new classrooms.

Some of the labs in Benton Hall, which was one of the first buildings constructed on campus, are 45 years old and have never been renovated before. An additional 150 parking spaces will be included in Phase I, as well.

NEWS BRIEF

University Singers performs in prestigious concert in Osage Beach

University Singers, a concert choir featuring 65 UM-St. Louis students, was chosen to sing Friday, Jan. 25 at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference and Clinic at the Tan-Tar-A resort in Osage Beach, Mo.

The performance slot is highly coveted and given only by invita-

tion. Groups are selected through anonymous, blind audition by an out-of-state committee.

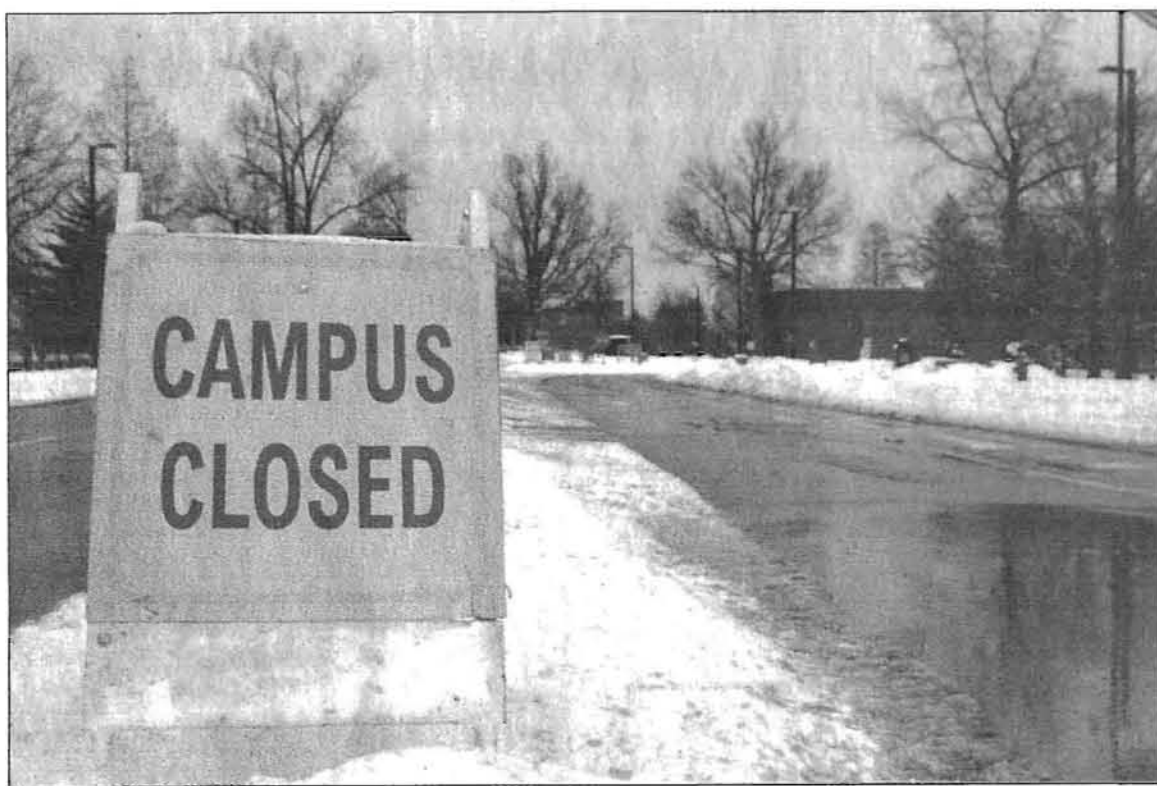
Vocal music professors and Jim Henry, director of choral studies and associate professor of music, said the honor to be chosen was "huge" and "a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students."

Members of University Singers must audition for a spot in the group. For more information about University Singers and other University performance groups, visit <http://www.umsi.edu/~umsimusic/>.

Phase II includes reconstruction of Stadler Hall, which has not been renovated since its construction in 1967. During Phase III workers will renovate the remainder of Benton Hall.

Goers said the campus is going to start contacting the architects and as soon as the two work together to get plans drawn up, the curators could approve construction as soon as the board's next meeting on April 3 and 4 at the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus or during the summer.

According to the request, approval for Phase I would occur in early 2009 and last until early 2011. Phases II and III are scheduled for completion by 2014.



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

A sign warns drivers at the Natural Bridge Road entrance to campus that UM-St. Louis is closed Friday morning after about eight inches of snow fell.

SNOW CLOSING, from page 1

Since the decision to close the University happened in the late afternoon, many were not informed of the closing in time. Joe Moorman, junior, biology, was one of them.

"I would appreciate it, if the school would cancel sooner. I didn't hear in time so I had to drive home in that mess and almost died several times," he said.

While the school closing put off the schedules for many classes, it also affected some people's travel plans.

For Kellen Townsend, senior, liberal arts, the snow not only affected

his Spanish class, but also his plans to visit his friends.

"I was going to take MegaBus up to Chicago to see some friends, but they cancelled the bus because of the weather," he said.

Despite classes and other activities being cancelled, the Board of Curators meeting still kept on schedule.

"They only meet every so often, so canceling the meeting wasn't an option," said Cadence Rippeto, vice president of Student Government Association. "Thursday is when all of the committee meetings met and

Friday is when committee members share what they discussed and the official vote on agenda items."

SGA President Brian Goers said, "It would take more than that [a snowstorm] to cancel a board meeting. Their only other option would have been to maybe have a special session on Saturday, but campus was pretty clear on Friday."

In the case of a campus closure, the University will release the information to local broadcasting media. Also, information can be obtained by calling the campus information line at (314) 516-4636.

This Season at the Saint Louis Art Museum

Thursday, Feb. 7
7:00 pm

A Conversation with Kota Ezawa
Kota Ezawa, Artist. Auditorium—Free

Ezawa has been the subject of solo exhibitions at Artpace in San Antonio, Texas; the Aspen Art Museum in Colorado; and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, Connecticut. His lecture complements the exhibition *Lennon Sontag Beuys* on view in Gallery 301 through April 20, 2008.

Friday, Feb. 15
7:00 pm

Prizewinners from the 25th International Festival of Films on Art
Auditorium—\$5 (\$3 for Members); price includes both films

Panta Rei

2006, 54 minutes. Directed by Lars Nilssen. Norwegian with English subtitles.

Industrial designer Jan Wangaard created an amazing installation based on the solar system as seen from Norway's Lofoten Islands. The film follows Wangaard over a three-year period, from the conception to the implementation of his Planet Lofoten.

Zahara & Urga

2005, 60 minutes. Directed by Rax Rinnekangas. Finnish with English subtitles.

This story of self-discovery involves a silent young boy living near the Arctic Circle. After seeing a strange illumination, he receives the voice of another person. As a photographer, he then spends years traveling through Europe in search of the light that allowed him to speak.

Thursday, Feb. 28
7:00 pm

Looking Deeper and Seeing Stronger:
An Evening with Alison Saar

Alison Saar, Artist. Auditorium—Free

Join assemblage artist Saar as she discusses the personal and universal symbolism in her politically charged artwork. Saar's work is represented in the collections of major museums including the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the Saint Louis Art Museum.

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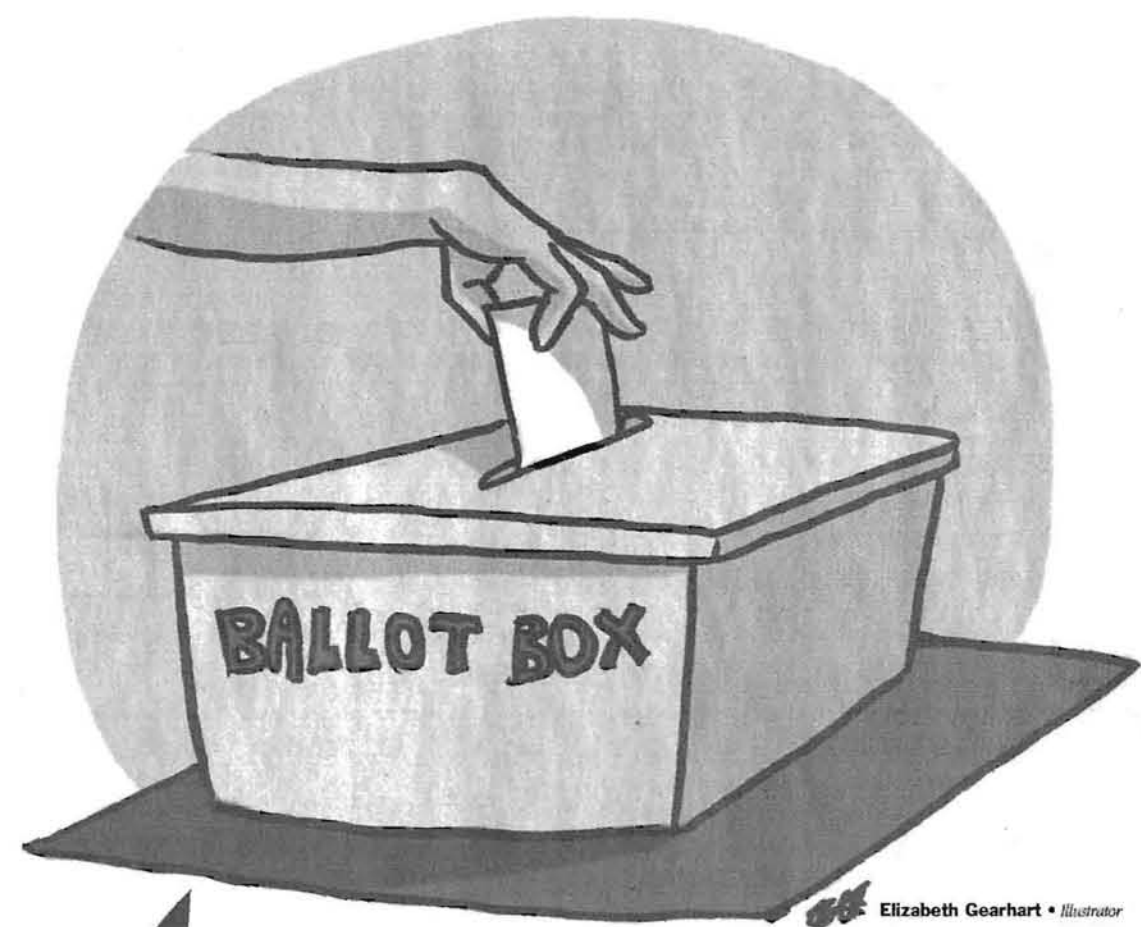
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OUR OPINION



Vote on Super Tuesday

The issues decided today may be the ones that affect you tomorrow

We have come a long way since the colony delegates unanimously elected George Washington as our first president of the United States.

Women and minorities did not always have the privilege to vote, but today, the nation may be on the brink of electing its first female or African-American president.

Voting rights have drastically changed. Gone are the times when only white men over the age of 21 could vote. Today any U.S. citizen can register to vote provided they are 18 years of age or older and are not a convicted felon.

Statistically speaking, older members of the nation's population are more likely to vote than younger citizens. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the 2004 elections, citizens age 65 and older had the highest registration rate (79 percent) while those age 18 to 24 had the lowest (58 percent).

It could be that our generation is

too busy juggling classes, homework and finding a career to get involved in politics. It may be that we think our vote will not count in the long run. Whatever the excuse, we need to toss it out the window.

As a generation, we can make an impact. We are the future of America and who we elect will determine what that future will be.

The issues being debated by presidential hopefuls directly affect college-aged students today. The war in Iraq is being fought by our peers. Every UM-St. Louis student is feeling the strains on higher education funding and difficulty in obtaining financial aid.

The generations before us may never see the advanced effects of global warming or watch social security funds fade away. Why should we stand by and let someone else make decisions for our future?

Everyone has an opinion and voting gives us the opportunity to voice

that opinion. If we stay at home during elections and primaries, our views will not be heard.

Our government's power lies within the people and if we do not cast our votes, we hand over all power and render ourselves useless.

We are not useless. We all have an opinion worthy of being heard. All it takes is a few punches on a ballot and you are done. It takes only about 15 minutes depending on the line you have to stand in.

We at *The Current* urge you to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, Feb. 5. It is your right as a citizen and you should take it for all it is worth.

It does not matter who you vote for or where you stand on any issue. What matters is that you vote, that you take a stand and let your voice be heard.

The 2008 presidential election has the opportunity to make history. What happens is up to you.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

How soon we forget

"Creating too many euphemisms for what happened robs people of the ability to re-live it and therefore the motivation to prevent it in the future."

Those were the words former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani spoke regarding 9/11.



By PAUL HACKBARTH
Editor-in-Chief

It was sad hearing the news last week when the Republican presidential candidate dropped out of the race. He seemed to be one of the few candidates left who still cared about the issues that we have all since forgotten.

Now more than ever is when the candidates' stances on issues have become critical with Super Tuesday approaching and the presidential election is getting into full swing of things. The old issues that we used to and should still care about, however, are taking a backseat to things like the Iraq war, the economy, immigration and so on.

Sure, those issues should not be ignored, but things like the fear of terrorist attacks and school shootings are about as far from our thoughts as they can get. We have become a more relaxed society, ignoring alerts for terrorism and forgetting the impact that events like 9/11 or Virginia Tech had on this country.

That said, should we always be on edge and paranoid, looking over our shoulder to see if that Muslim over there has a bomb strapped to his or her body or if that Asian student has a gun in his backpack?

Not at all. Living like that would drive you crazy, but this laissez-faire

attitude that planes flying into towers or campus massacres were anomalies and events like those will not ever happen again is not good either.

Security has stepped up in airports and universities since then, but our level of alertness and intent to stick with these new rules has severely declined.

But how can professors look out for students like Cho Seung-Hui who might be having trouble when they have to watch what they say in class to make sure they are presenting a fair, balanced and unbiased lecture?

The Virginia Tech shooting was a big deal to college students, but how can they keep up their shields to school violence when they have things like graduation and finals to worry about?

Our attention span has become so short that after one tragic incident, we move onto the next thing. We are affected by it for a while, but our thoughts eventually turn to: "Well, at least it did not happen here" and then we rationalize that it could not possibly happen here.

In Frank Rich's column "Never Forget What?" which was published in the *New York Times* on Sept. 12, 2002, one year after the attacks on the World Trade Center, he said, "The unofficial motto of the 9/11 anniversary may have been 'Never forget,' but by 9/12, if not before, the war on Al Qaeda was already fading from memory as the world was invited to test-drive the war on Iraq."

The threats may have been forgotten, but the threats, themselves, are still there, if not imminent.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Healthcare Plans

Stuart Reeves correctly identifies a single payer system as only one step away from socialized medicine and universal coverage. He then argues, correctly, that socialized medicine creates market distortions, which will cripple research and generally have a negative effect on the quality of care.

However, what Mr. Reeves fails to point out is that our current system is responsible for exactly the same market distortions.

The vast majority of Americans today assume health care through employer benefits. The single most important reason people do this is because the benefits are provided free of tax. Instead of paying \$40,000 in cash, which will be taxed in full, an employer can offer an employee \$35,000 in cash, and the remaining amount in health insurance at a non-taxed rate, making the employee richer.

