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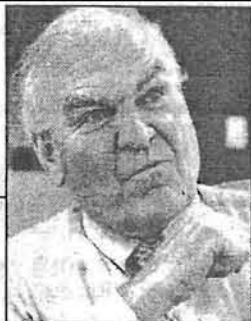
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## KKK sues Board of Curators, wants air time on campus radio

Klan support of KWMU programming 'not in best interest of community,' U says

by Bill Rolles  
staff writer

The Ku Klux Klan is suing the UM Board of Curators after KWMU management refused to accept advertisements from the group.

The KKK approached the UM-St. Louis radio station in late September requesting to underwrite four episodes of "All Things Considered," but were denied.

The Klan's attorney, Robert Herman, said KWMU's refusal violates the KKK's First Amendment rights.

He said the KKK's suit, filed in federal court Thursday, is not seeking monetary damages but seeks an injunctive declaratory judgment.

Herman said that the injunctive judgment would require KWMU to

allow the KKK to underwrite the four episodes. The declaratory judgment would "declare the University's refusal to allow the Klan's right to underwrite 'All Things Considered' is unconstitutional," Herman said.

He said the radio station is owned by the state and all people should have access to it "without regard to the political beliefs or social beliefs of those citizens."

Patricia Bennett, director and general manager of KWMU, said station management does have the right to decline a request for underwriting.

"The station isn't required by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) or the Federal law to accept underwriting from every

organization," Bennett said. "Instead the FCC requires broadcasters to serve the public's interest and it permits broadcasters to exercise editorial discretion in selecting the messages that are to be broadcast over their facilities. So, consistent with the obligation as an FCC licensee KWMU declined to broadcast their message."

Herman said KWMU has broadcast messages from other groups, and it should let the KKK underwrite also.

"The University says anybody with \$50 can get on a soap box for 15 seconds and state their cause," Herman said.

The KKK is not the first group to be turned down by KWMU, according

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Ashley Cook/The Current  
A customer waits for his drink at the South Campus coffee cart.

## Profit losses force coffee carts to close

New operators to reopen beverage centers

by David Baugher  
staff writer

Campus coffee cart service will reopen under new management next week.

Praxton Enterprises, which owns the carts, shut them down Oct. 18 for financial reasons, said Shawn Tofte, the company's midwest regional operations manager.

Tofte said the decision resulted from a "profitability issue," especially at the less successful South campus location.

"They weren't profitable enough to remain open any longer," Tofte said.

Ron Medley, director of food service, said Praxton told him that while the North cart was near financial viability, the South campus site was a "continuous loss of revenue."

"They were probably doing 40 to 50 percent of the business they needed to stay open," Medley said. "It came to a point where Praxton approached the

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## Put On Your Dancing Socks



Ashley Cook/The Current

Jaime Boykin, left, and Janika Barnett put on their socks for the University Program Board sock hop held in conjunction with Midnight Madness last week. For more on this story, see pages 5 and 7.

## Student assembly approves fee hike for 98-99 academic year

Part of increase will fund new U Center

by Bill Rolles  
staff writer

Next year students will be paying a little extra per credit hour for the student services and student activities fees.

At the Oct. 15 Student Government Association meeting the assembly voted to adopt a proposal presented by Jim Avery, SGA president, to increase the student services fee by 12 cents per credit hour and the student activity fee by 25 cents. Some of the 12-cent increase will be saved and will be used to pay for new furniture in a few years, Avery said.

"A nickel will be for the present and the rest will be used for the future, for the new University Center," Avery said.

Avery estimated the quarter increase would allow an extra \$53,500 for student activity allocations next year to meet the increased demand of more student organizations forming.

Pat Rauscher, president of the Residence Hall Association, proposed a new Homecoming organization be formed to take over the responsibility of planning for the week. In the past an SGA committee organized Homecoming.

"My proposal is to take this program and get it out of SGA," Rauscher said.

Rauscher said students need to be more involved than they have been for the entire week to be

planned successfully. He demonstrated this by having two students attempt to lift a table - using only one finger on each hand - while Michael Rankins, vice president of the SGA, was sitting on it. The two students could not do it.

Rauscher called for about 10 more students to help lift the table. The group, each student using only one finger on each hand, was able to lift Rankins and the table.

Planning Homecoming, like lifting the table, "cannot be done with two people alone," Rauscher said.

The Homecoming organization would have to begin planning this semester so it could submit a budget to the Student Activity Budget Committee, he said.

"[The organization] needs to get funds allocated right off the bat," Rauscher said.

In other business during the meeting, the assembly approved the appointment of three student court justices; each has served on the court already: Steve Bartok, who will remain chief justice; Patricia Bevens, a senior criminal justice major; and Virgil Sieberg, also a senior criminal justice major.

Bartok announced that students should be careful about parking illegally because the campus police department has acquired a "tire boot" that locks the wheels of cars. He said police officers have begun using the device already.

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## Performing arts center draws mixed response from faculty members

Some fear \$49 million project may be funded by budget reallocations

by Mary Lindsley  
staff writer

The financial issues surrounding the proposed Performing Arts Complex were the subject of a meeting Monday between Chancellor Blanche Touhill and the University's faculty and staff.

After presenting details of the complex's facilities and the academic programs it will include, Touhill took questions from faculty members concerned about the project's costs.

The initiative calls for five new or existing buildings to house programs in music, theater, art and communications. Touhill said initial costs are "not expected to exceed \$49 million."

Touhill also outlined plans to provide funds for the operating costs of the complex.

"We anticipate receiving operating funds from the

state," Touhill said. "This currently is standard practice when opening any new facility."

In addition, Touhill said she is planning to provide campus funds for staffing and will commission a study to estimate the revenue that will be earned from outside organizations that use the facility.

Several faculty members expressed concern that the operating costs of the complex would be too much of a burden on the University.

"I'm in favor of the expansion of humanities and performing arts programs," said Dennis Judd, professor of political science. "My concern is that this project be of an appropriate cost and design for this campus."

Sharon Levin, professor and chairperson of the economics department expressed similar sentiments.

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An artist's rendering of the proposed Performing Arts Center. Chancellor Blanche Touhill discussed the center with faculty members Monday.



# 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, Oct. 20

- The Monday Noon Series: **"Ambition Facing Westward."** Steve Woolf, artistic director of The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, will discuss the production, along with members of the cast in 229 J.C. Penney at noon-3 p.m. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- **"Challenge '97,"** KWMU's fall fund drive begins and will run through Oct. 26. Call 4000 to donate and 6772 to volunteer.
- **"Women's Roles in Political Campaigns,"** in Tower 1312 at 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies and the Institute for Women in Public Life.
- Pulitzer Prize winning author **Maurice Kenny** will be in 217 Clark Hall at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the English Department.

## Tuesday, Oct. 21

- **Missouri Baptist Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit** will be in the J.C. Penney parking lot from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 996-5170.
- **"Dui Seid: We the People..."** This exhibit will end on Dec. 6 and will be held in Gallery 210. A reception will be held in Gallery 210, Lucas Hall on Oct. 23 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the U-Lounge in Marillac Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the American Optometric Student Association. Contact: Angela or Kay at 839-3052.
- Presentation on **"The International Campaign to Ban Land Mines,"** recent winner of the Nobel Peace Prize from 12-1 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney.

## Wednesday, Oct. 22

- **One-night men's and women's volleyball tournament** sponsored by Rec Sports. Team and individual sign-ups are welcomed. Register in 203 Mark Twain by Tuesday, Oct. 21. Contact: Rec Sports
- **Artist Reception** for UM-St. Louis Adjunct Art Faculty at Gallery F.A.B. in the Fine Arts Building from 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Contact: Gallery F.A.B., 6967.
- **The Searchers** in the U-Meadows Apartment Clubhouse at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Free admission with an UM-St. Louis I.D. UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series. Contact Student Activities at 5291.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the U-Lounge in Marillac Hall. Sponsored by the American Optometric Student Association. Contact: Angela or Kay, 839-3052.

## Thursday, Oct. 23

- **Study Abroad Information** meeting. Programs in Mexico and Spain. Meeting will be held in 301 SSB at 3 p.m.
- **The Searchers** in the University Center Lounge at 10 a.m. Free admission with an UM-St. Louis I.D. UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series. Contact: Student Activities at 5291.
- **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change** meeting at 3:30 p.m. in 441 Stadler Hall.
- **Reception** for "Dui Seid: We the People..." in Gallery 210 5-7 p.m.
- **Friday, Oct. 24**
- **"Symbol and Symbolized: The American Flag in Contemporary Art,"** a symposium co-sponsored by the Center for Humanities will be held in 203 Lucas Hall from 1-3 p.m.

## Monday, Oct. 27

- The Monday Noon Series: **"Laszlo Moholy-Nagy: Polyartist and Educator - A Side Talk."** Terry Suhre, director of Gallery 210, This talk will cover the life and career of Moholy-Nagy. The talk will be held in 229 J.C. Penney at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- **Men's and coed floor hockey league** begins and will be played Monday evenings in the Mark Twain Athletic Center. Register by Oct. 22. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

## Tuesday, Oct. 28

- **Biological Society** meeting in Benton Hall 111 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call 6438.
- **KWMU reception** for Friends of KWMU members only with Diane Rehm from 6-8 p.m. at KWMU. Contact Libby Nolan, 5968.
- **Coed volleyball league** begins. Register by Oct. 22. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **A Beautiful Thing** Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change Film Series and brown bag event from 10 a.m.-1p.m. in the U-Center Lounge.

