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Department transfer to encourage better services for students, chancellor says

by Joshua Stegeman
staff writer

In her State of the University Address Sept. 17, the chancellor said the Offices of Financial Aid, Admissions, Registration and Degree Audit will be reassigned under the direction of the new vice chancellor of student affairs.

With this measure, the chancellor hopes to create more effective and beneficial services for UM-St. Louis students and continue the success of the Title III Strengthening

Institution Grant.

"In the future we must continue to seek ways to better serve our students," she said. "That is why I am placing responsibility for the office of registration, financial aid, and undergraduate admissions under G. Gary Grace."

Grace begins as vice chancellor of student affairs Oct. 13.

Karl Beeler, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, believes Grace can handle the responsibility.

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Ashley Cook/The Current
Boxes of books line the walls on the second level of the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Acquisition triggers renovation, reorganization in TJ Library

Some books, periodicals will move to accommodate historic collection

by Doug Harrison
staff writer

Currently under reorganization, the Thomas Jefferson Library is making room for a multi-million dollar collection of books, manuscripts and historical documents that should begin arriving early next year.

Joan Rapp, libraries director, said the recent acquisition of the 150-year-old Mercantile Library collection is the impetus behind the renovation and construction underway.

"For the first time in 30 years, students

will be able to find all periodicals on the same floor," Rapp said, referring to part of the plan.

Periodicals, currently on levels one and two, will be moved to level five, where a new service desk will also be open, she said.

Workers are installing more shelves on level four in order to relocate all books to that level.

Amy Arnott, head of access services, said the library used the arrival of the Mercantile collection to "weed out" existing volumes.

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Exhibitionist targets library, other area campuses

by Doug Harrison
staff writer

A convicted serial exhibitionist has marked his territory in the Thomas Jefferson Library, exposing himself several times over the last few weeks to students and staff.

According to Kyle Pinkley, a senior psychology major and student worker in the library, the same individual has flashed several females "five or six times" in the last three weeks.

"It usually happens in the afternoon on the lowest level," Pinkley said.

Two weeks ago, police reported that an unknown male had exposed himself and been caught masturbating on the first floor of the library.

"The police blocked all the entrances, but he (the suspect) just went out an emergency exit and set off the alarm," Pinkley said.

Robert Roeseler, chief of University police and director of institutional safety, said a recent vic-

tim has positively identified the suspect.

"This individual has been identified both here and at Washington University," Roeseler said. "He has been convicted and jailed before for the same type of crime, and unfortunately, he gets out and goes right back to what he was doing."

Roeseler said the suspect is not a student.

"He is an older person with no affiliation with the University," Roeseler said. "It seems like nice weather just makes him go goofy."

Roeseler issued a notice to faculty and staff last week regarding the presence of the suspect on campus. It described the suspect as a "white male, 45 to 50 years old, 5'9" to 6'0", medium build, dark hair."

Pinkley, who has worked in the Library for three years, said the frequency of the most recent exhibitionist's activity was unusual.

"But this kind of thing happens all the time," Pinkley said.

Not Just Another Song and Dance



Ashley Cook/The Current
Elisa Hillberg entertains a crowd Thursday as part of Hispanic cultural events this month.

Curators extend official welcome to Pacheco

by Doug Harrison
staff writer

Columbia, Mo. - The board of curators welcomed new UM system president Manuel Pacheco Friday by giving him a medallion and unanimously approving a mission enhancement statement he presented to the body.

"The University of Missouri is poised to move into the ranks of the most prestigious research universities in the country," Pacheco said upon accepting the medallion.

Following his acceptance speech, he presented an overview of the first phase of mission enhancement, a redefinition of academic and fiscal goals for the system, each of the four campuses and the Outreach and Extension program.

Enhancement for UM-St. Louis could mean increasing the number of teaching assistantships and research opportunities for graduate students in addition to other initiatives.

To fund the proposal, the board will ask the legislature for as much as \$74 million over time; in the first year of the plan, UM-St. Louis is slated for approximately \$4 million aimed at creating "linkages with the community, enhancing the Honors College and investments in a community partnership with the trauma recovery center," among others.

In August, Chancellor Blanche Touhill predicted some programs may have to be cut or reduced to implement mission enhancement, but she said she felt the overall benefits would be "tremendous."

System officials project that mission enhancement will most notably "increase by 20 percent" the percentage of undergraduate lecture classes conducted by full-time faculty.

In other action, the board also approved a bachelor's of health sciences for the University.

Land swap still on hold

Deal needs approval of federal agency

by Becky Zagurski
special to The Current

If a proposed land swap between UM-St. Louis and the city of Pagedale is approved, the University plans to build a road behind the University Meadows to link the Pierre Laclède Honors College and South Campus.

Donald H. Driemeier, deputy to the chancellor, said the new road will benefit the University by speeding up the shuttle bus system and by reducing the amount of traffic that currently runs through Bel-Nor.

Bel-Nor residents have repeatedly expressed concerns over the volume of student traffic on the narrow

residential streets of Bellerive Drive and Arlmont.

Plans for the swap began in 1996 when the University spent \$222,000 to purchase 7.13 acres of land south of St. Vincent County Park. The land was purchased to trade for 7.2 acres of land owned by Pagedale in the northwest corner of the park.

Driemeier said that "the plan must be reviewed by the National Park Service because the land the University wants from the city of Pagedale was originally purchased with federal funds." He is not sure when the approval will be final or how long after that before the road will be built.

Coalition actively opposes new Office of Multicultural Relations

by David Baugher
staff writer

The creation of the new Office of Multicultural Relations is drawing heavy criticism from the campus' largest African-American organization.

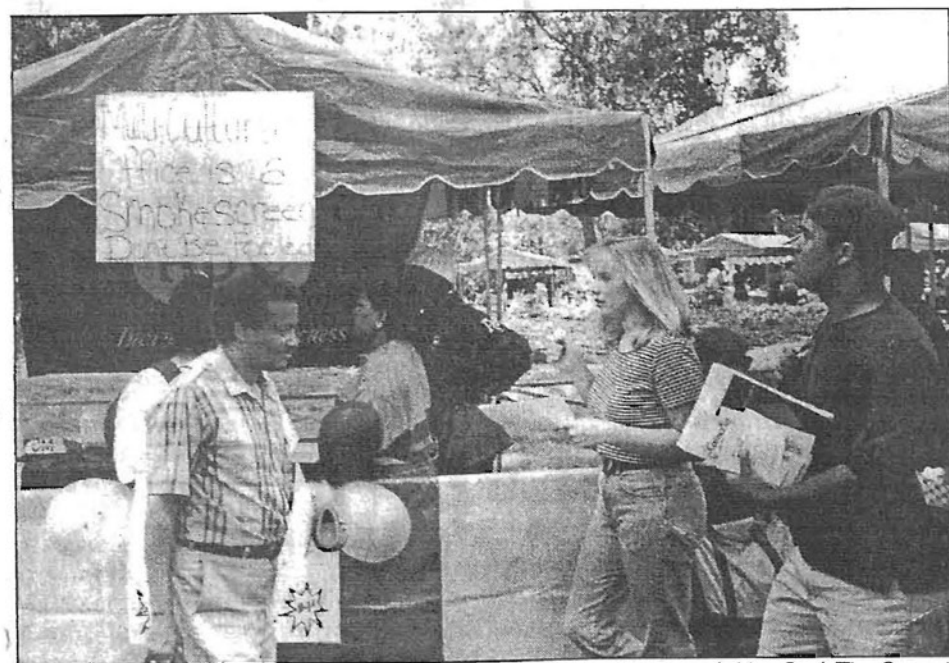
"I think it is a deliberate attack, not just on blacks but on all minorities," Sharone Hopkins, president of Associated Black Collegians, said.

Hopkins also heads the Coalition of Black Student Organizations, which sent a letter to Chancellor Blanche Touhill in July protesting the new arrangement in which the offices of African-American Student Relations, African-American Scholars Retention and the Student Support Services Program are combined in the new Multicultural Relations

office.

The letter accused the administration of treating students as "misdemeanors" and said that the move emphasized the University's "lack of real commitment to African-Americans." It included a six-point list of demands which, among other things, requested mandatory sensitivity workshops for campus staff, a review of the admissions process, retention of financial assistance for African-Americans and "concrete" steps to deal with racism on campus. The letter prompted a meeting in early August between a delegation of students led by Hopkins and four high-level administrators. Hopkins dismissed the meeting as "counterproductive," calling the chancellor's representatives "puppets" who

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Ashley Cook/The Current
A sign opposing the Office of Multicultural Relations decorates the EXPO booth of the Coalition of Black Student Organizations.

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Bands rock patio, crowd is no show

The Current Events Bulletin Board

Listings are subject to change; contact the organization for more information. All numbers use 516 prefixes unless specified otherwise.

Monday, Sept. 29

- **Recorder and Baroque Flute Music from 18th Century England, Germany and France** in the Convocation Hall of the Pierre Laclede Honors College at 7 p.m. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- The Monday Noon Series: **"The Flute and Recorder Families: Neighbors in History,"** featuring Susan Carduelis in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

- **1.5 or 3 mile Campus Fun Run** beginning at the Mark Twain Athletic Center at 12:30 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **Punt, Pass and Kick Contest** at the Rec Sports field from 1-5 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **Biological Society meeting** in Benton 111. If interested attend one of the following: 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. or Oct. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Contact: The Biological Society, 6438.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- **Programs for Science Majors, information meeting** for the Study

Abroad program in 301 SSB at 3 p.m. Contact: Peggy Dotson, 6497.

- **Biological Society meeting** in Benton 111. If interested attend one of the following: 4:30 p.m. or Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Contact: The Biological Society, 6438.
- **GRE information meeting.** The Princeton Review will give a talk on the GRE in R120 at 3 p.m. presented by Psi Chi.
- **Book of Revelations: Unfolding the Mystery** series begins and will take place Wednesday nights at the Newman House from 7-9 p.m. through Nov. 19. Contact: Newman House, 385-3455.