Because the employer pays for the health care, this system (a byproduct of other government intervention a la Franklin Roosevelt) creates a noncon-

sumer market of health care – the employer – who is drastically less interested in how effectively these dollars are spent than the consumer.

Furthermore, most employees have no bargaining power over the health benefits. It is virtually impossible to ask for health care to be waived and to be compensated in cash instead.

Now that the majority of Americans are vested in a healthcare plan, provided by very few insurance agencies, they treat it similarly to socialized medicine; they've already paid for it, so they will use it as much as possible – even when it's not necessary. This is an increase in demand.

Anybody who knows the law of demand knows that when demand increases, prices increase. These inflated prices affect the ability of the poor to pay for health care. It is the reason the United States pays upwards of 17% of every dollar earned on health care.

The solution is to put the discipline of the purchasing power back into the hands of the consumer.

The best method is a health care savings plan similar to Governor Huckabee's proposal. Make the money

people spend on health care their own money, and then see how discretionary forces put our health care industry back into place.

Benjamin Mason
Graduate Student
Economics

Gov. Matt Blunt

I am appalled by your ignorant praise of Matt Blunt's time as governor of our State.

In your article on Jan. 28, Ms. Montague claimed that Blunt expanded "access to high-quality, affordable health care." I'm speechless. No, he did not.

There are now 71,000 children in Missouri without health care that had it in 2004, the year that Blunt was elected. I feel that I need to clarify that because apparently your reporter did no research.

Also, it was reported that he "delivered \$1.2 billion to Missouri's public

school system." Why, then, was there a lawsuit where 259 school districts sued the state for adequate funding?

Lastly, as college students and a college publication, we are painfully aware of his selling of MOHELA to private companies that are not overseen and may raise our interest rates without repercussions.

There are so many things that Matt Blunt did as governor that damaged our state. You are reporting to a very important audience.

College students are the near future, please stop lying to them.

Lacey Kreider
Senior
Secondary Education

Delmar Lounge

Dear Stephanie Soleta,

Did you actually go to the Delmar Lounge? I thought you were being sarcastic, but I realized toward the end of your review that you were serious.

The Delmar Lounge is a smoke filled hole in the wall full of thugs and wannabe hipsters. I would even describe it as ghetto on some nights.

The only reason that place stays open is because it is in the city and has a three o'clock liquor license (compared to the one o'clock liquor license all of the rest of the bars in the loop have).

Finally, use the words "classy" and "sophisticated" more conservatively because the Delmar Lounge is neither of these.

P.S. let me guess your 21-years-old, and you have been to about three bars in St. Louis.

David Glennon
Junior
Engineering

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By Danny Reise • Asst. Photo Editor

Is the Highway 40 closure affecting people as much as they predicted?

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Elizabeth Smith
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"No because there has always been traffic, and many people have found better routes anyway."



Jessica Morgan
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Nursing

"Not unless you live right by the construction. There are so many alternate routes that the impact isn't as severe as they anticipated."



Dorian Hall
Junior
Accounting and Finance

"I think that the shutdown of 40 is nowhere near as bad as they predicted. The commute is pretty stress free."



Bruce Cheng
Senior
MIS

"People find their own route to get places."



Kyle Cottner
Junior
CCJ

"It never affects me."

STUDY ABROAD

Notes from Nanjing

The Middle Kingdom



By MICHAEL COSBY

Columnist



determination to retain absolute political power.

The social consequences that result from the ruthless abandon that the largest international corporations are rushing to cultivate the enormous economic potential of the world's most populous nation is also troublesome.

Since ancient times, the Chinese have referred to their country as "the Middle Kingdom," voicing the traditional belief that China is the center of the universe and that all foreigners are mere barbarians from the outskirts of civilization.

In recent times, however, "the Middle Kingdom" has become an even more fitting name for a country whose determination to preserve the reverential memory of its glorious past is increasingly coming into conflict with the overwhelming desire to realize an ever promising future.

Though my last visit to China was less than four years ago, so much has changed since the summer of 2004, when China's rapid growth, though staggering, was not yet being touted as historic.

Now, in 2008, China has finally displaced the United States as the world's leading consumer. The prediction that China must ultimately replace America as the top global economic and political superpower seems all but inevitable.

As a student with a vested interest in Chinese culture and language, I am fascinated by the possibility of witnessing the historic shift in power that could very well occur within my lifetime (and which many predict certainly will). I am, however, deeply troubled by the political implications of the Chinese Communist Party's

Much like the Industrial Revolutions that transformed the United States and Europe, China's current drive toward modernization has been tempered by the often overwhelming costs of progress. These costs range from staggering environmental damage to the exploitation of an under privileged labor force.

Nevertheless, China's emerging middle class has enjoyed the largest and fastest increase in standard of living in history, and wealthy entrepreneurs, often capitalizing on ties to the government, are increasingly joining the elite ranks of the world's richest. In short, it now seems as undeniable as it does inevitable that this century will belong to the Chinese, yet what exactly that will mean remains hard to say.

While Nanjing, the city in which I will live and study for the next six months or so, is no longer among China's few economically or politically important cities, it will provide an excellent vantage point for the observation of the immense changes that have transformed China in the past century.

Nanjing's political history dates back to almost 400 B.C., when it was

first established as an imperial capital. The city wall, built during the Ming Dynasty circa 1300 A.D., still stands in the city center today, and the name Nanjing actually means "southern capital."

In more recent times, Nanjing saw the rise and success of the Nationalist revolution that overthrew China's last imperial dynasty in 1911-1912, an achievement that is still heralded as the creation of modern China. Faculty and students from Nanjing University, the college I will be attending, were largely responsible for the May Day protests against the Treaty of Versailles, a political movement that eventually led to the formation of the Chinese Communist Party.

In a city so steeped in Chinese history, I hope to achieve a better comprehension of the forces that have shaped the development of China as a modern nation state, and how those forces are still at work today.

[Editor's Note: Michael Cosby's "Notes from Nanjing" will be a feature published twice a month in The Current rotating with Thomas Helton's "Out of Africa" column. You can also read both of their columns every Monday during the semester online at www.thecurrentonline.com. Both students are studying abroad for the spring semester and will continue updating readers on their experiences in other countries.]

SCIENCE COLUMN

Should science be part of the presidential debate?

Should science be part of the presidential debates? Some scientists and others interested in science think so.

The presidential debates have covered a range of topics from the economy and international policy to education and health care. Rarely included are science and technology issues, except where they overlap with issues such as health care, energy and education.

A group of citizens started a grassroots petition to get the topic of science on the presidential debate horizon. In fact, they are suggesting a candidate debate focused on science and technology issues. To do so, they set up a Web site, <http://www.sciencedebate2008.com> for voters to express their support for the idea.

One of the founders of this Web site and the petition drive is screenwriter Shawn Lawrence Otto, whose works include "House of Sand and Fog" and "Hubble."

Otto was recently on the NPR radio program "Talk of the Nation: Science Friday," describing the petition. On air, he said the response from scientist and non-scientist voters alike has been overwhelming.

A visit to the Web site confirms some of the big name scientists who have signed the petition. Among them are Roger Beachy, head of the local Danforth Plant Science Center, John Rennie, editor in chief of Scientific American magazine, Donald Kennedy, editor in chief of the journal Science, plus a list of Nobel laureates, distinguished scientists, science ethicists, university heads, academics, science writers and business leaders.

They may have hit upon something.

Science and technology are integral to our society and economy but little talked about in matters of public policies.

It was not always so. A little background: The United States was once a country of independent innovators. For many years, we were the leader in science and technological development in the world. Up through the 1970s, we led the field in producing technical products as



By CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER

Science Columnist

well as innovative ideas in science and technology.

When we started exporting our manufacturing base in the 1980s, people were assured it was okay because there was confidence that we would continue to be the leaders in science and technology innovation, even if we did not make the products anymore. The country continued to be a leader in science and technology through the computer and tech boom of the 1990s.

However, there are signs now we are losing our science and technology edge. There are a number of ways in which science intersects with vital matters for the country. In the challenge of global warming, science is important both for tracking the changes and in offering ways to address the danger.

But there is another aspect: By pursuing alternative energy and inventing new ways to be efficient, we can improve our economic picture.

Times of change or danger also present opportunities. By throwing open the door to innovation by small business entrepreneurs and communities with new policies and incentives to use alternative energy technologies and fresh approaches to how we manage the planet's resources, we can generate new jobs and boost the economy while helping to solve the climate change problem.

Research is important, but a lot of technologies for energy are already present, like wind and solar, only awaiting economies of scale or the political will to put them in

place.

Other nations are already promoting these changes, but we need to recognize the technological and economic opportunity as well. We could reclaim our science and tech edge by making dealing with global warming and revamping our energy sources our new moon shot. Should this not be part of the discussion?

We need to take a big picture look at how we use science and how we encourage students to consider science careers, beyond just talking about how Americans do not major in science or asking teachers to assign more math homework.

Bright college students major in business and aspire to be investment bankers because of the job and income opportunities, not because they are not sharp enough to study science.

We need to look at what policies hold down incomes for those in science and technology fields. Are restrictive company policies on patents smothering the motivations for invention?

There are also a number of sensitive science-related ethical issues we should address, including whether medical records belong to the individual or the health care provider, or whether employers can have access to health records in hiring decisions.

Does your DNA sequence belong to you or a researcher who finds an interesting gene? Should we do genetic tests for diseases we cannot cure, or can someone be forced to take a genetic test?

As more genetic tests are developed, will insurers, employers, and even credit agencies be able to use that information to exclude certain individuals? It is more than the discussion over stem cells that could become critical in the public sphere.

There are a host of issues that involve science being overlooked. Should candidates not at least talk about them?

It seems that if candidate debates can cover the future of oil policy and health care, we can talk about the underlying issue that connects them: science.

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8. To cancel out the vote of that annoying Poli-Sci major who sits next to you in class.
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6. To exercise the right to complain that people cannot complain if they did not exercise their right to vote.
5. To change the status quo.
4. To keep the status quo.
3. Because some people are counting on you not to vote.
2. Because 3,944 American troops who went to Iraq no longer can.
1. Do you really need more than one reason to vote?



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Things are looking up for recent UM-St. Louis graduate Janice Koziatek after she landed her dream job of working as a Labor and Delivery nurse at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Janice Koziatek: She has landed her dream career

By CAMILA BUECHLER

Staff Writer

In May 2007, Janice Koziatek walked down to the podium to receive her nursing degree from UM-St. Louis.

Choosing to become a nurse was not an easy task for Koziatek. Throughout high school and her freshman year of college, she debated between becoming a pre-med major or an education major.

Once it came close to graduation, she knew that she had to make a final decision on a major and began focusing on the option of nursing.

After much research and study, Koziatek realized that nursing would be the perfect career for her. It combines both of her passions of caring and teaching into one. Not only can she treat her patients, but she can also teach them how to cope or handle changes that they may encounter.

UM-St. Louis has provided Koziatek with the knowledge to become a successful nurse. She remarked that the University's nursing program is "Fantastic!" In fact, the nursing board's pass rate is number one in the state.

The professors for the nursing program care for both their profession, as well as their students. In turn, this helps future nurses think on their feet as well as resolve dilemmas that they will come across in a hospital.

Clinical experience came easy for Koziatek. Out of the 151 hospitals in the St. Louis area, she was able to train and work at Barnes Jewish Hospital, DePaul, St. Johns Hospital, Missouri Baptist Medical Center, St. Louis Children's Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center.

The nursing program was "incredibly challenging" at times, but once all of her course work was completed, she was very proud of herself.

She states that after being a part of this "dynamic University" she has become one of UM-St. Louis' biggest cheerleaders. She feels very lucky to have been able to graduate from such a "wonderful school of nursing at such a great institution."

Once Koziatek made the decision of working in the Labor and Delivery unit as a nurse, she applied and interviewed at several hospitals around the area. She received several job offers and had to make the tough decision of where to work. She chose the hospital that would offer her the best experience as well as paramount learning experience as a new nurse.

Koziatek has landed her dream job working at Barnes-Jewish Hospital on the Labor and Delivery unit working three 12 hour shifts per week.

On the hospital floors, Koziatek states that "nurses run the show."

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'The Presidency' gets schooled

By CHRIS STEWART

Staff Writer

On Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m., a Political Science class called "The American Presidency" meets in the Social Sciences Building. Professor David Robertson is teaching this class for the third time and it is larger than ever.

It takes little thought to see why so many students registered for the class. It is a fascinating topic given a rare hands-on twist due to the fact that a historic election is happening right now.

As I spoke with him in his office, Professor David Robertson told me about how the class originated. When Robertson first designed the class it was after he had just finished writing a book about the Constitution. The complexity and history of America's unique election process inspired Robertson.

"There are so many important and

unanswered questions that people have about our presidency," he said. Answering these questions, according to Robertson, is the goal of the course. The weekly schedule balances out these inquiries into the nature of the presidency with up-to-date campaign tracking.

The American Presidency course is fast paced. Sitting in on a class feels almost like attending an auction as the jam-packed room of students rapidly discusses all the latest campaign news. I wondered how Robertson manages to keep up with it all.

"I was actually surprised by how focused the class has been on current events. The students know a lot about the race. They are bringing even more than I expected," he said. But this does not phase Robertson, who loves talking about the current election, which he finds fascinating.

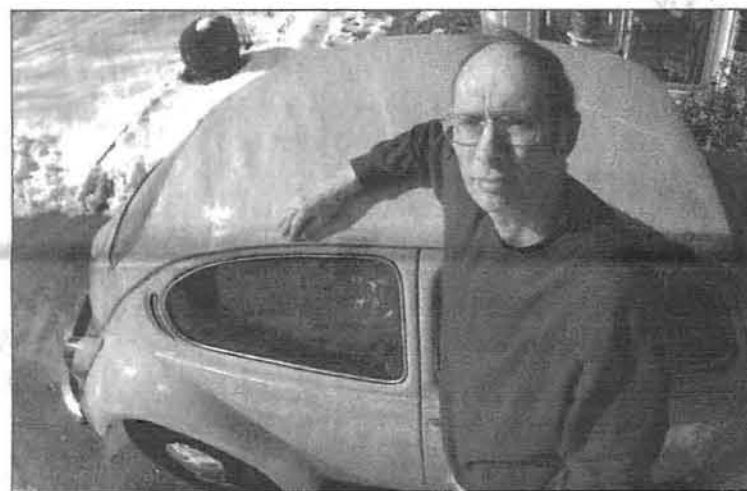
"No matter which of the three current front runners win, it will change the way things are done. John Mc-

Cain, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are all poised to change the way Americans view age, gender and race," Robertson said.

These are the issues that have had this election see record numbers of young people voice their opinions. This renewed interest has carried over to The American Presidency class, which has seen its attendance expand greatly. This begs the question: what about next semester?

Regarding the future of the class, Robertson plans to continue it in the fall. In addressing how hectic a class about the presidency could get around November, Robertson seems determined to keep up with current events no matter how fast they arrive. "Exciting things are happening" he said.

Most people will admit that they do not know as much as they would like to about the electoral process. With classes like The American Presidency, finding out is now easier than ever before.



Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor

Wayne Garver, an instructor with the physics department, turned his old Volkswagon Beetle into an electric car.

Who built the electric car?

By CATE MARQUIS

ACE Editor

Those who have seen the 2006 documentary "Who Killed The Electric Car?" or have noticed a certain bright orange VW bug on the UM-St. Louis campus might find themselves wondering "who built the electric car?"

The answer is UM-St. Louis physics instructor and research scientist Wayne Garver.

Garver, however, was not inspired by the 2006 film to build his own electric car. He built his electric way back in 1980 from a 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle.

"It started like twenty years ago, in 1981 or '82. I got interested in it [building an electric car] and I found some articles where people had converted a Volkswagen out in California to electric power," Garver said.

"They were using old aircraft engines. So I thought 'this might be kind of fun to do.' And seeing as I work as a research scientist and all, I built a car with an aircraft engine in the '80s and ran it to the University a little bit then," he said.

But then Garver got married and had kids, and that was the end of his electric car for a while.

"It sat in my garage until my kids got out of high school, then I got more interested in it again," he said.

When electric cars made a comeback and hybrids debuted in the 1990s, Garver got busy on his car.

"I replaced the motor and upgraded the controlling box. I put

more batteries in it and painted it," he said. Bright orange.

"It is kind of distinctive," he said. "My kids wanted me to think about converting a truck, but I thought it was more in keeping with the idea to keep it a Beetle." The model, which Garver refers to as a 1971 Super Beetle, was the more deluxe version of the little German import that was a '60s icon.

What about that color? "Yeah, I thought I might as well make it bright. A friend of mine painted his car orange one time and I kind of liked it. So I thought, might as well make it eye-catching... On the back I have a magnetic sticker that says 'Electric car - it's a gas,'" he said.

At home, Garver just plugs his car into an ordinary wall socket, but while he is out and about, recharging is another matter.

"That's kind of a problem because a lot of places are afraid to have you plug it in, because they think the car will shut down all their electricity," Garver explained, as if the car would cause a blown fuse or other electrical problem.

In fact, the electric car draws current like any other piece of electronic such as a laptop. The car charges on ordinary household 110-volt current.

"You do have to plan ahead, because if you run out of charge, you have to recharge. It is an inherent limitation, the limited range with the batteries we have now," he said.

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Amnesty International advocates for human rights around the world

By JESSICA KEIL

Staff Writer

Imagine, on an average sunny school morning at UM-St. Louis, seeing what used to be the grassy slopes of campus littered with what appear to be gravestones. Last spring, the students, faculty, staff, and visitors of UM-St. Louis, experienced the phenomenon themselves.

However, it was no act from God that sprouted the plastic graves, each unique from the other and housing the names of two dead soldiers (one American, one Iraqi). This was part of the work of Amnesty International's student run chapter at UM-St. Louis.

Amnesty International could describe itself as a grassroots, non-partisan organization concerned with the protection of human rights worldwide.

According to the official Amnesty International website, <http://www.amnesty.org>, there are over 2.2 million members of Amnesty in over 150 different countries.

Here at UM-St. Louis, there are over 60 members of Amnesty International 13 of which could be described as "active" members, that is, those that attend the meetings.

Kris Johnson and Rachelle Kuhl



are the co-presidents of the UM-St. Louis Amnesty International chapter. At a coffeehouse on Florissant Rd, they described what their chapter has planned this year in order to shock, inform, and hopefully spur the University's students into action concerning what Amnesty believes to be human rights abuse happening currently throughout the world.

Incidentally, the main focus of the group for this semester hits close to home. Johnson and Kuhl have decided to focus their time on campaigning to put an end to Guantanamo Bay, a United States detention program located at a US military base in Cuba.

Alberto Gonzales, the controver-

sial former Attorney General under the Bush administration, is often credited for implementing human rights abuses to detainees in Guantanamo Bay. On February 19th, Gonzales will be speaking at the Washington University campus, and Johnson and Kuhl plan on bringing the Amnesty group.

However, do not expect the two dedicated Amnesty International co-presidents to quietly listen to Gonzales' speech. The group plans on protesting alongside Washington University students on the 19th.

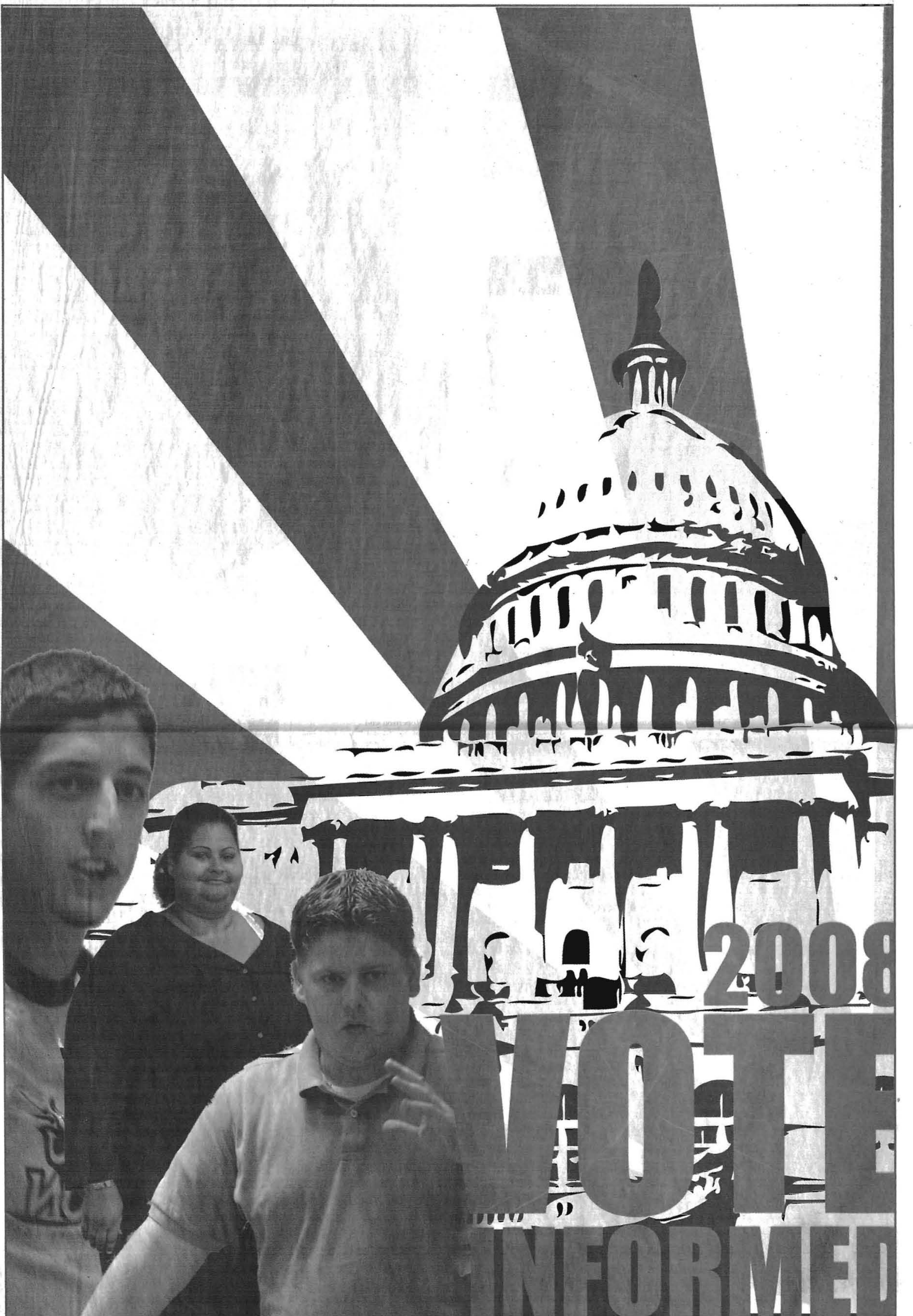
Essentially what is most angering for Johnson and Kuhl about his visit is the idea that despite his notorious military tactics, Gonzales will be paid for his visit to Washington University with Wash U student money.

Yet the protest is just a tip of the iceberg. The UM-St. Louis Amnesty chapter also plans on organizing a display for February 18th, much like their work on the gravestone war protest display with the UM-St. Louis peace group last year.

The upcoming display is currently a work in progress, Kuhl emphasized that "it will be really in your face", and will involve divisive information regarding Alberto Gonzales.

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College Democrats remain divided between candidates

By JESSICA KEIL
Staff Writer

"Truly, it is a great year to be a Democrat," said Jonathan Eftink, president of the College Democrats at UM-St. Louis.

Eftink, sophomore, political science, would know. Eftink has worked relentlessly to revive the club since his start at UM-St. Louis in fall 2007.

This semester, the club has focused its sights on the presidential election and began trading traditional meetings for political events.

"As you know, we had Chelsea Clinton here on Monday [Jan. 28], and we are planning on hosting any presidential candidate who wishes to come to the University," Eftink said.

Those who were present in The Nosh to hear Chelsea Clinton speak about her mother's campaign may have seen Eftink introduce her and boldly pronounce his support. However, though he is president of the College Democrats, Eftink's endorsement does not reflect the group as a whole.

Actually, the College Democrats, like the rest of the United States, have remained divided between the two main Democratic candidates, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

"I personally support Senator Clinton, but the organization is divided. I would say roughly half and half," Eftink said. "Obama does have some pull on campus, and there are many pro-Obama people that are students."

Eftink, however, expects the division between Clinton and Obama supporters within the club will begin to wane after the nomination is set in stone.

Right now, though, the College Democrats have set their sights on the "Super Tuesday" primaries and caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 5, or, as Eftink calls it, "Super-califragilisticexpialidocious Tuesday."

On Tuesday (as well as Monday, Feb. 4) UM-St. Louis students should look for the College Democrats on the Millennium Student Center bridge and in other busy campus areas. The group plans to pass out flyers reminding students of the presidential primary in Missouri.

"It has really turned into a bipartisan effort to simply make students aware that 'yes, there is a primary on Tuesday, and yes, you need to vote in it,'" Eftink reminded students. Therefore, students should not expect the flyers to hold any endorsements.

Eftink said the flyers "give no mention to which candidate you should vote for, only that you should be aware there is an election and that indeed you should vote."

"I get calls almost every day from the Clinton and Obama campaigns asking me if students would like to help on and off campus," Eftink said. "And I cannot say enough how we want to have more members to engage with us in supporting the Democratic Party."

For more information about the UM-St. Louis College Democrats or to pledge membership, Eftink encourages readers to email him at umsl Democrats@gmail.com.

As for a prediction of what he thinks might happen on "Super Tuesday," Eftink is "banking" on Clinton getting the nomination. Yet he concluded saying, "as for the election, it ain't over 'til it's over, and it's got a long way 'til it's done."

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Make history with Hillary Clinton

By ANGIE SPENCER
Proofreader

Make history! That is what this champion for women, New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, wants to do. The question is: how does she plan to do it?

With healthcare, the war in Iraq and immigration being the top issues in this year's election, what does Clinton stand for?

Three words are used to describe Clinton's American Health Choices Plan: affordable, available and reliable. The plan is in the person's hands. If people lose their jobs, they keep their healthcare. If they do not like their plan, they can change it to suit their needs.

Currently, premiums are costing Americans fortunes, but with this plan, tax credits are given to working families to help keep costs down.

On the Iraq war, "our message to the president is clear. It is time to begin ending this war. Not next year. Not next month. But today," Clinton said. She has a three-part plan to get U.S. troops out of Iraq as quickly as possible.

First, she plans to start phased redeployment, meaning she wants to withdraw U.S. troops from the war in Iraq and bring them home. She wants a plan developed within her first 60 days in office.

Her second step is to establish stability in Iraq while withdrawing the troops. She plans to aid but not be the sole support of the Iraqi government.

Third, she has another three-step plan to develop an intensive diplomatic initiative in the region. This would be a group of allies banned together with goals of noninterference, mediation and reconstruction funding. Also, she plans to organize a multi-billion dollar effort to address needs of Iraqi refugees.

Clinton wants to reform U.S. immigration laws, too. She says the country needs to strengthen its borders, cooperate with its neighbors, implement and enforce strict, but fair laws and strict penalties for those who hire illegal immigrants, in addition to developing a path to amnesty for immigrants working and paying taxes.

For more information, visit <http://www.hillaryclinton.com>.



Hillary Clinton
Presidential Candidate

Barack Obama offers change for Americans

By JUSTI MONTAGUE
Copy Editor

"I'm asking you to believe. Not just in my ability to bring about real changes in Washington...I'm asking you to believe in yours." These are the first words a visitor will notice when visiting the Web site of 2008 Democratic presidential candidate and Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

Obama believes the American people are the greatest national resource and that the only way to cultivate that resource is through better education. Obama plans to support schools that need improvement rather than punishing them by reforming No Child Left Behind beginning with funding it, encourage programs such as Upward Bound to help children from low income families go to college, and to eliminate the FAFSA form and allow students to apply for financial aid by checking a box on their income taxes.

Obama also plans on instituting his plan, the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which will make the first \$4,000 spent on college free to most students, cover two-thirds of the cost of tuition at a four-year public university and make community college virtually free. Obama also plans giving tax credits to families who have children in college.

Another concern of Obama is the 47 million Americans (including nine million children) who do not have health insurance. Obama hopes to institute a national health plan that offers healthcare coverage to all Americans and includes guaranteed eligibility, comprehensive benefits, affordable premiums, subsidies, simplified paperwork, easy enrollment, and quality and efficiency in healthcare.

Obama wishes for you to be the change you would like to see in government.

For more information, visit <http://www.barackobama.com>.



Barack Obama
Presidential Candidate

John Edwards: Family champion

By CHRISTA RILEY
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: While John Edwards announced he was dropping from the race last Tuesday, he will still be on the Missouri and Illinois ballots Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Former Sen. John Edwards was born in Seneca, S.C. and was raised in Robbins, N.C. Edwards is a proud product of public schools and the first person in his family to attend college.

He worked his way through North Carolina State University where he graduated with high honors. He went on to earn a law degree with honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In 1998, Edwards committed to politics to give a voice to the kind of people he represented throughout his career. Without accepting funds from lobbyists or the political actions committee, Edwards ran for the U.S. Senate, and he won.

In the Senate, Edwards continued to be a champion for regular, hard-working families, taking on critical issues like quality health care, better schools, protecting civil liberties, preserving the environment, saving Social Security and Medicare and getting big money out of politics.

