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Oxfam Funds Relief Projects

by Carolyn Kruczynski
reporter

The fourteenth annual Oxfam America "Fast for a World Harvest" will be held at UM-St. Louis November 19 and 20. The event is sponsored by the Newman House and the Political Science Academy.

"Oxfam means Oxford University Famine Relief," explained Father Bill Lyons, Chaplain of the Newman House.

"The program started over in England. Each year around Thanksgiving time, students all over the country collaborate to relieve famine throughout the world. And they do this principally by taking a day of fast--which can be interpreted as any way that results in a person spending less money on food for that day. It could be anywhere from giving up a snack, to fasting all day. The money that is saved is given to Oxfam."

Oxfam America is an international non-profit, non-sectarian agency that funds self-help development projects and disaster relief in poor countries in Africa, Asia, Latin

America, and the Caribbean. There are 750 million hungry people--15 to 20 million of them will die this year.

Oxfam helps in such places as Ethiopia and the Philippines by distributing oxen, seeds, plows, shovels, sickles, etc. to peasant farmers. Many other nations are also being helped.

"Oxfam is a tradition at UMSL that goes back five or six years. Students on this campus gave about \$500 last year," said Father Lyons.

This year the sponsors of Oxfam hope to surpass that goal.

An information booth will be set up November 17-20 in the University Center Lobby to answer questions, collect donations, and take sign-ups for the fast.

"We will come together this Friday night at 6:30 at Newman House to break the fast with a simple meal," said Father Lyons.

"Everybody would be welcome this Friday night."

Father Lyons feels that most of the credit for the work being done for Oxfam at UM-St. Louis should attributed to Tom Wagner,

Associate Chaplain of Newman House. Father Lyons says Wagner has worked hard on the Oxfam project. He also ran the project last year.

If you are interested in participating in this year's Oxfam, you can help in several ways:

- participate in the fast itself by giving up a meal, snacks, meats, or all food for any length of time up to one full day. Donate the money you would have spent to Oxfam.

- come to a simple meal on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Newman House (8200 Natural Bridge Road). A guest speaker will discuss world hunger immediately following the meal.

- support the effort by simply donating money.

- invite your friends to participate in it.

For further information about this worthwhile cause, feel free to call the Newman House at 385-3455, or call the Political Science Academy.

Woods Addresses Class On Recent Central American Visit

by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

Missouri Lt. Governor Harriet Woods spoke on campus last Friday about Central America and her experiences traveling throughout the revolution-torn countries of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras.

Woods spoke to a political science class of about 80 people and expressed her concerns about U.S. policies in Central America.

"The state of Missouri has sent its National Guard to Honduras twice to build roads," Woods said. "As Lt. Governor I felt the need to find out for myself. North Americans must know and understand the reality of Central America," she said.

Woods toured the area with 12 other women including a state senator from Iowa and members of the clergy.

The tour took Woods to a northern province of Nicaragua where the Contras had been active and to a labor union office in El Salvador the day after it had been raided, Woods said.



Harriet Woods

"We met with all kinds of women and children who are the victims caught between political forces," Woods said.

The public needs to understand the economic social and political existence of Central America in order to help make decisions about how to deal with it, she explained.

"For example, Honduras in 1980 was a backwater banana republic which was at the bottom of the list for aid from the United States,"

Woods said. "When the Reagan administration came in, they decided they were going to demonstrate their anti-communist policy with their determination of eliminating the Nicaraguan Sandinista government. They decided that Honduras would be our base of action, she explained. So this little backwater country became a 'strategic ally'. They now have the third largest embassy in Latin America.

"We have poured over a billion dollars worth of aid into Honduras and they are still the poorest country in the western hemisphere next to Haiti," Woods said.

According to the Lt. Governor, Central America has no tradition of democratic institutions. Banana and coffee plantations are owned by a small percentage of the population and the majority of the people work for subsistence wages. The peace plan signed by the leaders of the Central American governments is like a declaration of independence. "What the peace plan calls for is a

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Review Reveals Competition

by John Kilgore
reporter

Textbook prices at the UM-St. Louis Bookstore are consistent with other universities' book prices, according to an independent review conducted last spring.

The review was sponsored by the UM-St. Louis Student Association in response to numerous student complaints concerning bookstore practices.

The review, conducted by Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, a national public accounting firm, compared the UM-St. Louis Bookstore pricing practices and procedures with similar information from ten other local colleges and universities.

"Our comparisons indicated that the Bookstore's selling prices were less than or equal to that charged by other bookstores in all cases where we noted an identical title," the study said.

The study indicated that pricing procedures at nine of the ten schools, including UM-St. Louis, were similar. New book prices were

"generally thirty-three percent greater than the bookstore's cost," while used books were "generally repurchased from students at fifty percent of the original selling price."

Nonbook items, ranging from notebooks to sweatshirts, were also compared by the study. The survey indicated that the Bookstore's prices for these items were "competitive with other collegiate bookstores." The study also pointed out that being a "commuter campus," UM-St. Louis is in a competitive market for nonbook items, resulting in a lower percentage of sales in these items than at most universities. The survey said that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986, 92% of Bookstore sales derived from books, and in the fiscal year ending in 1985, book sales accounted for 90% of all Bookstore sales.

According to the study, the Bookstore reported total sales of approximately \$2.4 million, with a net profit of \$23,920, for the fiscal

year ending in 1986 and total sales of approximately \$2.3 million, with a net profit of \$43,159, for the fiscal year ending in 1985.

The net profit of 1.0% of net sales for 1986 and of 1.9% for 1985 were far below the average of 4% net profit for stores of a similar size, the study reported. Again, the study attributed this primarily to the fact that UM-St. Louis is a "commuter campus," putting the Bookstore in a competitive market for the "larger margin" nonbook items.

The study also reviewed the Bookstore's operating expenses and found that it spent less in advertising and travel than most other universities surveyed. According to the review the Bookstore was found to have comparable telephone, rent and utilities costs.

"The Bookstore management engages in competitive bidding practices where such practices are feasible," the survey said.

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Rene Rowe

On Their Way

The UM-St. Louis soccer team beat Michigan's Oakland Soccer Team in the first-round of the NCAA Division Two Playoffs. The Rivermen will face Lock Haven in the quarterfinals at the UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. See story on page 12.

Berger Drops Names, Shares Tips Over Coffee

by Terri Seymour
news editor

"I don't consider myself a journalist -- I'm a chronicler of people," claims the ever-popular, but controversial Jerry Berger, columnist for the "Post Dispatch."

Berger spoke at the University on Tuesday as part of the Coffee and Conversation segment offered by the University Program Board. According to Berger, who was named in "Esquire Magazine" as one of the nation's top ten gossips, he is the "man people love to hate."

Soon to celebrate his tenth year with the "Post Dispatch" as a columnist, Berger attributes the success of his column to the fact that people love to read about people. He believes that his job is one that not many people would want to have. His job as a columnist is one of constant gathering of information and quotes that people want to read.

"One evening I attended six parties," Berger exclaimed, "five of which were black tie." He claims to never experience "writer's block." Berger said that he has many "deephroats" and sources from which he gets his information.

"I don't except press releases -- they're not exclusive to me," he



Cedric R. Anderson

Jerry Berger

explained. "I'm not going to throw just anything at my readers."

According to Berger, there are many places and people "fertile with news." He attributes this to the reason why he has never had any problem producing his daily column.

Although Berger mixes and mingles with the elite of society, he says he "ain't part of that crowd." On his day of rest, Saturday, Berger says he sees his allergist, does laundry and works out a gym.

Berger prides himself on two

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Wolanin : "An Attempt To Kill Two Birds With One Stone"

Washington, D.C. (CPS)--Only freshmen and sophomores could get Pell Grants and only juniors and seniors could get Guaranteed Student Loans in the future if Congress approves a bill introduced last week by an influential legislator from Michigan.

Representative Bill Ford (D-MI), a very influential member of the House education Committee, explained he thought the bill, introduced November 3, could help minimize student loan defaults and help low-income students finance college.

"The bill is an attempt to kill two birds with one stone," said Tom Wolanin, a Ford aide. "It deals with both the problems of equality and defaults."

Ford's measure, if passed, could

prohibit first and second year college students from receiving GSL's. Those students, however, would be eligible to receive Pell Grants, federal endowments the students don't have to repay.

If passed, the bill would let students get Pell Grants of up to \$4,000 a year, up from the current \$2,100 limit.

Pell Grants may only be used to pay for 60 percent of education costs, and although Ford's bill does not seek to change that policy, Wolanin said "we're open to change."

GSL's would be limited to upperclassmen and graduate students, and the maximum amount a student could borrow would be increased from \$4,000 to \$7,000 a year.

Community college and

vocational school students would benefit most from the bill, Wolanin said, because they could complete their two year-educations without incurring loan debts.

Existing federal student aid programs discourage low-income students from enrolling in colleges, Wolanin said, because many are reluctant to go into debt to do so.

Giving such students Pell Grants instead of loaning them money through the GSL program, Wolanin said, could "help them get started. Many students don't know what direction they want to go in when they first attend school."

The proposed legislation would reduce loan defaults, Wolanin reasoned, because many defaulters are underclassmen from low-income backgrounds who drop out of

school when they don't find their niche.

"The problem is we lend money to people who are too high risk," he said. Upperclassmen and graduate students, who presumably after two years of school know what they want to do with their college educations, are better credit risks, he said.

Wolanin doesn't believe the bill would require greater funding for education programs, since the federal government would save money from decreasing loan defaults and subsidies. Additional funds would be available since juniors and seniors would be ineligible for Pell Grants.

"According to my figures, it would be a wash. We would need no new

Irish Utopia Chained To Burden Of History And Ideology

by Kevin Lacostelo
editor

"Today I want to talk about Northern Ireland. Problems and solutions. Notice the plural rather than 'a' solution. I'm talking about problems and solutions," Vincent Geoghegan said emphasizing the 's' ending on each word with a flourish of English-Irish brogue.

"I want to adopt a historical approach because Irish history is at the root of the dispute. Both sides make certain historical claims, the way they conceptualize the opposition is in many ways conceptualized in historical terms," Geoghegan continued.

"The year in Northern Ireland is marked by a series of anniversaries of past catastrophes, triumphs and so forth. Therefore, to

really understand the conflict, it is necessary to understand the roots of that conflict."

Vincent Geoghegan a Lecturer in Political Science from The Queen's University of Belfast and a Visiting Professor of Political Science at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, addressed a small group of students, staff and faculty Friday, November 13 in the

McDonnell Conference Room. Geoghegan was on campus as a Distinguished Foreign Scholar from the Mid-America State Universities Association. His expertise in Irish conflict stems from research in social theory, political ideologies and utopianism. He is the co-editor of a forthcoming volume entitled "A History of Political Ideas in Ireland." See "IRISH," page 3

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Basketball at UM-St. Louis tips off its 1987-88 seasons. Check out this year's Rivermen and Rivermen teams.

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TAKE A BREATH...
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A Free Press Serves Best

It was March 1986, student Association president Greg Barnes and his appointees to the Student Activities Budget Committee removed the *Current* from base funding. Prior to the action, the *Current* had printed news stories and editorials critical of Barnes' administration.

Fortunately, other students discovered Barnes' maneuver and intervened on behalf of the *Current* to restore base funding. What would have happened if students concerned about a free press had not intervened?

Could the *Current* have regained its base funding from an appeals committee of the same students who removed it? Would the Senate Student Affairs Committee have approved the SABC recommendations? Would the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Sandy Maclean, the same Vice Chancellor advocating a student publications task force, have intervened on behalf of the *Current*?

The most frequent source of student government attempts to censor or control student newspapers is through funding of student supports for newspapers.

Student government at Northern Illinois pulled its funding from the *Northern Star* several years ago because the paper refused to yield to pressures regarding editorial content. The *Northern Star* now functions without student government funding.

The student senate president at the University of Montana cut the government's \$10,000 allocation to the *Kaimin* to \$1 last spring after the paper successfully defeated the commission of higher education's publications policy proposal for the university.

At the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, the five student members of the publications board are nominated by the student government, which has investigated the possibility of taking editorial control of the paper through its members on the board.

Student government at the University of Nevada—Las Vegas is the source for almost half of the *Yellin' Rebel's* budget. The student senate also confirms the publication board's choice for editor in chief. Because of the student governments large role in Rebel operations, four Rebel staff members hold seats in the 20-member senate in an attempt to prevent an outright takeover by student government.

Here at UM—St. Louis, two student senators are members of the Senate Student Publications Committee. The senate bylaws stipulate that a senator shall chair that committee. It would be quite simple for an activist student government president to have a senator selected to chair the publications committee which selects the *Current* editor. Neither of the student senators on this year's committee agreed to act as a chairperson. Instead, a faculty member from the School of Optometry volunteered his time and energy for the task.

While the *Current* is in no perceptible danger of experiencing a budget slashing from a student government controlled budget committee yet, it is in danger of unwelcome, unwarranted harassment and intimidation from good intentioned but unknowing administrators.

While the *Current* is one of only a handful of student newspapers in the United States without an adviser, it is not the only student newspaper receiving hostile fire from student government, publication boards and administrators.

And, while no one comes to our newsroom to preview each edition, the recommendation for a task force to analyze our perceived problems and recommend improvements smacks of administrative attempts to gain control over a well run business operation and editorially alive student press.

Analysis of *Current* operations by students, faculty, staff and administrators who know nothing of the *Current* experience will only lead to bureaucracy where none is needed. Has the edition of faculty to University Players improved "theatrical quality"? And what of student government? Could it not be improved and made more effective with a faculty adviser or task force to investigate its operations?

Kevin Lacostelo

Central America

Woods Ignores Harsh Reality



Big Deal

by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

The recent visit by Harriet Woods has got me to thinking about Central America and I would like to be a little less sarcastic in this column.