Thursday, Oct. 2

- **Student Social Work Association meeting** in the Lucas Hall Evening College conference room (3rd floor) at 2 p.m. Contact: Barb Callaso, 5105 or s999777@umslvma.umsl.edu.
- Men's and women's three-week **Softball Mini-Leagues** begin and will be played on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Mark Twain Rec Fields. Entry deadline is Sept. 30. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Saturday, Oct. 4

- **Artist's reception** with Connie Arismendi at Gallery 210 from 4-6 p.m.. Arismendi will give a gallery talk at 5 p.m. Contact: Gallery 210, 5976.
- **Katy Trail Bike Ride**, a 14.4 mi. trip. Register by Sept. 26 in 267 University Center. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Monday, Oct. 6

- The Monday Noon Series: **"Art Songs by Johannes Brahms - A Performance."** Stephen Town, baritone, will sing, accompanied by pianist Richard Bobo in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- Nine-man **Outdoor Soccer League** begins and will be played Monday afternoons at the Mark Twain Field. Entry deadline is Sept. 30. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Three-week **Wiffleball Mini-League** begins and will be played Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the Mark Twain gym. Entry deadline is Sept. 30. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- UM-St. Louis Riverman Film Series: **Like Water for Chocolate**, at the University Meadows Apartment Clubhouse at 8 p.m. Free admission with UMSL ID Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Thursday, Oct. 9

- **Programs for Business Majors, information meeting** for the Study Abroad program in 301 SSB at 3 p.m. Contact: Peggy Dotson, 6497.
- UM-St. Louis Riverman Film Series: **Like Water for Chocolate**, at the University Meadows Apartment Clubhouse at 10 a.m. Free admission with UMSL ID Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Saturday, Oct. 11

- **Homecoming dance** at the Regal Riverfront from 7:30 p.m.-midnight. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Monday, Oct. 13

- The Monday Noon Series: **"Gender and the Enactment of Crime."** Jody Miller, whose current research is on gender dynamics in St. Louis gangs, will talk in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Put it on the Board . . . The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. For best results, make all submissions in writing at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Managing Editor, The Current, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Campus Crime Line

A service provided by the Campus Police. Published entries are selections from a larger list.

Thursday, Sept. 11

A teller at Normandy Bank, located in the University Center, reported that a forgery had occurred at 9:40 a.m. The forgery was committed by a person working on campus.

A student reported the theft of two checks from his personal checkbook between July 12 and Aug. 1 at the University Meadows Apartments. Both had been forged.

Between 12:25 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. a gold bracelet, portable CD player, cellular phone, cigarette lighter plug and personal identification were taken from a student's vehicle while it was parked on West Drive, near Mark Twain.

A student's vehicle was scratched on both sides, the length of the car, while it was parked on the third level of Garage C between 9:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Two students reported being assaulted at 12:15 p.m. outside Clark Hall. They were both assaulted by the same person.

A student reported that at 11:50 a.m. she was fondled by a fellow student outside the Music Building.

Friday, Sept. 12

Staff at the Kathy J. Weinman Building reported that between Aug. 9 at 12:30 p.m. and Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. two checks totaling \$2452.50 were stolen from an appointment book.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

A student reported that at 6:25 p.m. some unknown person sitting across from her exposed himself while she sat at a study table on the fourth floor of the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

At 6:13 a.m. police were notified of a rape that had occurred at University Meadows Apartments. The St. Louis County Police Sexual Assault Unit is handling the investigation. The warrant application was refused by the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office.

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Corrections

In issue 894 of *The Current*, UM President Manuel Pacheco's name was misspelled in the photo caption.

Also in issue 894, Allan Crean's name was misspelled in the Microcomputing Center article.

In issues 895 and 896, Sigma Pi Rush Chairman Joe Osborne was misquoted when describing the fraternity's Sexy Legs competition. The quote should have read: "This is not a typical 1980s fraternity party."

The Current apologizes for these errors and any confusion they might have caused.

—The Editor

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Volunteer program to begin next month

by Mary Lindsley
special to The Current

Students expressing a desire to perform volunteer work will soon find opportunities available through the Office of Student Activities.

Rick Blanton, interim director of Student Activities, plans to launch a program that will match interested students with organizations that use college volunteers. The program is set to begin in mid-October.

Blanton said most of the volunteer opportunities currently available to students are limited to those done by campus organizations.

"There still remains a niche that needs to be filled," Blanton said. "That's for the individual who's not involved in a student organization, not a part of a fraternity or sorority, who may or may not know of community services but needs the opportunity to find out."

Program participants will be able to meet with a staff member from Student Activities to match interests and availability with a variety of opportunities.

The program will initially consist of over 100 organizations, including corporations that need students for their volunteer efforts, along with "the many different groups the United Way supports and the other large community agencies support," Blanton said.

Blanton said he expects the number of organizations involved to grow as the program gains visibility. He added that he hopes to be able to match students' majors with volunteer openings as more groups join the program.

In addition to a catalog of service opportunities, Student Activities is planning to set up an Internet site and a separate phone line to give students access to volunteer information.

Blanton said the trend of college students performing volunteer work is growing. More campuses have volunteer referral services for students, and more are introducing programs such as Alternative Spring Break, in which students use their spring vacation to work on a community project.

"More and more college-age students are getting involved in helping other people in the collegiate community and outside," Blanton said, noting the existence of "a growing kind of concern that people have for other people."

Blanton said he looks forward to the program's success.

"The desire is there and the challenge is there, and I'm excited about trying to do something to get us started," he said.

Students seeking more information can contact the Office of Student Activities at 516-5291.



Ashley Cook/The Current

From l-r, UPB members DeAndre Whitt, President Sharone Hopkins, Adviser Don McCarty and members Keith Harris and Jamila Owens meet Thursday. Not pictured are Ricardo Berry and Roderick Herron, Jr.

UPB plans year's activities, continues to focus on recruitment, diversity

Board remains 4 members short of 15-member capacity

by Jerry Weller
staff writer

Sharone Hopkins, president of the University Program Board, has announced UPB has filled 11 of 15 slots for voting members. Hopkins had hoped to fill a few more slots at Thursday's meeting, but the candidates did not attend.

"We were going to interview two or three more people today," said Hopkins. "Unfortunately, that wasn't the case. The people were just not available right now."

According to the UPB constitution, the purpose of the organization is "to present a varied series of educational, social, cultural, recreational and entertainment programs."

The 11-member board makes this year's UPB the most fully staffed in several years.

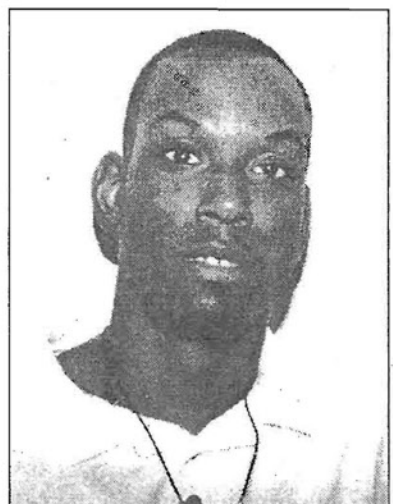
Any UM-St. Louis student taking at least six credit hours, with a 2.0 grade point average and a clean disciplinary record can apply for membership on UPB.

At the meeting, Hopkins also discussed activities that UPB will be sponsoring for this semester.

UPB will be presenting Wacky Wednesdays, a film series, a Health Expo, an AMTRAK shopping trip to Kansas City, a comedy show, a Hip Hop concert and a fashion show, Hopkins said. The UPB will also sponsor a three-point contest and

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Sharone Hopkins
president
UPB



dance in conjunction with Midnight Madness.

The term "Midnight Madness" comes from the fact that college basketball teams celebrate the start of their season by playing at 12:00 a.m.

NCAA rules say that the teams won't be allowed to practice till October 15 this year.

In the course of discussing the Midnight Madness events, Hopkins explained that the dance will be a "sock hop".

"That means people will not be allowed to wear their shoes, but will wear socks instead. There will be a checkpoint . . . so people will be

able to identify their shoes later," Hopkins said.

New members, Katrice Kendle, DeAndre Whitt and Ricardo Berry joined UPB for a variety of reasons.

"I would like to interact more with the younger students and help set up programs," Berry said.

Whitt emphasized his desire to help other students relax.

"My job is to make sure we all play hard because we work hard," he said.

Kendle said she wanted "to get some actual community, campus involvement."

UPB holds meetings every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in room 266 of the University Center.

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something that hadn't been done since the TJ Library opened.

Earlier in the summer, library staff completed a usage analysis that Arnott said identified what volumes were most used and those that were less frequently checked out.

The books that are most infrequently used and damaged copies of books will be pulled from the shelves, Arnott said.

"Not all duplicates of every copy are being removed," Arnott said.

Faculty are also being asked to indicate what volumes in the library they most frequently use in order to prioritize what items are to be sent to the depository.

"Nothing leaves without notification," Rapp said.

Removed volumes will be sent to a UM system book depository in central Missouri.

Rapp said the books will still show up on the Internet and can be accessed from the depository if necessary.

Rapp said she understood that some people may be confused about the process.

"We've asked everyone to be patient," she said. "Some would have closed the facility, but we chose to stay open and available."

The Mercantile Library will begin moving into the first and second levels of the TJ Library around the first of the year.

"I really think this is a wonderful tradeoff," she said. "We are such a young institution that we would never be able to acquire some of the material that is coming as part of the Mercantile collection."

Rapp and Arnott said students should expect things to settle down after January and should look forward to new and improved services.

"The library has never been at capacity," Rapp said, referring to study space. "There is always plenty of room on levels four and five. And we are currently adding additional lounge space on five."

The 10 existing Mercantile Library workers will all remain on staff at the TJ Library.

Rapp said no additional security would likely be necessary since the University already takes adequate care of its valuable collection.

In March, the University officially took possession of the Mercantile Library, currently located downtown as one of many "partnerships with community" that has become the benchmark of Chancellor Blanche Touhill's administration.

AT A GLANCE

TJ LIBRARY
Volumes: 750,000
Value: \$50 million
Volumes to be sent to depository: 20,000
Employees: 50 to 60
Specialties: metro area's largest gov't documents collection

MERCANTILE LIBRARY
Volumes: 350,000
Value: \$50 million
Volumes coming to UM-St. Louis: all
Employees: 10
Specialties: 150 years old; some of the rarest collections in the Midwest

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did not deal with the issues.

"It was just to kind of hush us up," Hopkins said.

Deputy to the Chancellor Donald H. Driemeier, who participated in the meeting, said many of the coalition's concerns had been addressed.

He said that Norman Seay, head of the Office of Equal Opportunity, "has been working long and hard" to sensitize campus staff.

He also said the administration was already working to make the admissions process "less cumbersome for all students."

Driemeier also denied there would be any cut in services to African-American students.

"There was no desire in the chancellor's mind, when she created the Office of Multicultural Relations, to at all diminish the services and support that have historically been given to our African-American students," Driemeier said.

Gwendolyn DeLoach-Packnett, the director of the new multicultural office who also participated in the August meeting, agreed, calling claims about a reduction in financial assistance a "myth."

"The scholarships that African-American students have received in the past won't be changed," DeLoach-Packnett said. "To my knowledge, there is no cut."

Hopkins accused the administration of dishonesty on the issue.

"When you talk about services being cut, they're already being cut," he said. "No programs within the office of multiculturalism are geared toward blacks."

Hopkins said no seminars focusing on African-Americans were taking place as they had been in previous years.

DeLoach-Packnett denied Hopkins' claims, asserting that

seminars specifically for African-Americans were already being scheduled. She also said that African-American programs are not being dismantled.