## Wednesday, Oct. 29

- **Biological Society** meeting in Benton Hall 111 at 4:30 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 6438.
- **The Wedding Banquet** Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change Film Series and brown bag event from 10 a.m.-1p.m. in the U-Center Lounge.
- **Flu Shot Clinic** 9:30-10:15 a.m. Marillac Hall Lobby, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Seton Hall Lobby, 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. University Center Lobby,

and 5:00-6:30 p.m. 3rd Floor Lucas Hall Lobby.

- **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** in the U-Meadows Clubhouse at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Free admission with an UM-St. Louis I.D. UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series. Contact Student Activities at 5291.

- **Men's and coed indoor soccer** begins and will be played Wednesday evenings in the Mark Twain Athletic Center. Register by Oct. 22. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

## Thursday, Oct. 30

- **Study Abroad Information** meeting. Programs in Mexico and Spain. Meeting will be held in 301 SSB at 3 p.m.

- **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** in the University Center Lounge at 10 a.m. Free admission with an UM-St. Louis I.D. UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series. Contact: Student Activities at 5291.

- **Student Social Work Association** meeting at 3 p.m. in the Lucas Hall Evening College Conference Room.

## Sunday, Nov. 2

- **Premiere Performances: Western Wind** at 3 p.m. at the Sheldon. Contact: 5818.

## Monday, Nov. 3

- Monday Noon Series **"Business, Labor, and the State: The Battle for American Labor Markets from the Civil War to the New Deal"** in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- **Study Abroad Information** meeting. Programs in Australia. Meeting will be held in 301 SSB at 3 p.m.
- **Racquetball Tournament for men and women** thru Nov. 7. Register by Oct. 28. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

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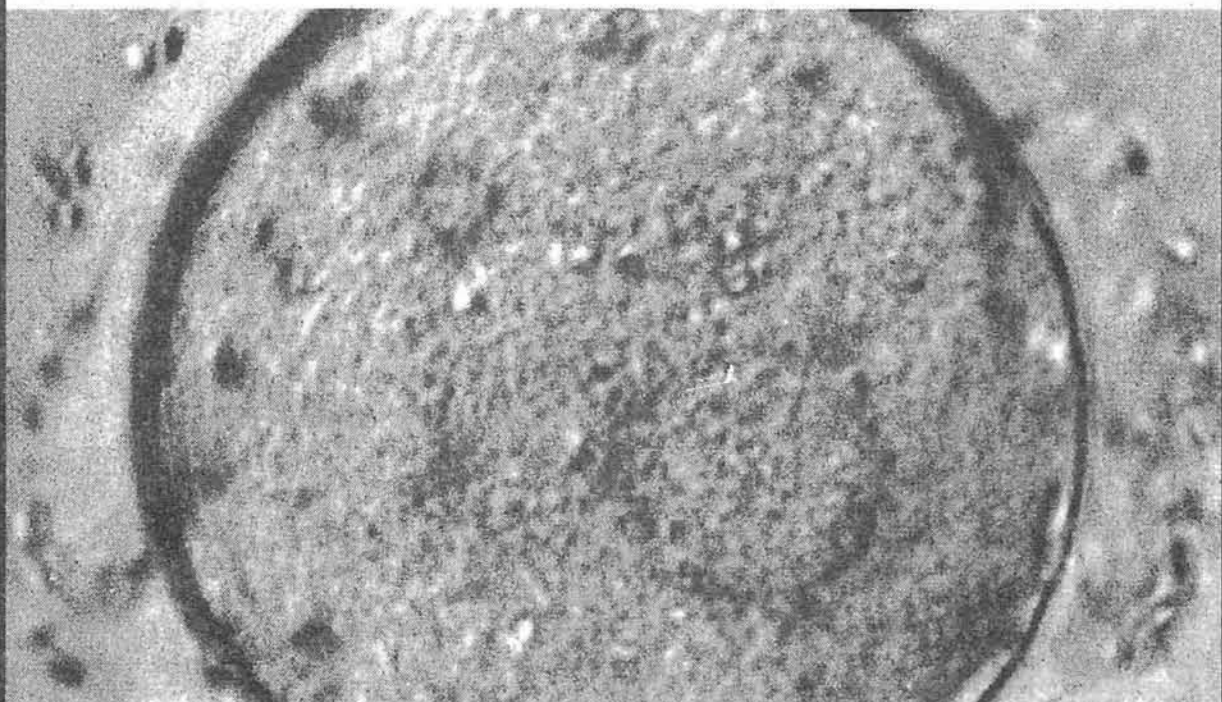
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## Holiday draws annual protesters

by David Baugher  
staff writer

Anti-colonialism, revolution and unity were among the main themes of Monday afternoon's anti-Columbus Day rally.

The annual event, sponsored this year by the Pan-African Research Organization and the Young Communist Club, was originally slated to be held on the University Center patio. It had to be moved inside due to cold weather.

"We come today in solidarity with the indigenous people of this country," said Micheal Perkins, president of the Pan-African Research Organization, "because we know that Christopher Columbus did not discover this land, that the indigenous people of this land were here before this country, before the Europeans ever set foot on the shores of this country."

Perkins also condemned "500 years of exploitation, domination and war from colonial intruders."

Lorenzo McCoy, vice-president of the organization, agreed, citing "myths" about Columbus' discovery.

"This person so-called 'discovered' this land," McCoy said, "but it's impossible to discover something already inhabited by people."

Mario Love, president of the Young Communist Club, also spoke, criticizing colonialism, imperialism and the "paradigm of oppression."

"It makes no difference what color you are," Love said. "All that matters is that you are an individual with a divine right to justice and freedom."

Love also encouraged listeners to "take back their right to revolt."

"How are you going to have a revolution in which the goal of the revolution is be a part of the system," Love asked.

Representatives from other organizations, including the Sisterhood Exchange, the Pan-African Youth Movement and the All-African People's Revolutionary Party also spoke on issues ranging from criticism of capitalism to encouraging students to join "revolutionary organizations."

The event was highlighted by an address from Wabun-Inini, also known as Vernon Bellecourt, a national representative of the American Indian Movement, and president of the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media.

Bellecourt, who comes from the Anishinade tribe in the upper Midwest, called Columbus a "colonial pirate" and the Pilgrims "sick, destitute, and wrapped in rags."

"In reflection, we would have been better off had we taken them by the napes of their scuffy necks and the seat of their vermin-infested trousers and tossed them back into the riffraff and flotsam of the sea from which they came," Bellecourt said.

He also stressed the need for a "real American revolution."

"That revolution that they started in 1776, that was really a conspiracy by a group of rich, old, greedy, sexist, white men to take economic and political power," Bellecourt said.

He also criticized America for its involvement in Grenada and Panama and accused the CIA of supporting brutality in Guatemala.

"Americans are the last people who can go around the world preaching morality," Bellecourt said.

Bellecourt also urged professional sports teams like the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Redskins to change their names and logos which some have found offensive.

"We know it's a real problem," Bellecourt



Ashley Cook/The Current

**Wabun-Inini (Vernon Bellecourt) speaks to students at the anti-Columbus Day rally Monday.**

said. "It's some of the last vestiges of racism in sports."

Perkins promised more anti-Columbus rallies in future years "until that day is no longer a day of celebration. It is truly a day of mourning for the indigenous people as well as for us, the African slaves."

## Campus computing will be ready for millennial madness, officials say

by David Baugher  
staff writer

On Jan. 1, 2000, your ATM card may not work; your home PC may go haywire; erroneous bills may arrive in your mailbox if the mail comes at all. But, according to campus officials, at least your student records will be safe.

"It's something we're aware of and something that we're working on," Tom Goebel, who heads Administrative Computing here on campus, said.

That "something" is a computer glitch known as the Millennium bug, or simply the Year 2000 problem, which is expected to cause worldwide computer crashes and shutdowns on business, government and other large organizational computer systems at the close of the century.

"Anything that has an electronic chip in it has a potential problem," Jerrold Siegel, coordinator of Campus Computing, said.

Siegel explained that the problem dates back to the early days of computing when many large computer systems used only two rather than four digits to represent the year, such as 97 instead of 1997.

"In those days, memory was very expensive," Siegel said. "You had thousands and thousands of files, and if you could save a couple of characters per file, you were doing yourself a big favor."

Unfortunately, Siegel said, such space-saving measures create problems when dates from one century are compared with another.

"You have all of these programs that just use the last two digits," Siegel said, "so, of course, the effect of that is that the last two digits of the year 2000 come out to be 00 and the last two digits of 1999 come out to be 99. If you ask [the computer] 'is 2000 bigger than 1999', the answer is no."

"What has to be done," Siegel said, "is to go back and redo a lot of University programs to expand the date and fill in the fields."

That process has been going on since about 1992, Goebel said, though most of the work has been

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**-Jerrold Siegel  
coordinator  
campus computing**

done by the UM system rather than the individual campuses.

"The main core administrative systems are maintained at Columbia at the UM-system level, Goebel said.

He said most of the effort would focus on the Student Information System, which tracks everything from a student's G.P.A. to his or her degree information.

"That's a major job because there's so much data there," Goebel said. "There are so many dates."

According to Goebel, the biggest problem was simply finding where the dates are, so the extra digits can be added to them.

"It is a big job identifying all the places you need to change," Goebel said, "and once you do that, it's a significant amount of work to make the change."

Other programs, like the Human Resources System, will be less work to fix, said Goebel, because they involve fewer dates while some like the Financial Records system are being upgraded by the vendor and only need to be tested.

According to computing officials, the closure of the campus' mainframe next summer will also help since some applications may be rewritten in the process.

Siegel said the cost of the revamp is difficult to calculate because most of it must be measured in lost work hours.

"It's hard to judge the cost because it's what you might call opportunity costs," Siegel said, "which means people are doing one thing rather than doing something else."