This is strictly my opinion, that's why it's in my column and not in an editorial.

The Lt. Governor had some good points in her talk, but I think she is missing a lot of what is really going on in that part of the world. First of all, what she got was the public relations tour, not what the average soldier or photojournalist sees. I'm sorry to burst Ms. Woods' bubble, but what she saw was extremely watered down. She mentioned to the class that an assassination had taken place outside of their hotel in El Salvador two days before she arrived. If the persons who planned the assassination really wanted to make an impression, they would have made the hit right before her eyes.

Woods says that her group talked to Contra leaders. The people she talked to were probably the P.R. men for the Contras. Woods didn't get to see the real scene for several reasons. For one, she is an American government official. Second, she would make a really fine hostage and leverage tool for whatever group that would choose to abduct her. And third, not being sexist, she is a woman. A woman Lt. Governor would be a big splash in the



"NO, NO, NO, LET'S GO OVER IT AGAIN—THESE ARE THE GUERRILLAS WE'RE SUPPLYING AND THOSE ARE THE GUERRILLAS WE'RE TRYING TO STAMP OUT..."

media if she were to be kidnapped.

My views may be a little cynical, but I think they are more realistic than what her sightseeing tour was. No one in their right mind would let her see a pistol put to a rebel's head while he is being questioned and when he gives the wrong answer, his brains are splattered against the closest tree.

Even the journalists who are there are not completely safe and they are the ones who travel with the most ease between the borders.

I think it's great that she got to see part of the situation in Central America. Most people, whether or not they are politicians, could not have the opportunity to view the circumstances first hand and for-

mulate their own opinions. It would be great if more of our leaders could have that experience, but the reality is that they would be prime targets for a bullet.

Unfortunately the only safe way for our leaders to learn about the situation in Central America is to listen to what the journalists are sending to the rest of the world. Even that information is incomplete at best. The government and rebel forces frequently intercept photos and reports heading out and censor them.

I don't claim to be a Central American expert, I'm far from it. This is just my impression after hearing Woods talk and paint a homogenized picture for professor Mushaben's class.

I would like to move on to

something more positive and totally away from the previous subject.

The new subject is advising boys and girls. After the editorial in last week's paper, the feedback from students and administrators has been very positive. It's good to see that someone beside a few students think something is wrong with our present system. It may be a while before anything is changed, but at least someone is willing to try. If you think something is unfair on this campus you have a right to express yourself. Three education students did and it seems to be working. Don't hesitate to send a letter to the editor or question a Dean about any policy on campus. It's about time people on this campus started to wake up and do something about unsatisfactory policies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voices In Unison

Dear editor:

Amen to "Revise Advising." Oh, to have the luxury of schedules published two years in advance! Mathematics/Computer Science majors would gratefully settle for one semester's advance notice. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding and staff shortages, compounded by poor planning, our course offerings are frequently not set until weeks - or even days - before registration.

When courses required for graduation conflict or get changed at the last moment, the department seems inflexible in offering alternatives. Students are advised to take courses for which they are ill-prepared or else they stay an extra semester. The four year degree is virtually non-existent in Clark Hall.

To be sure, there are concerned, helpful professors who respect the integrity of students. They just don't seem to be the ones making the decisions.

Names withheld by request
M/CS Majors

Ripples On The Sea

Dear editor:

The interview published in the most recent edition of *Current* (November 12, 1987) under the title "Visiting Professor Searches for Meaning", has unleashed short witty and gentle comments among friends and acquaintances on this campus, comments which I have enjoyed. Thank you Dan Noss for the article—and the apropos title because of my particular interest in symbols, I suppose—and thank you also Cedric Anderson for the picture.

Now, for the purpose of further clarification, let me add two very brief comments to the interview. First: I came to Washington University as a Fulbright Fellow to pursue graduate studies in Sociology and Anthropology, then I went into Cultural Anthropology. Upon my return to Colombia, I became Dean of the College of Humanities of the Universidad del Cauca, one of the seven Colleges which conform that institution. Second: after the Popayan's earthquake of 1983, I accepted a University Research Fellowship from Washington University, and one year later I came to the University of Missouri—St. Louis, where I will be until the end of this academic year.

LETTERS POLICY

The *Current* welcomes all letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must be included. Non-students must also sign their letters but only need to add their phone number. Letters should not be more than two typed pages in length.

No unsigned letters will be published. The author's name will

be withheld upon request. Letters permitting use of the author's name will receive first preference.

Responsibility for letters to the editor belongs to the individual writer. The *Current* maintains the right to refuse publication of letters judged to be in poor taste. Letters may be edited to fit space consideration.

—"Have I found some answer to the questions of life in this place? ...am I going to share the clues with the rest?...". These were the questions a dear colleague, jokingly, asked me the other day. He made me think about it; let me share with you:

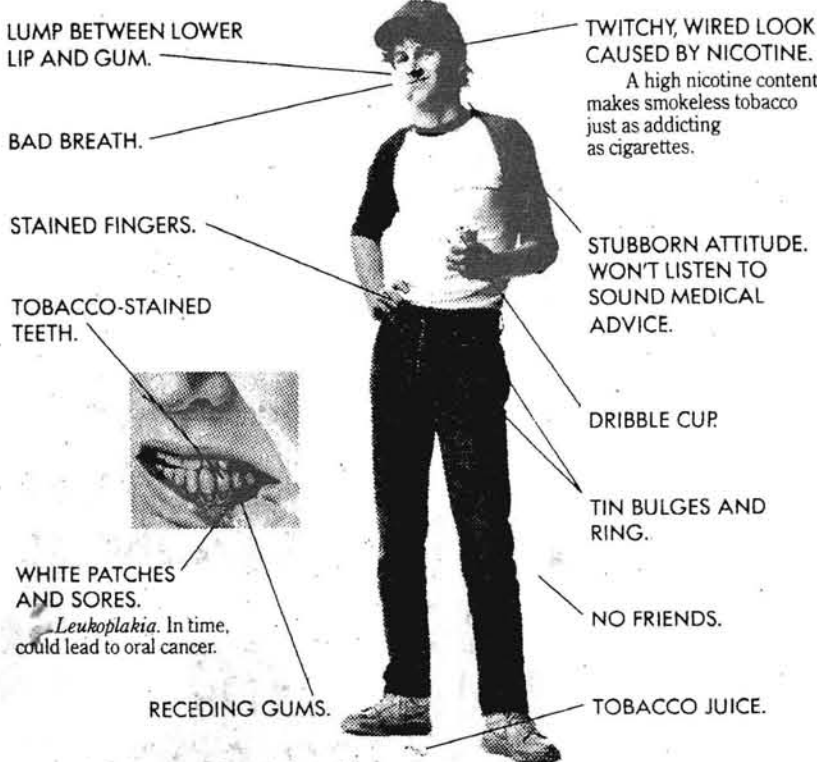
Walker, there is no way you make your path as you walk. When you walk you make a way you won't be able to step; the steps that were on your path, are just ripples on the sea.

My excuses to those of you who know the poem in Spanish; for my attempts to translate meanings, I have destroyed — perhaps — forms.

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Kill

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money. We would just use what we already have available more effectively."

But Bill Jamroz, a Department of Education spokesperson, said the plan would bring additional costs. Another problem, he said, is that the bill calls for "a literal shooing of money into schools with no ties to the quality of education" provided.

Other observers, while supportive of the bill's goals, are reserving judgement until further study can be done.

"Ford is a very big student advocate and the bill comes with the best

intentions," said Mary Preston of the United States Student Association. But, "we're going to study it and make some recommendations."

"We have no position on it yet," explained Dr. Dallas Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Martin called the proposal a "positive step away from the heavy reliance on loans," but said the bill "needs some refinements."

Woods

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Central American Parliament," Woods said. "All they want is freedom. Those presidents signed that plan because their people made them. Their people pressured them and were saying 'we won't take it any more'."

What the common person wants in Central America, she said, is food, shelter and medical care for their children. The U.S. forces are in Central America for two purposes claims Woods. One purpose is that it is good for trade. The second reason is that we are preventing an invasion from Nicaragua. During her

trip, Woods asked a Honduran if he was afraid of an invasion from Nicaragua. The man replied that he was not afraid but his government was.

"There is a sense that the U.S. won't let them be independent because there is such a preoccupation with the Contras," Woods said. "Anywhere you have military jurisdiction, no matter how well meaning, the population begins to resent it," stressed the Lt. Governor. "Our attempt to deal with Central America through military aid to the Contras, in my experience, is really not helping this country."

Berger

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things, his desire for accuracy and his devotion to the black community. Berger said he is very direct about admitting and correcting mistakes he has made in his column.

"It helps my credibility to say 'oops, I made an error,'" he explained.

Berger says he plans to continue writing his column for the rest of his career.

"Mine is a most unique column," he said. "It is a most stable profession, and I really enjoy it."

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★ ATTENTION ★ January 1988 Graduating Students

The University Bookstore is now accepting cap-and-gown rental orders for Commencement Exercises January 3rd. The deadline for ordering is November 25th.

Due to early closing for the holidays, distribution of caps-and-gowns will be on December 21st and 22nd in the University Center Lounge.

If you fail to pick them up on the designated days, caps-and-gowns will be available the day of graduation at 1 p.m. in room 203 of the Mark Twain Building.

Congratulations
The University Bookstore Staff

Irish

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"The Norman-English invasion of Ireland in the 12th century was essentially the invasion of Ireland by a foreign nobility who became rapidly assimilated," Geoghegan said. "It is in the 16th century that a systematic conquest of Ireland began. The paradox is that the one area of Ireland that held out the longest against conquest was the northeast, the pockets of Ulster, the most British part of Ireland now."

"The response of the British government to the Ulster resistance was in effect to introduce policy which would make sure that Ulster

would never again be troublesome. The solution was plantations; groups of individuals who would be acted on in subjugation, a group that could be trusted to make sure that Ulster would never again be troublesome," Geoghegan said.

"The people who came were predominantly Scottish, therefore, distinct from the native Gaelic. There were linguistic differences, differences in religion. The Scots were mainly Presbyterian, the Northern Irish were predominantly Catholic. Different cultures, different economic ways, a classical divided

society. Two groups differing in a series of major ways, introduced in a context of conquest. Clearly stirring up trouble," Geoghegan continued.

Geoghegan's expertise in Irish history and political conflict enabled him to describe for his audience the numerous factions and competing ideologies involved in the fighting there. Aside from the damage of armed conflict, are the economic consequences of a protracted war. Not only is the economy of Ireland badly damaged, but the British economy is suffering too.

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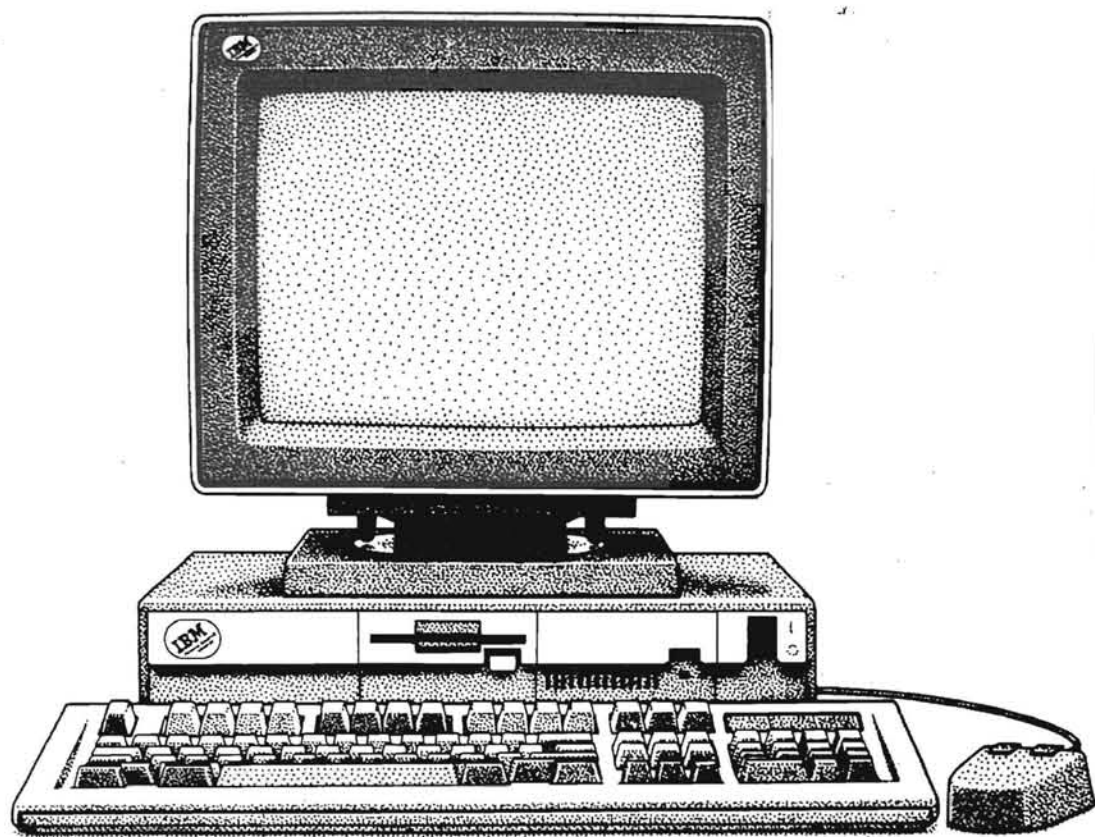
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NEWSBRIEFS

Major construction will complicate access to the third-floor lobby of Lucas Hall and to the Arts and Sciences office (303 Lucas Hall), as well as to the Evening College office, beginning in November.

The purpose of the construction will be to expand the Arts and Sciences Extension and Advising offices and to lower the lobby ceiling. Because remodeling will also be in progress within 303 Lucas, some preregistration advising will take place in areas outside the advising office.