"We will continue to make our main thrust African-American students because African-American students are the majority minority on this campus," DeLoach-Packnett said. "There are some things unique and germane to the black experience, and that's why some of the other seminars will continue to be held."

Despite the controversy, DeLoach-Packnett said the response to the new office has been "positive" and "very supportive."

Hopkins stressed that he is not against multiculturalism but said he is not satisfied with the University's position.

He also said he no longer trusts the chancellor because he feels she has "no loyalty to black students."

"I will not trust her because she has shown me from her actions that she is a part, and very much wants to be a part, of keeping blacks oppressed in this country," Hopkins said.

Driemeier said that the reorganization was simply an effort to provide services to an "expanded population" and that changes grew out of the chancellor's "serious desire to address the need for greater multicultural understanding on the campus."

Though the offices have already been administratively combined, Hopkins promised to continue his efforts on the issue.

"This campus refuses to deal with black students in an appropriate way," Hopkins said, "and we are ready and prepared to do whatever is necessary, by any means necessary, to get some of the responses that we need."

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Karl Beeler

"Grace brings extensive background and experience in enrollment management that spans many years," Beeler said. "The chancellor wishes to continue to involve academic affairs in enrollment management planning and feels that this arrangement will strengthen the University's ability to attract and retain qualified UM-St. Louis students."

The Title III Grant is a five-year institutional development grant of \$1.4 million sponsored by the United States Department of Education. The award is intended to increase retention and graduation rates at the same time it encourages the development of computer-assisted enrollment, improves advising and retention sys-

tems, and enhances academic and student-service advising.

Beeler said UM-St. Louis has accomplished many of the strategic goals of the funded project. These include the development of the degree audit program and improvements in scheduling, registration, advising and transferring programs.

"I think the Title III grant has been very successful in that the leadership and crossfunctional team representatives have worked very closely to address and implement the majority of the strategic objectives of the grant," Beeler said. "In addition, with the coming of Dr. Grace to the University, I believe some timely strategic management decisions will be made that further the goals of the

grant."

Some of the strategic objectives accomplished thus far are the enhancement of the student guide and the student planner.

UM-St. Louis and the City of New York schools are the only institutions to receive this grant. UM-St. Louis will enter the fourth year of the five-year grant in October.

Touhill concluded her speech by stating: "I also have asked Dr. Grace to develop and implement student programs which address the critical need to build a community of scholars . . . a campus which nourishes its students in and out of the classroom. With your help, I am confident that fundamental and meaningful change will occur."



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OUR OPINION

A not-so-honorable parking arrangement

THE ISSUE:

The few available parking spots at the Honors College are not even enough to support the number of residents who live there, while commuter students cannot even park on the premises.

WE SUGGEST:

Students should be allowed to park on the College's circle drive, and the University should expand the existing parking lot onto the open land adjacent to it.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Let us hear from you. Submit a letter to the editor on this or any issue.

Parking problems frustrate us all, and at no better place is the inadequacy of parking spaces and the absurdity of parking strategy more apparent than the Honors College.

The College's 39 regular parking and two handicapped spaces were recently paved and striped, but already they fail to support the volume of residents living in the adjacent Honors residence hall, much less the traffic generated by several hundred students who attend classes in the same building.

And even though the sign at the lot's entrance clearly reads "Student Parking Only," commuters who park in the lot can count on being summarily ticketed because the lot is really for residents only. How are commuters supposed to know that?

The half a dozen or so spots behind the College are reserved for faculty. The ten spots in front of the College in the circle drive are "Visitor Only" spaces.

And the students who drive to honors classes cannot park on the grass (there's plenty of that) or the street (miles and miles of that too).

So nobody wins.

The nearest lot in which students won't be ticketed is at least a half a mile away. And while a brisk walk might not be a bad idea for any of us, that's not the point.

The point is that residents pay \$5,000 a year to live in residence halls with the expectation that they won't have to walk miles every day or worse yet, at night, to get to and from their homes. And all commuter students must pay \$50 a semester in parking fees, but for what? To remove their stickers and sneak into visitor parking?

No one should have to resort to such devious maneuvers. The parking gods should allow all students - residents and commuters - to park in the existing lot and in the circle drive, as well as provide additional parking space.

The Honors College is facing an era of growth in student population, and ignoring the parking problem (or paving over it as the case may be) will not make it go away. The University should provide the means for supporting all aspects of increased enrollment, including parking.

Bands rock patio, crowd is no-show

Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk. On Broadway, it's a hit. Bring in a band; bring in some tunes. At UM-St. Louis, it's a flop.

For the past several weeks, the office of Student Activities has sponsored Wednesday Noon Live. A local band (jazz, rock, reggae, blues) plays its heart out for an hour and a half or so on the patio outside of the Underground.

It's free, and ideally one could eat one's lunch in the sun while enjoying the free music of this free band that is free to hear.

Unfortunately, the "crowds" (and we use this term loosely) have usually amounted to 20 or 30 people.

And that's sad.

Because on any given day at roughly the same time, 200 or 300 people will mill aimlessly around the quadrangle not 500 feet from the U Center patio. Can these people not smoke their cigarettes and tell their stories and complain about their classes a few steps to the south?

Hopefully, the office of Student Activities will continue to promote the Noon Live series and others like it the future. And hopefully, students will come to realize that the "commuter campus mentality" is likely a self-fulfilling fiction rather than any actual absence of worthwhile activities.

As my path diverges the choices get harder

I realize I've been in school now for almost 17 years. The second far more pragmatic and frightening realization, that necessarily follows close on the heels of the first, is that I'm rapidly approaching a fork in the path if you will: continue on this well traversed side street of education or get on the freeway of gainful employment.

Get a haircut and a get a real job, Ted Nugent sang. I have the haircut.

Thing is, I like school. Of course I don't so much care for my checkbook balance hovering consistently near zero or my credit card bill that arrives earlier and earlier every month or that sick feeling in my gut after I succumb to impulse buying and have exhausted the immediate gratification of whatever new manifestation of free enterprise that just cost me too much money.

But these are probably larger personal issues I would need to address no matter what. Being in school just gives me a little more time to put off addressing them.

And maybe that's the problem: I'm acutely aware that my security blanket could be jerked out of my hands if March or April rolls around and I haven't gotten into graduate school somewhere.

There's one small problem: I, an English major, have no business getting an M.A. or, worse yet, a Ph.D. Not because I don't like it: I love it. It's the professional climate (cold, dark and more of the same in the immediate forecast) that presents a problem.

Seems all the folks around my parents' age who got Ph.D.s in the '60s and '70s are about ready to retire but aren't being replaced. Instead, fine academic institutions like UM-St. Louis are quietly downsizing humanities departments through attrition.

Not good news for the aspiring literary critic.

Then there's journalism. But journalism's attraction is in the doing.

This is, as one might say of a literary work, a layered and complex tale. That makes my choice of paths just that much harder.

Frost "took the one less traveled by" and said it made it all the difference.

Me, I just want to make sure the scenery is good and there are plenty of places to stop for gas.



Doug Harrison
editor in chief

Sick 'n tired of UMSL students complaining

For many students at UM-St. Louis spare time is hard to come by. Most have one or multiple jobs, and probably don't even have enough time to keep up with their classes.

Somehow UM-St. Louis students muster up enough energy to drag themselves out of bed and find their ways to campus, all the time fighting the urge to turn around and go back home for a few more hours of sleep.

UM-St. Louis doesn't seem to have a particularly cheerful campus. I know there are many students and faculty members who are genuinely nice, caring people and are always pleasant to speak with.

My perception may be clouded somewhat by the many students who constantly talk about how many jobs they have, how many classes they are taking and how few hours of sleep they have gotten within the last month.

Sometimes I get sick and tired of people complaining about how rough their lives are. I'd like to think that I have some control over my life and if it sucks, well, that's my own fault. I don't need to be making someone else's life miserable by boring them with the many details of my dreary existence.

There seems to be an ongoing competition not only on campus, but everywhere you go, of people trying to prove that their lives are worse than anyone else's.

One person says he got only three hours of sleep because he was up most of the night finishing a 15 page paper on cytokinesis in the 48 hour chick embryo. The guy next to him responds by telling of his horrid 72 hour marathon of running from each of his three jobs to the other, while trying to squeeze in some studying for his four mid-terms he has the next day and, oh yeah, he thinks he's coming down with a cold or something.

I used to have Spanish class with a woman who would complain every day about how many hours her employer required her to work each week. I guess I felt sorry for her the first two times she told me about the sweatshop-like conditions she worked under. By the second week of class this began to get on my nerves.

I must confess that I am guilty of joining in the competition also.

I would complain to that woman in my Spanish class about how I hated having to go straight to work from class every day.

One time I was complaining about how I was so tired because I had stayed up all night writing a paper and only got half an hour of sleep (I thought this would show her that it sucked to be me). I told her that I was taking off work that afternoon and I was going to go home and sleep. Her response: "Must be nice."

I heard that phrase so many times that semester that I fell to the floor and break out into convulsions every time I hear those three words (okay, maybe not every time, but every once in a while).

Maybe I'm too harsh, but I'm not very sympathetic when people complain. I think about the times I have complained and realize that complainers are only looking for attention and to make other people feel as miserable as they do.

But that is never possible because no other human could ever be that miserable.



Bill Rolles
managing editor

GUEST COMMENTARY

Intolerance in the name of tolerance

An ugly spirit is beginning to emerge on the UM-St. Louis campus. It's not something in which a lot of people are involved, but the trouble is, it doesn't have to be. I refer to the spirit of intolerance.

If you don't like something someone else says, just resort to violence.

Splash paint on their signs; get in their faces so close the cops have to step in; do whatever it takes to shut them up.

Who knows, maybe the cops will turn their backs, and we can get in a punch or two.

People who are that stupid and ignorant don't even deserve to draw breath.