Campus officials said they expect all the changes to be complete by late 1998, just in time for the new millennium.

## Renowned pollster discusses, race, religion, wisdom for living

by Jerry Weller  
staff writer

Recently George Gallup Jr. of Gallup Poll fame gave *The Current* an interview while he was in St. Louis for the University's Founder's Dinner. Excerpts of the interview appear below.

**The Current:** In 1984, you wrote a book called *Forecast 2000* in which you used polling techniques to try to look into the future. Do you have any concerns that people are going to look at your book and ask "OK, How right was he?"

**Gallup:** I hope they don't! (laughs) . . . You wouldn't have to be Nostradamus to see that we're still going to have plenty of social problems in the years ahead unless we break down the walls between the "haves" and "have-nots" in direct person to person, face to face mentoring. Nothing short of that is going to work.

**TC:** Are issues such as minority youth unemployment still the "powder keg" you describe in your book?

**Gallup:** I think it's just as much, sadly. Race relations have improved but there's an awful lot of bitterness. . . . Although there's a definite improvement, there's still two Americas . . .

**TC:** In your book, you raise the possibility of nuclear terrorists destroying New York City. Any further thoughts?

**Gallup:** Well you know that prediction came very close to happening recently with the (World) Trade Center and so forth — Spookily! I'm not claiming to be Nostradamus or a prophet or anything. The best you can do in looking at the future is to look where trends have been and see where they are going. . . . look at young people, because young people, for obvious reasons, are going to give you a clue to the future. Another thing to do

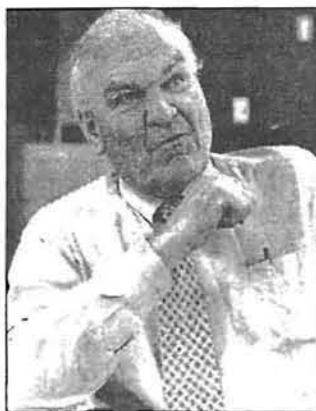
. . . (is) to tap into people's intuitive ability, too. That hasn't been really looked at in a scientific way, but . . . the mass intuitive ability of the populace . . . to feel or sense that something is going to happen in the future — there may be something valuable there . . .

**TC:** In your speech to the political science students, you made reference to something you called "inner space". Could you elaborate on that a little bit?

**Gallup:** We really don't know a lot about people's experiences — spiritual and religious. We know very little about the whole area of prayer and how prayer is working in people's lives. . . . We've spent a lot of money on outer space in this century, but not much on exploring inner space. What is going on in people's heads and in our hearts. I would venture to say that's one of the new frontiers in polling . . .

**TC:** Any parting words of wisdom for young people?

**Gallup:** One of the things that's important for kids to know is to soar with their strengths. When I was going to school you had to attempt to be a Renaissance person. You had to try to be good in everything . . . and so some people would feel "I've failed . . ." and it sort of hangs with people . . . They sort of beat themselves up because they're weak in one spot instead of finding out what they're really good at and just following that like crazy . . .



George Gallup

## Grace arrives on campus

by Sarah Evilsizor  
special to The Current

Arriving Monday to begin his new job as vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Gary Grace says he feels he has much to catch up on.

"The train is long out of the station," he said.

In his new role, Grace said he is here to "help provide leadership to the campus so institutions can be optimally effective." Grace said he also acts as a student advocate, trying to keep abreast of the needs and expectations of students. In these ways, Grace said he reports to both the University and the student body.

"Sometimes the institution moves in mysterious ways, ways that might appear foreign to students," Grace said.

He is familiar with the workings of universities. Before arriving at UM-St. Louis, Grace held an administrative position at Wisconsin's Weslyn University for 11 years. Though he grew up nearby in Evansville, Ind., and considers himself a Midwesterner, Grace has lived in Ohio and Florida. His wife and son still reside in Wisconsin until the family's historic house on Lake Michigan is sold.

Grace said he first became attracted to an administrative career when he worked as a teen at a restaurant. Promoted to a managerial position, Grace said he found he needed creativity and personality to make adults take orders from a 17-year old.

"If I worked hard, if I tried to involve people, if I respected them, they would be more likely to work," Grace said.

As a leader for UM-St. Louis, Grace said he has two important goals.

"I want to participate actively and successfully in achieving its enrollment goals," he said.

Additionally, he said he wants students to be "proud of their association" with UM-St. Louis.

In the more immediate future, Grace said he has another goal: he wants to catch up for the two months he missed.

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University and said "we no longer want to be here; we can't make any money here."

Medley said customer needs were also a factor.

"There was some question as far as we didn't feel that the University was getting quite the level of service they should be getting off those venues," Medley said.

He said that negotiations were already underway with another service provider, Pony Express, which would probably be selected as long as they can "make the dates work."

Medley said the new contractor would

bring in its own carts, even though Praxton had offered to sell the current carts. Medley indicated Praxton wanted too much money for the carts.

"They were asking the University to buy two carts for \$24,000 that have a street value of about \$5,000," Medley said.

Medley said the decision would benefit both the Praxton and University.

"I think it's probably for the best right now," Medley said. "If they're not comfortable with the arrangement, we weren't particularly comfortable with the service."

munity" to allow the KKK underwriting.

This is not the first time the KKK has contacted KWMU about underwriting, Samples said. He said the KKK had approached KWMU about two years ago, but "it was more of an inquiry." Station management told the group it would not broadcast the message and the KKK backed off, Samples said.

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"I'm not against fine arts per se. The programs we're developing in that area could eventually benefit the University and the community," Levin said. "My concern is with the lack of strategic planning, in the sense that the opportunity cost of endeavors such as this, have not been taken into consideration."

Touhill said that the revenue projections for the facility have yet to be completed, and that while several organizations have expressed interest in using the facility, no commitments had been made. She declined to give an estimate of what the annual operating costs would be.

Of particular concern to faculty members was the possibility of budget reallocations to fund the project.

"Because of initiatives such as this, the campus is running an enormous budget deficit which requires internal reallocations that are damaging the core mission of a public university," Levin said.

Touhill said she felt fairly certain that budget reallocations would not be made specifically for the project, but she was "not prepared to guarantee" it.

Other faculty members questioned the appropriateness of putting a major arts facility on campus instead of sharing in the city of St. Louis' efforts to grow culturally.

Touhill said that while the initiative is primarily for students, the city as a whole will benefit.

"We have an obligation to serve the community," she said.

Touhill also emphasized that students would profit from having a place to gather and to have access to cultural activities.

"Too many students run in, take courses, run out, and miss cultural opportunities that students on lots of other campuses have," Touhill said. "I had to decide how to bring the students together. I think we all acknowledge the fact that students need to be brought together."

Touhill recognized that the initiative has generated a unique degree of controversy.

"This issue [of costs] was not raised for any other building I can remember on this campus," she said.

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**Alcohol Awareness Week Activities will be held** daily from Oct. 20-24 in the University Center and at other locations on campus. Activities include information and games, a movie, a mocktail party and a candlelight vigil to remember those killed in alcohol related accidents. Events are being coordinated by Counseling Services.

**The International Center for Tropical Ecology will host "World Ecology Day"** from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Speakers include John M. Melack of the biological sciences department at the University of California, Santa Barbara; Jeffrey E. Richey from the University of Washington School of Oceanography and Robert Meade of the U.S. Geological Survey. Call 6203 for details.

**Bill Mitchell, professor of economics, will discuss "Determinants of Borrowing by the State and Local Government Sector"** at noon Friday, Oct. 24, in Room 212 of the Computer Center Building, as part of the Friday Seminar Series. Call 6272 for details.

**The Division of Student Affairs and Recreational Sports is sponsoring Recreation Fun Night** on Friday, Nov. 7, from 7-11 p.m. at the UM-St. Louis Mark Twain Rec Center. The free event includes sports and recreation activities, contests, and refreshments. Call 5326 for details.

Contact Mary Lindsley at 516-5174 to submit items to Newswire.

### SGA, from page 1

Near the end of the meeting the assembly appointed Jackie Anderson as the new executive secretary.

Near Lewis, SGA comptroller, announced that not enough students have shown an interest in serving on the SABC, so he has extended the application deadline to Oct. 24.

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Uhmsull, say it ain't so

A midwestern existence can sometimes be tough for a verbal person. I live in "Illinoise." I work in "Missouruh."

And worse still, I go to school at "Uhmsull."

Just take a moment and attempt to differentiate between a belch and the unintelligent sound of Uhmsull. Listen to the words as they come out of your mouth.

Uhmsull.

I almost attended another college simply because my high school guidance counselor referred to the University as Uhmsull about a pagillion times during the last semester of my senior year.

By May, I was sick to death of how thoroughly dumbed down the university experience sounded when represented by such a guttural, primal, disgusting collection of grunts.

Uhmsull.

I eventually overcame my phonetic fears enough to enroll, helped in large part by a fat scholarship from the Honors College.

But once I got here, I was amazed at the number of students and, more surprisingly, faculty members, who referred to the University of Missouri-St. Louis as Uhmsull.

Uhmsull.

This has to be bad for the school's image.

Imagine a distinguished faculty member accepting an award from the Greater St. Louis something or other council.

"Ladies and gentleman of Missouruh and Illinoise. Friends, family, colleagues at Uhmsull."

What's that? Did you just burp?

No, that's just the cruel collaboration of geography and the alphabet, reaffirming that UM-St. Louis' shall never be a name that, as Melville described it, is "rounded and orbicular" and "rings like unto bullion."

That, I suspect, is reserved for the likes of Wash U and St. Louis University.

At least those are the institutions called to mind by people who are unfamiliar with the University.

Consider this conversation with a family member during my first year of school:

"So, Dougie. Where's that school you go to, again?"