An International Cluster meeting, sponsored by the Center for International Studies Department, will be held today from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in 331 SSB, the McDonnell Conference Room.

Professor Yael Even, and Assistant Professor in the UM-St. Louis Art Department will be the speaker. She will share her personal thoughts and feelings about growing up in Israel, and will offer her personal perspective of an Israeli living abroad. Her talk will be entitled, "Israel Revisited."

A New Age Psychic Fair, featuring Rosie Cosentine, will be presented by Spiraling Stairways in the Grand Ballroom of the Viking Lodge, Watson Road and South

Lindbergh Boulevard, Saturday, November 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 22, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Rosie Cosentine, practicing astrologer since 1971, is Vice-President of C & S Productions, founder and Past-President of the American College of Astrology, the first college of its kind in St. Louis. A teacher, lecturer, writer, and radio and television personality, Rosie had her own show, "Astrology Today" on Qube Cable, and for seven and a half years predicted Cardinal Baseball games for KXOK Radio.

This fair is sponsored by Spiraling Stairways, a metaphysical organization whose goals are to offer the public information on various metaphysical subjects such as those mentioned in Shirley MacLaine's books and TV mini-series, through psychic fairs, seminars, lectures, and workshops. For further information, please call: 965-8177. Admission at door, \$3.00.

Literary critic Alfred Kazin will discuss American literature during lectures at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Monday, November 30, and Tuesday, December 1.

On November 30 at 1 p.m. in Room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building, Kazin will lecture on "The Almighty Has His Own Purpose: God and the Modern American Writer." On

December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in Room 229 of the J.C. Penney Building he will lead a colloquium on the works of Herman Melville.

Admission to both events is free. The lectures are part of the Chancellor's Humanities Lecture Series. For more information, call 553-5541.

Billie Sue Schulze has been appointed to the position of assistant vice chancellor for University Relations at the university of Missouri-St. Louis.

Schulze has worked as a special development consultant to UM-St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett since November 1986. As assistant vice chancellor for University Relations, Schulze will be responsible for the daily operation of the division of University Relations, which includes public relations, fund raising and alumni activities.

She also has been a member of several community boards including the St. Louis Art Museum, The Missouri Historical Society and the National Kidney Foundation. Schulze is a graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

A Political Science Academy meeting will be held this evening at 7:30 p.m. Bradley LeBoeuf from Amnesty International will be speaking on "Human Rights." LeBoeuf is the coordinator for Amnesty International activities in Iran. For more information call 553-5521.

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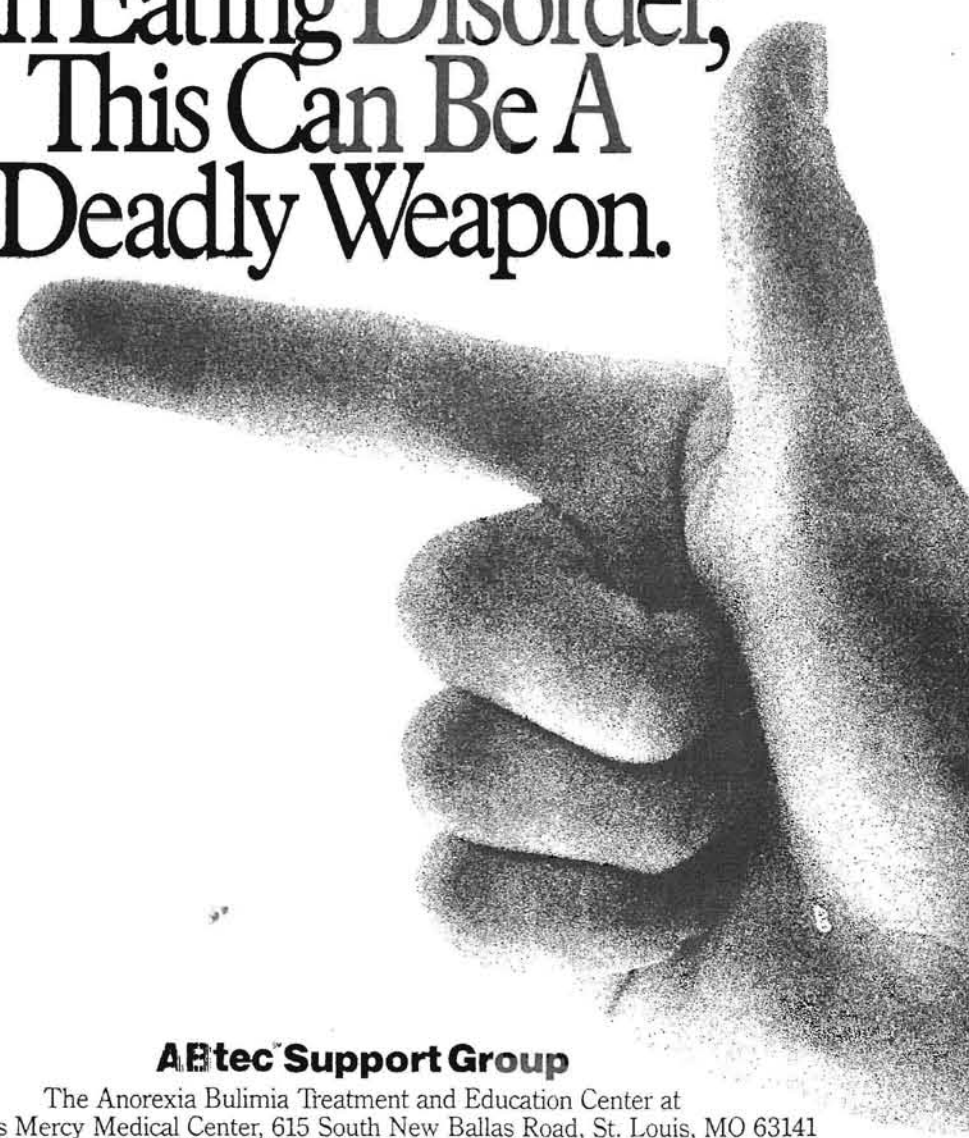
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Speakers Denounce Capitalism, Advocate Self Determination

by Michael Curran
associate news editor

Self determination was the theme of the Kwanzaa Celebration on Tuesday the 17th. Representatives speaking on behalf of the Sandinistas, Palestinians, and the African National Congress said that their struggle is a common one: gaining the freedom to choose their own political and economic system.

Nasser Badwin, speaking on behalf of the St. Louis Democratic Committee for Palestine said that support from the international community would only come when the truth of the Palestinian situation is made known. "Our struggle is a class struggle," Badwin said.

"Unfortunately, after World War II there was a power vacuum in the Middle East which western imperialists had to fill with a government that would look after its own interests," Badwin said.

Badwin also said that Jews returning to their homeland, especially since they were victimized by Hitler, made them a likely candidate for western support. Badwin also said that since Palestine would not be friendly to western imperialists, since Palesti-

nian rights to a homeland were totally overlooked and ignored.

He said people in America should read literature other than Newsweek, Time, The Washington Post, and other biased sources of news. "These sources don't tell you the real struggle of the Palestinian people," he said.

Paris Mashile, speaking on behalf of the African National Congress, addressed the South African conflict.

"Apartheid is not to be seen as a local problem only, but as an international problem," Mashile said. He continued by saying that people in America are perhaps unknowingly contributing to a vast international economic network of capitalistic exploitation and oppression which feeds cheap labor throughout the world.

He said that continued constructive engagement with America is merely a cloak for the continued oppression of the black man in South Africa. He also said that people in America are supporting a system of economic oppression as long as they continue to refrain from divestment and other tactics which would weaken and overthrow the present regime there.

"Self determination in South Africa will never be realized until apartheid is overthrown," Mashile said.

Mashile also addressed the problem of unity amongst free African states. "It is not in the foreseeable future that unity amongst independent African states will be achieved anytime soon," he said. "As long as African leaders have their future tied to Washington, self determination collectively in Africa will not be likely soon," he added. Mashile made reference to the President of Zaire assisting the CIA and other western imperialistic forces in terrorist activities against Angola.

The featured speaker for the Sandinista Support Group was unable to attend the meeting Tuesday night. In his place, Hillary Shelton communicated facts and figures he obtained on the conflict in Central America.

Shelton also spoke of the similarities the various revolutionary movements have in common. In each case, there is a capitalistic oppressor exacting cheap labor and a product which is then marketed at a high profit in another capitalistic state, creating a tiny economic elite throughout

the world.

"Reform in these countries will not mean the floor will be raised," Shelton said. "It will lower the ceiling."

Prior to the Kwanzaa Celebration which began at 7:00 p.m., two UM-St. Louis students provided pro-

gressive speeches on the need for a greater awareness of African culture among American blacks.

"Awareness of one's own culture will allow each ethnic group to be better able to contribute to a greater society," Derick Williams said.

"Just as we learn about Chris-

topher Columbus and other notable people, so we should learn and appreciate what leaders in Africa have done," Rod Pratt added.

The Kwanzaa Celebration is a week long event which began this past Friday the 13th and will continue on through to Friday the 20th.

Holiday Fest '87 in U. Center Lobby

Holiday Fest '87 kicks off next week with an invitation to students, staff, faculty and administrators to visit University Center Lobby and Lounge. Student leaders and University Center staff will be on hand to pour refreshments and serve up generous portions of holiday spirit.

For the third consecutive year, University Center and Student Activities office staff are transforming University Center into a campus wide celebration.

Beginning on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24 and 25, student leaders from a variety of student organizations and the University Center staff will be tying bows, hanging garland and stringing lights on the Community Evergreen Tree in the U. Center lobby.

A campus wide tree trimming party is planned for Monday, November 30. Students, student organizations, offices and departments are invited to add ornaments or decorations to the tree at any time. University Center is providing popcorn and cranberries for garlands. Cider and eggnog will be available for refreshment.

Food Drive '87 gets underway on Tuesday, December 1. Food contributions should be brought to University Center Lobby for tagging and display under the Community Evergreen Tree. On Monday, December 7, the food baskets will be delivered to the North Side Team Ministry for distribution to deserving families in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Last year's food

drive was 50 percent more successful than the previous year's. University Center staff hopes to have an even more successful drive this year.

Madrigal Singers will perform at 1 p.m. in the Summit Lounge on Wednesday, December 2. The singers will appear in medieval costumes to compliment the atmosphere created by their music. They will perform selections from the up-coming Madrigal Dinner.

The Community Evergreen Tree and the University Center decorations will remain "on show" through the end of this semester. Questions, comment or suggestions regarding Holiday Fest '87 may be directed to the University Center or Student Activities offices at 553-5291 or 553-5336 respectively.

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Gooch, Let's see a really scary movie. I'll bring the popcorn and you bring the seatbelt. We can sit in the back row again. See you then (Miss Keppler).

Beloved Scalenis, I'm sorry but the Rush tape and first aid kit are going to Kansas City. No wait! I mean Earth City. No wait! I think I feel Mono coming on. Oh hell, let's go formal. Can I drive?

Gooch, We (the coalition of your devoted wenches) count the minutes until you're again free to carry out your duties as K.O.T.V. We all know this is a service oriented society. We expect action! Pick up the pace sweetness.

Holiday Fest '87 begins Monday, Nov. 30. Join your friends in the University

Center Lobby for a cup of cider or eggnog. Add a link to the University Community Chain! Don't miss the fun, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30.

Need a break from studying for finals? Do your weary eyes a favor and stop by the University Center on Monday, Nov. 30, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a cookie and some cider! Holiday Fest is just what you need!



Holiday Fest

November 30 - December 4



Scheduled Holiday Fest Events

Monday:

10:00am - 2:00pm &

6:00pm - 7:30pm

University Community Chain
Tree Trimming by Depts. & Organizations
Popcorn & Cranberry Stringing
Holiday Munchies
12:30pm & 7:30pm

Movie 'Meet Me in St. Louis'

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Holiday Visitor

Tuesday:

10:00am - 2:00pm &

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Food Baskets for Food Drive
Popcorn & Cranberry Stringing
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Holiday Visitor

Wednesday:

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Madrigal Singers

The tree goes up before Thanksgiving break and stays up during Holiday Fest. You can see 'Meet Me In St. Louis' and the Madrigal Singers in the Summit Lounge. All other events take place in the University Center Lobby. Visit the lobby for some Holiday Cheer.



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University Program Board and Music Department.

Archives Are A Storehouse Of Information

by Angie Sample reporter

A vast source of information and historical artifacts, packed with priceless photographs, papers, manuscripts, diaries, ledgers and a countless number of other items exists on this campus.

This collection is The Western Historical Manuscript Collection and the State Historical Society of Missouri Manuscripts (the Joint Collection) and the University Archives.

The storehouse of knowledge is located on the second level of the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Patricia Adams, associate director of the Joint Collection, said, "Collections are very valuable to students for term papers, background information for speeches, English compositions and political science students."

The Western Historical Manuscript Collection is part of a four-campus network (Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis) that is associated with the State Historical Society of Missouri Manuscripts in Columbia.

The central office of the system is in Columbia where James Goodrich, the Director of the Joint Collection, presides. The collections, like the library program, is subject to inter-library loan. Each campus has a set of its campus records in the archives.

"The Manuscript Collection's main strengths include women's history, politics, black history, business and professional organizations, labor history, social reform, genealogy, oral history (interviews) and a photograph collection (70,000 pieces)," Adams said. "The items on this campus pertain mainly to the greater St. Louis metro area."

Outstanding items available for review are the personal papers and/or records of Harriet Woods, William Hungate, the League of Women Voters, RCGA, the St. Louis Zoo and countless others.

The Manuscript Collection, open since 1968, was formed almost entirely through donations.