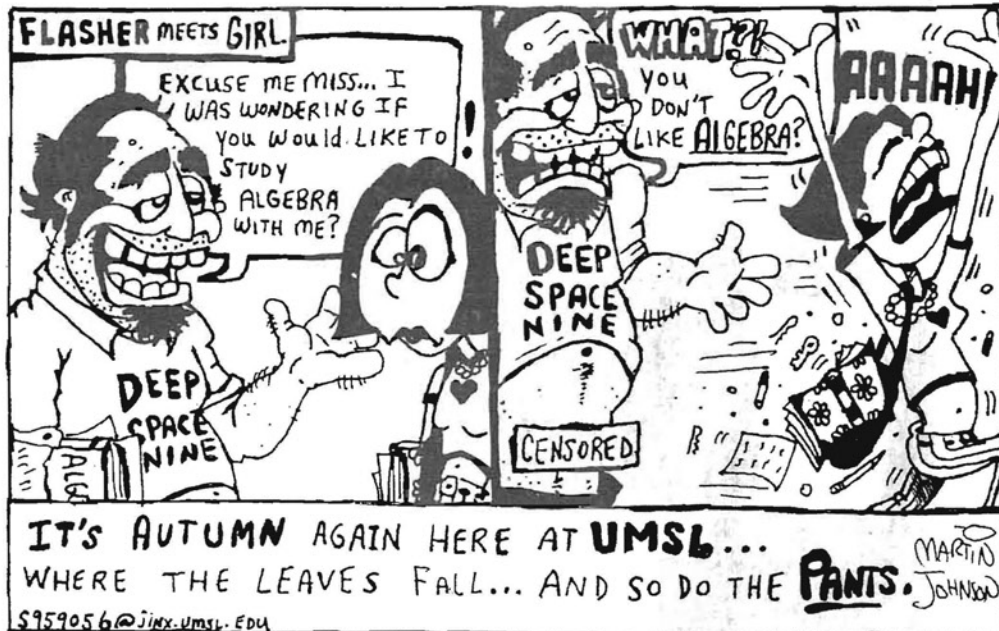
The only freedom of speech that matters is my own and that of other people who happen to agree with me. If they disagree on another issue, they should shut up about it.

Who says? Me and that's what matters. If someone else hurts my feelings, they are violating my rights, so I am going to shut them up! I am the arbiter of good taste and if you don't like it, tough. It's survival of the fittest, baby!

If you can whip my butt, then I guess you can say what you want until I can find some friends to help me whip you. If I can't do that, well, there's always the court system. I'll just sue you for every cent you've got, that'll shut you up.

When I was a kid, we had a word for people who were controlled by this spirit. We called them bullies. Trouble is, we're not kids anymore. Maybe it's time to grow up.

Interested columnists may submit a guest commentary to The Current.



Cartoonist - typical male

In response to the creator of the "editorial" cartoon featured in the Sept. 15, 1997, issue of The Current. Despite the many fallacies presented in your cartoon, the paint, my appearance, being mistaken for a man etc., it also brought forth many truths not only about men in general but particularly, yourself.

Women, such as myself, are frequently approached by men asking for the time. These men come in all shapes, sizes and colors and ask for the time to distract the women they are about to physically assault.

Your ad was so typical of a misogynist that it only insulted you. If you had read what I posted on campus, you would know that I did not mention the word *man* once.

Your fear is obvious, and you should be afraid. It is time that you become familiar with the feeling that women in this country have every morning when they get up and every night when they go to bed. The only way for you to protect and/or defend your disgusting behavior is to insult intelligent women like myself with name calling and what you think of as humor. The list of offenses that men perpetrate against women every minute of every hour of every day in this and every country adds up to a far greater insult to people everywhere than the Spice Girls.

I believe you should get a watch. You obviously don't know what time it is.

Kendall

Thanks for directions

I want to express my thanks to UM-St. Louis Chief of Police Bob Roeseler for making my life a lot easier and pass along his suggestion to others who may be experiencing the same problem.

I attend evening college, and my class starts at 5:30. I live south and was taking I-170 to Natural Bridge and waiting through about seven to ten traffic light changes to get on campus. It took 15 to 20 minutes to get on campus from I-170.

Bob suggested I stay on I-170 and get off at I-70 east to Florissant Road and come in the back way. This has cut precious minutes off my commute and eliminated the frustration of sitting in traffic before class. Thanks again for the suggestion, Chief Roeseler!

Dave Clark

Women at fault too

It occurred to me that if there were not chicks...err girls...err women...err females (WHATEVER!!) who were willing to be participants in the sexy legs contest, there would be no sexy legs contest. Why is the fraternity at fault here?

Brian Jenkins
lifer grad student

More letters on our home page:
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ODDS & ENDS

Stick it in the Fridge

Becky Rickard
featured editor

I'd like to tell you a little something about Petey. Petey is my car. Her full name is Petey P. Protégé. She's reliable, peppy and fun to drive. Petey can handle anything from a sharp corner to freezing rain. Her favorite foods are gasoline, Pennzoil and washer fluid. She's slender and aerodynamically sleek. Amazingly, Petey and I have the same taste in music.

I bought Petey over a year ago, and Petey is the first new car I've ever owned. I felt like I was adopting a child when I signed the papers at the dealership. Like a child, a car requires care and attention but never asks why the sky is blue or why grass is green. I have probably spent more money on oil changes, car washes and gasoline than I could spend on diapers.

I have had a few cars since I turned 16. My first car, "The Great White Smoker," was a white '85 Ford Escort. It was a great first car because it withstood three accidents and an extremely bad driver. My car didn't make me the coolest girl in high school, but at least I had my own car and, therefore, access to freedom of travel without asking my parents for the keys. I named this car "The Great White Smoker" because it burned more oil than gas. In fact, I used to pour three quarts of oil into the engine when it only needed one quart because I thought it was cool to leave a trail of smoke on the highway.

My second car was a black '87 Ford Tempo. This car had two names: "Black Beauty" when it was running and "The Black !@*!@!" when it was not. The latter name was most frequently used.

This car had power everything, even power seats. It was, by far, the most comfortable car I have ever owned. I wish I could've kept the driver's seat for memorabilia. The biggest problem I had with this car was that, eventually, everything broke (except the power seats). I had to manually push up the power windows when it would rain and pray to the engine gods, Alternator, Piston and Carburetor, for safe travel. However, I was forced to get a new car because the engine gods were too busy with '78 Pinto owners.

I let my dad handle car shopping for me. I trust his opinion of cars (he's got an Alfa Romeo Spider) and have full faith in his bargaining abilities. (He can sell ice to Eskimos).

It was love at first sight when my dad brought Petey home for a test drive. She was exactly the kind of car I wanted. After I drove her, I immediately began thinking of a name.

When I tell people that my car is named Petey, they usually give me strange looks, laugh at me or gasp in disbelief. Some even call me names. Petey always knows that I will defend her and, in return, she'll continue to start up in the morning for me.

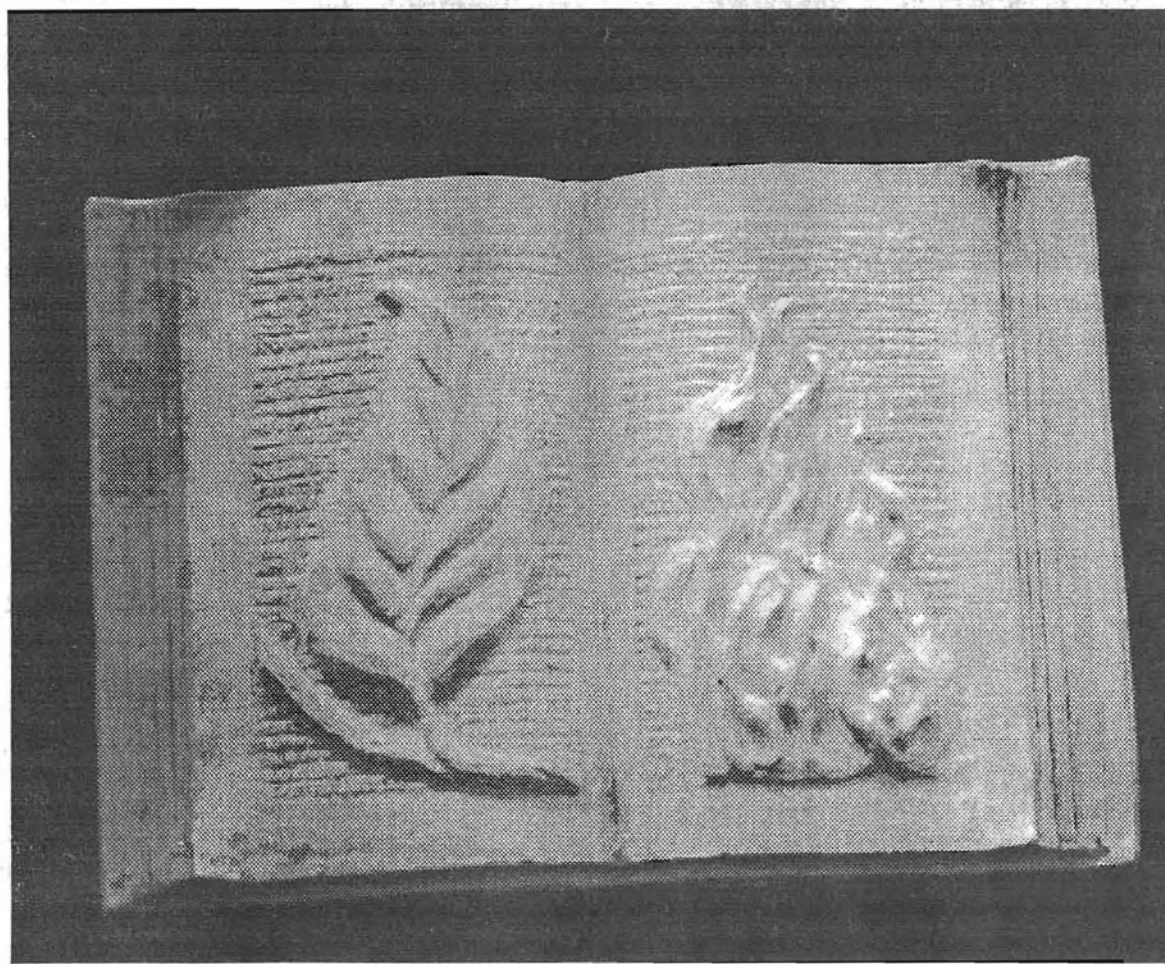
I feel that it is important to build strong relationships with those I depend on. Besides my family, I depend on Petey the most. I try to nurture her because she helps me out when I'm in a bind. Her brakes have saved me from many accidents and speeding tickets. Her good sound system promotes a more pleasant driving experience. She'll even selflessly deploy her airbags to save me if something should ever happen to her.

I plan on having Petey for a long time. She is not only my transportation but also my friend. She makes me smile when I look at her sleeping in the parking lot or driveway. Maybe if you had a car like mine, you'd understand.

Becky Rickard's column appears every other week. You can write to her at The Current 7940 Natural Bridge Road St. Louis 63121, email her at s1008548@admiral.ums.edu. By phone at 516-5174 or by fax at 516-6811.

Tucked away in the depths of Lucas Hall students will find a hidden treasure:

by Peter Schrappen special to The Current



Top right: Ana Lisa, by Connie Arismendi of Austin, Texas. Above, The Leaf & The Flame, also by Arismendi. Both works are currently on display in Gallery 210.