"Uh, the University of Missouri at St. Louis," I'd reply, awkwardly fumbling with all those words.

"Oh, SLU (pronounced slooo)."

"No, it's the one in North County near the airport."

"Oh. Uhmsull! Why didn't you say so?"

Originally I was half apologetic, half sheepish about it. I'd stumble around with a mixture of geographical associations and references to public versus private schools until finally, utterly exhausted and desperate, I'd mutter under my breath "Uhmsull!" just to get the uncomfortable exchange over.

But eventually, I became more graceful and finally, I just stopped acting like there was any alternative to the University of Missouri at St. Louis than UM-St. Louis.

I refuse to accommodate another person's predilection for a disgusting acronym with the pejorative stench of stupidity.

And I refuse to refer to my university as Uhmsull. After all, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.



Doug Harrison  
editor in chief

OUR OPINION

Everyone can relieve parking stress

THE ISSUE:

Parking at the University is a consistant problem, and the situation is about to get worse once the new University Center construction begins.

WE SUGGEST:

Students and administrators should utilize alternate parking lots, and police should concentrate efforts on penalizing MetroLink riders who park illegally.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

If you haven't noticed, parking is a problem. Finding a parking spot is a problem; parking signs (or the absence thereof) are a problem. A growing student body that will demand more spots every semester is an even bigger problem.

And we don't have answers.

We do have some suggestions, though, that we hope will help.

Students, get to class early or resign yourself to walking. Consider using MetroLink (it's free you know) even if that means parking at the Hanley station and riding one stop east to the University.

If you think this sounds absurd now, wait a few months. Construction is slated to begin this spring on a new University Center and one of the first phases of the project includes razing a garage or two.

Around the turn of the century, construction will probably begin on another new building near the North Campus MetroLink station. Plans for that building also include removal of a garage and nearby parking lots.

Administrators, do more than pay lip service to the plight of students. It's hard to take those "please be patient" platitudes very seriously when faculty and staff parking is so, well, close. Have a day or two each semester when faculty and staff give up their spots for students.

Students would love it and faculty might gain a greater appreciation for a significant factor that can contribute to students' punctuality.

Police, lighten up the with tickets already. Sometimes the most effective use of power is not to use it at all. We know you can issue tickets, but can you fix all the faded, ambiguous and down right dishonest signs?

Or better yet, can you come up with some effective way to keep MetroLink riders from parking in and taking up student lots? Issuing tickets from St. Louis County that must be paid in Clayton rather than meaningless UM-St. Louis tickets from those fellows in the go-carts might not be a bad idea.

You seem to be on to something with that new tire boot you have acquired. Hopefully one of the main uses for it will be to punish the MetroLink commuters who park their vehicles in student parking lots and take the train to work. Maybe locking their tires will give them enough incentive to park where they are supposed to.

Everybody, try forming carpools. Not only will you be opening up parking spaces, but you will be saving money on gasoline. If the police would let us use parking tags instead of stickers, two people carpooling together could share the cost of parking.

Whoever said things get worse before they get better was right, especially if the thing is parking at the University. But the degree to which parking becomes a problem largely depends on those of us who comprise the campus community.

Anti-Columbus Rally 500 years too late

Every year the national observance of Columbus Day sparks some kind of demonstration by one student or a group of students who feel the need to protest because Christopher Columbus exerted extreme brutality over Native Americans and slaves. While speaking out for civil rights in the present day may be noble, protesting one man's actions from over 500 years ago seems frivolous.

Usually the purpose of a rally is to effect some kind of change in a system that is unjust, but nothing at UM-St. Louis necessitates a Columbus Day rally.

Some state legislatures close down schools in celebration of the ancient explorer's life, but not Missouri.

The University of Missouri has not closed down on the second Monday in October this year, nor has it enjoyed any special assemblies in honor of Columbus. Many students in the University probably did not even realize Monday was Columbus Day, unless they happened to stumble across the rally.

So, if UM-St. Louis does not observe Columbus Day, what were those students rallying about on Monday? Although Columbus's abuse toward Native Americans and slaves may have been brutal and monstrous, no group of individuals can rewrite history no matter how good of a rally they put together.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Monkey Business

The College of Arts & Sciences had an "open" meeting to elect a search committee to find a new dean, Oct. 8. *The Current* was not notified far enough in advance to publicize the meeting. Student organizations were not contacted. There were no fliers posted or distributed and the meeting wasn't brought up in classrooms.

At the meeting, regular faculty members not only nominated and voted on all of the faculty members of the committee, but for student and staff representatives as well. In response to concerns that were raised, Jack Nelson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, sent out a memo explaining that his original intent was for faculty, staff and students to choose their own voices on the search committee. Nelson said he believed this was a "genuine misunderstanding" and asked Deborah Larson, assistant dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, to hold appropriate elections for the student, non-regular faculty and staff representatives as soon as possible.

The memo concluded with a request to "pass the word to all interested parties in all ways feasible so the elections can be as representative as possible of the constituencies." The student election was set for 4 p.m. on Oct. 16, a time when most day students are long gone and most evening students have not yet arrived.

Once again, there was no chance for *The Current* to inform students about the election. Once again, there were no fliers handed out or posted. Once again, significant student organizations were not contacted and no mention of the elections was made to students in the classrooms.

Non-regular faculty received memos informing them of their election's time and date, but somehow the ball was dropped when it came to informing students. Three students showed up for Thursday's election: a candidate for the position, a friend of the candidate and me. The candidate found out about the election through a phone call from a faculty member. We all agreed that it would be unfair to elect a student representative under such circumstances. Three questions come to mind.

1. Does the time and date Nelson set for the student election seem realistic? 2. Does it seem like Larson tried to "pass the word to all interested parties in all ways feasible . . . ?" 3. Was Nelson's original intent for the search committee ever implemented?

Unfortunately, the answer to all three of these questions is a resounding no! Any student who has roamed among the offices of the College of Arts & Sciences has probably noticed a cartoon of a chimpanzee labeled as a student. Whether the search committee circus represents innocent bungling by faculty and administrators, or an ill-considered attempt by the ringmasters to make monkeys out of students; it has been an embarrassment to the University and the College of Arts & Sciences. Nelson should put an end to all this monkey business by ensuring a properly publicized election for the student seat takes place.



Jerry Weller  
guestcommentator



READER RESPONSE

Not a bad paper

I just wanted to drop you folks a note to let you know you are doing a great job. This seems to be one of the best years for *The Current* since the great days of Earl Swift. I really appreciate the sense of humor. You clearly have your wits about you.

Thanks.

Ted Ficklen  
Health Sciences Library

And the Kendall legacy continues to live on

I am a regular reader of *The Current* and enjoy it. In the last two recent issues Oct. 6 and Oct. 13, I read opinions that I feel deserve responses.

The first is Eric and Wendy's Baggett's letter to the editor (Oct. 13) which was a reaction to Gene Marshall's opinion in the Oct. 6 issue. While in their letter they condemn Marshall for misrepresentation and name calling, in their letter they seem to be doing the exact same thing to me at least. In attacking Marshall's statement about whether men or women are attacked more, they demand that he show statistics to back up his claim. My question is, "where do they get their statistics from."

And I'm not saying they're wrong. It seems that they should apply the same standard to themselves as they do Gene Marshall. Just

because someone uses statistics with their claims doesn't mean that they're correct. In any debate, especially in the political arena, both sides can engage in misrepresentation. Before anybody jumps the gun about me, I'm saying violence against women and men is wrong and should be dealt with appropriately.

By inserting the reference to Hitler, they seem to be trying to imply that Marshall is a Nazi, or a fascist, but I could be wrong. Calling someone an infamous and hated historical figure is the usual liberal response to a nonliberal statement.

Finally, I'm not saying that everything Gene Marshall said is correct, either.

Kevin Hinostroza

SGA violates students rights

Once again the Student Government Association does not care about students who attend classes in the evening by voting down a resolution calling for future Homecoming courts as well as other SGA-sponsored elections to allow for voting on South Campus as well as during the evening.

All students pay fees, not just those who attend day classes on North Campus. The SGA is to represent all students. They do not when some students are not given the opportunity to vote. South Campus evening students are being treated as second class citizens and something needs to be done. Students should call the SGA office at 516-5105 and complain that their rights are being violated.

Steven Wolfe

Never do today what you can put off 'til tomorrow

To all those people who are reading this right now instead of doing what they really should be doing - studying - I salute you. You see, I'm a fellow procrastinator myself, and I'll do anything I possibly can to delay studying or working. It's a bad habit I've had all my life.

I wish I didn't procrastinate so much, but I have trouble getting motivated. Every time I get an assignment, like a paper, I tell myself I will work on it early and finish it before the due date. Sometimes I come really close to believing myself, but deep down inside I know I'll be printing out the essay at 3 a.m. on the day it is due.

Every once in awhile I'll attempt to work on a paper before the night before it is due, but I just will not concentrate well and I won't get anything accomplished. There's no pressure. I need the pressure of a deadline to get focused.

Deadline pressure can be somewhat of a rush, however. On normal evenings I get tired around 10 or 11, but when I'm working on a paper I'm wired at 2 a.m. I feel like printing out the paper and sprinting over to campus from my house in Bridgeton to turn it in. Driving would take too long because my body is running special blend of super octane fuel: caffeine and adrenaline.

Most of the time my system works okay, and, though I compromise sleep and sanity, I'm usually able to get finished just in the nick of time. Sometimes I spend every last second trying to make my assignment as articulate and beautiful as possible, but many times I just make do with what I have when the final buzzer sounds and I'm out of time.