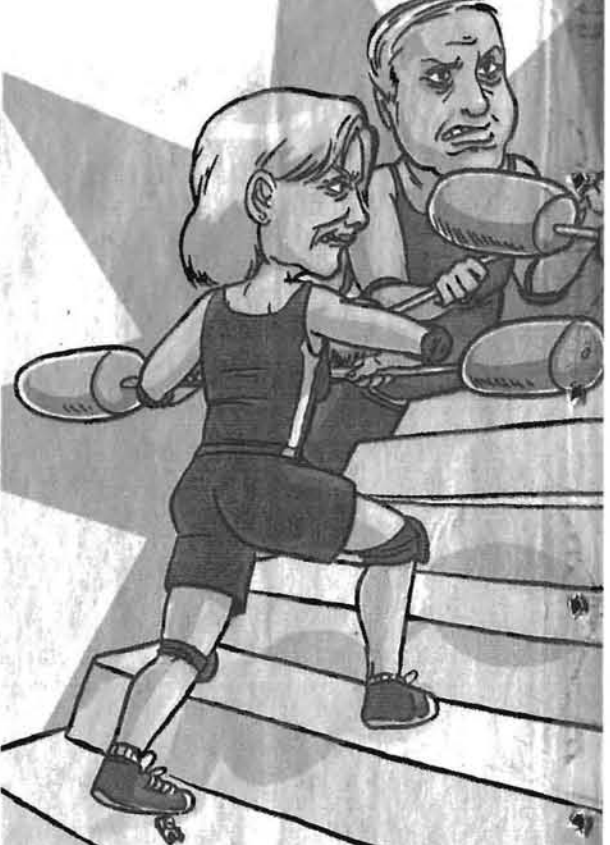
As a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence, Edwards worked for a strong national defense and to strengthen the security of our homeland. He also authored key pieces of legislation on cyber, bio and port security. Edwards is a former director of the Center on Poverty, Work, and Opportunity, located at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, who he met in law school, were married in 1977. They have four children, including their eldest daughter, Catharine, who is also attending law school.

For more information about John Edwards, visit <http://www.johnedwards.com>.



John Edwards
Presidential Candidate



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By Danny Reise • Asst. Photo Editor

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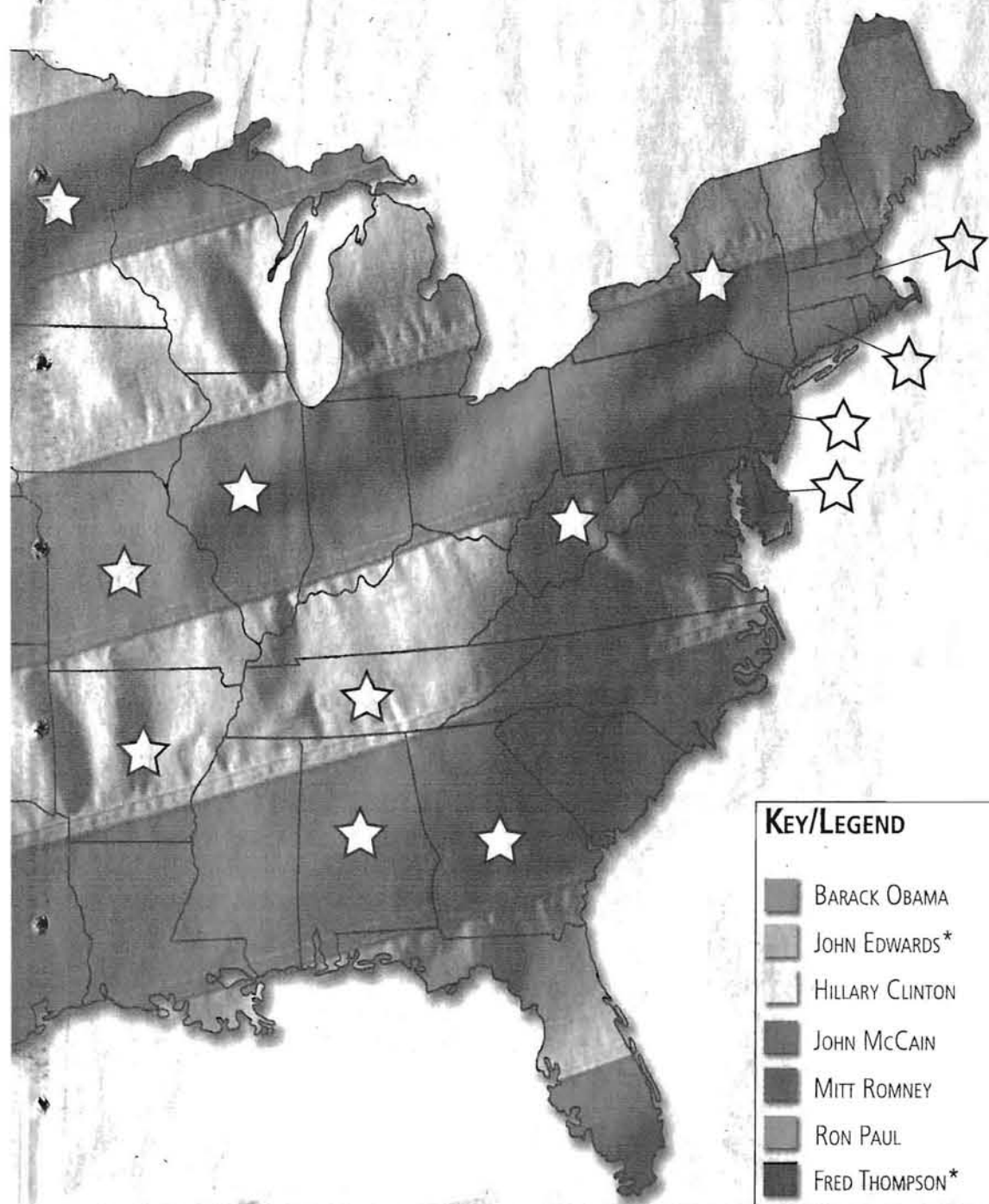
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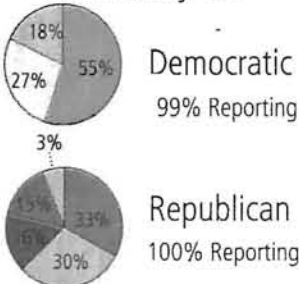
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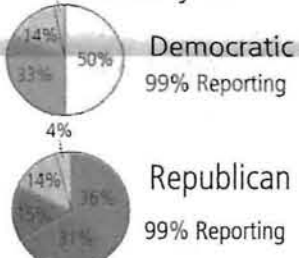
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College Republicans wait for frontrunner

BY CATE MARQUIS

A&E Editor

Mark Bacon, president of the UM-St. Louis College Republicans, thinks the wide range of Republican candidates has made the primary race very interesting this year.

"Usually by now we have a better idea of who the candidate will be," Bacon said. "But I think it is still wide open and may still be until the Convention."

Bacon said the College Republicans organization is not planning any organized campaigning events for the Super Tuesday primary election on Feb. 5, although individual members may be participating in campaigns for their favorite candidates. However, they are doing some election work. "There have been some e-mails sent out to our members to work as election officers, election officials."

Although Bacon said a lot of members are going to work on individual campaigns for Super Tuesday, there is no official endorsement. "We haven't really endorsed anybody because we are going to wait until the primary is over to 'get behind a horse'. After Super Tuesday, the primary, we will see what happens there, to see who will be the likely political nominee."

While the organization is noncommittal, Bacon himself has his favorite candidate. "I have been going to some of these speeches and I went to a John McCain rally with my brother Joe, he's an officer, and I met some young College Republicans there."

Bacon was impressed enough that he is planning to help set up a local John McCain office in the St. Louis area. "I'll be looking for someone else to help me set up the local headquarters. It is a pretty daunting task." He is looking for volunteers, people interested in having a chance to do something more than go door-to-door canvassing.

Bacon said many Republicans drawn to McCain are thinking about terrorism. "For a lot of people in the Republican party, the threat of terrorism is still a pretty big deal."

"I think, in the back of people's minds, they still know that the threat of terror is huge," he said. "McCain's background, support of the army, for running the homeland and being the commander in chief, he is very well suited."

McCain has always been a good fit for Republican views on the military but as he is approaching the Super Tuesday primary, Bacon sees him coming closer to common Republican views on other issues. "I know he now supports making the Bush tax cuts permanent, something that fiscal conservatives feel is very important."

"We'll see how things work out on Super Tuesday, and if things work out for him, we will probably support John McCain."

"I am sure people are passionate about who they support right now but I guarantee that once there is a clear primary winner that the College Republicans and the national party will support whoever wins the primary."

After the Super Tuesday primary, the College Republicans have plans. "We bring in big speakers, usually once a semester." They expect to bring one in this semester and next fall before the election. "We have to work really hard this semester to get things in top notch form and we will be able to have two major speakers this semester."

The organization is planning to have a presence on Facebook soon, as an organizing tool, but in the meantime interested students can reach College Republican President Mark Bacon by email at mtb389@umsl.edu.

McCain offers up 'bold solutions' in tough times

BY ANGIE SPENCER

Proofreader

Arizona Sen. John McCain has served in the military and in the Senate, but can he serve as the President of the United States? He seems to think so, offering bold solutions to our nation's problems such as healthcare, the war in Iraq and immigration.

McCain believes healthcare costs need to be brought under control and families should have control over the healthcare they receive. He also believes every citizen needs to have healthcare, no matter his or her circumstances.

His policy plans to promote competition between providers, put the responsibility on the patients, require transparency of information, bring in innovations like new delivery systems and telemedicine, and pass tort reform to eliminate the number of lawsuits and excessive damage payments.

"Iraq's transformation into a secure democracy and a force for freedom in the greater Middle East is the calling of our age," McCain said about the mission of the war in Iraq. To support this, McCain wants to send more troops into Iraq to provide security, to dismantle al Qaeda, to stop violence between the Sunni and Shia, and more.

He wants to create a secure and stable environment for the Iraqis so rebuilding the political atmosphere can begin. He also wants to crack down and put pressure on Syria and Iran.

McCain wants to secure the nation's border and is calling on Americans to realize that America is always going to be a symbol of hope, that immigrants need to be assimilated into American culture and that America need to establish strong ties with Mexico and Latin America.

For more information, visit <http://www.johnmccain.com>.



John McCain
Presidential Candidate

Ron Paul works for limited government

BY CHRISTA RILEY

Staff Writer

Republican Congressman Ron Paul from Texas is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and works for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets and a return to sound monetary policies. He is known among his congressional colleagues and his constituents for his consistent voting record.

Paul was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa. and graduated from Gettysburg College and Duke University School of Medicine. Paul honorably served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s.

He and his wife, Carol, moved to Texas in 1968, where he began his medical practice, in Brazoria County, as a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology (OB/GYN).

Paul delivered more than 4,000 babies during his medical career. Currently residing in Lake Jackson, Texas, he is the proud parent of five children and grandparent to 17 children.

Paul returned to Congress in 1997 to represent the 14th congressional district of Texas. He presently serves on the House Committee on Financial Services and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He continues to advocate a dramatic reduction in the size of the federal government and a return to constitutional principles.

He has never voted to raise taxes, for an unbalanced budget, for a federal restriction on gun ownership or to raise congressional pay. He has never taken a government-paid junket and has never voted to increase the power of the executive branch.

Paul voted against the Patriot Act, regulating the Internet and the Iraq war. He does not participate in the profitable congressional pension program, and he returns a portion of his annual congressional office budget to the U.S. treasury each year.

He also introduces numerous pieces of substantive legislation, probably more than any other individual member of Congress.

For more information about Ron Paul, visit <http://www.ronpaul2008.com>.



Ron Paul
Presidential Candidate

Mitt Romney: True strength for America's future

BY JUSTI MONTAGUE

Copy Editor

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney believes improving America's public school system is critical to the future of the country and the economy. He believes that "while there is a proper role for the federal government to play in education, it is not in telling parents, teachers, kids and local authorities what to teach or how to run their schools."

He has proposed a federal home schooling tax credit, promoted school choice and charter schools, promoted parental involvement in education and expanded access to higher education while in office in Massachusetts, and plans to continue working for these ideas as president.

"We need to find a way to reduce the rate of growth of spending in health care in our country - it's now 17 percent of our GDP. When I was a consultant in the insurance industry, some years ago in the 1980s, it was 11 percent. The idea it would get to 17 percent was unthinkable. And it continues to move northward," Romney said.

He believes in implementing a one-size fits all government-run health care program, and that Americans should rely more on the roles of the states in leading the reform and dealing with rising health care costs and helping the uninsured.

Romney supports a free-market, federalist approach to making quality, affordable, health insurance available to every American by deregulating state markets, fixing the tax code, reforming the medical liability system and promoting innovation to Medicaid.

For more information on Romney's campaign, visit <http://www.mittromney.com>.



Mitt Romney
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"Because her daughter came to UM-St. Louis, I am going to vote for Hillary Clinton."

"I am in support of Hillary Clinton's campaign."

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"But over 80 percent of our driving is under 40 miles a day, so it would work well as a commuter car. I can drive it to work and back, which for me is around twenty miles."

"I did run out of charge one time way back when and managed to plug it in at a gas station next to a soda machine. But I went to plug it in (at another gas station) one time, and they would not let me. That is kind of a problem, more so that I thought. People are kind of leery about you plugging stuff in," he said with a laugh.

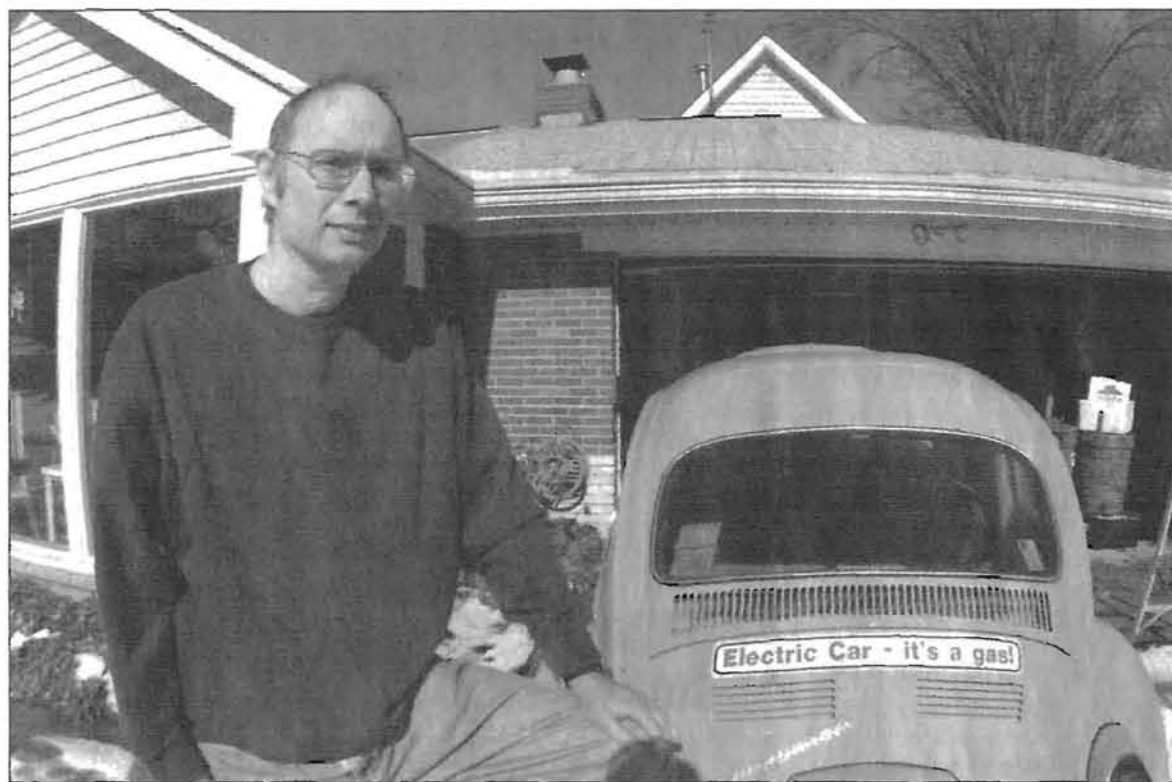
In fact, Garver is willing to pay for the charge, and even calculated the cost. "I usually offer to pay for the electricity. I have a day/night rates, actually," he said. "When I first started the project, Union Electric (now Ameren UE) had a program back then - a dual rate pilot program where they would charge you less at night than during the day. If you figure the cheaper rate, which is a third of the normal rate during the day, it is about 3 cents per mile."