Hours

Tuesday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday and Monday - Closed

Location

Lucas Hall 210

Terry Suhre

director, 5952

Current Exhibit

"Dark Field/Dark Heart"
(runs through Oct. 11)

TELEVISION REVIEW

ER On 'live' support after season premiere

'Dizzying,' 'confused' story line and camera work make for disappointing opener to hit series

by Matthew Regensburger

staff writer

'ER' needs resuscitation after the live episode was played.

The director should call 911. 'ER,' which is usually a decent, intense show lacked all of the good qualities in the live version.

The episode seemed contrived, wandering aimlessly around from character to character.

The whole show centered around the film crew who were there to film a documentary for a PBS special.

The characters, who usually are quite good and seem to be into the show and their job, appeared to be jittery. They acted as if a camera made them to squirm.

The whole concept of a live show was to give the viewers a glimpse of how the show works. It failed to do it.

The film crew posed as a documentary film crew.

They hid themselves behind those cameras to make a clean finished product. It was finished but not clean. It was missing something vital to the well-being of the show. It missed the intensity that makes the show so enjoyable to watch.

The live show concept was hard to beat. It appeared to be a good idea, but the show did not follow through with a winner.

One problem I noticed right away was the show didn't seem to be real at first.

It started off with what seemed to be a comical beginning, but was actually serious. It took a few minutes to determine what the theme of the show was.



Laura Innes, left, and Gloria Rueben take a break from the live series filming Thursday with an NBC producer.

Another problem was the cameraman. The cameraman followed the characters around until the camera found another person to follow. It made for bad filming.

It made the viewer dizzy in some parts, in others, it made for a bad story line.

By this, I mean they never really followed up every story.

The story went to the point where the cameraman (who spoke to the doctors, nurses and patients throughout the show) would upset the doctor or nurse, then find another doctor or nurse to harass.

Of course, next weeks show will be back to the normal intense self, but the experiment of a live show was a complete failure.

It was boring, confusing in some places and dizzying.

I really did not like the cameraman following the floor when he was walking from room to room.

I can't wait for next week when we get to see the true season premiere.

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ucked away in the depths of Lucas Hall, students will find an opportunity to witness an oddity on campus. Gallery 210, UM - St. Louis' art gallery, allows students to become involved in an extra-curricular activity that takes no more than ten minutes. While hundreds pass this room daily, few appreciate this facility that receives both local and national attention.

UM-St. Louis' art gallery is reviewed routinely in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Riverfront Times as well as national periodicals as The New Art Examiner.

Terry Suhre, director of Gallery 210, approaches this year like an expectant father. He creeps toward the front of his desk chair as he lists the main priority for his first year at the helm.

"With our very available hours, I would challenge students to become more visually oriented by educating the eye and expanding critical thinking skills," he said.

Throughout the course of the 1997-8 school year, Gallery 210 will host five exhibitions and one art contest available to students in the art department. "Dark Field/Dark Heart" by artist Connie Arismendi runs through Oct. 11, and is part of the inaugural "Critical Mass to Contemporary Art" held on Oct. 11. "Critical Mass" allows for students to visit local galleries throughout that day. The evening will culminate for participating students at a free party. He sees Gallery 210's inclusion as a major coup for the University because only the major art galleries were chosen.

Suhre prides himself on the sources of funding for the exhibitions. Instead of sneaking revenue from student fees, he relies on grants from a variety of sources. He seeks funds from Missouri Arts Council and Regional Arts Commission. A symbiotic relationship exists between the gallery and Center for Humanities. The Center partially funds projects in return for lectures given by the artist.

Students interested in enhancing their critical art thinking should stop by Gallery 210. Terry Suhre has organized a variety of projects that he hopes will increase the popularity of the gallery. However, his excitement about the upcoming year centers around increased student participation.



Ashley Cook/The Current

Hari Campbell presents some of his work earlier this year. Campbell writes for LitMag, the campus' literary magazine.

Litmag kicks off new year

by Becky Rickard

staff writer

A captive crowd of about thirty people at The Way Out Club watched and listened to poets read from their work at LitMag's first reading of the fall semester.

LitMag is UM-St. Louis' student organized, yearly literary magazine. The reading began at 7pm last Monday and lasted for about two hours. The UM-St. Louis Jazz Quartet performance added to the creative atmosphere.

Women and gender studies administrative assistant, Deborah Bowman, read from her collection of poems including "The Truth About Cool Women," and "The Wisdom of King Solomon."

"It seemed friendly and positive. The audience responded very well to my reading," Bowman said.

English instructor, Jennifer MacKenzie, also shared her poems "Still Life with Triangles," "Lapidarist" and "Reading Yannias Ristos While Giving Blood at the Red Cross."

MacKenzie has been creatively writ-

ing for over five years and has been involved with LitMag for four years.

Veteran English graduate student, Hari "Sky" Campbell graced the microphone with his old standby "It Ain't Over Till the PHAT Lady Sings." Campbell's energy captivated the audience and tired them out at the same time.

Most of Campbell's poetry revealed insight into life, friendship and growing up.

Senior English major, Kent Shaw is the new editor in chief for the '97-'98 edition of LitMag and Scott McKelvie, English instructor, is the faculty advisor.

Last year's faculty advisor, Nanora Sweet, expects great accomplishments from this year's LitMag staff.

"I thought that things were well set for this year. There are a talented group of people working with LitMag," Sweet said.

LitMag will host two more readings, Thursday, October 16 at Left Bank Books and Sunday, November 23 at Brant's Market and Cafe.

MOVIE REVIEW

Silverstone steps aside to let co-star shine in *Excess Baggage*

Excess Baggage
Columbia Pictures

First, there is a kidnapping. Then, a real kidnapping occurs unbeknownst to the kidnapper. Next, there is a fire and yet another kidnapping. Lastly, there is love, of course. This may sound scattered because *Excess Baggage* is just that, scattered.

The scenery and cinematography are reason enough to spend three bucks at a matinee. The script takes an unconventional look at the conventional romantic comedy.

Emily T. Hope (Silverstone), the 18-year-old, beautiful, troubled millionaire heiress plans an outrageous kidnapping of herself to win attention and affection from her busy businessman father. Everything falls into place until Vincent (Benicio Del Toro) steals the BMW containing Emily bound and gagged in the trunk. After Vincent's stolen car warehouse goes up in smoke, Emily and Vincent form a reluctant partnership full of: "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine." Together, they create a smoke screen for Emily's Uncle Ray (Christopher Walken), an ex-CIA hitman. The story ends where it begins, in the trunk of a car. The only difference is that Emily is willingly accompanied by her new love, Vincent.

The beauty of this film lies in its mellow tone. Although the action in it should be nerve-wracking, the writing promotes a surprisingly different atmosphere.

The sappiness expected from a romantic com-



Vincent Roche (Benicio Del Toro) and Emily T. Hope (Alicia Silverstone) share a light moment in *Excess Baggage*.

edy only veers its ugly head a few times. In fact, the lead characters are annoying until the plot begins to unfold. The believable traits of Emily and Vincent, traits to which people might relate, appear in the second half of the film.

Silverstone stays within her realm of the petty, trendy, spoiled brat. Del Toro's obscure and unmatched performance captures the audience's

fascination. You, too, will giggle with the pre-teens sitting in the front row.

Excess Baggage is not a film aimed at the boring or normal sense of humor. You must watch this film with an open mind because it offers a fresh perspective on the Generation X dating fantasy.

-Becky Rickard

MUSIC REVIEW

Smashing your expectations

Newest release from alternative band not so great

Smash Mouth
Fush U Mang
Interscope Records

The new release from Smash Mouth on Interscope Records is somewhat of a disappointment. The "hit" single, "Walkin' On The Sun," is the only song on the entire album that is not Green Day punk.

With songs about the Fonz and a neighbor who complains about the noise level of their beer induced partying, I realized that this CD has no message, except for the entire song devoted to the smoking of marijuana. On the positive side, they have come up with some very creative and witty lyrics and on other

tracks I felt I was listening to The Bloodhound Gang.

The main thing that grated on my nerves about the disc, is the fact that on the majority of the songs, the mouthful of lyrics are crammed into three seconds of blaring chords on the guitar. I got the distinct feeling that in many of the songs they just started singing with whatever music they happened to be playing.

If you happened to catch them recently at Mississippi Nights playing with Sugar Ray, I sincerely want to extend my apologies, at least from listening to the record. Who knows, they might perform a spectacular show? Never mind, I doubt it.

-Travis Regensburger



UNDER CURRENT

by Daniel Hazelton
photography associate

IF YOUR CAR COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD IT SAY?

"Let me die quickly and painlessly."

- Eric Chaney
senior/business finance



"Proud to be a Ford."

- Steve Woodland
junior/international marketing
and German

"Go easy on me."

- Jim Troester
MIS



"Why don't I get the good stuff?"

- Pat Payette
senior/general studies
and psychology

Homecoming '97 "Dancin' In The Streets"

The Dance

Regal Riverfront Hotel

October 11, 1997 7:30 pm - 12:00 am Dinner Starts at 8:00

Semi-Formal Attire

Cost: \$12.50/one \$20/two \$90/table of 10

Tickets on Sale at 267 University Center and 262 University Center

The Games

Saturday Oct. 11, 1997

Women's Soccer
Riverwomen vs. Quincy
Game Time - 12:00pm

Men's Soccer
Rivermen vs. Quincy
Game Time - 2:30pm

Both Games at Don Dallas Stadium and are Free for Students!



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The Court

Elections

Elections for Homecoming Court Will Be Held During The Week of Homecoming Monday through Thursday.

The Homecoming Court will be announced at half-time of the Men's Soccer game on the 11th.

The King and Queen will be announced at The Dance

Sign Up Today.

SPORTS

off the WALL



Ken Dunkin sports editor

No one ever said UM-St. Louis students pay attention. Maybe that is why there are still spots left on the Rec Sports Bike the Katy Trail and Mizzou Football events.

The two events (see the accompanying story) will both take place in October, a prime time when students want to get out and enjoy the last breath of good weather old Mother Nature has to offer.

That is why it puzzles me so much that free activities many people must pay so much money to do still have enrollment space remaining.

The football game is the shocker. Granted, the Mizzou Tigers are not a great team; hell they aren't even a good team. They are right around poor. But this is Division-I football against a good Texas team. I would go to the game, but I bought concert tickets, and I paid for those.

So many people watch the Tigers on TV; there must be 50 people that want to go to the game. You could get your friends in Columbia to go to the game and have a mini get-together. You could go along to meet new people from UM-St. Louis or meet and greet the wild bunch from Mizzou.

There are so many reasons that this is a good deal. Number one, it's free. You put up \$10 to show you will go. You show up and get your \$10 back. Use it for beer money or for those big fat hot dogs they have at Faurot Field.

One thing is for sure, if no one takes advantage of these offers now, the University will never offer them again. Take the school's money and run with it. Have a day on the campus. Lord knows we pay enough in student fees that you should be able to get something for your money.