One time I didn't make my deadline. The night before an English lit. paper was due I chose the topic I would write about but felt too tired to start working on it. I set my alarm for 3:15 a.m. so I could get up really early and write my paper. After hitting the snooze button two or three times I dragged myself out of bed and started a pot of coffee.

About 10 to 15 minutes later the coffee was finished brewing. I poured a cup, took a sip and had a revelation: there was no way I could have the paper finished for my 8 a.m. class. I panicked, but I figured it wasn't even worth trying to finish the paper that morning, so I went back to bed and accepted the consequences of handing it in a day late.

I figured it was pointless to work on my paper, so I went back to bed. It took me about a half hour to fall back to sleep, because my heart was pounding so hard I thought it would burst through my chest.

If my fellow procrastinators feel that I have learned my lesson from this incident and have become more responsible, don't worry, I haven't.



Bill Rolles  
managingeditor



# ODDS & ENDS

## column



a generic offering

Jill Barrett  
columnist

In my many journeys, I am often amazed at where my day takes me. I have ended up in some pretty...unusual...situations. (Let me refer to the Hunk-O-Rama Incident of '91 and the Armadillo Episode of '89 to support my case.) Today, my children, I shall tell you the tale of "The Great 5-Pound-Steak-Challenge-Eat-It-in-an-Hour-and-It's-Free, The Vegetarian, and the Religious Fanatics".

On my epic trek west this past summer, it was necessary—as it always is when I drive to New Mexico—to drive through Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. At first I hated this area, but I've grown to like it because every time I drive through something really bizarre happens. The most recent drive through was actually fairly boring, as you shall see.

As hardened veterans of this voyage know, the stretch between Oklahoma City and Amarillo advertise "72-oz." steaks that are free if the eater can finish it in an hour. The first time I saw this, my vegetarian sensibilities were grossly offended once I realized that this meant nearly six pounds of meat. Considering that newborns weigh only a couple of pounds more, a 5-pound, 12-ounce steak is a hearty hunk o' cow.

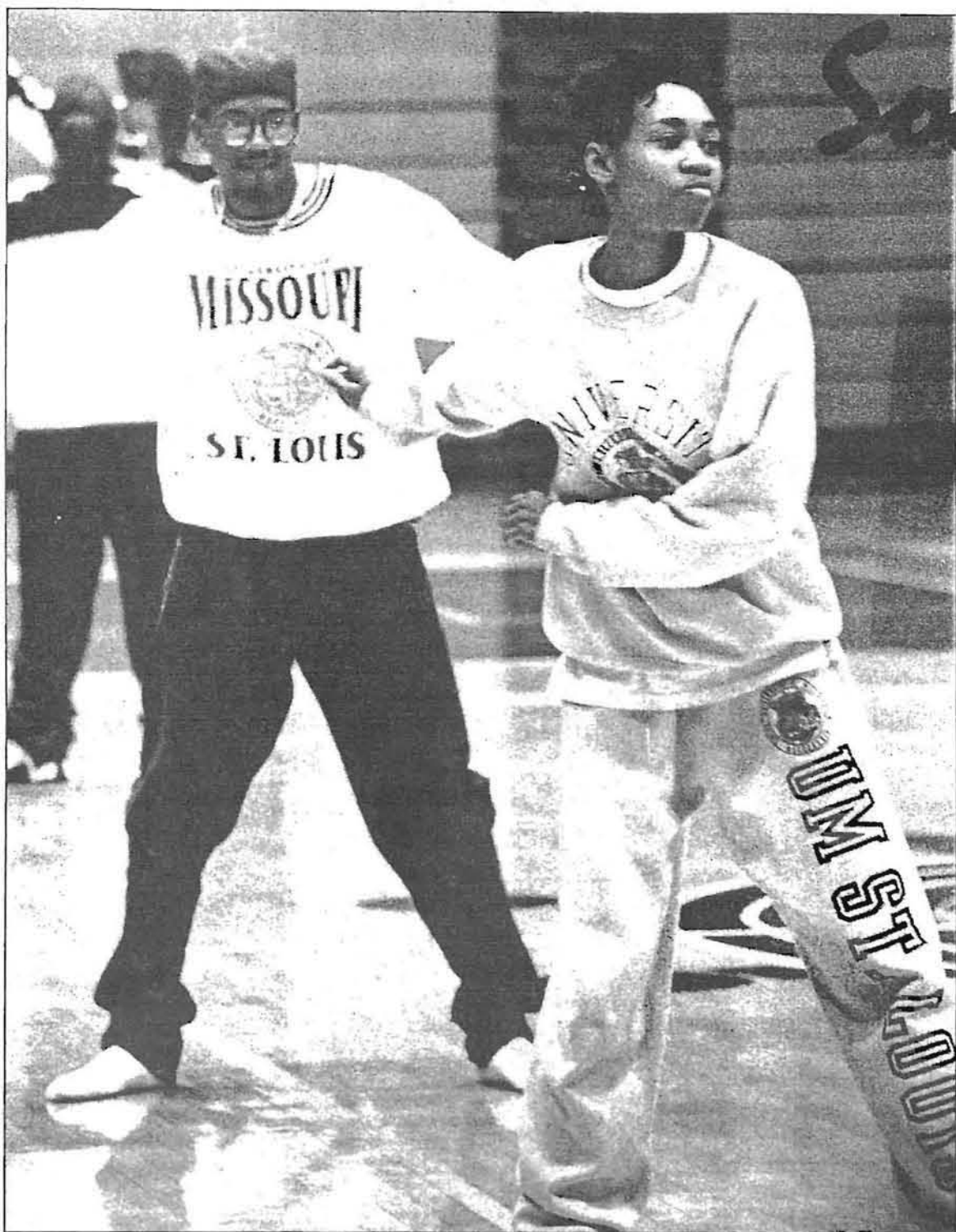
This trip, though, I wanted to investigate the type of people who stepped up to this challenge because I've always been interested in people who eat dead animals that actually look like something that had been living at one time.

My friend, who was riding along with me, was interested in a little side trip to the restaurant, because, it turned out, her father had stepped up to the challenge and walked out a defeated man. She was interested in seeing the place (or places—we never figured out any of the details). I spent many miles mentally preparing myself for this restaurant. As it turned out, the mental preparation was wasted because we missed the turn off. True to form, it took us forever to realize we had messed up. The moment we did, though, we jumped off the highway and started roaming around the countryside. The small town in which we ended up was not even close to our intended destination.

Sure, this restaurant had meat (and lots of it) but it appeared that this town had a different claim to fame—a very, very, very large religious cross. Normally I am tolerant of religious people (even those who follow my own religion) but I was, in short, very upset in not reaching my goal, so the moment a woman handed me a religious tract and commented on the town's attraction, I consciously tried to get her to leave me alone by commenting irritably that the cross looked like it was upside down. Although this allusion to satanism sent her scurrying, it was as if I had tossed the gauntlet down. At least one person saw it as their personal crusade to "save" me.

As people may have already guessed, such attempts leave me cold. Although God knows I need saving from myself in many ways, I think the world would be a much less interesting place if that were to happen completely. It's all good, though, because at least my smart-assed attitude earned this one.

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



## Sock it to me

Students slip and slide their way through post-Madness celebration

by Craig Holway  
special to The Current

It was bass and basketball at the Mark Twain Athletic & Fitness Complex last Tuesday night. Close to 100 people attended the Midnight Madness Sock Hop sponsored by the University Program Board (UPB). There was plenty of music and basketball to keep the fun bumping and dribbling into the early hours of the morning.

UPB President Sharone Hopkins had nothing but good things to say about the evening and was glad to see people slowly filling up the bleachers. Midnight Madness is a nation wide event that marks the official beginning of the basketball practice season.

"It started out as just a basketball practice but we wanted to get more students involved, so since the university doesn't allow hard soled shoes, we handed out free socks, got a D.J., and here we are." The mens and womens basketball teams attended the event that is held at different colleges and universities across the country.

This is the second year for the sock hop. Hopkins and the UPB plans on continuing the event. Hopkins accredited the success of the event to the efforts of the many people involved, including Don Bacardi and the UM-

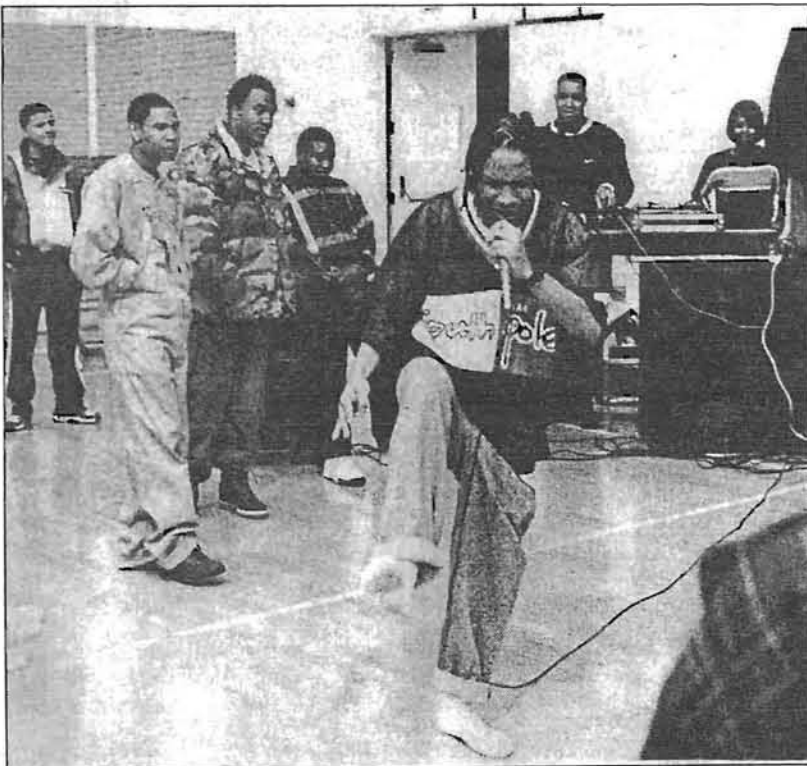
St. Louis basketball program.