"It is about \$8 to \$10 to charge it up," he said. "I can drive about 30 to 40 miles. It depends on the terrain. If it is all flat, I can drive it 40 miles on a charge."

When figuring in the cost to run an electric car, Garver says you really have to also figure in the cost of the batteries. "You have to replace the batteries every 10,000 to 15,000 miles, so that adds another 7 cents a mile," he said, which brings the cost up to 10 cents a mile.

"It is about the same as gas at \$2.50 for a 25 miles-per-gallon car," he said. But there are no tailpipe emissions, just whatever emissions the power plant making electricity generates.

Surprisingly, Garver's electric car does not get much attention on campus. "It doesn't get too much attention because I usually park it in the garage, so I can plug it in. I did have someone once leave a note on the car, saying they thought it was great," he said.



Danny Reise • Assistant Photo Editor

Wayne Garver, research scientist and instructor in physics, turned his old VW Beetle into an electric car. It took him about 200 hours over six months to complete the project and cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

"Surprisingly, it doesn't get a lot of attention even driving down the road. Once in a while, someone will wave." Maybe that's because Garver's electric car looks like an ordinary orange VW Bug, unless you notice his electric car bumper sticker. "I don't know if they don't believe it or what," he said.

However, some people have noticed and have asked Wayne Garver how he built his electric car. At one local electronics store where Garver has gotten to know the owner well, he spoke to some of the electronics hobbyists who come in there about how to build an electric car.

"There is at least one other person I know who has done a conversion (to an electric car). He had an article in the Suburban Journal, but he converted a light pickup truck," he said.

"I would like to see more people get interested and do conversions

themselves because the economics on it are pretty good," he said. "Turns out, electric cars are the ultimate in recycling."

"You take a 100,000 mile car, which basically no one wants to buy, but the body is generally okay, for a reasonable price, maybe \$1000," he said.

"You buy a kit for about \$5000 to \$6000 to convert a pickup truck, and buy the parts to do a conversion, and it is comparable to buying a used car. Or better, because if you go to sell the car in a few years, the motor is practically brand new, they hardly wear out."

For about \$8000, a car conversion could extend the life for another 100,000 miles, like the life of a new car. According to Garver, the motor and controller should be good for ten or twenty years. There are no spark plugs or oil to change, and it is much

more reliable too. Conversion kits are available on the Internet.

So could just anybody build an electric car? "I would say you have to have some mechanical aptitude and some electronic knowledge. The kits are pretty well laid out," Garver said. "They tell how to cut stuff, but you are going to have to have some ability there... I think it would be interesting if there was a company that would do this, to recycle cars."

Right now, Wayne Garver's electric car is in the garage, awaiting warmer weather, which it tends to do better in because the batteries lose efficiency in the cold. But come spring, it will be back. At the annual Earth Day event in April, there are usually people in Forest Park with biodiesel and hybrid cars. Wayne Garver has never taken his electric car to show off on Earth Day, but this year, he might.

Student poll worker gets ready for Super Tuesday

By JESSICA KEIL
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the "Super Tuesday" primaries and caucuses will bring out voters in 24 different states across the country. Viewed as one of the most important days in the presidential primary schedule, the election process for this one day requires a tremendous organization effort from many different participating citizens throughout the United States.

At UM-St. Louis, there are students who have chosen not only to vote in the upcoming "Super Tuesday" Missouri primary, but to participate in the polling process as well. Braving long hours and zealous voters, these people provide a necessary backbone to American democracy.

Diedra Williams, freshman, political science, is one of those poll workers.

In an interview on Thursday, she explained what it is like to work the polls during such a crucial time in this 2008 presidential election.

This will not be Williams' first experience in the polling process. She originally became involved last April during a municipal vote in Maryland Heights.

"Initially, [becoming a poll worker] was for the money," she said. "But the more thought I put into it, I realized that by polling, I could gain more insight into the process."

After speaking with an election judge who was interested in her management skills, she became "intrigued" at the prospect of becoming a supervisor.

Despite the 16-hour workday the "insight" that Williams gained from her past polling experience propelled her to take the job again. This time, however, she will be working in the "Super Tuesday" election.

In the last election that Williams participated in, she said at times it felt about as exciting as "watching

paint dry," meaning that although elections are "insightful," municipal elections are not the most stimulating polls to work, she said.

In stark contrast, Tuesday's primary is likely to have high voter turnout, which will keep Williams busy with a myriad of activities.

"The supervisor supervises the election poll area. We are mainly responsible for voter's problems (registration and such), the set-up (which is prefaced by an official election oath), and the paperwork (Scantron or touch screen)," Williams said.

Yet if a technical problem were to occur, Williams would not be expected to fix it. She would simply ask her assistant supervisor to make a phone call to the election board who would in turn send a technician.

For further efficiency, the election board is also providing each district with a Palm Pilot. The Palm Pilot is officially the supervisor's responsibility.

However, a high school student worker aged 15-17, will be assigned to assist Williams in helping the voters and will probably be using the Palm Pilot as well. This way, the student can verify voter addresses while voters stand in line.

Williams said, sadly, the hand-picked high school student may be one of the few young people working the polls on Tuesday.

Williams added that it is "crucial" for others to know "the majority of people who work election polls are 50-plus in age. These are people who are loyal to civic duty and committed to the election."

Williams, in turn, encourages younger voters at UM-St. Louis to get involved in the polling process. She said if Americans can work a 16-hour day for a \$189 check in the name of democracy and civic duty, so can students.

"If the elderly can work that long of a day, unquestionably young people can too," she said.

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Johnson added that, "the display might rub people the wrong way."

Whether rubbing people the wrong way or the right, neither Johnson nor Kuhl seemed concerned with how their group might appear to those that could be considered more "conservative" at the University.

Johnson did explain that, "[human rights] has nothing to do with Republicans or Democrats, conservatives or liberals." Meaning, Amnesty International believes that no matter one's partisanship, human rights abuses anywhere should be the concern of people everywhere.

With these words in mind, Johnson and Kuhl told me that they are working harder than ever in order to rebuild membership for the organization. Currently, the two co-presidents along with their advisor Dr. Gerta Ray are working on setting up a website on MyGateway dedicated to Amnesty International in the hopes of attracting more members.

For more information about the UM-St. Louis Amnesty International chapter, or to become a member of the organization, readers are encouraged to email Kris Johnson. If computers scare you and activists do not, Amnesty meets twice a month and is having their next meeting on February 11 in the MSC at 2 p.m. Newcomers are welcomed to attend, and can expect to leave well informed on a new human rights issue every time.

Overall, plastic graves or not, be sure that this year the voices of the UM-St. Louis Amnesty International chapter will not be silenced. They may be louder than ever.



Matthew Hill • Photo Editor

Chelsea Clinton and Jonathan Eftink, president of the College Democrats, listen on as SGA President Bryan Goers speaks last Monday in the Millennium Student Center.

CHELSEA CLINTON, from page 1

More than one hundred students and some nonstudents crowded the Nosh area to listen to Clinton speak. Most held Hillary campaign posters, barring one student who held up a "Ron Paul '08" sign.

Justin Nilhas, junior, business, was holding up a sign supporting the Republican candidate when a man who identified himself only as "Mike," and part of Chelsea Clinton's team, stepped in front of him and blocked him from view.

When approached, the man insisted that there had been "no problem," but refused to speak more about the situation.

Clinton was scheduled to arrive at 1 p.m. on Monday morning, but was more than 40 minutes late.

Students directed questions toward Chelsea about her mother's plans for improving both early and higher education, her plan for bettering healthcare and for exiting the

situation in Iraq.

Chelsea said her mother intended to expand tax coverage for college and university attendance and "make it easier to apply for federal aid to go to college."

"It shouldn't be difficult to get aid to go to college," Clinton said.

Clinton said her mother wanted to include a box on income tax forms that would automatically sign that individual up for FAFSA.

Clinton also said Hillary planned on expanding the Americorp program that her father, Bill Clinton began during his years in office.

Creating jobs was also a topic of discussion. Chelsea discussed with the students her mother's plan which combines going "green" with increasing what Hillary calls "green collar jobs."

Hillary endorses aggressive research on green power, which will create and encourage "green" ca-

reers. Chelsea stressed the importance of creating "green" vehicles as well as "green buildings."

She said her mother would move to "green" the thousands of government buildings around the country and continue to create jobs and help the environment.

Clinton also stressed that it was "not good to borrow oil from the Saudis like this administration has been doing."

Clinton then addressed her mother's plan for withdrawing from Iraq. Hillary endorses a 60-day start to withdrawing U.S. troops currently in Iraq.

Clinton also said the United States should feel a moral obligation to the Iraqi people because of the mass amounts of help Iraqis have given troops in the country.

Chelsea stressed she was "proud of [her] mom" and all of her mother's plans and ideas.

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Classic political films offer break from current race

BY CATE MARQUIS

A&E Editor

There have been some classic films about politics over the years. To take a break from the current race, get a little perspective on the topic of politics or even get a little patriotic as you get ready to vote in the Super Tuesday primary, check out these classic and more recent films.

Classics:

Mr. Smith Goes To Washington (1939) – James Stewart stars in Frank Capra's classic about an ordinary American who finds himself unexpectedly a member of Congress. Capra, who also directed "It's a Wonderful Life," was famous for his quintessentially American films about the common man.

Meet John Doe (1941) – Another lesser-known Frank Capra film, starring Gary Cooper as a down-on-his-luck guy who agrees to pose as an unemployed, despondent letter writer, the fictional creation of a cynical journalist, but ends up starting a political movement. A great film about the common man versus media, wealthy interests, manipulation and

corruption.

Dr. Strangelove (1964) – Stanley Kubrick's brilliant, hilarious Cold War satire about politics, the military and communications gone terribly wrong. Stars Peter Sellers in multiple roles and George C. Scott as a general who thinks a few nukes are not so bad. The funniest political movie ever made.

The Candidate (1972) – The inside look at running a political campaign where style more than trumps substance. Robert Redford as a poll-driven politician is brilliant, the film is thought provoking still but was ground breaking in its day, when this kind of stuff was new to political races.

Manchurian Candidate (1962) – The original, not the 2004 remake, is a first-rate, mind-bending thriller about an assassination plot, political ambition, deceit and power, underlining the ways politicians can exploit voters fears for their own personal uses. Directed by John Frankenheimer and starring Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey and Angela Lansbury.

All The King's Men (1949) – The original 1949 film, not the remake, about a populist, common man, who



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Jimmy Stewart plays the title role in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," an everyman who is a newly elected Congressman, seen here in the classic filibuster scene.

gets into politics with noble ambitions but who is corrupted by power, is the quintessential cautionary political tale.

Citizen Kane (1941) – Great iconic footage of political campaigning in the earlier 20th century is one of the highlights of Orson Welles' film, although the film is not just about

politics. "Citizen Kane" has money, influence peddling and scandal in politics, plus it is one of the greatest films of all times.

The Third Man (1949) – A great thriller with a dark and cynical streak of humor, set in post-WWII Europe. Not about political campaigns but touching on corruption and political

convenience. Stars "Citizen Kane" director and star Orson Welles.

A Face In The Crowd (1957) – Andy Griffith as a homeless musician who becomes a media powerhouse and political kingmaker.

Griffith is riveting as a man consumed by his own success, unlike any role in which you may have seen him.

Current /recent films:

Charlie Wilson's War (2007) – If you have not seen it yet, you should. Tom Hanks stars as a good-times Texas Congressman who ends up as the driving force behind funding anti-Soviet Afghani freedom fighters, only to see his good work wasted after the war. A very good look at our persistent blind spot in international policy.

Good Night and Good Luck (2005) – A terrific, more recent film about journalist Edward R. Murrow's confrontation with Joe McCarthy in the Red Scare of the 1950s, it is also about the role of journalism, political power, civil liberties and the public's right to the facts. Stars George Clooney and David Strathairn.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Happy days are indeed here again at Hannegan's

BY CATE MARQUIS

A&E Editor

The Feb. 5, 2008 Super Tuesday primary is also Fat Tuesday.

Mardi Gras, the traditional French inspired bacchanal celebration before the start of Lent happens to fall on the same day as the day for primary voting in a host of states, nearly a national primary. Although the big Soulard Mardi Gras parade took place on the Saturday before the actual Fat Tuesday, there is a evening Fat Tuesday parade that starts in Laclede's Landing in downtown St. Louis.

You can even combine both Super Tuesday and Fat Tuesday with a visit to an 'old politics' themed restaurant, Hannegan's Restaurant and Pub, located in Laclede's Landing at 719 N. Second Street.

Hannegan's dining room is a reproduction of the elegant 1942 Senate Dining Room, complete with dark wood, plush green leather booths, green accountants lamps at the tables and gleaming brass and glass ball chandeliers throughout. It is like stepping back in time, to the era of party bosses and deals made in smoke-filled rooms, but without the cigars smoke.

Indeed, the restaurant was founded by Robert Hannegan, a St. Louis-born politician who was a Democratic Party boss, from Franklin D. Roosevelt's election in 1932 to President Harry Truman's administration in 1942. Hannegan played a key role in getting Truman on the ticket as Roosevelt's Vice President, which is among the historical tidbits on the restaurant's menu.

Every booth in the dining room features a brass plate that have the name, party affiliation and state of every Senator who voted to repeal Prohibition in 1932. Hence, the restaurant's slogan, Happy Days Are Here Again, is the title of a Depression Era song that celebrates the return of the legal beer.

The décor of the dining room marks the year that Hannegan resigned his post as Postmaster General to return to his hometown of St. Louis.

How's that for all-American politics?

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Photo Courtesy www.rttimes.com

"Taxi to the Dark Side" explores the U.S. policy on torture as it follows an innocent Afghani taxi driver who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Politics find their way into documentaries

BY CATE MARQUIS

A&E Editor

Americans who think the media pays too little attention to the issues of our health care system, the environment, corporate greed, war profiteering and host of other issues have found a way to take their concerns directly to the American public through documentary film.

In recent years, documentary films have tackled topics getting little play in the mainstream media. In some ways, what talk radio did for conservatives and the right starting in the 1980s, documentaries have done for unheard voices on the other side of the political spectrum since 2000: provide an outlet for topics left out the political debate by the major political parties.

Even where the subject is not a left or right issue, the documentary film has played a role in bringing overlooked topics to the American public.