Do we have any students that went to Eureka? Why not go see your old buddy Earnest Blackwell? I'm sure you miss seeing him run for touchdowns. So maybe he will be getting his face rammed into the carpet, but hey, you can hang out at a real campus community for a day.

Or if you can't wait go on the Bike-the-Katy-Trail trip this Saturday, for no money down and no money later you get to go to Defiance, Mo., and ride a bicycle around the beautiful countryside. You will trek to Augusta, Mo., and spend your lunch time resting and relaxing and enjoying the fresh air.

This will be one of the last good weekends before the cold weather hits and the leaves die. You will probably even be able to wear shorts. Get in your last minute tan. Just get on the bus and go.

Do you think I've stressed that it is free? Well get over to the Student Activities Office at 267 University Center and sign up. They will get you all ready to enjoy two nice, relaxing days of meeting new people and enjoying everything Missouri has to offer. This offer won't last long, Oct. 1 to be exact.

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Women's basketball team takes time out to visit Children's Hospital

New coach wants players to appreciate health, continues tradition she started at BAC

by Ken Dunkin staff writer

The UM-St. Louis basketball squad visited many sick children last Thursday afternoon in hopes of making them feel better.

The team visited St. Louis Children's Hospital on Sept. 25, with all 18 members of the women's team and coaching staff making the trip.

New head coach Shelly Ethridge had done the same trip during her time at Belleville Area College.

"This is an opportunity for us to brighten the day for some kids who are fighting an illness,"

Ethridge said.

The trip is also intended to influence the way the women look at their own lives.

"This will demonstrate to some of our players how fortunate they are to be so healthy, that there are people who are not as blessed as they are," Ethridge said. "Our kids can learn what struggling to overcome an obstacle is really all about."

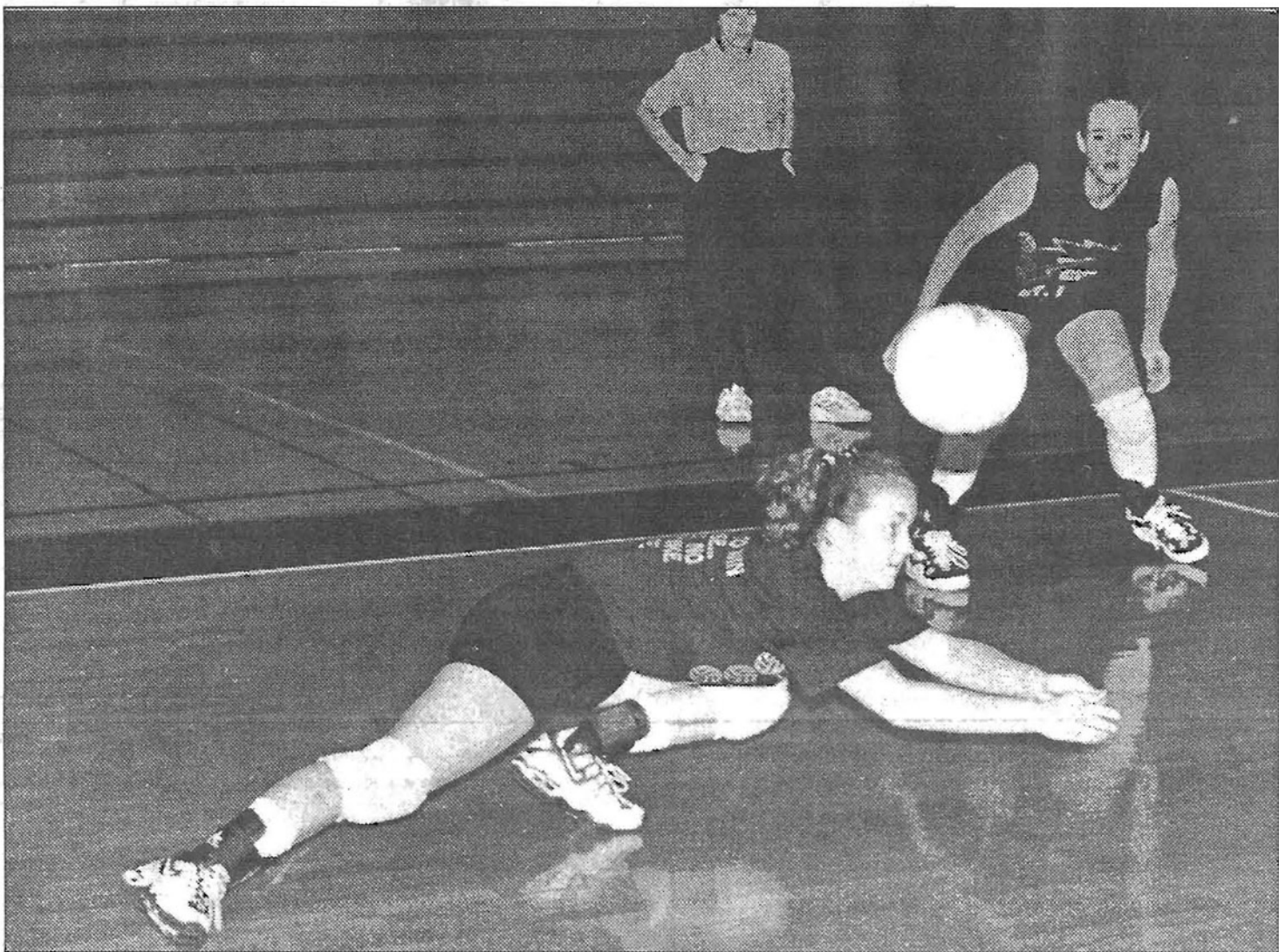
The patients the team visited ranged in age groups 1-18, some being the same age as the youngest players.

They visited approximately 150 children.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

In front from l-r, basketball players Missy England, Krystal Logan and Beth Ragsdale. In back from l-r, basketball players Donna Simon, Lindsey Brefeld and coach Shelly Ethridge.



Ashley Cook/The Current

Michelle Pasieka, left, reaches for a ball as her teammate Susan Kleinschnitz waits for the return.

Volleyball squad comes away with a win, 'fall flat' in road trip

by Brian Folsom staff writer

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen volleyball team played its first two home games of the season Sept. 19 and 20 and came away with a split.

The Riverwomen's first match at the Mark Twain Building proved less than successful, resulting in a shutout for IUPUI-Fort Wayne.

According to Head Coach Denise Silvester, the team started well, then fell behind and couldn't catch up.

"We just fell flat in the third game," she said. "They are the best team in the conference, and we just couldn't adjust to their style of play."

The Riverwomen (7-5 overall, 2-2 Great Lakes Valley Conference) had their bright spots according to Silvester.

"The team did a great job of blocking, especially freshman Michelle Hochstatter," she said.

The Riverwomen evened their conference record at 2-2 the next day with a 3-0 shutout over St. Joe's. The team won 15-8,

15-6 and 15-8. Sophomores Nicole Wall and

see Volleyball page 8

Women's soccer stuck in losing streak

3 road trip losses contribute to disappointing slump

by Dave Kinworthy staff writer

The women's soccer team stands at 3-6 in the midst of a three-game losing streak. This marks the first time since 1994 that the team has had a comparable losing streak.

Previously on Sept. 20, the women faced Lewis University. UM-St. Louis lost this match 2-4. Goals were scored by forward Carrie Marino and defender Shannon Humphrey.

The Riverwomen's next opponent was Wisconsin-Parkside in a game on Sept. 21. The team lost a close match 1-2 with a goal coming from midfielder Jennifer Terbrock.

Later on Sept. 23, UM-St. Louis took on UM-Rolla and lost decisively 0-3.

A large part of the three game losing

streak could be due to playing on the road where the Riverwomen are 1-4.

This past weekend, the Riverwomen were scheduled to return home, where they are 2-2, to play Bellarmine and Kentucky Wesleyan.

Bellarmine is 4-1 overall and ranked second in the conference in scoring with 3.4 goals per game.

The team features a St. Louisan, forward Diane Davidson, from Incarnate Word Academy.

The third leading scorer in the conference, midfielder Tanya Wheeler, also plays for Bellarmine.

Kentucky-Wesleyan is 3-3 overall but has a record of 0-2 in conference play. This opponent features forward Michelle Scott who has five goals and is ranked seventh in the conference.

Hockey ready for new season

Mike Kissel special to The Current

The UM-St. Louis hockey squad enters the 1997 campaign with a good mix of veteran players and talented freshman players.

The team will have Ian Mackie back in the nets. Mackie is going to be integral to the team's success. The defense will lack size, but the team should make up for this in skating ability.

The major factor in whether or not the team will be successful is how the freshman make the jump from high school to the college game. Eric Bruer, a standout player from Hazelwood Central, has the potential to make this jump successfully. Bruer will be an offensive player, but he also played defense while with Hazelwood Central.

"The team has eight freshman who will play in the games. I think we will be able to play at this level because we have a lot of good skaters,"

Bruer said.

The team has a lot of forwards with the ability to put the puck on the net. This will help in the power play. According to Bruer, the power play will be a strong area.

The team will be looking to Craig Kneale for plenty of offense this season. Kneale put up good offensive numbers throughout his high school career.

"So far, the coaches have been good. The practices are more intense than high school, which will only help," Kneale said.

The training camp has been intense and has lead to a few altercations, but Kneale said the fights have not hurt the team's chemistry because they leave a competitive edge on the ice.

"I think we should be good. We have a lot of good skaters, and Mackie is a good team leader in nets," Kneale said.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Contact the Athletic Department for information about these and other events.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Women						at SIU-Edwardsville 2:00 p.m.		
Men						at SIU-Edwardsville 4:00 p.m.		
Women				at Quincy 7:00 p.m.				

Rec Sports introduces new, free events

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

Rec Sports and the Office of Student Activities have two new events set to kick off in October. The first is a free bike trip along the Katy Trail; the second is a free bus ride and ticket to see the UM-Columbia football Tigers play Texas.

The events are free to students. Each participant must put a down payment of \$10 to reserve a space. The money is then refunded when the student attends the event.

The bike ride will take place this Saturday. A shuttle bus will leave UM-St. Louis at 8 a.m. and arrive in Defiance, Mo., at 9 a.m. Participants will then receive their rented bicycles, paid for by the University. They will trek 14.4 miles during the day and have the opportunity to explore Augusta, Mo., during lunch.

This is a ride-at-your-own-pace event with up to 25 student slots ready to be filled. Registration ends Oct. 1.

The Mizzou Tigers will play Texas in their homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 18. This is the closest thing UM-St. Louis has to a football program, and you can go to the event for free.