"I was very pleased with the turnout this year, considering that it was a school night. Although it took some time to get active, the students there were enjoying themselves and having a good time," Hopkins added.

There was an added bonus for attending the event. Those participating were able to enter a raffle to win a stereo system and a 20" television donated by Circuit City. There was a free throw contest in which two students split the prizes. The teams practiced and the UM- St. Louis dance squad was also on hand to help in the festivities.

About the future of the sock hop and UM-St. Louis basketball program, Hopkins said, "As the university grows and as the basketball program grows, hopefully the interest in the teams and program will grow into a regular part of university life and be like SLU or better." Hopkins added "Encouraging students to attend games throughout the season and offer support to the teams. That's what it's all about."

As the basketball teams grow, the interest in the sport will grow and UPB is leading the way with events like the sock hop.



Top, Chico Edwards, left and Tawnya Reed dance at the University Program Board's sock hop held after the Midnight Madness celebration. Left, Roderick Herron Jr. entertains dancers at the sock hop. Midnight Madness marks the official beginning of basketball practise for the men's and women's teams as mandated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

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## UNDERCURRENT

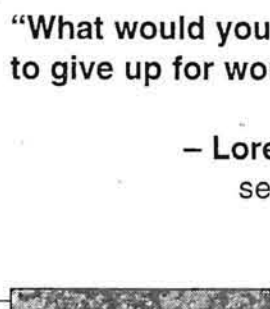
by Daniel Hazelton  
staff photographer

IF YOU COULD ASK THE UNDERCURRENT QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"What's your favorite season and why?"

— Simon Vchitel  
sophomore/liberal arts



"What would you be willing to give up for world peace?"

— Lorenzo McCoy  
senior/Spanish



"Is a quality education for everyone, or only those who can pay the most?"

— DeLisa Moore  
senior/nursing



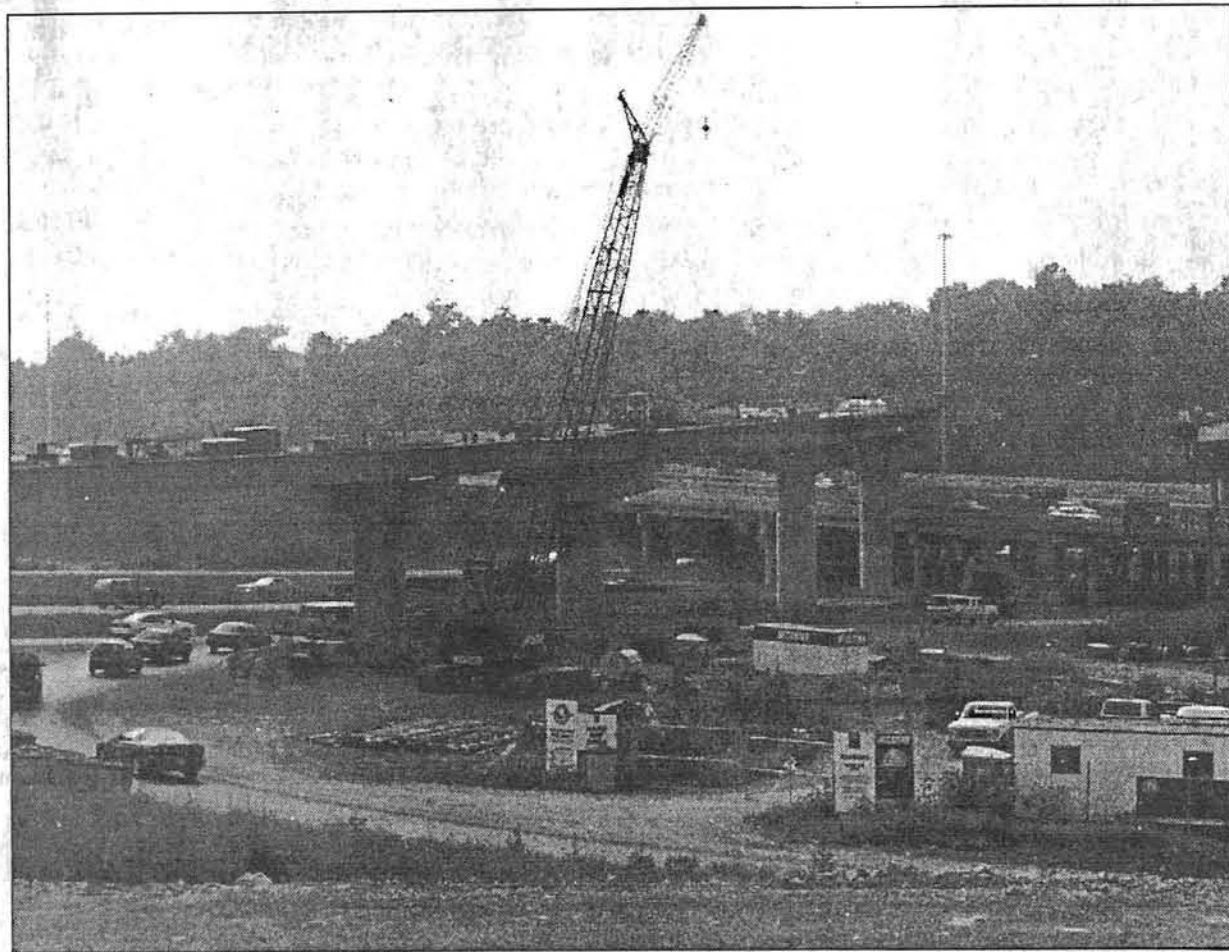
"What could you do to relieve racial tension on campus and in general?"

— Barbara Nelson  
junior/business administration



"Do you think the academic departments here are biased in the way that they teach?"

— Aaron Morgan  
junior/business and accounting



Daniel Hazelton/The Current

A crane prepares to set section of a new ramp at the intersection of I-270 and I-64. Extensive constructions projects like this one regularly snarl traffic and delay students headed for class.

## Constructive Criticism: Perpetual road work makes getting class harder than it already is

by Becky Rickard  
staff writer

One of the most commonly known facts about UM-St. Louis is that it is predominantly a commuter school. Many daytime students must roll out of bed early enough in the morning to get dressed, eat breakfast and fight traffic on the congested highways and side streets just to make it to class on time. Most

evening students try to remain sane while fighting morning rush hour traffic, then finish their work for the day, then sit in evening rush hour traffic just to attend classes. Just when students think traffic is bad, it gets worse.

If you noticed that construction on St. Louis' highways is worse than it has been in years past, that's because it is. The Missouri Department of

Transportation (MODOT) estimated that in 1996, \$98.8 million was spent on hiring contractors to repair the desperate road situation. However, this year, MODOT estimates that \$141 million will be spent.

It is not a well known fact that the interstate highway system began, and was first implemented in the St. Louis area while Dwight

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# Tasteful re-creations define *Panic*

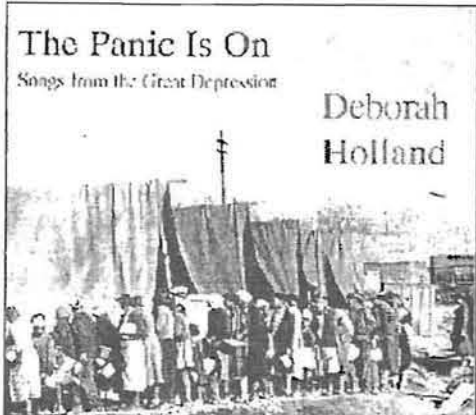
Standards like *Brother Can You Spare a Dime* make project timeless

**Deborah Holland**  
*The Panic Is On: Songs from the Great Depression*  
 Gadfly Records, Inc.

*The Panic Is On* is a collection of songs written in the 1930s and performed by Deborah Holland. Two factors make this CD unique from other, more nostalgic renditions. The first is Holland's musical sound. She does not try to recreate the original style, but instead uses a hybrid of jazz, blues and folk to give the old songs a modern feel. The CD does not sound dated, but gives the old songs new life and introduces them to a younger audience.

Secondly, she chose songs from a range of popular hits ("Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?") to commercial flops that were obscure when they were written ("We Sure Got Hard Times Now"). Perhaps the most interesting of Holland's choices was "Detroit Moan," written in 1936 by African-American songwriter Victoria Spivey.

Holland's arrangements use everything from slide bass to a trash can lid for cymbals, and her vocals conjure up the depth of the des-



peration felt in these hard times. The CD provides a great snippet of social history by telling stories of how it felt to have no money and how people regretted voting for Hoover.

Even more importantly, it reminds the listener of the humanity of our ancestors, and that there never really were any 'good old days'. Who today hasn't felt the I-hate-the-boss-and-the-boss-hates-me sentiment expressed in the song "I am a Union Woman (Join the CIO)?"

- Jill Barrett

## Folk-rock-country in early stages of evolution

**Grand Street Cryers**  
*Steady on the Shaky Ground*  
 Rhythmic Records

The first CD from Grand Street Cryers certainly introduces a distinctive new sound - described as a "folk-rock-with an occasional country beat."

The CD sounds more country than folk-rock, but is billed as "Texas Rock."

Listeners expecting more traditional forms of rock might not find this album to their liking, and country listeners might not give the

group a chance.

To my ears, the album sounds uneven, and it would serve the band to follow one style or the other more closely.