Several issues that are hot topics in the current election season received wider attention due at least in part to documentary films. The handling of the Iraq War, war profiteering, American health care, global warming, corporate greed, and even the current sub-prime crisis are all among the topics that were addressed in recent documentary films.

Here is a look at some of the recent documentaries that have educated voters on issues and sparked election season debate:

No End In Sight – Iraq: A former member of the Bush Administration examines the lack of planning and mishandling of the situation in Iraq, after Saddam Hussein's forces were defeated.

One in a series of documentaries on Iraq war, this scathing expose from a Republican insider had a special resonance for the election debates. Producer Alex Gibney had a role in several of the films on this list.

Sicko – Health insurance: Mi-



Photo Courtesy rotten tomatoes.com

Michael Moore's "SICKO" documents the differences of health care industries in different nations.



Photo Courtesy Magnolia Films

A tank blazes through the streets of Iraq in the movie, "No End in Sight," directed by Charles Ferguson.

Michael Moore's look at health care and health insurance in America was less partisan and more close to home for many American's, and was most likely influential in making this an election issue.

Why We Fight – Military spending and corporate welfare: An expose of the military-industrial complex and corporate welfare, with telling

testimony from the children of Pres. Eisenhower, who coined the term, and other ex-military sources, looking at the extent to which the Pentagon's budget is more about contractors' bottom lines than defending the nation.

Iraq For Sale – Iraq and military spending: War profiteering in Iraq is the focus in the documentary from Robert Greenwald, the filmmaker who exposed the impact of Wal-Mart on small town economies and the shift of manufacturing to China in "Wal-Mart: The High Cost Of Low Price."

An Inconvenient Truth – Global warming: Al Gore's look at global warming facts and why both parties resist action, is credited with elevating awareness of the extent to which this issue is settled as science but debated only as politics. The Nobel Prize and Academy Award helped keep the 2006 film and its issue in the public eye.

Who Killed The Electric Car – Global warming and corporate greed: Did you know that GM and other car manufacturers put fully electric cars on the road in California in the 1990s? Cars that went 80 miles an hour, had seating for four, looked good and had a range of 60 miles on a charge?

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BEST BET ON CAMPUS

SCRAP ARTS TICKETS GO ON SALE

Tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 4, for ScrapArtsMusic, a high-octane, cutting-edge percussive troupe out of Canada, performing at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. This is the first ever concert presented by the Touhill Student Advisory Board. Tickets are \$10 to UM-St. Louis students and are available by calling 4949.

UPCOMING MOVIE RELEASES

LET'S GET LOST

Directed by Bruce Weber, starring Chet and Carol Baker.

VINCE VAUGHN'S WILD WEST COMEDY SHOW

Starring Vince Vaughn, and four aspiring stand-up comics.

STARTING OUT IN THE EVENING

Directed by Andrew Wagner, starring Frank Langella and Lauren Ambrose.

FOOL'S GOLD

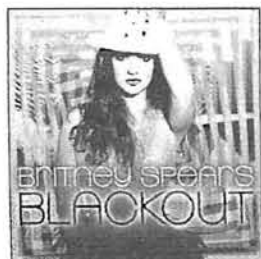
Directed by Andy Tennant, starring Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson.

WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS

Directed by Malcolm D. Lee, starring Martin Lawrence and James Earl Jones.

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. Low - Flo Rida featuring T-Pain
2. New Soul - Yael Naim
3. Don't Stop the Music - Rihanna
4. Love Song - Sara Bareilles
5. With You - Chris Brown
6. Sorry - Buckcherry
7. See You Again - Miley Cyrus
8. Take You There - Sean Kingston
9. Apologize (feat. One Republic) - Timbaland
10. Piece of Me - Britney Spears



Women's volleyball is one man down

By TOM SCHNABLE

Assistant Sports Editor



Josh Lauer
Former Volleyball coach

Former volleyball head coach Josh Lauer recently announced that he has taken a position with the University of Alabama. Lauer will be the Crimson Tide volleyball team's new top assistant coach.

When the UM-St. Louis women's volleyball team begins its 35th season of play next fall, they will be doing so with a new coach roaming the sidelines.

That is because former coach Josh Lauer has accepted a position with the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa as the team's top assistant.

"It's a great opportunity professionally for myself and my family," said Lauer in regards to his departure. "UMSL's been terrific to me, but its [Alabama] kind of the next step professionally for me to grow and give me the experience I need to be a better coach."

Lauer became interim coach of the Tritons in 2004 and had the interim tag removed in 2005 as the sixth

head coach in the program's history. He amassed a 40-76 record in his four seasons on the bench, including a 14-19 mark last season.

Some of the accomplishments his teams have achieved in the last four years include beating nationally-ranked Northern Kentucky the past two seasons, receiving the first ever Great Lakes Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award this past season, and winning the National Team Academic All-American Award for 2005-06, something Lauer wants the team to win again this year.

Lauer says one of the greatest achievements during his tenure was rebuilding a program that had previously struggled.

"We've come a long way since that first season in 2004," he said. "When I got here, they hadn't been to the conference tournament in a while, and we were able to kind of

rebuild and get back on track. We've proven to be a team that competes in the conference tournament every year, having gone there the last two years in a row."

But Lauer will take more with him than accomplishments.

He says the most difficult thing about leaving is the players he has left behind.

"I'll miss the players the most. They're a special group of young ladies, and I know they're going to be successful no matter what happens," said Lauer. "I think that's what makes this the hardest."

As far as the team's reaction, Lauer said most of the players seemed melancholy about his exit.

"I think that overall they were excited, because they know it's a great opportunity," he said. "At the same time they were sad, because part of the UMSL volleyball family is leav-

ing. I also think some are anxious to continue to get better, and continue the traditions that we started while I was there with whomever the new coach ends up being."

To that end, Coach Lauer knows that the program is at a crossroads, and who the administration decides to go with will be of the utmost importance.

"I hope the new coach can come in and make a good connection with the team, and continue to encourage them to get better," said Lauer. "At the end of the day, it's the support of the fans, it's the administrative and financial support of the university, and the hard work and dedication of the coaches and players that are going to make the difference at UMSL."

Athletic Director John Garvillia has announced that the search for the new head coach will commence immediately.

UMSL Tritons stumble on the long Illinois road

By TOM SCHNABLE

Assistant Sports Editor

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team came up on the short end of both games of a weekend road trip to fall to 7-12 on the season.

On Thursday night, the Tritons opened up the trip with a visit to Quincy for a match up with the Hawks.

UM-St. Louis hung tough for most of the first half of play, but eventually fell 70-58.

Led by senior Paul Paradoski's eight first-half points, the Tritons held a 26-25 advantage in the waning moments of the half, but then things went south for the Tritons from there.

Quincy went on a 13-0 run over the final three minutes of the half and the first four minutes of the second half to take control of the game.

The Tritons cut the deficit to five with just over eight minutes to play, but the Hawks again answered, this time with a 10-0 run to put the game out of reach.

Junior Tim Green led all scorers with 12 points on the evening, followed by Paradoski, who only managed two second-half points to finish with 10 for the game.

Quincy ended the game with four scorers in double figures, led by Austin Chapital, who scored 21. Cameron Murkey pitched in 15 for the Hawks, including going 5-6 from the foul line.

Quincy managed to hold a 20-10 advantage in made free throws for the game.

On Saturday, the Tritons were in Edwardsville for a matinee with the Cougars. SIUE jumped on UM-St. Louis from the tip, opening with a 10-2 run and cruising to a 74-55 victory.

Edwardsville's T.J. Gray proved to be the Tritons' worst nightmare, finishing the game with 26 points, including 5-9 from the three-point line. SIUE as a team converted 13 three pointers.

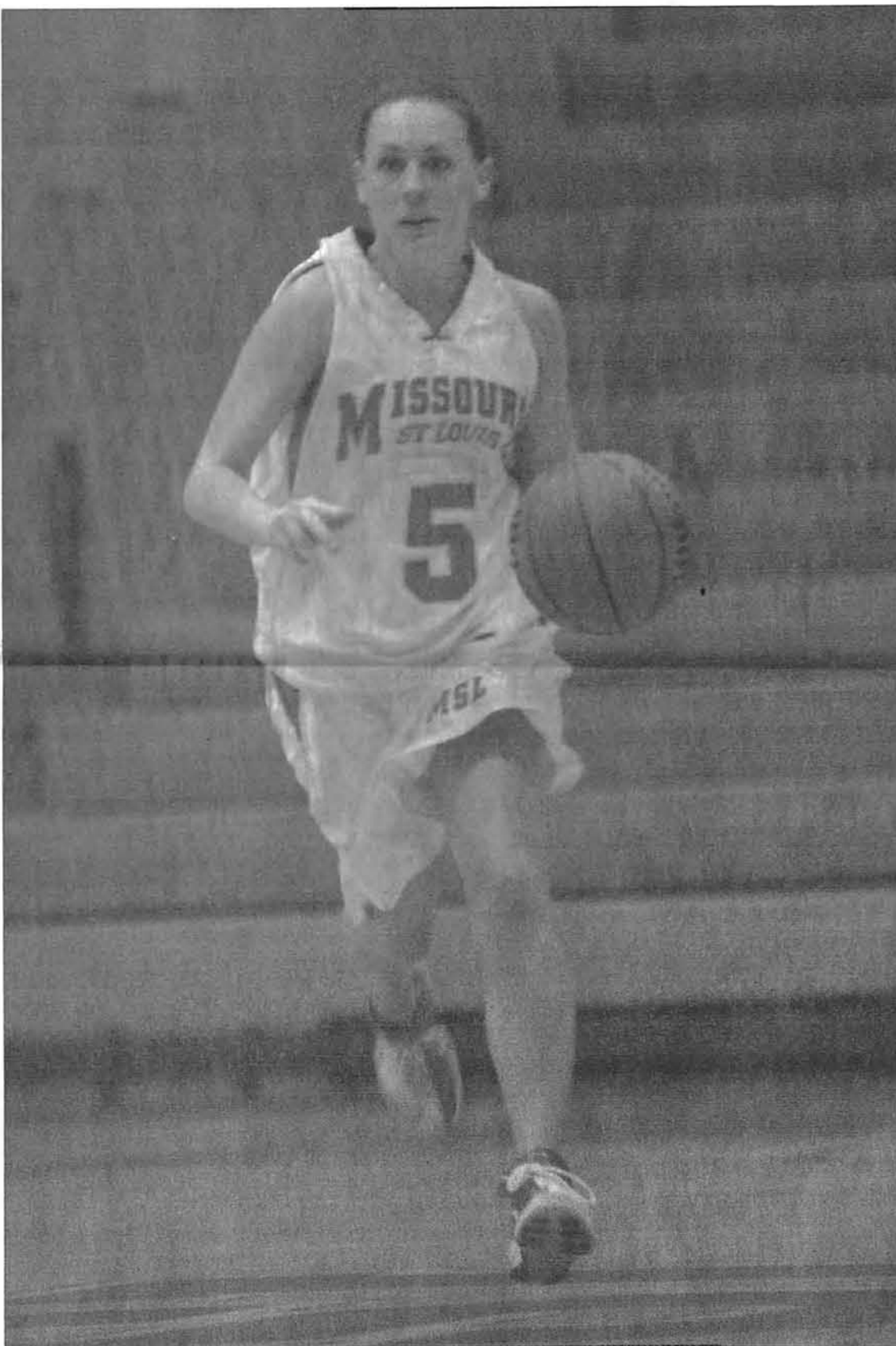
The Tritons managed to shoot just under 37 percent in the first half, allowing the Cougars to build their lead. Junior Adam Kaatman scored a career-high 14 points in the loss, while SIUE held seniors Sky Frazier and Paul Paradoski to a combined two point.

The losses dropped the Tritons to 2-9 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play with eight games still left to play.

UM-St. Louis is two games out of third place in the west division of the conference, where they would need to finish in order to qualify for the conference tournament.

The Tritons return to the Mark Twain Building for the start of a four-game home stand Thursday night when they host Rockhurst at 7:30.

Next men's home games are Feb. 7 against Rockhurst at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 9 against Drury at 3 p.m.



File Photo

Courtney Watts scored 21 points in the basketball game on Saturday against rival SIU-Edwardsville. The Cougars beat the Tritons 83-70.

Cougars tame Tritons

By LAQUAN FUSE

Sports Editor

Courtney Watts scored a game-high 21 points when UM-St. Louis faced off against rival SIU-Edwardsville on Saturday. Unfortunately, it was not enough for the Tritons to snap a two-game losing streak. The Cougars defeated the Tritons 83-70 and remain one spot higher in the GLVC standings than the Tritons.

This was the third consecutive loss for the Tritons and the team has only won two out of seven games in 2008. In those two victories, neither team scored 70 points.

Watts finished the game shooting 7-16 from the field and 4-10 from behind the arc. Watts not only led the team in points, but also led the Tritons in a less favorable statistical category and finished the game with over half of the team's total turnovers.

UM-St. Louis finished the game with 18 turnovers, 10 of which were by Watts, and SIUE managed to score 20 points off of the turnovers. As for SIUE, the Cougars finished the game with 14 turnovers. Amber Shelton finished with five turnovers

for the Cougars while Laura Witherspoon finished with six. The Tritons were able to score 15 points off of the errors made by the Cougars.

Taylor Gagliano and Kristi White combined for 23 points in the loss to SIUE. Gagliano shot 5-9 from the field and 3-4 from behind the arc while grabbing six total rebounds in the game. White shot 4-10 from the field and ended the game with four total rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Scoring in the game for the Cougars was done primarily by four players. Shelton, the GLVC's leading scorer, led the Cougars' offensive attack with a team-high 18 points.

Jessie Stapleton finished with a double-double, ending the game with 10 rebounds and 14 points. Brittany Imig scored 13 points in the game and Elyse Morris chipped in with 10 points.

UM-St. Louis shot a low 35 percent field-goal percentage in the game. During the first half, the Tritons shot 31 percent while the Cougars ended the half at 43 percent. The Tritons improved shooting during the second half and ended the half at 38 percent. The Cougars also improved shooting during the sec-

ond half of the game and made 59 percent of their shots.

The next UM-St. Louis women's basketball game will be an away game at Oakland City. The last time the two teams met, the Tritons walked away with an 81-69 victory.

After the non-conference away game against Oakland City on Tuesday, the next four games for the Tritons will be the last four home games of the season. The Tritons are set to take on Rockhurst on Feb. 7 and Drury on Feb. 9. These games will be the first meeting with the Tritons this season.

The Tritons will then face the two teams that recently handed down a couple of conference losses. SIUE comes to the Chuck Smith Court on Valentine's Day for the final regular season game with UM-St. Louis and on Feb. 16 Quincy will do the same.

Each game is going to become more and more important for the Tritons as the regular season draws to an end.

There are plenty of games left in the season, but the Tritons need to add a few more games to the win column if they expect to make the conference tournament.

The Mitchell Report: no steroids, but plenty of Kelly

By SCOTT LAVEROCK

Staff Writer

Let there be no confusion. Despite the fact that Kelly Mitchell does indeed share the same last name as the man who put out baseball's investigative report on steroid use, she

has gone on the record as having nothing to do with any controversy.