Up to 50 students can make the trek to Columbia, Mo., in a chartered bus. The bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back at UM-St. Louis at 7:30 p.m. The deadline to register is Oct. 1. Interested students can register in the Student Activities Office, 267 University Center. All participants will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volleyball, from page 7

Susan Claggett led the team with eight kills, and sophomore Angie McCubbins had ten digs. The turnaround from the day before may have resulted from a team talk after the loss.

"We evaluated our play and set goals for the rest of the season as far as conference play, and we realized we needed to play better if those goals were going to be met," Silvester said.

Silvester added that the win over St. Joe's was a total team effort.

"The girls came out focused. They knew their roles, and they pulled together to play well as a team," she said.

Silvester said the team still needs to work hard in practice, especially on offense.

The Riverwomen will try to improve their conference record when they travel to Northern Kentucky and Bellarmine on Sept. 27 and 28.

According to Silvester, Northern Kentucky will be a true test.

"They are the second best team in the conference right now, and we have yet to beat them," she said. "They are very consistent and make few mistakes."

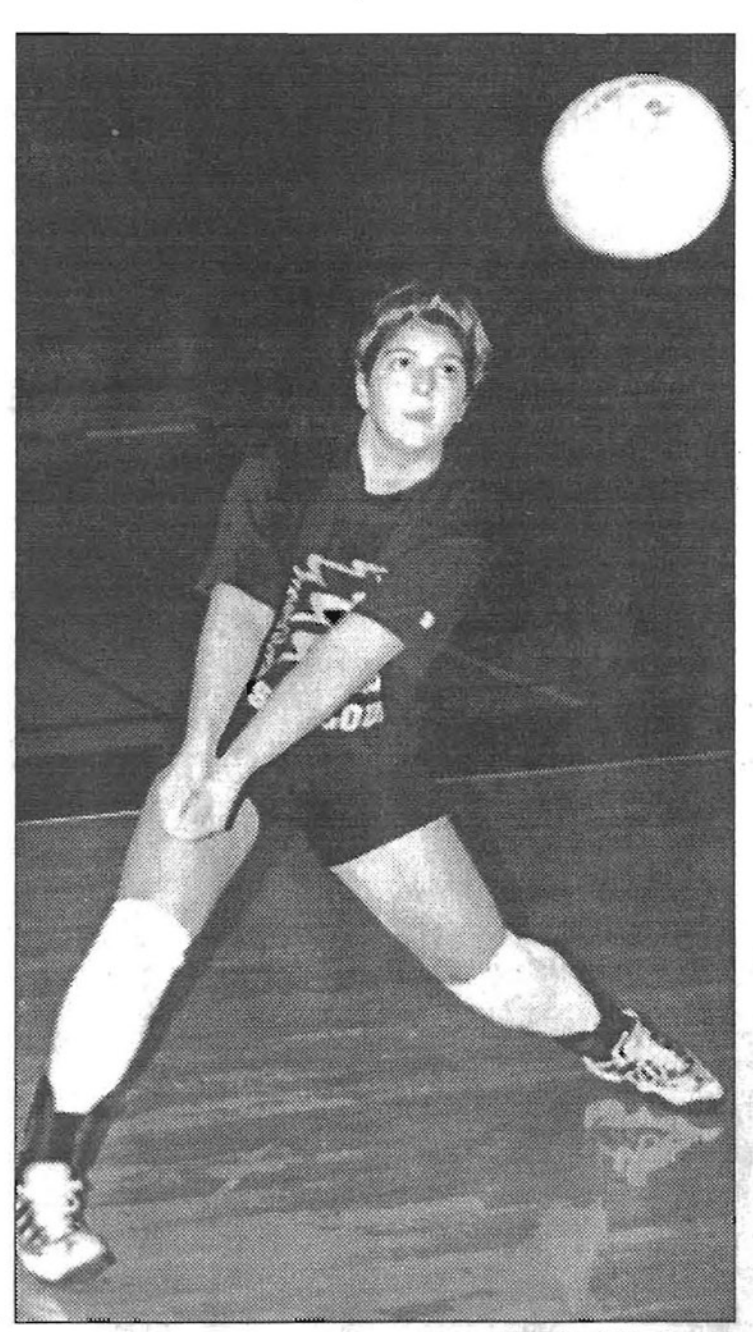
Silvester said the Riverwomen should match up well with Bellarmine.

"I feel like we should beat Bellarmine, but we still have to be motivated and play tough," she said.

The Riverwomen don't return home until Oct. 10, but Silvester said the focus is now on the upcoming road games.

SCORE BOARD	
MEN'S SOCCER	Sept. 21
Sept. 20	Wisconsin-Parkside 1, UM-St. Louis 0 (WP: Adam Ries; shutout by D. Tredo)
Lewis U. 4, UM-St. Louis 1 (LU: Chris Doran 2, Tom Zec, Ryan Thomas; UMSL: Lewis own goal)	

Bump, set, spike



Ashley Cook/The Current
Kristen Brugnara prepares to hit a ball in practice last week.

SCORE BOARD	
WOMEN'S SOCCER	Sept. 23
Sept. 20	UM-Rolla 3, UM-St. Louis 0 (UMR: Amber Fisher, Natalie Sanders, UMSL own goal; shutout by Michelle Johnson)
Lewis U. 4, UM-St. Louis 2 (LU: Nancy Reyes 2, Carissima Nigrelli, Melanie Lattie; UMSL: Carrie Marino, Shannon Humphrey)	
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	Sept. 20
Sept. 21	UM-St. Louis def. St. Joseph's 15-8, 15-6, 15-8
Wisconsin-Parkside 2, UM-St. Louis 1 (WP: Tracy Rosiak, Ann Marie; UMSL: Jennifer Terbrock)	

Injuries, player slumps continue to plague Rivermen soccer

Coach worries about absence of team scoring

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

The men's soccer team has had a tough time scoring goals early in the season. It has only scored seven goals in six games.

The Rivermen, 2-4 on the season, have had to rely on several new players and work through several injuries. They have also had to deal with several key players suffering through early slumps.

"We're worried because we're not scoring as a team," Rivermen head coach Tom Redmond said. "We're trying to sort out whether it is a team problem or a individual problem."

One of the players that has had a problem scoring this season is forward Jason Aft. Aft was one of several phenomenal freshman last season. This season he has no goals and two shots.

"We've tried to put him in off the side and have not been starting him," Redmond said. "He is doing some things on the ball that he did last year. Even though his shots are low, I still see some things coming. He is a player that can string a lot of goals along quickly. I could easily see him getting five quality scoring opportunities and putting four of them away."

The goal tenders have also been struggling this season. They have been struggling with injuries.

Starter Brad Beeler injured his shoulder early in the season. That has left a hole in the pipes.

While Beeler attempted to recover, backup Kevin McCarthy played well. He started 5 games, allowing 10 goals. He also earned his first shutout.

He then suffered a concussion against Wisconsin-Parkside. The team then had to turn to third-string goalie Olegusun "Shaggy" Fabiyi.

Fabiyi is in his first season with the Rivermen. He played well in his UM-St. Louis debut, stopping five shots on six attempts. He will have the starting position if Beeler and McCarthy are still hurt.

"Going into this weekend if Kevin and Brad are still down, then 'Shaggy' is in," Redmond said. "He played the last part of the Wisconsin-Parkside game and faced a few shots. He did fine. It's unusual for us to have to go to our number three keeper. I think it is an indicator of how our season is going."

The Rivermen are now 0-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They kept the game to a 1-0 battle against conference power Wisconsin-Parkside last weekend.

"We played them real tough," Redmond said. "We just didn't score at the right time. The team still made strides by keeping Wisconsin-Parkside to one goal. I had a lot of questions before the game, and our team answered a lot of them."

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Volleyball team returns from competitive matches in Wisconsin tourney

by Dave Kinworthy
special to The Current

The women's volleyball team had several tough matches while playing at the Wisconsin-Parkside team meet.

The team played against teams from the Great Lakes International American Conference. The first non-conference opponent was Rollins University from Florida. The Riverwomen decisively won 3-0.

The next opponent was Wayne State, a team from Michigan who are ranked #2 in the region. Wayne State soundly defeated the Riverwomen 3-0.

Later on Saturday, UM-St. Louis played rival Ashland from

Ohio. UM-St. Louis lost in five games 3-2 with the tie breaker ending in a close 15-13 game.

"It was a very even match. It was definitely a match though that we could have and should have won," said Erik Kaseorg assistant volleyball coach.

The following match was against Saginaw State College from Michigan in which the Riverwomen easily won 3-1.

"If we played Ashland with the same intensity as Saginaw, we would have won that match," added Kaseorg.

Some of the intensity may be a result of the return of senior setter Laura Gray.

"Laura is healthy and did the

majority of the setting last week-end. Leslie Armstrong stepped in and did a nice job. The offense just flows a little more smoothly when Laura is in the game as she returns for her third year of play," Kaseorg said.

The team will travel to play their first conference game of the season against Wisconsin-Parkside on Sept. 12. They then play Lewis University Sept. 13 completing the team's first conference road trip. The team will have to wait several weeks before playing their first home game. Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne will visit on Sept. 19 to begin the home season for the Riverwomen.

New players should strengthen volleyball team

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

With six newcomers and a squad that is hungry for victories the Riverwomen soccer team will look to add on last season's great record.

While the Riverwomen lack depth at many position they will have quality players all around the field.

Forwards

Carrie Marino-Marino will be a huge key to the offensive attack as she was last season. She was an All-Region selection after scoring 17 goals and 10 assist for a 44 point season. She will be expected to be an offensive force once again.

Jenny Terbrock-A talented player that should step into a starting role in her freshman season.

Julie Reiter-A sophomore transfer who will get a lot of time at the forward position. She will combine with Marino and Terbrock as a tough three up front.

Midfielders

Beth Ernst-Ernst is one of the best players in the country. After sitting out several years after leaving Michigan State Ernst led the Riverwomen to one of their best seasons ever. She became only the second player in school history to score over 20 goals and amassed 51 points. She was also an All-America

selection.

Tammi Madden-Madden enters her fourth season with the Riverwomen looking to make it her best. She is expected to be a leader and play a key role in helping maintain the defensive prowess that has been with the team in recent seasons.

Tricia Niederer-No one works harder or wants to play more than Niederer. She is coming off of ankle surgery and still goes all-out. Even with the injury she is one of the quickest players on the team.

Lynn Lueddecke-One of the hard working players on the team Lueddecke will play spot time in the midfield. In her two seasons with the program she has two assists.

Laurie Casso-A hard worker that has been with the program for three seasons, she is entering her fourth. She has good ball skills and at times can be a very dominating player.

Diane Pohlman-A transfer from UM-Columbia who has gained a starting role with the Riverwomen. She is expected to play a big role with the team.

Defender

Diane Ermeling-After a tiring season last year Ermeling should come back this year replenished. She is a solid defender that isn't afraid to scrap it up and throw some dirt in the air.