"The University Archives (the other half of the department) documents the other half of this campus," Adams said. "We have all the chancellors' papers, going back to the first chancellor, James Bugg. Students use it to research the now-defunct Bugg lake, parking regulations and different campus functions. Actually, the records of this campus document the history of higher education, an urban commuter campus, what is taught at a university and how students socialize."

The Joint Collection and the University Archives have not been entered in Lumin, the library's computerized card catalog, but they will be soon.

"We do intend to enter the collections in Lumin because it will certainly increase people's knowledge and increase the use of our material," Adams said.

You can use this collection by going to the second level of the Thomas Jefferson Library and telling an attendant which topic you're interested in, and they will help you. If you prefer, a card catalog, an inventory of collections and subject guides are available to assist you in your search as well.

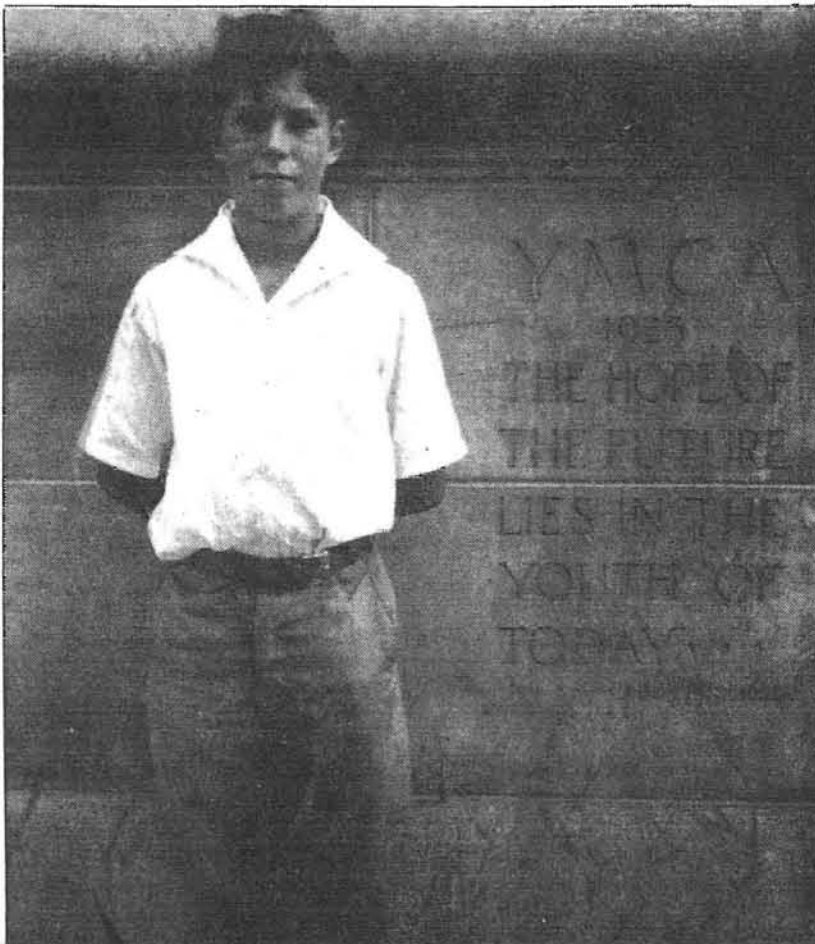
The Manuscript Collection and the University Archives are open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tuesdays,

when they are open until 9 p.m.

Although the materials in either collection do not circulate (because most pieces are priceless and irreplaceable), they can be copied for ten cents a copy.

Some of the photographs are, with special permission, allowed to leave the library.

"I would like to stress that we're always willing to see what we have that can help student with term papers and such," Adams said. "Students are not aware of what is in the collections and rely on books and periodicals, which is fine. We provide an added dimension."



ARCHIVES: This picture of a St. Louis youth stading in front of the downtown YMCA in 1926 is part of the collection of YMCA photos and records in the Western Historical Manuscript Collection on TJ Library.

Mixed Reviews: "Less Than Zero" Is Less Than Perfect

by Eileen Pacino movie reviewer

"Less Than Zero" is more than embarrassing in its struggle to make some kind of artistic sense out of the disembowelled remains of "enfant terrible," Bret Easton Ellis's best selling expose of coke kids crawling through the neon Sodom and Gomorrah of L.A.

The novel pulled no punches as it went for the jugular of sensibility. But British director Marek Kaniwvka has made the film version appropriately middle of the road and acceptably titillating, but not savagely honest.

Three upper-crust youngsters celebrate their high school graduation clutching bottles of champagne in the film's opening scenes. Six months later it's Christmas, and Clay Easton (Andrew McCarthy) in his Spiegel decorated dorm room at an Ivy League college is torturing himself with black and white memories of his girl Blair Kennedy's (Jami Gertz) betrayal of their love with close friend Julian Wells (Robert Downey Jr.). Old loyalties are still strong, however, so Clay races his vintage automobile cross-country back to his Fortune 500 home to answer Blair's plea for help.

Once back in the City of Angels, he discovers that Julian is under the thumb of drug dealer Rip Meese (James Spader) to the tune of 50 grand. His hopes of becoming a club owner where upscale teens dance and eat and do designer drugs are dashed when his unforgiving father forbids a sympathetic uncle to loan Julian the start-up money.

Clay tries to dismiss Julian's dilemma as just poor control over recreational activities; but he soon discovers that Julian's way of life is an albatross around his neck that will soon drown him, and like a drowning man, his thrashings will drag down anyone who comes close to him.

As Rip tells Clay, "Old habits don't die, they just hibernate;" and the bear that has crawled out of the cave of Julian's degradation is emaciated, wild and dangerous. His gruesome wasting provides the main jolt to the film, but there is no corresponding sympathy from the audience because it had no idea who this person was before he fell from grace or what worth this person had to make Clay struggle so to save him.

The lifeline Clay throws Blair to haul her away from Julian's playground of poison is one of sex—defiant and dangerous—but at least alive; and she grabs on for dear life, while Julian goes down for the third and last time.

There's a predictable ending and a requisite alienation from invisible parents trapped in their own amoral worlds of wealth; but the irony of the "pink" Christmas, artificial snow, metallic trees and the world of all take, no give provide an appropriately sterile world for an ultimately sterile movie.

"Less Than Zero" is a Twentieth Century Fox film, rated R for language, sex and drug use.



TOP: Jami Gertz and Andrew McCarthy try to save their friend Julian (Robert Downey), BOTTOM, in "Less Than Zero."

by Christopher A. Duggan features editor

I knew from the very start that it wasn't going to be...cheerful. Whenever a movie starts, and everything is just as great as it can be, you know that everything is going to go wrong. And whenever someone says, "let's take a picture of the three of us for posterity," you just know that a lot of awful things are going to happen, and in the end they are going to fade to the snapshot that was taken at the beginning.

In "Less Than Zero," based on the novel by Bret Easton Ellis, three friends find, after graduating from high school, that as you grow older, life changes for you and the people you knew when you were younger, sometimes disastrously.

Andrew McCarthy ("St. Elmo's Fire" and "Mannequin") plays Clay Easton, who during his first semester of college, finds out that his girlfriend, Blair (Jami Gertz), has been unfaithful to him. What makes it worse is that she has been unfaithful with his own best friend, Julian (Robert Downey Jr.).

This is all revealed during a couple of flashbacks from Clay's room at college after a phone call from Blair asking when he'd be home again.

Upon returning to Beverly Hills, he finds out that Julian is heavily in debt to Rip (James Spader), the local drug dealer. Blair, who turned away from college at the last minute to pursue a modeling career, is also shown as one who uses cocaine from time to time.

What a thing to come home to. Merry Christmas.

McCarthy plays the role of the betrayed confused boyfriend who only wants to get away from it all as soon as he can, using the reserved acting style that he does best. His emotions are clearly visible in every facial expression.

Robert Downey Jr. is also very effective as the coke addict who keeps getting in deeper and deeper as each of his plans for success falls through. He wants out but can't get out, and he's too proud to ask for help from his father or his friends until it's almost too late.

The movie works pretty well in its picturization of the young affluent society in Beverly Hills, that is mostly comprised of spoiled youngsters who party every night and get high a lot.

There are also many good confrontation scenes between the three friends and the dealer.

The movie falls apart at times, however, when it becomes mostly scenes of a wild crowd making a lot of noise and sniffing coke like it was going out of style.

See DUGGAN, page 7

For Scorpio, November Is A Time Of Intensity

by Linda Easte astrologer

(Horoscopes have no basis in scientific fact and should be read for entertainment, not for guidance.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Intensity, crisis, passion, more intensity, more crisis, more passion, whew. No one said that life around this sun sign was easy. "But," says Scorpio coldly, Houdini eyes boring into yours, "if you want easy, take a hike with that Gemini you've got eyes for." Don't fall for it. It's a trap. Your Scorpio love may dare you in the frostiest manner imaginable to explore someone new. It's a test to see if you're really serious, really trustworthy. Fail the test and you're banished in frozen silence to wastelands beyond Siberia.

Scorpio is a fixed water sign. Consider the symbolism. A pool of water can be as transparent as glass or as murky as Loch Ness. In either case, Scorpio wants to know what lies in the bottom of the pool. It it's something mysterious or bizarre, so much the better.

Scorpio is fascinated by quirkiness and obsessed with plunging into the depths. Naturally, they make wonderful psychologists, detectives, scientists and investigative reporters.

Scorpio's mission is to open up his vast well of emotional vulnerability and to learn to trust. Without trust, Scorpio can't achieve his objective—to learn intimacy. Intimacy is symbolized by sexual union, but can be manifested on emotional and spiritual levels as well.

The process is elimination—getting rid of the fear of emotional risk that Scorpio must transcend to get intimacy. The result is nothing less than transformation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Relationships are key. You're feeling warmly sociable, attracting people who can work with you to achieve your goals. This is a good time for team projects, if you don't succumb to irritation over group pressures. After the 12th, you'll be more likely to keep your thoughts to yourself.

The next couple of years will be a time of intense changes for you. Use the balance of the month to meditate on your needs, clarify your direction. A new cycle begins for you when the sun enters Sagittarius on the 23rd.

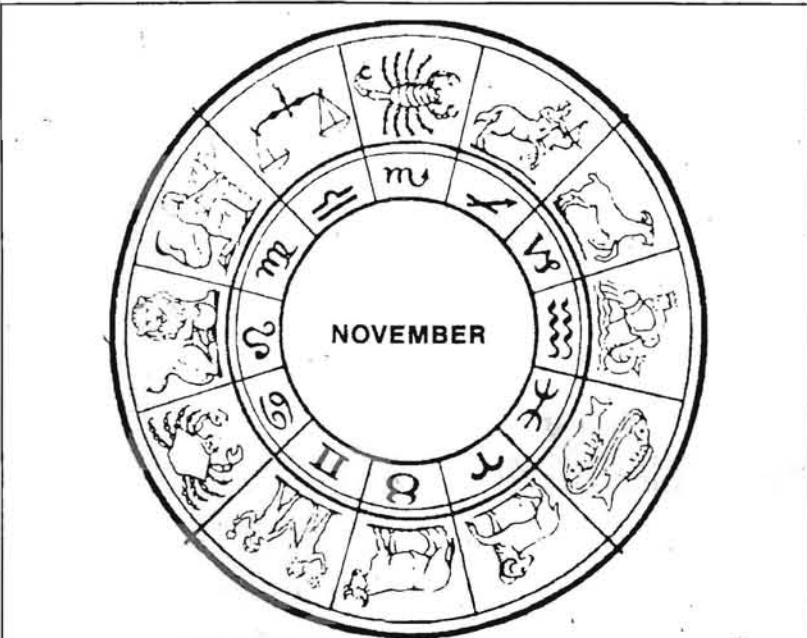
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You tend to measure success by how much work you churn out, so you should be happy now. Your ambition and energy levels are high. There's an element of selfishness about your work right now. You may be idealistic, interested in the

brotherhood of man, anxious to express your philosophy through action.

Conflict can block progress, however, you don't maintain an awareness that other's goals may not mesh with your own. You are in a

ing. You come to public attention more easily now. You may find a new friend who can serve as a men-

tor or guide. Communication with those in authority is favored. Ride high on the 26th and 27th.



building phase. You may feel that your actions are blocked on the 21st and 22nd; however, you slide into high cycle on the 23rd and 24th.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Job-seeking Aquarians will find this an excellent time to do some personal public relations and advertis-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Are you attracted to an older person in a position of authority—your boss perhaps? Or it may be someone who

is very mature and conservative by nature. At any rate, you're sitting pretty as far as career is concerned. Sudden opportunities may arise

around the 21st or 22nd which will affect your status.

If you have paid your dues by being disciplined and organized, a promotion may come your way. You may be spending more than you planned. Be careful not to waste your resources.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are feeling very assertive this month. The emphasis is on self-expansion, which can cause some conflict with others.

You can attract people now who can broaden your horizons. They may be foreigners or persons who are just better educated or more experienced than you are. Give your curiosity full reign. Communication is intense. Great depth can be achieved; play detective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're probably working more now. You probably prefer to work alone; if that is not possible, you may have to put your ego in your hip pocket or endure some conflict with your employer.

If you need to consult an expert or a specialist in any field, this is a good time for opening up the lines of communication. The 19th and 20th are good for college-related activities. You'll probably feel ultramellow on the 23rd and 24th, and hit the brakes on the 26th 27th.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Party hearty until the 20th, when you'll have to start picking up the details and work you've let slide

lately. Activities involving members of social organizations who share your goals are favored.

You are able to sharply scrutinize information; mental processes are very clear. Be careful that your sharp eye doesn't turn into a sharp tongue. However, even your criticism is likely to be taken well, since this is a good time for you to come before the public eye—particularly from the 28th through the 30th.

Have your picture taken.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Whatever your age, you feel especially youthful and free to express yourself. This is a good time to do creative writing, to communicate to people about yourself, to let the power of your personality shine.