This is their first CD, however, and any new hybrid needs time to evolve. It is quite possible that you either love 'em or hate 'em, and this is supported by the local awards the band has won in Dallas and Fort Worth.

My advice would be to listen before you buy, and be prepared to listen twice.

- Jill Barrett

## Survival of the fittest:

Faculty and staff recognized with service awards

by Becky Zagurski  
 special to The Current

A total of 139 faculty and staff members were honored for their years of service to UM-St. Louis during two separate ceremonies recently.

Faculty and staff members were invited to attend the ceremony in recognition of every five years of service to the University.

William Klein, an English professor, was unable to attend the ceremony because he had to teach.

However, Klein said he has enjoyed the 10 years he has worked for the University and he is looking forward to the next 10 years.

George McCall, sociology professor, said, "I did not suspect I would be here for 25 years when I first started in 1972."

McCall said he will probably be here at least 10 more years because he is too young to retire.

When McCall was asked about working at UM-St. Louis before many of his students were born he laughed and said, "Well, I never thought of it from that perspective." McCall did add that he likes his age advantage because it is "a challenge to discover where the [students'] minds are. It keeps me fresh."

The faculty ceremony was held on Oct. 6, and the staff ceremony was on Oct. 16.



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**Two staff members enjoy a laugh on stage at an awards ceremony that honored them and others.**

During the ceremonies, certificates and pins were awarded to the faculty and staff members.

Each ceremony was followed by a reception.

## MUSIC REVIEWS

# Everclear does it again

**Everclear**  
*So Much For The Afterglow*  
 Capitol Records

Everclear comes through again on its third effort with *So Much For The Afterglow*. Though the album does not contain an obvious megahit like "Santa Monica," the songs still possess the catchy Everclear persona. With the band's music stuck in the same old, yet attractive, rut, why do we keep listening? Art Alexakis, the band's frontman and singer/songwriter, keeps us reeling with his brutal lyrics - that's why. Alexakis' persistence and heartfelt sincerity with every song makes

you want to believe that he has to sing just to get through everyday life.

With his diversified experiences, which always seem to have some rough twist, driving the band's music, you can expect new heartwrenching tales, with the trademark Everclear hooks to go along with them; on the new release *So Much For The Afterglow*.

Everclear will be visiting St. Louis at Mississippi Nights on Oct. 31. If you were lucky enough to grab a ticket, have a good time because the show is sold out.

-Travis Regensburger



Everclear members (l-r) Craig Montoya, Greg Eklund and Art Alexakis.

## Play It Again, Sam



Daniel Hazelton/The Current

The Soulard Blues Band perform on the U Center patio as part of the Wednesday Noon Live series.

## ROADS, from page 5

Eisenhower was president, over 41 years ago. Tom Miller, a MODOT public affairs specialist, believes that the roads in St. Louis are experiencing a "mid-life crisis."

"We [MODOT] are spending a lot of money on preservation problems resulting from the age of the roads," Miller said.

One of the biggest highway construction sights is the I-70 overpass at Third Street adjacent to the Trans World Dome. The \$17 million project began in July 1997 and is not scheduled to be completed until mid-2000. The project has restricted travel to two lanes; one for west bound traffic and one for east bound. This area of construction will increase travel time for the students living in south St. Louis city and county.

The area of construction that greatly affects north county commuters includes the I-270 resurfacing project between Bellfontaine Road and Lindbergh Avenue.

The I-270 and Route 21 and I-270 and Route 30 (Gravois Rd.) interchanges will also

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**-Tom Miller**  
 public affairs specialist  
 Missouri Department of Transportation

be under construction throughout the next few weeks. The I-270 and I-44 interchange is still under construction, but MODOT released a statement explaining that the closing of lanes and exits will occur during non-rush hour periods and at night. Interstate 44 construction between Murdoch and Hampton Roads will also follow the same guidelines for lane closures.

MODOT is trying to find solutions to traffic problems in St. Louis. One goal of the department is to install state of the art computer and camera networks on the highways that can connect to computers in commuters' cars.

"This kind of technology can route people around in efficient ways so that we are not

overburdening certain areas," Miller said.

Many commuters are wondering what 1998 holds in terms of construction and traffic nightmares. MODOT is again increasing its budget for road construction to \$156 million.

"You can't pave the world. Just figure out how to make your systems more efficient," Miller added.

In the next few years, UM-St. Louis students will be greatly affected by the St. Louis highway mid-life crisis. As MODOT spends millions of dollars to improve transportation, students will have to tune into traffic reports, wake up earlier or work faster just to arrive in time for classes.

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Brian Folsom sports associate

We are fast approaching probably the busiest and most exciting time of the sports year, not just on the professional level, but on the college level as well. Not one day goes by without at least some sporting event taking place.

For most universities, men's and women's soccer is in full swing with basketball right around the corner. Women's volleyball is at the midway point as well.

October has always been one of my favorite months of the sports year because it signals the end of one sport, and the beginning of a couple of others, and one that is reaching the midway point in the season. It is actually kind of a bittersweet feeling. Baseball is winding down after a long, grueling season. This always makes me sad, but the playoffs and the atmosphere the World Series brings keep my spirits raised and it doesn't hit until the last out of the Series that there won't be any more baseball to watch until spring training starts again in March.

It is, however, nice to see a couple of new teams in the Series. Since the Braves beat the Cardinals last year, I was really pulling for Florida to win. I was happy to see Jim Leyland get to the Series for the first time after failing to do so with the Pirates. I am especially impressed with Cleveland and their accomplishments in the postseason. I will admit, I was originally rooting for the Mariners, but I am glad to see the Indians battling for a title again. It is going to be tough to decide which team to root for, but I anticipate an exciting, low scoring series. I think we are going to see some great defense on both sides. I predict Florida will prevail in seven games only because they have the home field advantage and I think that their pitching staff is stronger than the Indians' staff.

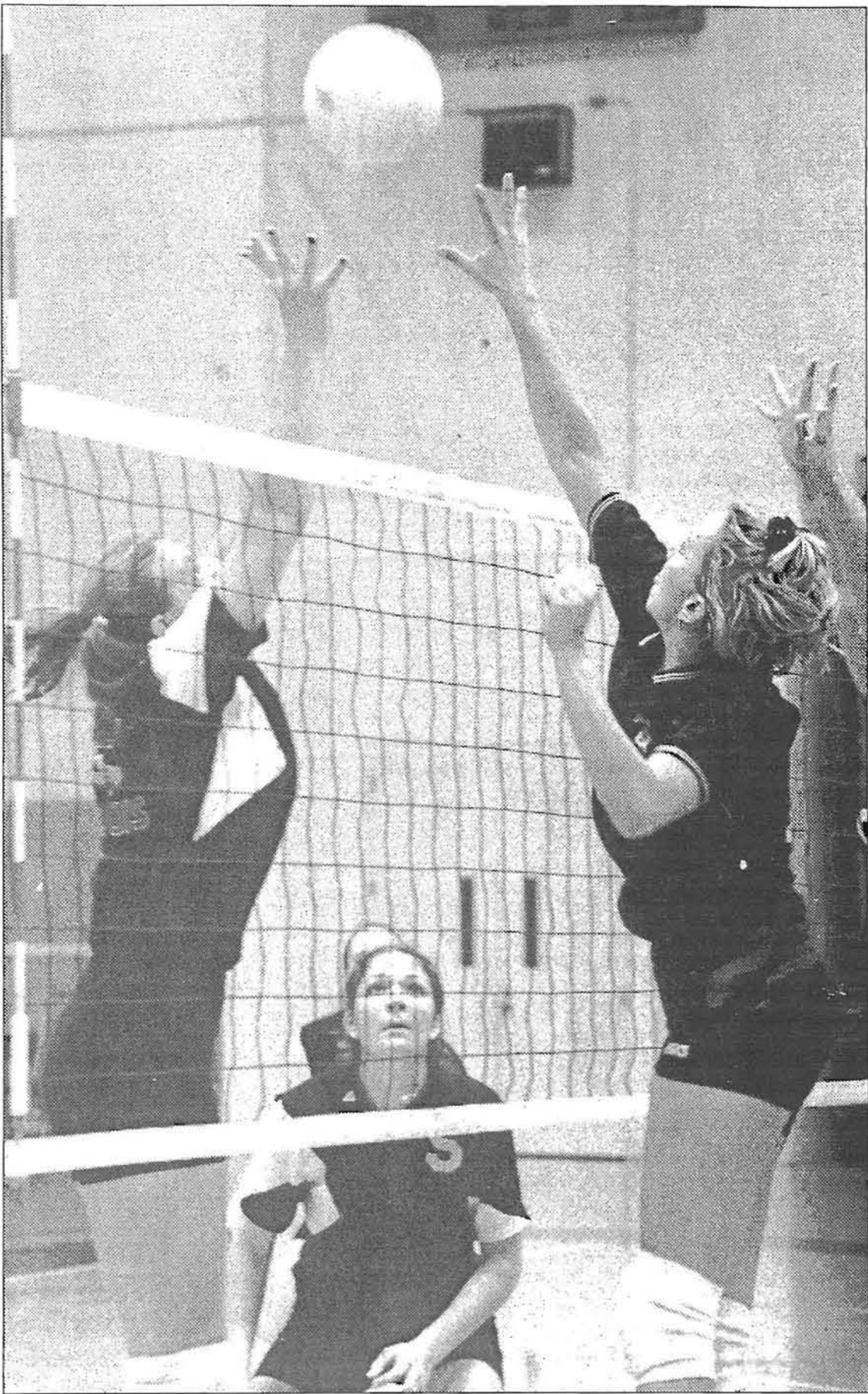
While the baseball season comes to a close, this time of year welcomes hockey and basketball. From what I have seen of the Blues so far, it looks like it will be an exciting season.