Michelle Hogan-After learning

the program quickly last season Hogan returns with more seasoning and more experience. With her tough and aggressive play Hogan could play a more key role in the defensive game.

Shannon Humphrey-A hard working quality player Humphrey should start in the backfield. When a good opposing player is on the field Humphrey is the player that marks her.

Windy Hollon-A solid player that will get plenty of time in the backfield. She had an assist last season.

Karla Linder-A solid defender who could get time in the crowded backfield. She played in 15 games last season getting an assist.

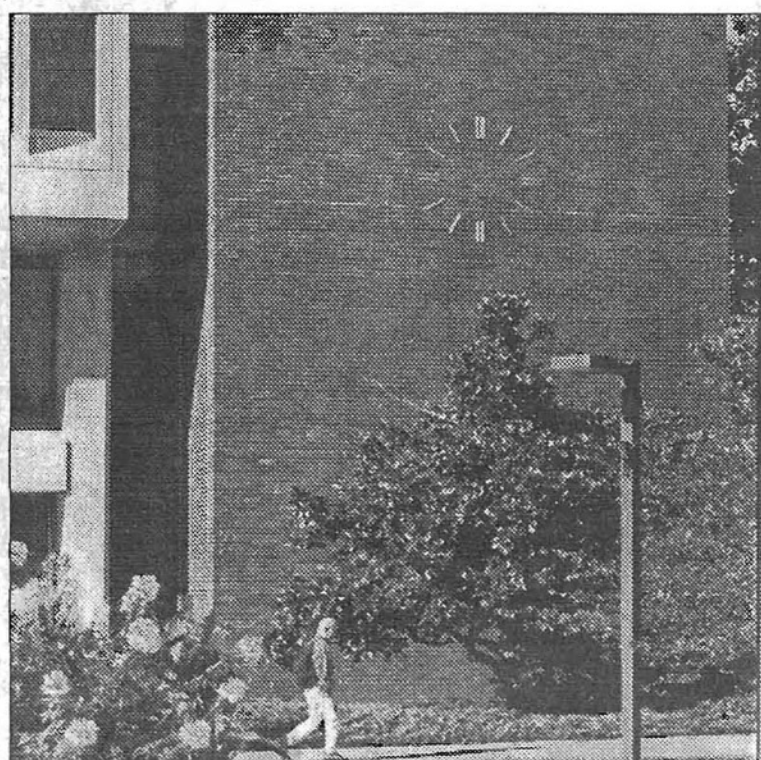
Beth Ostermeyer-Ostermeyer has made a name quickly in her freshman season for her strong defensive abilities.

Dana Thompson-Another strong defender that came to UM-St. Louis after a year at University of Kansas. In time she could see more time on the field.

Goalie

Samantha Grashoff-The only goalie this season Grashoff will be expected to do lot of things for the team. In her freshman season she had a .78 goals against average and registered four shut-outs. The job is hers this season and for the team to win she must play well.

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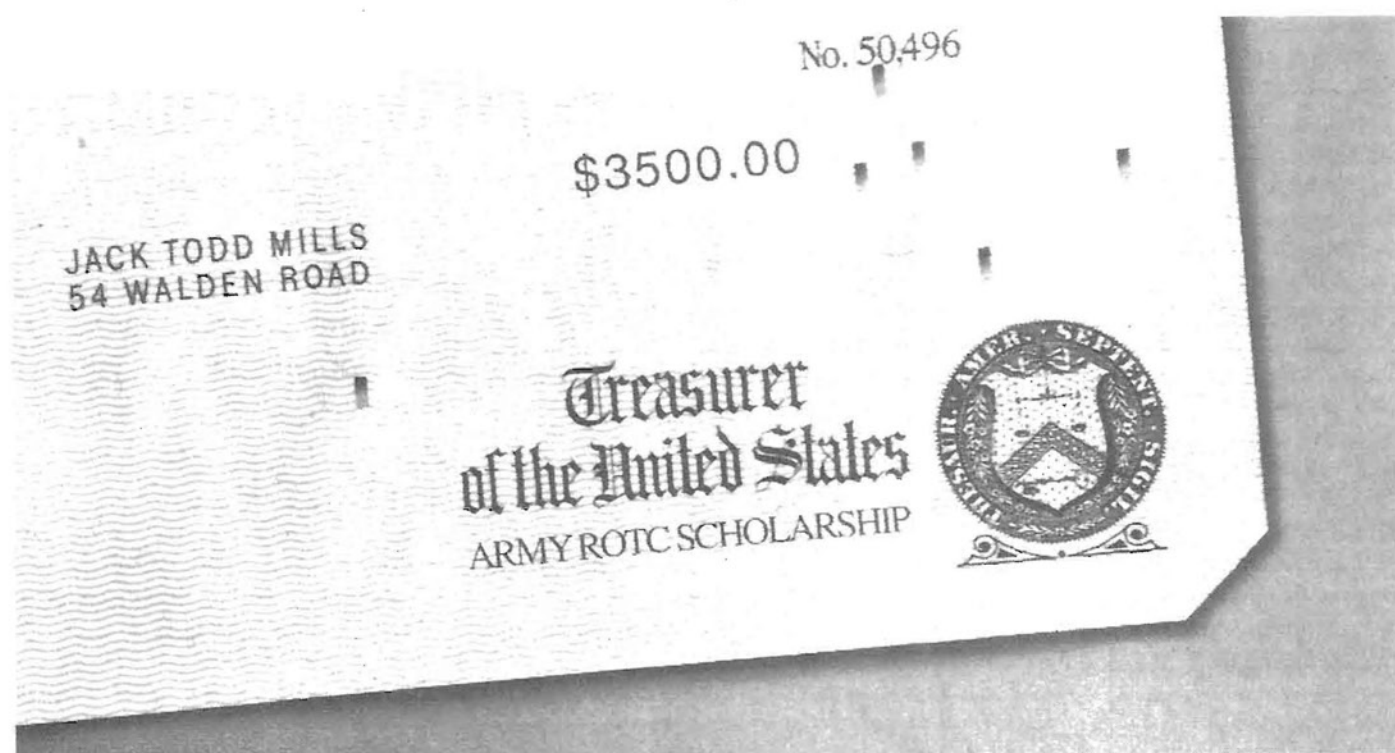
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The St. Louis Mercantile Library at UM-St. Louis will host its monthly Lunch & Lecture from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Summit Lounge. The featured speaker will be Jeanne Colette Colletter, author of "Rudolf Ganz - a Musical Pioneer." Tickets are \$10 for Mercantile Library members and \$12.50 for others. Call 621-0670 for more information.

Joyce Mushaben, associate professor of political science, will serve on a panel discussing "Germany, Before and After the Wall" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Summit Lounge. The panel will feature Freya Klier, German writer and filmmaker, and Jim Kircherr, KETC Channel 9 news producer.

Interested faculty and staff are invited to attend a meeting Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. in Rm. 200 Lucas Hall to discuss several University initiatives, including the Performing Arts Center.

Kyungho Oh, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, will discuss "String Theory and Mirror Symmetry" at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Room 302/304 of the Computer Center Building. The colloquium is sponsored by the mathematics and computer science department. Call 5741 for details.

The Newman House, 8200 Natural Bridge, will host a weekly, in-depth presentation titled "Book of Revelations: Unfolding the Mystery" beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday and ending Wednesday, Nov. 19. For more information, call 385-3455.

Candidates for the next student representative to the UM Board of Curators were announced Friday. They are: Joyce Wagner, Patricia Grant, Thomas Cole, Tracy Carpenter, Bruce Arokoyo, Susan Beattie, Sarah Welch, Karen Sieve, M. Ethel Myers, Dan Vasey, Joshua Stegeman, Bob Fritchey, Jim Avery and Kim Hudson. Watch The Current next week for more details about each cadidate.

Contact David Baugher at 516-5174 to submit items for Newswire.

Tending the Flock



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Steven Renfro and Laura Stayloch pass time between classes with a number of hungry geese.

Students praise career days

by Becky Zagurski
special to The Current

Many employers and UM-St. Louis students said good things about the Job Fair sponsored by Career Services on Sept. 24 and 25.

UM-St. Louis student and MIS major, Cici Smith, said she was "very impressed" and praised Career Services for "opening the door to corporate America." Smith said she talked to three companies that she believed were good job prospects.

UM-St. Louis alumnus, Dean Little, went to the fair seeking a "job with advancement opportunities." He said many companies seemed to be looking for interns, but he was pleased they were willing to forward his resumes to their Human Resource Departments.

Many employers were pleased by the fair as well.

Marshall Henley, a representative for New Horizons, a computer training firm, called the fair "well coordinated."

"The students are great," he said.

Jerry Rhubart, Human Resources representative for DePaul Health Center, said the candidates presented themselves well, and he hopes they will keep DePaul in mind when they graduate.

The Job Fair was Career Services' first big recruiting event of the school year. Career Services Director Deborah Kettler, said most employers were "pretty happy" about the fair.

Kettler also said the current job market is very good. And, as a result of the fair, some companies plan to use the Career Services website to post future job openings.

Kettler said over 500 students attended the event.

Annual UN essay contest deadline approaches

Frances Pickett
special to The Current

It is time again for the annual United Nations contest, in which undergraduate students may submit an original essay, piece of music or piece of artwork to compete for a \$1000 prize awarded to a winner in each category. This year's contest will include the addition of a web page category in which participants would design a page to advocate UN-Day.

The contest was founded by Dorothy Schneider, who wrote the United Nations Resolution calling on all countries to recognize UN Day as an international

holiday. Dr. Brenda McPhail, this years contest coordinator, believes this is an excellent contest for UM-St. Louis students.

"It provides potential financial resources for students while asking them to focus on global issues," she said.

According to McPhail, contest entries should include how the world could benefit from an international holiday dedicated to universal peace. Students wishing to participate in this year's United Nations essay, art, music or web page competition should contact the English department located in room 494 of Lucas Hall. The contest deadline is October 3.

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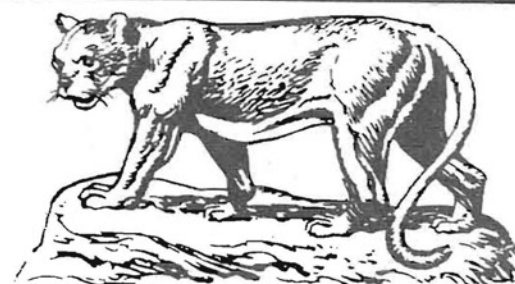


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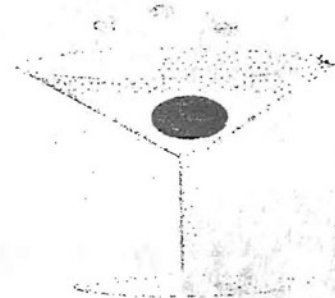


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