You may feel a bit pranksterish as well, which can get you into trouble if you don't keep in mind other people's sensitivities. Work and career are in good shape are in good shape. Opportunities may come to you in the areas of career and status.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): You're usually very future oriented, but now your thought may be dwelling on a past situation. An old flame may actually appear in your life.

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A Student Named Grotegeers Cheers

by Christopher A. Duggan
features editor

During Expo, we at the *Current* had a drawing at our booth, the winner of which would win a feature article to be written about them. About 20 people put their names in, and the winner was drawn the next day.

That person was 22-year-old Gary Grotegeers, senior and cheerleader here. We are sorry that the article did not run sooner, but space limitations made that impossible.

Like many other people at this campus, Gary did not start college here. He went to Florissant Valley Community College in 1985 after graduating from Mercy High School in University City in 1983.

He came here in 1985 and began working on a History degree in education with an emphasis on American history.

"I decided, almost overnight, that I wanted to be a history teacher," he said.

Gary said that he wants to teach secondary education.

"I enjoyed high school," he said. "I think that if you are honest, the students will like you. A teacher should make it enjoyable to learn."

Gary said that he likes to do more than just go to school and go home. He said that even though this is a commuter campus, you get out of it what you put in to it.

He takes 15 hours of classes and is on the cheerleading team, for which he practices for two hours a day.

"There is an image to cheerleading that men are usually not a part of," Gary said. "The first couple of months were very discouraging for me. I've been with the team for over a year now. I've learned quite a bit, and I'm in better shape too."

He said that he doesn't plan to make a career out of cheerleading, but he thinks that it has a good atmosphere anyway.

"We all get along pretty well," he said, "even though fan support isn't what it should be."

Gary also plays intramural soccer. He said that he has played soccer since gradeschool and likes fullback position the most.

As for things to do here on campus, Gary said that he likes a lot of the things that the UPB does, like Wednesday Noon Live, and events like Mirthday and Expo.

"Activities like that provide a good change of pace from the normal routine here," he said.

Gary also said that he thinks dorms at UM-St. Louis would be a good idea.

"They would be good for people that live a long distance from here, but want to come here anyway," he said. "They would help to pull the campus together. I've been to Rolla (UMR) a couple of times, and it's great, the unity that the students have there."

Gary said that he doesn't really know what his future will hold exactly.

"I'm sure that there are good districts in St. Louis," he said, "still, I've often dreamed of moving to California or Florida."



CHEERS: Gary Grotegeer, the winner of the EXPO feature article drawing, is a senior at UM-St. Louis and a member of the cheerleading squad.

Mellencamp Is Back

by Kris Embry
music reviewer

The Lonesome Jubilee
(Polygram Records, 1987)

My first exposure to John Cougar was in 1979 when he and his band, then called The Zone, opened for KISS at the Checker-dome. He was touring in support of his album, "John Cougar," which featured the hit, "I Need a Lover."

Since then, John "Cougar" Mellencamp has produced several hit albums, including his first highly successful LP, "American Fool," which preceeded the also successful "Uh Huh" and last year's "Scarecrow."

With a string of hits behind him, Mellencamp is back with his latest effort, "The Lonesome Jubilee."

People, particularly Midwesterners, are exclusively the subject of Mellencamp's lyrics on this LP. "The Lonesome Jubilee" paints a realistic picture of midwestern life. So realistic, in fact, that almost anyone who has lived in the Midwest, especially in a rural area, will surely find something, on this or any other Mellencamp LP for that matter, with which they can strongly identify.

This release, even more so than his last LP, "Scarecrow," deals with working people. This is evident on songs such as "Down and Out In Paradise" and "Empty Hands." A dominant theme questions American government policies and emphasizes self sufficiency.

An image of Midwestern life is the focus of the album's packaging, reinforcing lyrical themes. The photographs on the cover and sleeve all depict a typical rural greasy spoon restaurant. The front cover is a grainy black and white photograph of Mellencamp seated next to an elderly farmer at the diner's counter.

All the photos, as well as the photographs of the band, are stark black and white, except for the back cover, which presents an interesting color image of an old juke box. Above the jukebox is a variety store painting of Jesus, illuminated by a spotlight. This down-home touch conveys the religious values of many rural Americans.

John Mellencamp is a professional musician, so the songs are all performed well, but the music is, for the most part, mediocre. There are, of course, some catchy "pop" tunes, like "Paper In Fire" and "Hard Times For an Honest Man," and the LP has its bright spots.

I like "Check It Out," but much of the energy and originality that was present on earlier releases is gone, traded in for slicker, more polished commercial sound. You can't blame a musician for wanting to record something that will make money, but Mellencamp is capable of much better musicianship.

Mellencamp is settling too much into a formula sound, and unless he breaks away from that, his future efforts may be disappointing.

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In any case, you need to reflect on what you have learned in the past situation and decide how to apply it in the present. You are defining your means of self-expression in new ways; very realistically, but with a new sense of freedom. Your words have a strong punch this month. Be aware that what you communicate may have more impact than you planned. The 21st, 22nd, 26th and 27th should be high cycle times for you this month.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The tempo is fast and furious this month. Try to defer making major decisions. When the pace slows, you can get a better perspective on events and make a more informed decision. You may attract a feeling, sensitive, nurturing person this month. Someone to cuddle up with, perhaps when your energy is low on the 28th and 29th.

Circumstances beyond your control may block your actions on the 21st and 22nd. You may be very aggressive about increasing your income or acquiring new possessions, particularly things for your home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Negotiations, communications and compromise are favored this month. You can accomplish a good deal for any cause you value. You can make a strong impression on others this month, and on your high cycle days, the 19th and 20th, you may want to pull back a bit so that you don't appear to be overwhelming. Less energetic folks could be threatened by the raw power you exude this month. You are sensitive to the love and beauty you find in your everyday environment.

DUGGAN

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When it does come back together, it is worth watching. If only you knew when the good parts were coming. Unfortunately, there are more bad parts than good.

Another problem is that it's a little bit hard to believe that these people are less than 20 years old. Downey, McCarthy and Gertz are a little too mature to be cast as people just out of high school.

I thought that it was also pushing it to say that teenagers were having problems of that nature, owing thousands of dollars to drug dealers, and the like. But then, things like that probably actually happen in Beverly Hills.

It was also kind of strange to see the public service message against crack before the film started, then to see the movie, which presents an even stronger case by showing its affect on Julian.

I'm not sure what the book is like, or how faithful an adaptation this is, but I can't help but think that the movie could have been a lot better.

"Less Than Zero", a Twentieth Century Fox release, is rated R for language, violence, and sexual themes.

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Creative Essay: "An Affair To Remember"

by Cynthia Bowen

It all started out so innocently. Just a stolen hour for myself while the kids were in school and my husband was at work. Before I knew it, the situation had gotten completely out of control. At a moment's notice, I was willing to leave children and husband for hours at a time. Meals were missed, appointments were forgotten, friendships were forsaken.

My love affair with tennis had begun. It brought to surface passions I never knew existed. Formerly, I was not a competitive or sports-minded woman. Tennis had begun as a social outlet with exercise overtones. Hit and giggle for an hour followed by a glass of light wine with even lighter conversation was my weekly exercise program. The wine dialogue went something like this: "I'm not a competitive per-

son so I don't care whether I win or lose just as long as I can hit the ball once in a while." Followed by "I don't want to perspire too much because I don't want to wash my hair again." Or "I don't know why she hits the ball way over there when I'm standing here." Pretty light, huh? Of course, more time was spent choosing a headband and matching socks than a racket. After all, if one can't play good, look good.

Things went along in this leisurely fashion for about a year. Tennis and I made no demands on one another. Enjoyment for the hour was the order of the day. Then it happened! I miraculously acquired a left-hand serve that (all modesty aside) only seconds Martina Navratilova. As my tennis partners giggled in nervous annoyance at whatever I did to make the ball do that funny little spin that sent it

soaring away from them I felt a power growing inside me that only "The Incredible Hulk" could match in dimension.

I deserted my hit and giggle partners to join a tennis league of women who thought it was quite appropriate to sweat on court. My goodness, one could even hit the ball away from them without apologizing. About this time, another amazing feat erupted. I acquired a real two-handed backhand. Something with topspin and force to it. This was true ecstasy! Who needed a home, children, husbands, friends or sex? Besides, as all true athletes know, one must conserve one's energy for that next important game.

I had formerly thought of joggers as a sadomasochistic subculture who were punishing themselves for past or present sins until I discovered jogging could increase

one's endurance on court. Needless to say, I now jog. Little ole me, lift weights? Sure, if it can increase my arm and leg strength on court. It does and I do.

I don't know when this love affair with tennis will climax. All I know is that for now, it is touching hidden zones I never knew existed. They say the more you do it the better it gets and I intend on doing a lot of it.

Features editor's note: In future editions of the Current, we will be accepting short creative works and photography from UM-St. Louis students and faculty.

The types of items that we will be taking are essays, short stories, poetry, art and photography. Due to the nature of our publication, there will be extreme limitations on written material.

In other words, short stories and essays must be written with regard to the amount of space available in our format.

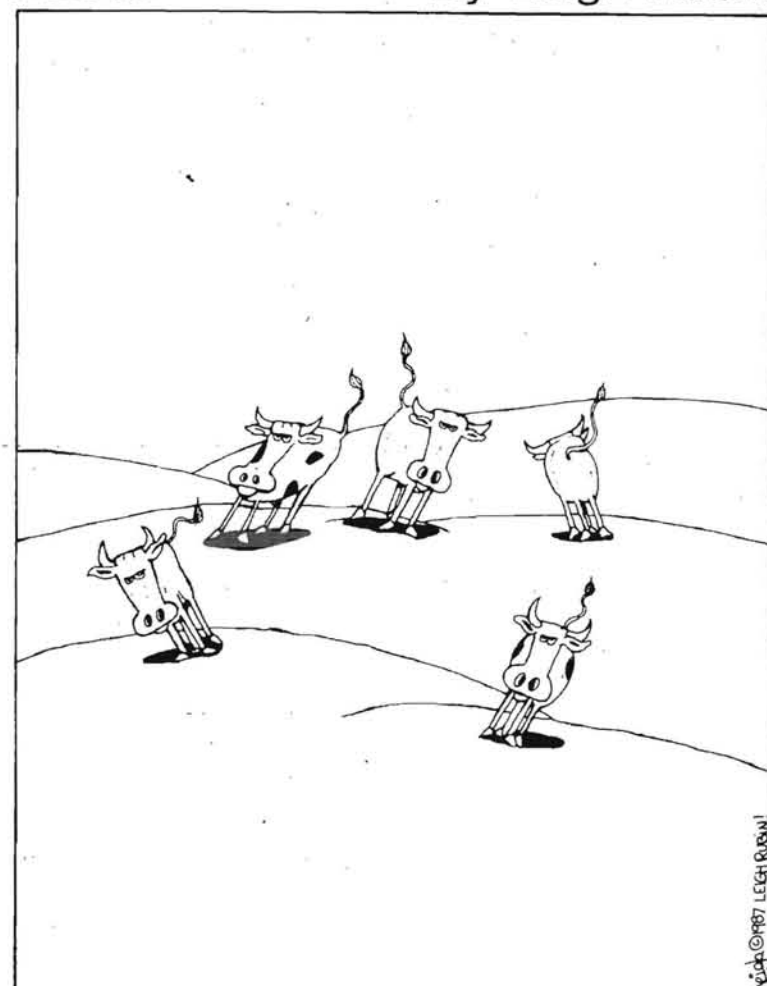
Submissions will be taken or rejected by my discretion. I will attempt to run the feature at regular intervals, but the number of submissions and space availability may end up determining its regularity.

Cynthia Bowen's essay, "An Affair to Remember," is the first installment of this feature.

For more details regarding criteria for submissions, or anything else, call the Current office at 553-5174, and ask for Chris Duggan.

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By Leigh Rubin



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**NEWS
TO ME**

by Craig A. Martin
columnist

I hate the Giants. I have since the playoffs this year when I found out that they are all arrogant jerks, in my humble opinion.

I also hate the Mets, but I haven't always. I started hating the Mets when I stopped hating the Cubs. The reason I stopped hating the Cubs was that it was kinda useless. It's like kicking a wino. Why bother when, even if he looks dangerous, all you need to do is just wait long enough and he will lose his balance and fall flat on his face? (Usually around mid-June.)

But something is really bugging me. Try as I might, and believe me, I've tried, I can't seem to work up a good healthy hatred for the Twins. They beat us in the World Series, for crying out loud, and I can't bring myself to hate them. This is the best I can do:

Kirby Puckett is built like a Weeble. The Metro Dome is the second worst place in the world to play baseball, next to Candlestick. They all think that their shortstop is as good as ours.

How am I doing? I know, not good. Try this one:

You're on Wheel of Fortune, and the category is person. You can't figure it out and you say, "Pat, I'd like to buy a vowel."

Then Pat says, "I'm sorry, there are no vowels in this puzzle." Vanna giggles at you and your face turns red on national television. The answer is, of course, Kent Hrbek. (There is one vowel, an E, but you know what a joker Pat Sajak is.)

It's a lost cause, I just can't seem to find fault with them because they are all too damn nice.

That is all of them except Kurt. Kurt is a friend of mine who lives in the Homer-Dome area. We met him and his wife on our honeymoon in St. Thomas in very early June.

We all joked about a Cardinals-Twins series, saying "Wouldn't it be great?" So when the Twins clinched the American League, and the Cardinals were only one game from clinching the National League, I called Kurt.

I told Kurt that we should make a wager on the World Series. He

reminded me that we weren't even in the Series yet. "Don't worry," I said, "we'll make it."