"No, I'm not on steroids," Mitchell said, amused that the question was even being asked. "Is this supposed to be a joke or something? Do you think people will get that?"

All kidding aside, it has been nothing but hard work that has helped the second-year UM-St. Louis basketball player back to the hardwood. Mitchell missed all but five games last year due to a broken left foot, but she has fought back through all the frustration, all the pain and all the rehab to become one of this year's leading contributors.

"Last year I sat out pretty much the whole season, and every time they had a game I wanted to get out there so bad," Mitchell said. "I was so frustrated last year. I couldn't wait to get back to play."

Ironically, it was a similar misfortune back at Assumption High School in Louisville that pushed her to pursue a college basketball career. When she was a senior, she was forced to miss several games due to a stress fracture in her other foot, and it was that ever-present drive to get back in there that led to her decision.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to play in college," Mitchell said. "Then I realized how much I wanted to play because I missed it."

The 5'10" shooting guard ultimately chose UM-St. Louis from her pile of college recruitment letters, which included some from arch-rivals such as SIUE, and now after gaining another year of eligibility due to her injury, the Tritons will look forward to having her for another three years beyond this season.

Mitchell ranks among the team leaders in many categories. Going into this week's action, she was third on the squad in field goal percentage at 42 percent, rebounding at 4.1 per game and three-pointers made with 17. Her 16 steals put her second on the team, and her 7.3 points per game make her the fourth leading scorer.

Finding a comfort zone at the college level did not come right off the bat for her, though.

At the outset of her career last year, she admits that she was a little overmatched physically.



Kelly Mitchell
Guard

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Tim Green

Tim Green scored 12 points in the Tritons' recent road match against Quincy on Thursday.

Green led the court in points on Thursday, outpacing both his teammates and his opponents from Quincy.

Previously, Green played for Itawamba Community College, where he was third on his team for field goal percentage. He took the Itawamba Indians to NJCAA Elite Eight and a season of 27-6.

Green is a junior majoring in accounting.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball

Feb. 7
vs. Rockhurst
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9
vs. Drury
3 p.m.

Feb. 14
vs. SIU-Edwardsville
7:30 p.m.
*Pack the stands night

Women's Basketball

Feb. 5
at Oakland City
5:30 p.m.

Feb. 7
vs. Rockhurst
5:30 p.m.

Feb. 14
vs. SIU-Edwardsville
7:30 p.m.
*Pack the stands night

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"I think one thing that hurt me was my strength," Mitchell explained. "It was a big adjustment. The competition's pretty good at this level, especially in the GLVC."

It appears, though, that she is hitting her stride. After conflicting opinions from doctors that slowed her progress, she finally had surgery on her foot in July.

The rehab process was slow and arduous, and Mitchell acknowledges that the foot still bothers her and forces her to keep up with a regimen of heat and ice every day.

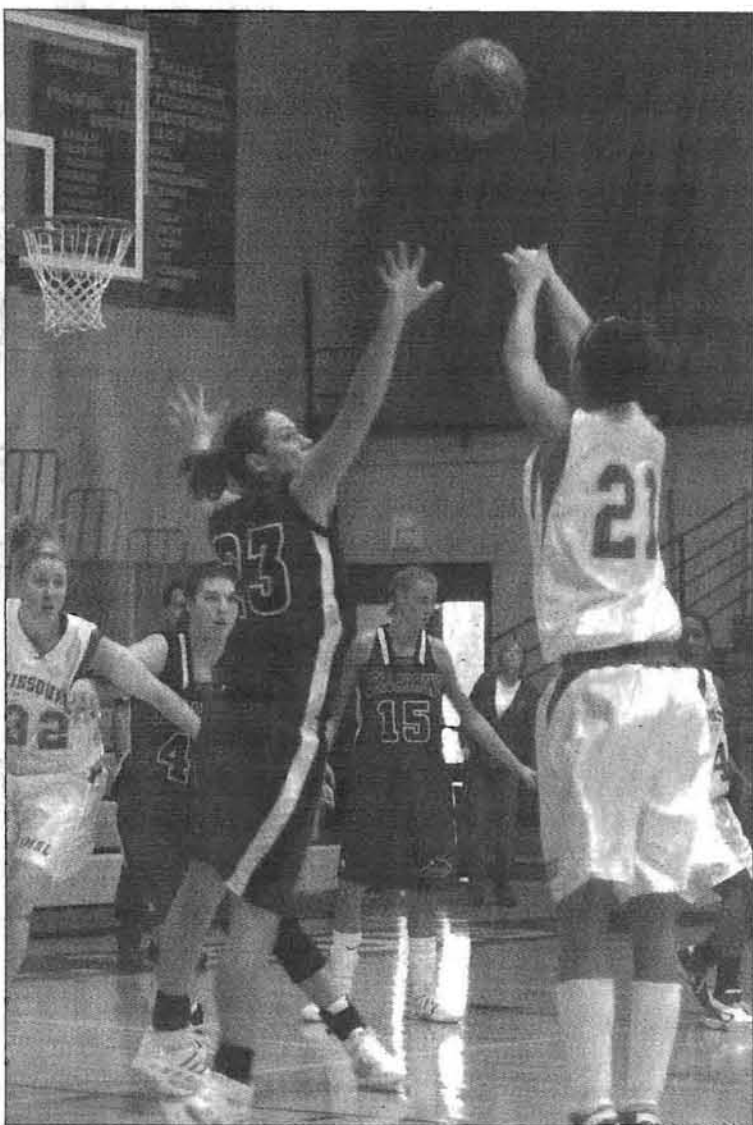
But the extra year of learning from the sidelines and hitting the weight room has only enhanced her play this season.

She led the team with 16 points in a game against Augustana earlier this year, and topped that with a career high 22 points against Wisconsin-Parkside.

She has also grabbed a team-lead in rebounds on two separate occasions, with her high water mark set at 8 against Bellarmine.

"I've gotten a lot stronger," said Mitchell, who is majoring in business. "I think after watching, I learned more about basketball. I think it helped me realize a lot that I didn't see before. I can hold my own, but I should still probably get a little stronger."

As for adding all that muscle, you can leave the 'roids and the HGH to the other Mitchell. Beefing up a winning tradition in UM-St. Louis basketball, on the other hand, is something that Kelly Mitchell and her teammates plan on doing the



Despite a few injuries through her career, Kelly Mitchell is now the team's fourth leading scorer, averaging 7.3 points per game.

good old fashioned way.

"Our main goal this year is to try and make it to the GLVC conference tournament and hopefully make it to the NCAA Tournament in Division II," Mitchell said. "I think we can turn the program into a winning

STAFF VIEWPOINT

Steroids, stats and solutions

It is time to bite the bullet. I have avoided this topic, written about other issues in other sports and even made a lame joke in this week's paper that made a phony connection between one of our women's basketball players and all the controversy. My thanks go out to Kelly Mitchell for putting up with me.

But now, I have decided to finally go after that giant albatross which looms over the sports world: the rampant use of performance enhancing drugs in professional baseball, the all-encompassing Mitchell Report that came out with many of the details last month and the daunting challenge of how to handle it all.

This is a difficult subject for me because it is so disheartening to see as a college baseball player. We all know that the cards are stacked against us anyway, but when seemingly the only way to reach the top is to use performance enhancers, it becomes that much worse.

Of course, the reason that I just might not make the Majors could have something to do with the fact that I cannot hit, hit for power, run, field or throw.

On second thought, forget about that. Just blame it on the fact that I am not on steroids.

I do not think this is completely ridiculous to say because of the incredible number of professionals who have done it, and do not try to tell me that many of the accused are free of guilt just because they have not been convicted in court.

Many say that Barry Bonds should be innocent until proven guilty. Well, because it is after the fact, he probably cannot be proven guilty. But here are the facts: Bonds's shoe size has gone from 10 1/2 to 13 since he broke into the big leagues at age 21.

Oh yeah, real natural (slight sarcasm). If that does not reek of steroid use, I do not know what does. From here on, this writer will refer to him as Barroid. So do me a favor, stop insulting my intelligence and



By SCOTT LAVELOCK
Staff Writer

spare me any alibi for him.

Granted, it is not so easy to tell with other players. Barroid's head is so big that air traffic control has to redirect all flights into San Francisco every time he stands up.

But what about guys like Roger Clemens? It is interesting that his name had never come up before the Mitchell Report, despite how much bigger he has gotten in the last twelve years.

Personally, I would not be surprised if he had used performance enhancers, and I think his lawyers are putting up a weak argument for him by issuing a report that details how his statistics did not improve in direct proportion to the alleged drug use.

This is silly and seems almost desperate to me because it proves nothing. Fernando Vina admitted that he started juicing and then had the worst season of his career, so stats cannot be an all-out indicator.

The bottom line is this: we will never know exactly who did what. Not only are there countless denials of guilt, but there are also many players who did it and have never been mentioned because few people cooperated with George Mitchell's investigation.

That is why it pains me to say what I am about to say, because in no way do I condone cheating, but I feel there is no alternative but to keep the records, statistics and Hall

of Fame status of players involved in all the controversy. We cannot wipe away from history the deeds of those who may or may not be guilty.

What about those who have admitted guilt or are plainly guilty, such as Barroid? Again I hate to say it, but my stance stays the same for two reasons. First, who can decide where to draw the line and say, "Oh, he's guilty enough?" That would only create more controversy. Secondly, baseball has already set a precedent for this.

Few people bring it up, but I think it is an appropriate analogy. In 1991, pitcher Gaylord Perry was inducted into the Hall of Fame, despite throwing illegal pitches during his career by putting petroleum jelly on the ball. His use of these pitches was so widespread that he even wrote a book detailing his exploits. Yet, every one of Perry's 314 wins is still on record, even though he clearly cheated for much of his career. Sammy Sosa has a similar situation. When his bat exploded cork all over the field in 2003, no one was talking about excluding him from the Hall of Fame. At least not until all this steroid talk started.

So, if baseball excludes players because of steroid use but not other forms of cheating, a double standard would exist that I do not think would be good for the game. As much as it pains me, Barroid belongs in the Hall of Fame. He would have had 500 home runs and 500 stolen bases even without the 'roids. I think Mark McGwire deserves to make it as well.

Unfortunately, there is nothing that baseball can ever do to completely rectify what happened during that era.

All they can do is make sure it does not happen again, and so I think the focus of taking preventative measures outlined in the Mitchell Report was proper. That should be something everyone can agree on, and hopefully they get it right.

STATS CORNER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

GLVC Standings

Team	Conf. (W-L)	Overall (W-L)
Drury	9-2	16-3
Southern Indiana	5-6	11-8
SIU-Edwardsville	4-7	10-8
Quincy	3-8	9-10
Rockhurst	3-8	7-12
UM - St. Louis	2-9	7-12
Missouri S&T	0-11	3-16

Box Scores

February 2	1st	2nd	F
SIU-Edwardsville	39	35	74
UM-St. Louis	22	33	55

January 31	1st	2nd	F
Quincy	31	39	70
UM-St. Louis	26	32	58

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GLVC Standings

Team	Conf. (W-L)	Overall (W-L)
Drury	9-2	17-2
Missouri S&T	9-2	15-3
Quincy	8-3	13-6
SIU-Edwardsville	7-4	14-5
UM - St. Louis	3-8	5-13
Rockhurst	2-9	7-12
Southern Indiana	2-9	7-12

Box Scores

February 2	1st	2nd	F
SIU-Edwardsville	34	49	83
UM-St. Louis	26	44	70

January 31	1st	2nd	F
Quincy	45	47	92
UM-St. Louis	44	34	78

ROLLER HOCKEY

GPCIHL Standings

Team (Division 1)	Overall (W-L-T)	Pts
Lindenwood	10-0-0	20
UM - St. Louis	9-2-0	18
UM - Columbia	7-5-0	14
Illinois	4-7-0	8
Missouri S&T	2-8-1	5
Illinois State	1-8-1	3
Middle Tennessee	1-10-1	3

Upcoming Games

February 9	at St. Charles CC	8 a.m.
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February 9	vs. St. Louis CC - Meramec	7 p.m.
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Keller's 35 points too much for Tritons

By LaGuan Fuse
Sports Editor

The second leading scorer in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, Quincy University's Jessica Keller, scored 35 points against UM-St. Louis when the Lady Hawks defeated the Tritons 92-78 on Thursday.

Despite four Tritons scoring in double-digits, the team was unable to pick up a win and lost the second straight game.

The Tritons' record fell to 5-12 overall and 3-7 in the GLVC after the loss. The Lady Hawks improve their record to 12-6 overall and 7-3 in the conference.

Kristi White led the offensive attack for UM-St. Louis with 15 points in the game. White finished the game shooting 6-9 from the field including three shots from behind the arc.

Courtney Watts and Kelly Mitchell combined for 24 points in the game, scoring 12 points each. Watts and Mitchell both shot 4-7 from behind the arc and tied for the team high in turnovers, with five.

Taylor Gagliano was the only other Triton to score in double-digits in the game against Quincy. Gagliano finished the game with 10 points, shooting 4-8 in the game, and three defensive rebounds.

The Tritons did not have as many attempts from the free throw line as the Lady Hawks. In fact, the Tritons finished the game making only six free throws of the eight attempted while Keller made seven out of her 11 free throws for the Lady Hawks. Quincy finished the game 23-33 from the line.

Two other players for the Lady Hawks chipped in with double-digits in the game.

Megan Gavlick managed to finish the game with 18 points and five total rebounds in the game. Lindsey Stellfue shot 5 for 15 in the game, but still managed to add 12 points to the score.

UM-St. Louis recorded 19 assists in the game on 28 made baskets, however, the team also gave up the ball 18 times in the game. Quincy capitalized on UM-St. Louis' mis-

takes and scored 29 points off of the turnovers.

Quincy did not finish the game with as many assists as UM-St. Louis, but they did not turn the ball over as much either.

The Lady Hawks ended the game with 15 assists on 32 made baskets and gave up only 11 turnovers. The Tritons were able to score 13 points off of the turnovers.

There were a total of 16 lead changes in the game and at the end of the first half, the Tritons only trailed by one point with the score 45-44.

During the final six minutes of the game, the Lady Hawks pulled away with the lead as they went on a 17-6 scoring run and won the game with a final of 92-78.

UM-St. Louis will face off against Quincy University one more time this season.

The next time these two teams meet will be on Feb. 16 in the Mark Twain Building. This game will not only be Senior Night for the Tritons, but also the final home basketball game of the season.