We did make it, and the bet was on. If the Cardinals win, he sends me twelve Canadian beers, and I send him a Cardinal cap that he has to wear for a week. If the Twins win, I send him twelve Budweisers, and he sends me a Twins cap to wear for a week.

It really sounded like a good idea at the time. "The Cardinals don't know how to lose big games," I said. "They have been beating the critics all year long."

Then they let me down. Don't get me wrong, I am still a great Cardinal fan, and I was all season, not like a lot of fair-weather fans who wrote them off about a dozen times this year.

But I've learned to deal with it. Even when Kurt called me after the game, I was relatively nice to him. But now comes the hard part, actually sending him the beer and waiting for the cap.

I told him I'd wear it; so I will. Of course, I'll probably wear my Cardinal jersey with it. So if you see someone on campus wearing a Twins hat, give him a break, it might be me.

As for you Kurt, gloat all you want. Sooner or later, I'll find something hateable about your team.

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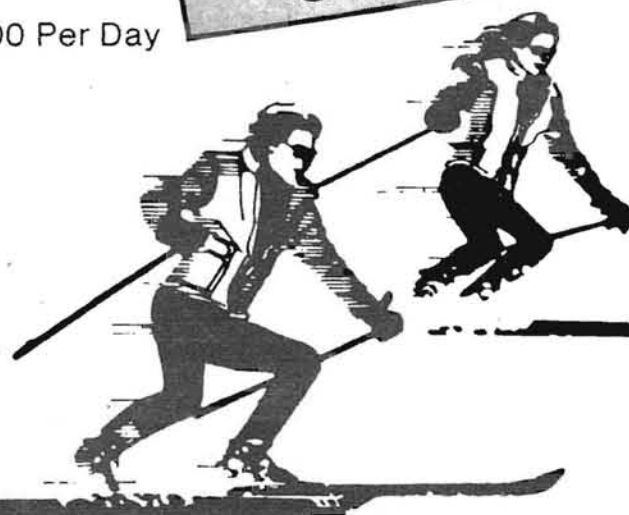
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Friday

● **Megaliths**, an exhibit of photographs of prehistoric stone monuments by Paul Caponigro, will be on display in Gallery 210 of Lucas Hall at the University of Missouri-St. Louis from 9-5. Admission is free. Call 553-5976 for more information.

● An **Interdisciplinary Seminar** entitled "Market-Induced Information Disclosure: An Experimental Markets Investigation" will be given by Ronald King, of Washington University, at 2 p.m. in room 331 SSB. Call 553-5881.

● Benton Hall Theater presents "Extremities" performed by the University Players. The play opens at 8 p.m. and is repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in room 105 Benton Hall. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$3 for senior citizens. UM-St. Louis Students are admitted free. Call 553-5485 for more information.

● **Sports. Basketball:** Riverwomen vs. McKendree College at 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Complex. Admission is \$4 for reserved seats, \$3 for general admission, and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Call 553-5641 for information.

● The movie "Lucas" will be shown at noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Summit Lounge. Admission is free.

● Guest speaker, Gale Toko will discuss the topic of "Lesbian Mothers; The Legal Complication" from noon to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center, room 211 Clark Hall. Admission is free. Call 53-5380 for more information.

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Tuesday

● The **Women's Studies Seminar Series** presents "Women and Science in the Women's Curriculum: What We Don't Know Can Hurt Us." Zuleymna Tang Halpin of the UM-St. Louis Biology Department will speak in room 318 Lucas Hall. Call 553-5581.

● The **UM-St. Louis History Department Seminar Series** presents "Considerations on the American Constitution Today" at 1:30 p.m. in 331 SSB. Modest refreshments will be served, students are encouraged to attend.

● **Sports. Women's Basketball:** Riverwomen vs. Washburn University at 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Complex on the UM-St. Louis campus at 7 p.m. Call 553-5641 for more information.



● **Metropolitan Studies** presents a collection of photographs entitled "Urban Landscapes" by Tom Baril, who has been published in American

● A **Chemistry Seminar** entitled "Development of a Tc-99m Regional Cerebral Blood Flow Agent" will be given by David Troutner of the University of Missouri-Columbia at 4 p.m. in room 120 Benton Hall. Call 553-5311.

Photographer and New York Magazine. The exhibit will be in room 362 SSB from 8-5. Call 553-5273 for more information.

● **Men's Basketball:** Rivermen vs. Rockhurst College at 7:30 p.m. Call 553-5641 for information.

● The movie entitled "Meet Me in St. Louis" will be shown at noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Summit Lounge. Admission is free.

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● The University of Missouri-St. Louis is holding an **observatory open house** beginning at 6:30 p.m. The observatory is located on the South Campus, 7804 Natural Bridge Road next to parking lot "U." For the latest information about the open houses and sky objects to observe, call the UM-St. Louis Skywatch Hotline at 553-5706.

● The **University Singers** present "Berlioz Requiem." The student singers perform with the St. Louis Symphony the Symphony Chorus, and Masterworks Chorus under the direction of Leonard Slatkin at 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday at Powell Symphony Hall, Grand and Delmar. Call the Powell Hall Ticket Office at 534-1700 to order tickets or for more information.

● **Sports. Women's Basketball:** Riverwomen vs. Evangel College at 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Complex on the UM-St. Louis campus. Call 553-5641 for more information.

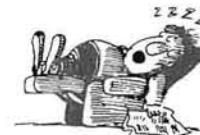


● **Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity** at the University of Missouri-St. Louis will provide free meals to the senior citizens of Bel-Ridge on the day before Thanksgiving. The fraternities 9th Annual Dinner will be held at the Bel-Ridge Community Cen-

ter, 8763 Natural Bridge Road, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dancing will follow until 9 p.m. For more information or to arrange for a meal delivery, call Don Madden at 427-9364 or call the Bel-Ridge Community Center, 429-2878.

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● A workshop entitled "Relaxation" will be offered by **Horizons** in room 427 SSB, from 1-2 p.m. Call 553-5711 for more information.

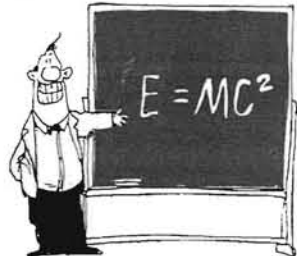
● **English Department Series:** Howard Schwartz of the UM-St. Louis English Department read poetry at 12:30 p.m. in room 325 Lucas Hall. Call 553-5541 for more information.

● **Women's Basketball:** Riverwomen vs. Maryville College at 7 p.m. Call 553-5641 for information.

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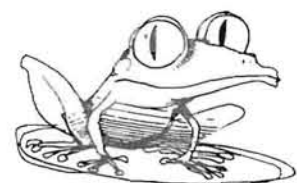
● A **Chemistry Seminar** entitled "Liquid Crystals: The Fourth Phase of Matter" will be given by Bing M. Fung, of the University of Oklahoma at 4 p.m. in room 120 Benton Hall. Call 553-5311 for more information.



● Choral and instrumental ensembles from the University of Missouri-St. Louis will present a **concert of holiday music** at 2 p.m. at Kirk of the Hills Pres-

byterian Church, 12928 Ladue Road. The concert is open to the public and a free will offering will be taken. Call 533-5992 for more information.

● A **Biology Seminar** entitled "Evolution of Vertebral Numbers in Garter Snakes" will be given by Stevan J. Arnold of the University of Chicago at 4 p.m. in room 316 Stadler Hall. Call 553-6200 for information.



● **Men's Basketball:** Rivermen vs. Bellarmine College at 7:30 p.m. Call 553-5641 for more information.

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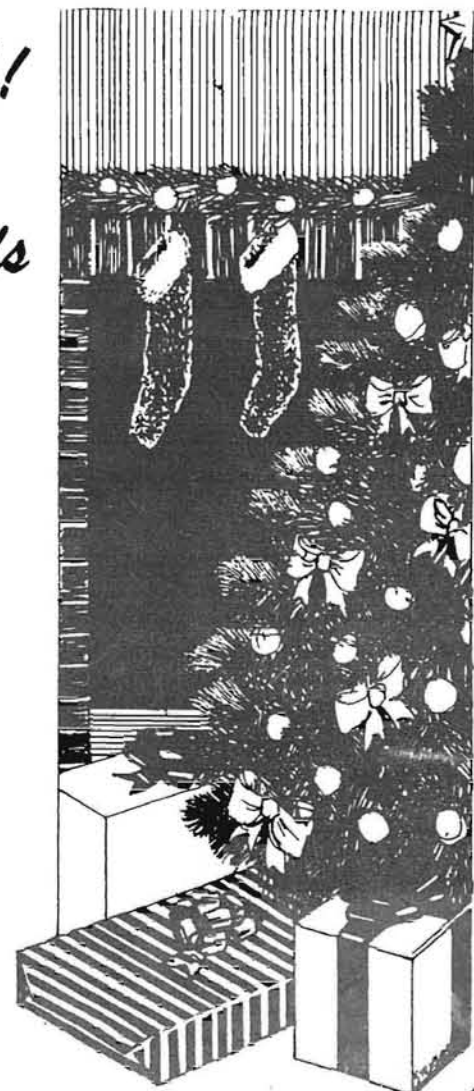
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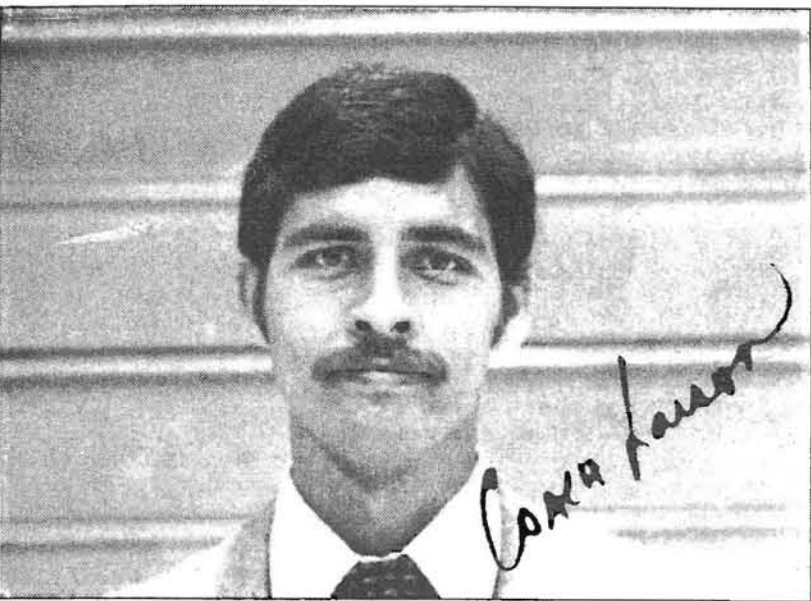
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Basketball Preview Riverwomen Hope For Injury-Free Tip-off



Head coach Mike Larson



Returning junior Kris Wilmesher (11) and sophomore Kelly O'Neil (10)

The Outlook

You could call them the "All-Kneebrace team". The Riverwomen have five players that have suffered a knee injury or have had surgery sometime during their basketball career.

But don't think that the 1987-88 edition of the UM-St. Louis women's basketball team will be a charity case.

"We don't have any cake walks, but we will be in all of our games," said head coach Mike Larson. "The big thing is injuries. Even one injury would be a big blow to us."

The big problem will be depth. Claudine Mitchell (F, Jr., 5-8) was lost for the year when she suffered a knee injury last month. The Riverwomen have only eight players set to do battle during the first semester. Help will come on December 17 when Bradley transfer Nancy Hopper (C, Jr., 6-1) becomes eligible.

Two starters are back from a year ago along with the welcome return of Kathy Rubach (C, Jr., 6-1) was an honorable mention All-MIAA pick in her first two seasons, but missed the rest of the 1986-87 campaign after she suffered a knee injury in the season opener. Rubach averaged 10.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game in her sophomore season (1985-86).

Kris Wilmesher (G, Jr., 5-5) should shoulder the leading scorer's role that was handled for the past four seasons by departed All-American Gina Gregory. Wilmesher was an honorable mention All-MIAA pick last year after averaging 15 points per game and led the team in assists with 98.

Kelly O'Neil (G, So., 5-8) played impressively as a freshman last year after being forced into the starting lineup after one of many injuries that the Riverwomen suffered last year.

The other returning letterwinner is the team's lone senior, Grace Gain. Gain (F, Sr., 5-10) has shown signs of becoming a great player over the last three seasons and her ability to become a consistent scorer would give the Riverwomen a big boost. Last season she averaged 8.1 points and 4.7 rebounds per game.

"We're going to count on Grace more than ever," said Larson. "She's been a streak player, but she knows what it takes to win."

One familiar face is not back for the upcoming season. Gina Gregory is gone after breaking nearly every offensive record in the book. Is there life after Gina?

"I think so," said Larson. "The personalities mesh so well. These kids want to perform and they are fired up. Kris (Wilmesher) should take over the role as our leading scorer, but I think we will be well balanced."

Five new players have joined the program and it won't take long for these newcomers to become familiar faces.

"Our new people will see a great deal of action this year," said Larson. "Their development will be a big key to our season."

The biggest impact player is transfer Nancy Hopper. The good news about Hopper is that she is an excellent shooter and should be a big boost offensively. The bad news is that she will not be eligible until the tenth game of the season. In a season and a half at Bradley, Hopper shot 52 percent from the field and 87 percent from the free throw line as a reserve player.

The other four newcomers are all freshmen.

"(Denise) Calvin is probably the best all-round freshman player," said Larson. "She's very versatile. Nancy Hopper is going to be a tremendous help. She can play inside and outside. Lisa (Houska) is a terrific passer. All she needs is some experience. Angela's (Oesterly) strong point is that she is always hustling. She is always rebounding and playing good defense. Raquel (Anderson) has the potential to be a good college player. She has worked hard to get over a knee injury."

The Riverwomen are hoping to improve on their seventh place conference finish, made more difficult by the improvement of Missouri Rolla, Northeast Missouri and the addition of Southwest Baptist.

"No team has a lock on the number four spot (the last playoff spot)," said Larson. "I think we have a good chance to finish in the top four if we stay away from injuries."

MIAA teams won nearly 60 percent of its games last year and sent two teams (Central Missouri, Southeast Missouri) to the NCAA Division II tournament. The non-conference schedule is not much easier.

"I think that the first semester will be tough because of our situation," said Larson. "Hopefully our new kids will be able to make some contributions."

The Riverwomen face some stiff tests in the likes of Washburn (24-7), Marymount College (30-4), Evansville (19-9), Washington University (16-5) and SIU-Edwardsville (17-10).

Small in numbers, but big on enthusiasm, the Riverwomen hope to get a lot of mileage out of a fuel efficient team.

The Coaches

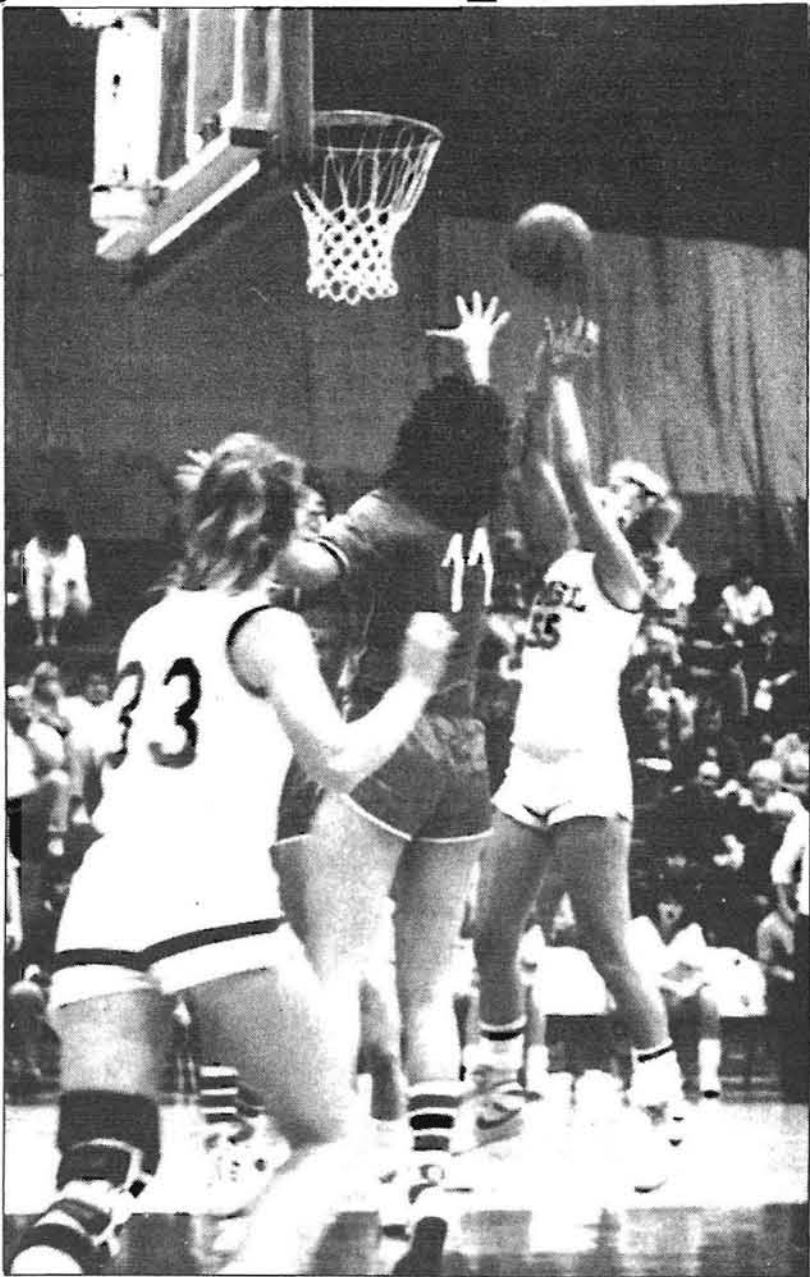
Head coach Mike Larson returns for his seventh season at UM-St. Louis in 1987-88. Two years ago, he led the squad to its best Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association record with a 6-6 mark.

Larson earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Trinity College in Deerfield, Ill., and also lettered in three sports. He went on to receive a master's degree in Administration of Physical Education at George Williams College in 1977.

Larson began his coaching career at Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa. In three seasons at Southeastern, he compiled a record of 57-20 including back-to-back 20-win seasons in 1979-80 and 1980-81. The team was also undefeated in the Eastern Iowa Conference during both of those seasons.

After suffering through four poor seasons at UM-St. Louis, Larson led the Riverwomen to their first playoff berth in the school's history in 1985-86. Larson's career record stands at 126-119.

Coach Larson will be assisted by Sandy Moriarty in 1987-88. Moriarty is back for her fifth season as an assistant coach after graduating from UM-St. Louis in 1983. As a Riverwomen, she received 11 varsity letters.



Returning junior Kathy Rubach (55) and senior Grace Gain (33)



Raquel Anderson

Raquel Anderson, 6-1, Fr. Ctr.

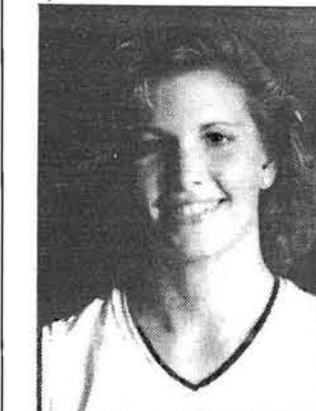
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Grace Gain

Grace Gain, 5-10, Sr. Forward

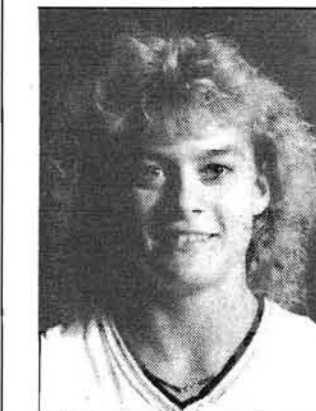
Returns as the Riverwomen's lone senior in 1987-88... averaged 8.1 points and 4.7 rebounds a game last season... has become a consistent scorer for UM-St. Louis through the years... is a member of the Riverwomen softball team.



Nancy A. Hopper

Nancy Hopper, 6-1, Jr. Center

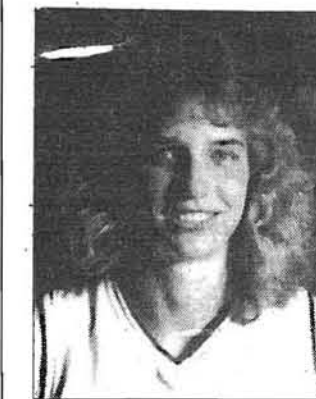
Will be eligible for play on December 17 (the tenth game of the season)... considered the biggest impact player of the five newcomers in 1987-88... shot 52 percent from the field and 87 percent from the free throw line as a reserve player at Bradley University.



Lisa Houska

Lisa Houska, 5-3, Fr. Guard

Started at point guard on Hermann's 1987 Class 2A state championship team... is a good passer... will need to gain experience before becoming a factor.



Claudine Mitchell

Claudine Mitchell, 5-8, Jr. For.

Redshirted for the 1987-88 season because of an off-season knee injury... one of the strongest defensive Riverwomen players... averaged 4.7 points and 2.5 rebounds a year ago... graduated from Parkway South High School in St. Louis.

Angela J. Oesterly

Angela Oesterly, 5-8, Fr. For.

Helped Jefferson City High School to four consecutive district titles... "is always hustling"... is a good defensive player.



Kelly O'Neil

Kelly O'Neil, 5-8, So. Guard

Played impressively as a freshman last season... started 21 of 27 games a year ago... averaged 5.9 points a game last year... finished third on the team in assists (66) and in steals (30).



Kathy Rubach

Kathy Rubach, 6-1, Jr. Center

Is back in 1987-88 after suffering a knee injury in first game of the season last year... received honorable mention All-MIAA honors in her first two seasons at UM-St. Louis... averaged 10.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game in her sophomore season (1985-86).



Christe Silver

Christe Silver, 5-11, Fr. Forward

Has earned a spot on the 1987-88 squad as a walk-on... is a graduate from Lindbergh High School in St. Louis.



Kris Wilmesher

Kris Wilmesher, 5-5, Jr. Guard

Received honorable mention All-MIAA honors last year... averaged 15 points a game last season... led the Riverwomen with 98 assists a year ago... should shoulder the leading scorer's role on the team.



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Nov. 20	MCKENDREE COLLEGE	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	EVANGEL COLLEGE	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	WASHBURN UNIVERSITY	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	Culver Stockton	3 p.m.
Nov. 28	MARYMOUNT COLLEGE	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	MARYVILLE COLLEGE	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	Southern Indiana	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	Evansville	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Washington University	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	McKendree College	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	SIU-Edwardsville	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Southwest Baptist	5:30 p.m.
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Feb. 22	CHICAGO STATE	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Central Missouri	5:30 p.m.

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Rivermen Shoot For Success In 1987-88

The Outlook

Optimism reigns supreme, but can the Rivermen turn their hopes and dreams into reality?

"I think we have a chance to have a very good season," UM-St. Louis coach Rich Meckfessel said. "But as we found out last year, there is a fine line between winning the conference title and finishing sixth. Had we made two free throws we would have tied for first. We're going to have to win the close games."

Last year the Rivermen were a half game out of first place with three conference games remaining, but lost all three and finished 7-7 and in sixth place.

This year, after 10 extra practices and five extra games on their recent trip to Europe, the Rivermen return a great deal of experience; the kind of experience that can translate into clutch performances.

Four starters and seven lettermen return from a 12-15 team that faced the likes of Iowa, Nebraska, St. Louis University and six other teams that won 20 or more games in 1986-87.

Leading the way is 1987 NABC All-South Central Region and second team All-MIAA guard Eric Love (6-foot-0, senior from Withita, Kan.), who averaged 17 points per game and led the team in scoring on 14 occasions last year. Junior Jeff Wilson (6-0, Cape Girardeau, Mo.) is the other returning guard, who earned the starting assignment in the second half of last season. Wilson showed what he could do in the second half of the season as he averaged 9.2 points and 3.5 rebounds in the final 12 games of the year.

The front line is anchored by returning center Kevin Brooks (6-6, senior, N. Little Rock) and senior Derek Thomas (6-4, Kansas City, Mo.). Brooks finished third in the MIAA in rebounding with a 7.9 per game average. The honorable mention All-MIAA pick also averaged 13 points a game year ago.

Thomas earned the starting role at the beginning of the conference season and finished in the top three in scoring (9.5 points per game), rebounding (3.5 rebounds per game), assists (62) and blocked shots (nine).

The key to the season could depend upon the development of last year's key reserves.

"Von Scales (6-5, sophomore, St. Louis) and Kevin Morganfield (6-4, junior, St. Louis) showed the most improvement of any of the players on the European trip," Meckfessel said. "We're going to have to be a better rebounding team and the improvement of Scales and Morganfield will help."

A hidden ace for the Rivermen is returning letterman Jim Gregory (6-10, senior, St. Louis). The tallest Riverman had a career best 15-point effort against Eureka last season.

With all this returning talent, what do the Rivermen have to do to improve in 1987-88 and become a contender for the MIAA title?

"Rebounding was one weakness," coach Meckfessel said. "The other glaring weakness was our inability to sustain a high level of play over 40 minutes. I'm hopeful the year of experience that our returning lettermen have will take care of that."

What have the Rivermen done to help themselves in these areas? The answer might be found in Byron McNair (6-5, junior, St. Louis), Kevin Sneed (6-6, freshman, St. Louis) and Chris Pilz (6-0, freshman, Licking, Mo.).

McNair comes from Mineral Area Community College where he averaged 8.8 points, 5.6 rebounds a game and hit nearly 65 percent of his shot from the field.

Sneed missed almost all of his senior season because of a broken left wrist, but Meckfessel thinks the lanky youngster could make an impact this season.

The third newcomer is point guard Chris Pilz. The arrival of Pilz gives the Rivermen help at one position where they are not deep.

"A very good ballhandler and passer, he's the first true point guard we've had since I've been here," according to coach Meckfessel.

With these additions, it seems as if the Rivermen have answered most of their questions on paper, but the biggest question is how they will actually perform on the floor.

Starting for the Rivermen on Nov. 20 in Quincy, Ill. will be the same five which started in 112-84 exhibition victory over the Renault team of Ghent, Belgium Friday night.

Love and Wilson each started at guard, with Brooks at center and Thomas and Morganfield playing forward.

"This is a small lineup and not the lineup to play the whole season," Meckfessel said. Gregory and McNair both played well in the Ghent-Renault game, and Von played well in Europe, but someone has to be more consistent. I hope that one of those big guys earns a starting spot, but until it happens, we will play this lineup."

One factor, when considering the team's performance on the floor, will be the schedule.

"It's another tough schedule, but probably more realistic than schedules we've had the past few seasons," Meckfessel said.

The Rivermen will face five 1987 tournament teams in Ohio State, SIU-Edwardsville, Southern Indiana, Southeast Missouri State and Washington University. These teams had a combined record of 107-45 in 1986-87.

The Coaches

Head basketball coach Rich Meckfessel returns for his sixth season at UM-St. Louis in 1987-88. In his five previous seasons as the Riverman coach, he has compiled a record of 62-75 and has a career record of 312-243.