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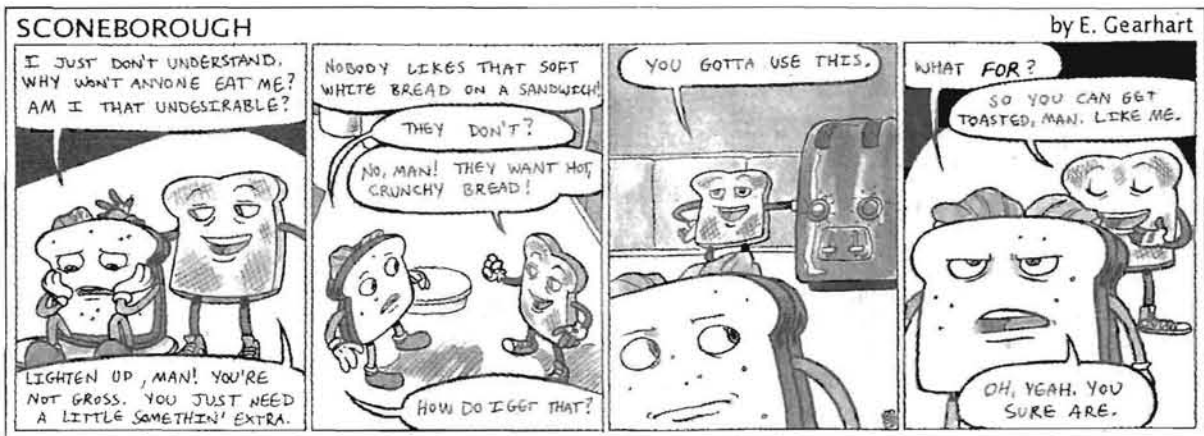
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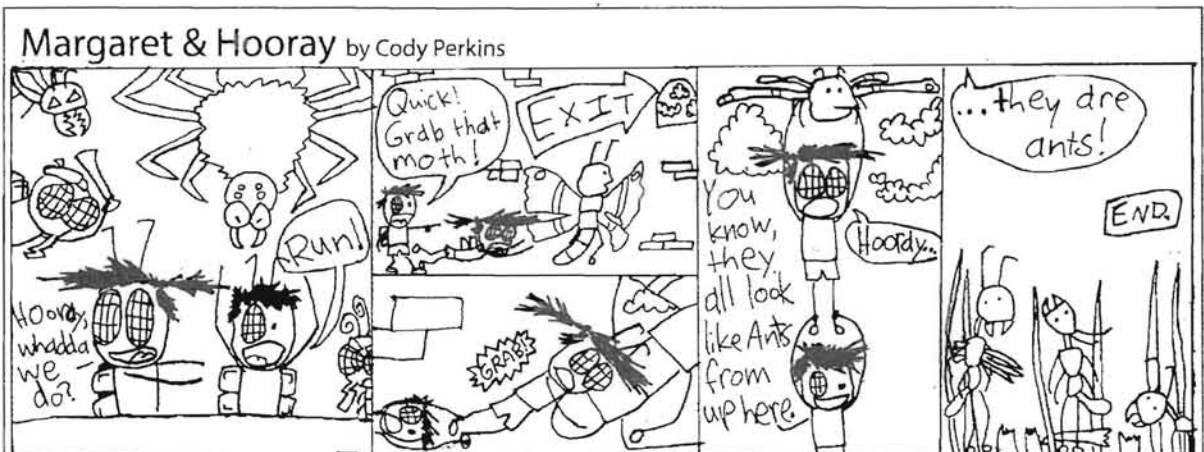
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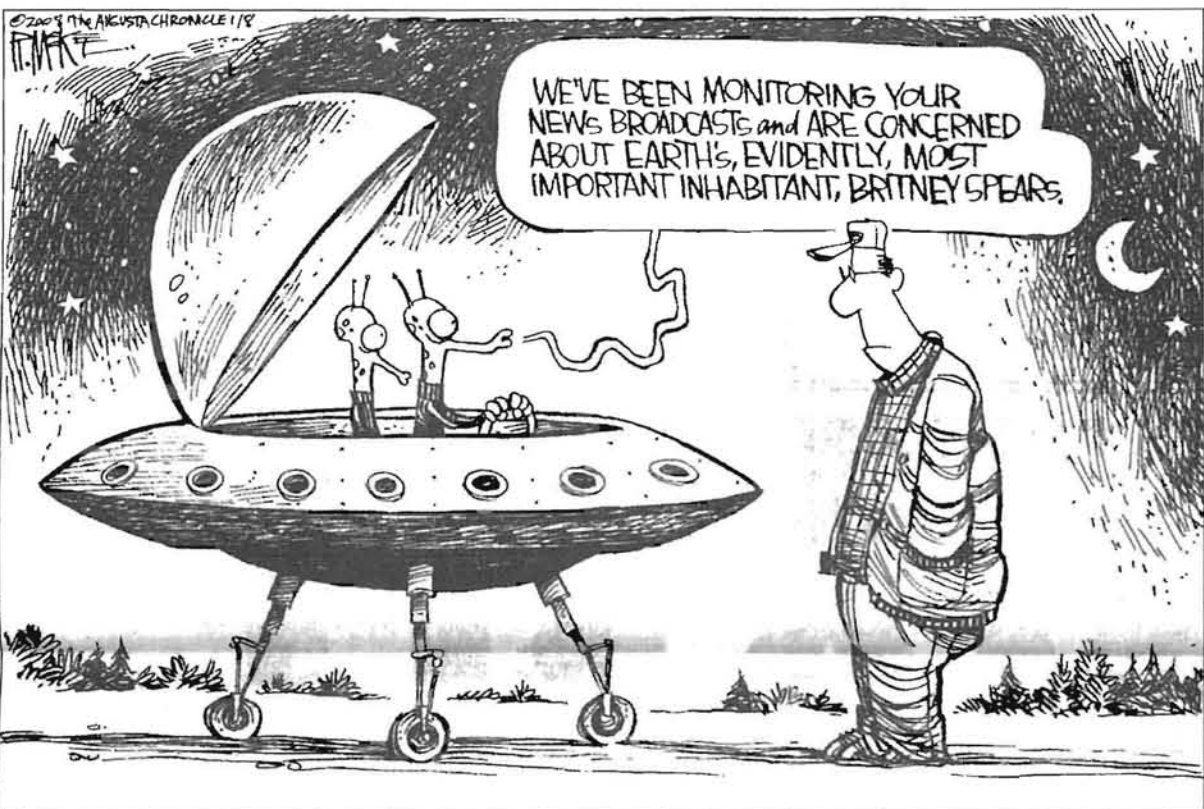


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ACROSS

1 Picnic invader

4 Move spirally

8 Italy's silhouette

12 Tarzan's son

13 Bound

14 Gifford's successor

15 Seles contemporary

17 As well

18 Growths of bamboo

19 Neutral color

21 Perform

22 "Dream-girls" Oscar winner

26 Keep tabs on

29 Gender

30 Lamb's dam

31 "Be still"

32 Tool set

33 Encounter inside

34 Savings-plan acronym

35 Send immediately

36 They get in the whey

37 "Alias" star

39 U.K. fliers

40 McKinley's first lady

41 Under the wire

45 Tar's bars?

48 First name of 15-, 22-, and 37- Across

50 "That hurts!"

51 Jason's ship

52 To and —

53 Help a hood

54 Fit snugly inside

55 "Absolutely"

DOWN

1 Basic learning

2 Ham's dad

3 Proof-reader's find

4 Minor problem

5 Leavening agent

6 Snitch

7 Disparaging word

8 Maverick's

9 lack

10 Tin Man's need

11 Photo —

12 Confucian principle

16 Insect

20 "La Cage — Folles"

23 Prognosticator

24 Due

25 Trawler equipment

26 Henry Clay or Daniel Webster

27 Emanation

28 Despot

29 Touchdown score

32 Maestro

33 Herbert von —

35 Soldier's civvies

36 Nourished

38 Lacks the ability

39 Dark period

42 Fifth day

43 Christmas gift

44 Dubious

45 Unembellished

46 Cupid's alter ego

47 Silithery squeezer

48 Difficulty

49 "Rocks"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Salome's Stars

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. But caution is still advised through the end of the week. Until then, a step-by-step approach is best.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
That cooperation you request could come at too high a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Aspects favor a quieter time spent getting closer to the people who are especially important to you. There is always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause more-serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 Sept. 22)
Be more patient with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what is right. The fact is, there is a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
It should be easier to assess the facts you will need to make an important decision, but do not commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on that new project. Expect some setbacks, but on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now, but your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping, happily as ever.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You might prefer sticking with your current schedule, but some newly emerging information could persuade you to consider a change. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You might want to reject a suggested change, but it could be wise to go with the flow, at least for a while. You can always return to your first plan if you like.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
You are bolstered by both the practical and poetic sides of your nature as you maneuver through some unsettled emotional situations. Things ease up by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK:
People reach out to your generosity and wisdom, and consider you a treasured and trusted friend.

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NURSE, from page 6

In fact, she uses the word “multi-tasker” to describe a nurse. While spending time physically caring for patients, she is also on the floor documenting and coordinating her care with physicians, families and numerous other hospital services.

Although this unit is one of the most intense in the building, Koziatek is happier than ever. Some outcomes may be heartbreaking, but overall, she loves being able to be with families during the most gratifying and life changing moments.

On April 11-12, Koziatek will be participating in her sixth year volunteering with Relay For Life. This event is held around the country and designed to raise money to support the cause for cancer.

“The Relay For Life motto is ‘Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back,’ which really describes what the community volunteers will accomplish,” Koziatek said. She is very passionate about this cause.

“We celebrate our survivors and their triumphs. We remember those we’ve lost, and we fight back in hopes that one day cancer will be

eliminated and we won’t need to Relay anymore,” she said.

This year, the UM-St. Louis community is trying to raise more than last year’s \$50,000. Koziatek said, “We are incredibly excited and can’t wait to see what the UM-St. Louis community will pull off this year!”

Aside from being a nurse and being involved with Relay for life, Koziatek is heavily bonded with her parish at St. Martin de Porres in Hazelwood. She works with the Youth Ministry by coordinating and supervising youth events as well as teaching sixth grade religion classes.

When she is back at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, working, Koziatek said, “I’m running around like a chicken with my head cut off.” She mentions, although it is a difficult career, “it is incredibly rewarding and satisfying for me.”

So, one may ask, “Is being a nurse as hard as it seems? “Not really, being a nurse is incredibly rewarding and satisfying” for her. She gains joy from being with people; teaching, talking and helping them in anyway possible.

DOCUMENTARIES, from page 11

Neither did GM apparently, as it seems to have corporate amnesia about them today, trotting out electric “concept cars” you cannot buy and talks about “racing” to develop an all-electric car some time in the future. You cannot buy these 1990s electric cars today because they were all destroyed. An eye-opener about why corporations might want to push of gas-guzzlers from producer Alex Gibney.

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room – Corporate greed and influence: Greed in action, shady accounting practices and manipulation of the energy market, this film by producer Alex Gibney shows the sleazy underbelly of modern business practices, laissez-faire economics and unchecked lobbyist influence. A must-see film for stockholders and employees, as well as voters.

The Corporation – Corporate greed and influence: How corporations work, globalization and avoiding responsibility in pursuit of profits, this film follows how a 19th century legal construct has acquired

rights to rival actual human beings and allowed some individuals to keep responsibility for their actions at arms length.

Maxed Out – Credit crunch and corporate greed: Less seen than some of the above, this prophetic documentary played here a few months before the sub-prime loan crisis broke, predicting that mess and focusing on the danger that credit card and other debt poses for individuals and the country. The filmmaker was a business major in college and nailed the topic. This one is well worth renting.

Taxi To The Dark Side – Torture: U. S. policy on torture is the topic in this red hot doc making waves elsewhere in the U.S, explored through the case of an innocent Afghani taxi driver in the wrong place at the wrong time. It is from producer Alex Gibney, who also worked on “Enron,” “Who Killed The Electric Car” and “No End In Sight.” “Taxi To The Dark Side” was shown at last fall’s St. Louis International Film Festival but is due to return here next month for a longer run.

HANNEGAN’S, from page 11

While the story behind Hannegan’s is fun for those of us who like both history and politics, the restaurant is more than a place with amusing theme. Hannegan’s offers good food, good service and very reasonable prices.

A visit for lunch on Saturday after the Souldard Mardi Gras parade found more drinkers than diners, so we were seated immediately in a cushy booth. Sitting in the Senate dining room is the best bet for atmosphere but the bar offers big windows with a view of the street scene and the same dark wood and brass décor. A baby grand piano indicated that there was live music in the evenings and four big flat screen TVs over the bar indicated a following of sports fans.

Our waitress, dressed in a white shirt and tie, with dark pants quickly brought us the menu and took a drink order. The lunch menu offered a good assortment of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, lunch sized entrees, pastas and even dessert. There were also several kids’ menu choices, more than the usual two, making this a good place for families visiting the local sights. Despite the children’s menu, the restaurant’s style is elegant but comfy in a classy old club way.

Appetizers included the traditional St. Louis toasted ravioli (\$6.75), baked potato skins, chicken wings and shrimp cocktail (each \$6.95) but also goat cheese bruschetta (\$6.50) and grilled portobello mushroom (\$8.50). Soups included Clam Chowder, Tomato basil bisque and chili plus a soup of the day, each for 3.95. Salads included a Cobb, (a personal favorite, meal-sized at \$8.50), Caesar and Field Greens with cranberries and feta cheese (\$6.75).

Sandwiches included the usual burgers (\$6.50) but also classic sandwiches like the Club (two versions, \$7.75 and \$7.95), French Dip (\$7.50) and Reuben (\$7.95). It was a bit disappointing that the selection did not include the Depression era classic Prosperity sandwich but the menu offered plenty of other choices, including Jack Daniels BBQ Pulled Pork (\$7.95).

The pastas and lunch entrees included fettuccini chicken Alfredo (\$11.95), portobello and chicken (\$10.50), Madeline’s shrimp pasta (\$11.95), smokehouse pasta (\$10.50) and maple balsamic salmon (\$10.95). There were also Irish stew (\$10.95) and K.C. strip steak (\$12.95).

We ordered Clam Chowder, which was the creamy New England style. It was tasty, but could have been a bit warmer, although it arrived promptly.

We next ordered a chicken club (\$7.95) and a Reuben. Both sandwiches came with an order of fries and pickle garnish. The sandwiches were generous portions but not the enormous platters that one would prefer to split with another diner. The Reuben was very good, with plenty of corned beef, perfectly melted cheese, just enough sauerkraut and Thousand Island dressing. The chicken club, a grilled chicken breast that came with bacon, lettuce and tomato, was also good, but the chicken could have used a bit more salt.

We decided to go for dessert and split the house-made Mud Pie. The Mud Pie was a generous portion, very suitable for two, very rich chocolate ice cream ribboned with fudge and caramel with a crushed cookie crust and dotted with whipped cream. It was very delicious and very rich.

The menu includes information about the restaurant’s founder and history. Besides the Congressional décor, there are a sprinkling of old black and white photos of politicians and a big print of a life magazine cover featuring FDR.

The menu selections for dinner include most of the choices for lunch, plus a wider selection of entrees. Once again, the prices are reasonable for a fine dining restaurant.

Selections on the children’s menu are more varied than usual, with hot dogs, bow tie pasta in a choice of white or red sauce, and chicken strips, each priced at \$3.95. Desserts ranged from cheesecake to mousse to pie, including a house-made Mud Pie, all for \$5.50 each.

Information on Hannegan’s restaurant and pub, including full menus and lots of history can be found at its Web site <http://www.hannegans.admitonevip.com>.

Their phone number is 314- 241-8877.

With good food, a varied and reasonably priced menu, good service and a uniquely political and attractive setting, Hannegan’s is just the place for political and history buffs looking for a bite in the downtown area. Happy days are found when dining at Hannegan’s.

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