A native St. Louisan, coach Meckfessel played basketball and earned his bachelor's degree at Washington University. After serving as the assistant coach under current UM-St. Louis athletic director Chuck Smith at Washington University, he then was appointed the athletic director and head basketball coach at Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) in Charleston, West Virginia. Meckfessel led the team to the NAIA national tournament on three different occasions and to the semi-finals in 1967. Meckfessel came to UM-St. Louis in 1982 and compiled a 15-13 record in his first season.

In 1985, Meckfessel received MIAA and NCAA South Central Region "Coach of the Year" honors.

Meckfessel will be assisted again this season by Chico Jones and Paul Ellis. This will be Jones' ninth year as an assistant at UM-St. Louis. He also has a teaching position at Normandy Junior High School. Ellis, the fulltime assistant, was the head coach at Lewis and Clark Community College before joining the UM-St. Louis staff two years ago.

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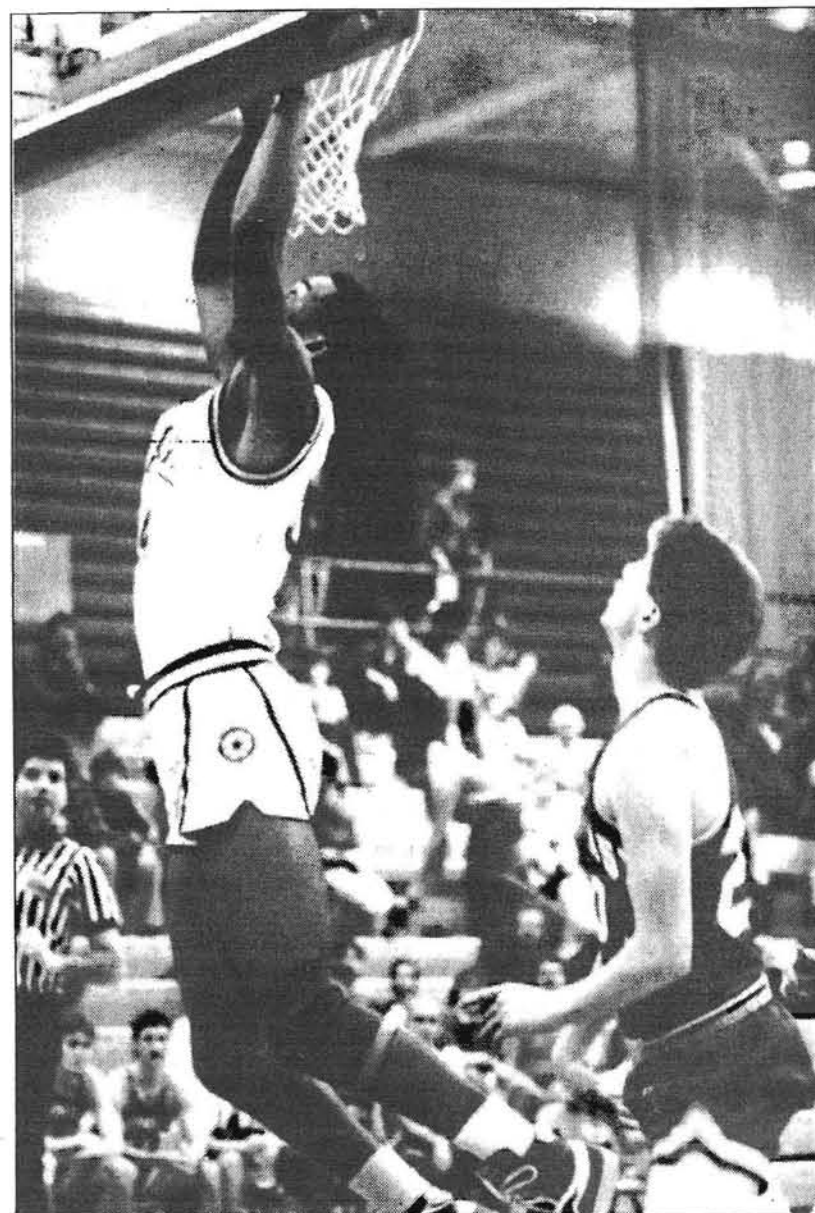
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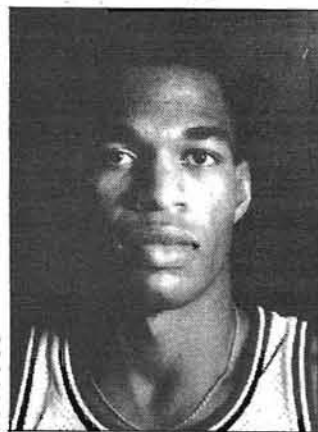
Head coach Rich Meckfessel (left) and assistant coach Chico Jones



Returning junior Kevin Morganfield



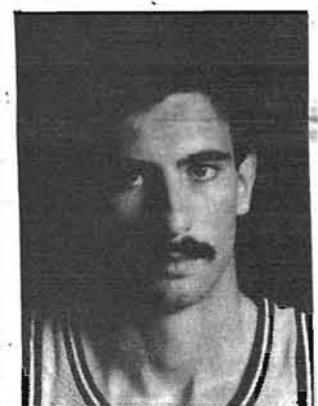
Returning senior Kevin Brooks



Kevin Brooks

Kevin Brooks, 6-6, Sr. Center

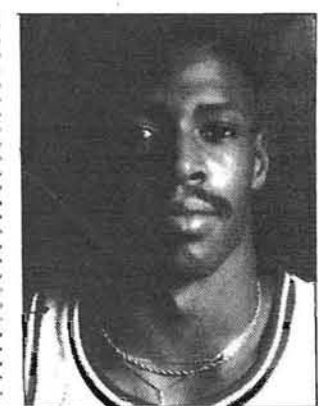
Only Riverman player to start all 27 games last season... finished third in MIAA in rebounding with 7.9 averaged per game last season... was an honorable mention All-MIAA pick last year... averaged 13 points a game a year ago... had 11 rebounds in exhibition game against the Ghent-Renault team.



Jim Gregory

Jim Gregory, 6-10, Sr. Center

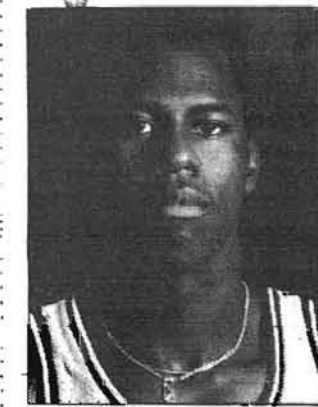
Showed improvement throughout last season after not playing past two years... had career-best 15 points against Eureka last season... transferred from Arkansas State University... graduated from Ritenour High School in St. Louis.



Eric Love

Eric Love, 6-0, Sr. Guard

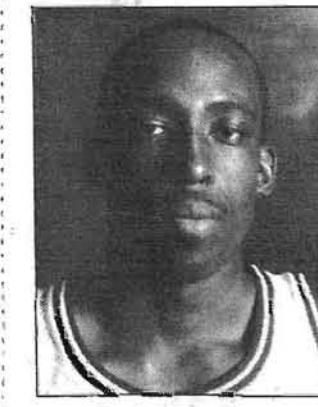
Averaged 17 points a game last season... led the team in scoring on 14 different occasions in 1986-87... received 1987 NABC All-South Central Region and second team All-MIAA honors... led the Rivermen in 3-point goals made with 64 a year ago.



Terry Marzette

Terry Marzette, 6-5, So. Guard

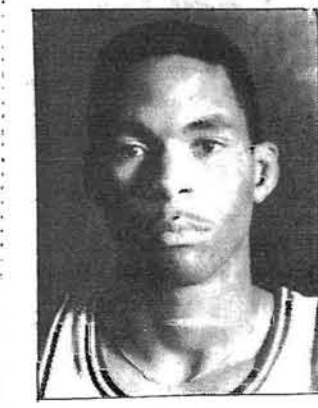
Returns to 1987-88 Riverman squad after being redshirted last season because of a broken leg... attended workouts with the squad last year... led CBC High School of St. Louis in both scoring (13.1 a game) and in rebounding (7.6 a game) his senior season.



Byron McNair

Byron McNair, 6-6, Jr. Forward

Transferred from Mineral Area Community College... averaged 8.8 points and 5.6 rebounds a year ago... hit nearly 65 percent of his shots from the field last season... graduated from Brentwood High School in St. Louis.



Kevin Morganfield

Kevin Morganfield, 6-4, Jr. For.

Averaged 5.2 points and three rebounds coming off the bench last season... showed great improvement on European trip in August... has earned a starting spot in 1987-88... will be depended upon for rebounding this season... graduated from Luthern North in St. Louis.

Chris Pilz

Chris Pilz, 6-0, Fr. Guard

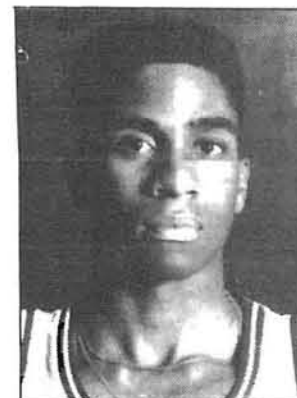
Averaged 26 points and 11 assists per game at Obion County Central (Troy, Tenn.) his senior year... was an all-state performer at Licking (Mo.) High School his junior season... is "a true point guard."



Von Scales

Von Scales, 6-5, So. Forward

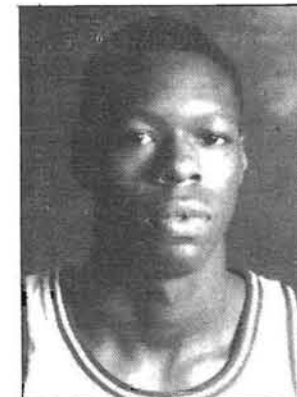
"Averaged five points and three rebounds in limited action off the bench last season... also showed great improvement on European trip in August... may earn starting role before the 1987-88 season ends... was an All-State, All-Metro and All-District pick his senior year at DeSmet High School in St. Louis.



Kevin Sneed

Kevin Sneed, 6-6, Fr. Forward

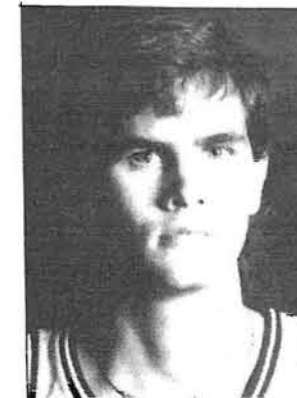
Missed almost all of his senior season because of a broken left wrist... played in the Public High League... is expected to make an impact this season... graduated from Beaumont High School in St. Louis.



Mark E. Stanley

Mark Stanley, 6-6, Jr. Forward

Redshirted for the 1987-88 season... led the Rivermen in 3-point field goal accuracy with a .577 mark... started four games last season... averaged 5.2 points and 1.5 rebounds a game a year ago... received Luther E. Oliver Award for his academic achievements.



Derek Thomas

Derek Thomas, 6-4, Sr. Forward

Gained a starting role at the beginning of the conference season last year... finished among the top three leaders on the team in scoring (9.5 a game), rebounding (3.5 a game), assists (62) and blocked shots (nine)... led the Rivermen with 21 points in the team's exhibition game... was a Jayhawk League All-Star.



Jeff Wilson

Jeff Wilson, 6-0, Jr. Guard

Earned the starting point guard position in the second half of last season... averaged 9.2 points and 3.5 rebounds in the final 12 games of the year... graduated from Central High School in Cape Girardeau, Mo.



Rivermen Reach Division II Quarterfinals

by Diane Schlueter
sports editor

After rallying from a 1-0 deficit over Northeast Missouri State last week to win 2-1, the UM-St. Louis soccer team defeated Oakland University under similar circumstances Saturday night.

For the second consecutive game, the Rivermen were held without a shot in the first half. After being outshot 11-0 before halftime, the Rivermen came back to score two goals in the second half, outshooting Oakland 5-2.

"I can't explain it," coach Don Dallas said of his team's ability to come back under pressure. "It's just a credit to our kids—the way they have hung in there and just waited for their chances."

Oakland scorer Simon Mayo opened the scoring by putting in his own rebound at the 25th minute mark.

Scott Wibbenmeyer then headed in the equalizer and his seventh goal of the season after Tim Begley's

corner kick. Boyd Buchek scored the game-winner and his 11th of the season at the 78th minute mark with senior Mark Reiter earning the assist.

UM-St. Louis will face Lock Haven (10-5-5) in an NCAA Division II Tournament quarterfinal match at the UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium Saturday night. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

The match on Saturday will be the two teams' second meeting of the season, as the Rivermen took the earlier game 2-0.

Riverman Notes: Six Rivermen players were named on Tuesday to the MIAA's First Team, including goalkeeper Jeff Robben, backs Mike Hennessy and Scott Wibbenmeyer, midfielder Paul Bielicki, and forwards Boyd Buchek and Mark Reiter.

And for the senior's outstanding play in 1987, Reiter was named the "Most Valuable Player" in the MIAA.

Midfielder Mark Keller was also named to the MIAA Second Team.



TAKING CONTROL: Junior back Mike Gallagher leads the ball away from two Oakland attackers.

Swim Team Displays Team Effort

Last weekend the UM-St. Louis swim team won two meets in the Chicago area.

At the University of Chicago, senior Tom Lombardo won three events. Freshman Dan Bollini and junior Stuart Vogt each won two events. Bollini and Vogt then combined with freshman Steve Appelbaum and senior Tom Adams to capture the 200 yard freestyle relay. Vogt set school records in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

UM-St. Louis won 11 of 12 events for a final tally of 112 to Chicago's 81.

In the Hawk Relays on Saturday UM-St. Louis finished first in the team field. The team of Appelbaum, Adams, Bollini and Vogt set a meet and school record in the 400 yard freestyle relay.



IN THE LEAD: Junior midfielder Paul Bielicki (6) dribbles the ball up field, past the Oakland player.

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