Only time will tell. The NBA regular season will get under way soon as well. I wish St. Louis had an NBA team so that I could attend some games, but I still love watching games on television.

I appreciate hockey and basketball players because I don't think I could play a season as long as they do, which is usually from the beginning of October to the middle of June. It seems like forever from the beginning of preseason to the championship game. Don't forget about the football season which is almost half over. I have my thoughts on who might go all the way, but it is still too early to tell and anything could happen.

This is the only month where all four "major" sports are occurring at the same time, and I love every minute of it. I know that every day there will be at least something to watch, so I try to take full advantage of the situation.

By the way, another prediction: Kevin Brown will win MVP.



Ashley Cook/The Current  
Leslie Armstrong, left, fights for possession of the ball with a Quincy player while Michelle Hochstatter, center, waits for the return in Tuesday's game.

Riverwomen volleyball gets revenge on Quincy

Team looks ahead to Tampa Classic

by Brian Folsom  
staff writer

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen volleyball team defeated Quincy 3-1 at Mark Twain Building Oct. 14 in a rematch between the two Great Lakes Valley Conference rivals.

The Riverwomen fell to Quincy the first time the teams met, on Oct. 2 at Quincy. However it took a team effort to get past their GLVC opponent the second time.

Before the Quincy match, the Riverwomen, (9-9 overall, 4-6 GLVC), split a weekend home series on Oct. 10-11. The Riverwomen lost 3-2 to Southern Indiana, then swept Kentucky Wesleyan 3-0.

According to Assistant Head Coach Erik Kaseourg, revenge was a key factor in the Quincy matchup.

"There was no doubt about revenge because that loss really hurt," he said. "It was a well deserved win."

Kaseourg added that the team came out focused and executed perfectly.

"We had a good game plan and the girls followed it," he said. "We outplayed Quincy in every aspect."

The Riverwomen dominated in the first game 15-2, continued to play well in the second game as they won 15-8, they dropped the third game 15-8, but rebounded to claim the match in the fourth game 15-9.

Senior Laura Gray led the team with 16 kills, sophomore Nicole Wall had a .308 hitting percentage, freshman Michelle Hochstatter had three blocks, and junior Leslie Armstrong tied Wall for the most digs with nine.

The team finished with 51 kills, 46 digs, and four blocks.

The team also had a .218 hitting percentage. In comparison, Quincy had a .051 hitting percentage.

Kaseourg said that in addition to the impressive hitting, digging, and passing, the team's middle and outside attackers performed well.

"It was important to establish the middle attack because that creates an opening for the outside hitter," he said. "We took full advantage of those opportunities."

Kaseourg said that the team is playing with the confidence it had at the beginning of the season.

"We started off well, then dropped a few games, but everyone is back on the same page," he said.

The Riverwomen will travel to Florida for the annual Tampa Classic on Oct. 17-19. The team's first opponent will be old rival College of St. Francis from Joliet, Illinois. The tournament will prove to be highly competitive. It includes last year's runner up and this season's top ranked team Tampa, Top 25 South Florida, and Florida Tech.

"I think we have a decent shot, but we are going to have to be on top of our game if we are going to beat Tampa," Kaseourg said.

While the team looks ahead, Kaseourg said that there is much room for improvement.

"We need to improve our passing because that creates more opportunities, and also our digging and our serving," he said. "We have also improved our blocking, but it can still be better."

Kaseourg said that the keys to the team's success include all of these aspects, but especially serving.

"If we can serve tough and maintaining a good balance of serving without missing, we will be fine," he said.

Men's soccer enjoying recent wins, anticipating tough conference action

New scorers keep Rivermen competitive

by Ken Dunkin  
staff writer

Goals have been coming from unlikely sources for the Rivermen soccer team, and they aren't complaining as long as they keep winning.

The season has been an up and down one for the Rivermen. Early in the year they had trouble scoring, but now they have trouble defending. Last Tuesday role player Alan Cross scored his first goal of the year in overtime to defeat Drury. Last Sunday part timer Drew Wilson scored two goals to help the team defeat Southern Indiana 3-2.

"It's a curious season we're having," said Rivermen head coach Tom Redmond. "It doesn't look like we're going to win games 3-0 or 2-0. They are closer to 4-2



Ashley Cook/The Current  
A UM-St. Louis player, right, battles for the ball with a Quincy player.

and 4-3. I may have a few more gray hairs before the season is over. We are going to work hard on defending a little better so we can shut a few teams down."

The Rivermen are wanting to shut teams down because they have been in several tough battle in previous weeks. They had a shoot-

GLVC win 'most important objective' for team

by Ken Dunkin  
staff writer

The men's soccer team will have their hands full as they shoot to make the conference tournament.

The squad is 3-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference which currently has them in sixth place. Only the top-seven teams make the tournament.

"I think the players understand that making the tournament is our most important objective," Rivermen head coach Tom Redmond said. "And that it's not a lock for us to make it."

For the Rivermen to get in the tournament they must win several of their remaining four conference games.

"There are a couple of teams that are right with us in the standings," Redmond said. "We are meeting many of those teams down the road. Those games are very important."

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coach, men's soccer

Redmond feels that the team must go 3-1 in the final four games. Winning three would likely put them in the GLVC tournament as they would finish with a 6-5 record.

"I don't feel if that if we go less than 3-1 that we will make the tournament," Redmond said. "If we went 5-6 it would put us in a tie-breaker. It will be an interesting finish."

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Oct. 12 UM-St. Louis 3, Southern Indian 2
See page 8 for photos from Midnight Madness



## Women's soccer rolls over St. Francis team

by Dave Kinworthy  
staff writer

The women's soccer team dominated play as it soundly defeated the College of St. Francis 7-0. The Riverwomen outshot St. Francis 23-2.

"We dominated the game," head coach Beth Goetz said. "We passed the ball well and had a ton of opportunities for everyone."

Of the seven goals, three were scored by Carrie Marino, while Jenny Terbrock, Beth Ernst, Julie Reiter and Lynn Lueddecke each added one of their own.

According to Goetz, the team played a different type of game.

"The team played with more confidence and enthusiasm. We scored four minutes into the game and it boosted our confidence," Goetz said. "We focused more on offense. We

wanted to get everyone involved in the offense and focus on putting the ball in the net."

The Riverwomen scored early and led at halftime 4-0.

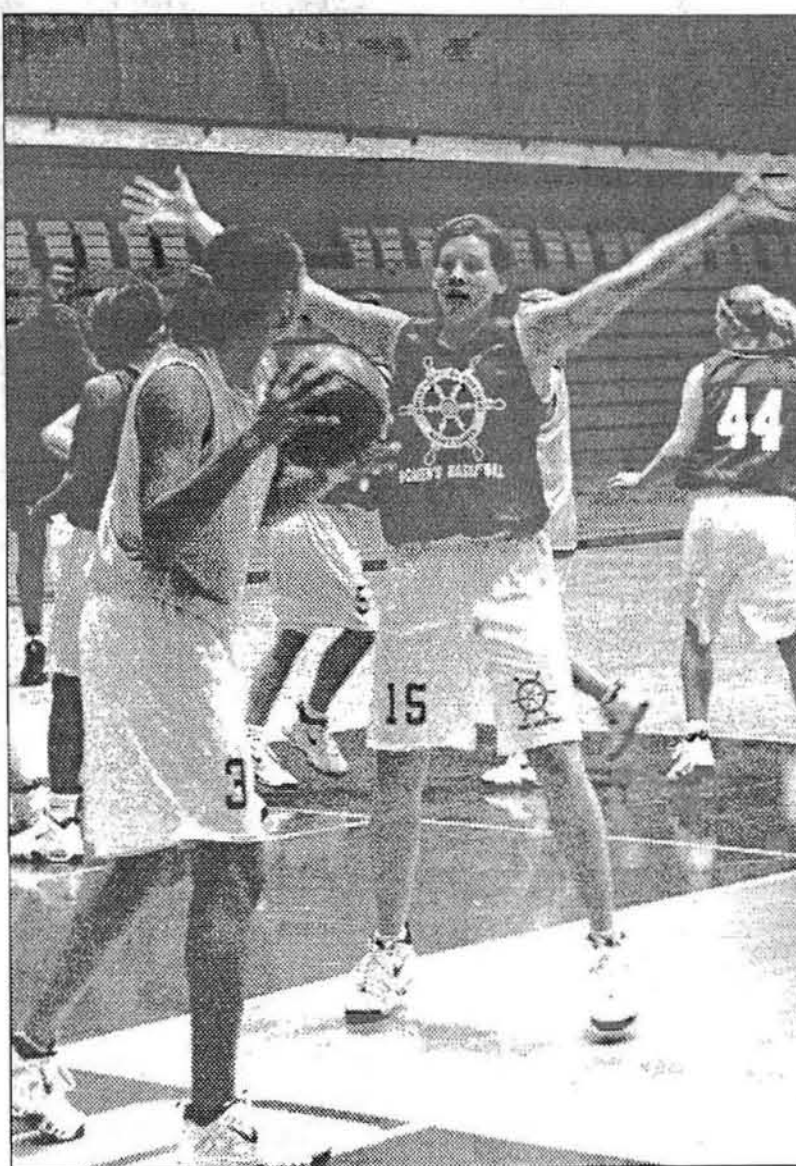
"The first goal gave us a lot of momentum. We then hung tough and put in a second goal and knew things would go our way," Goetz said.

When asked about any player that stuck out in her mind, Goetz said, "Everyone had a good game. We worked together and things came together."

The team is off for a week before it hosts a tournament with St. Cloud State, Quincy and North Dakota State.

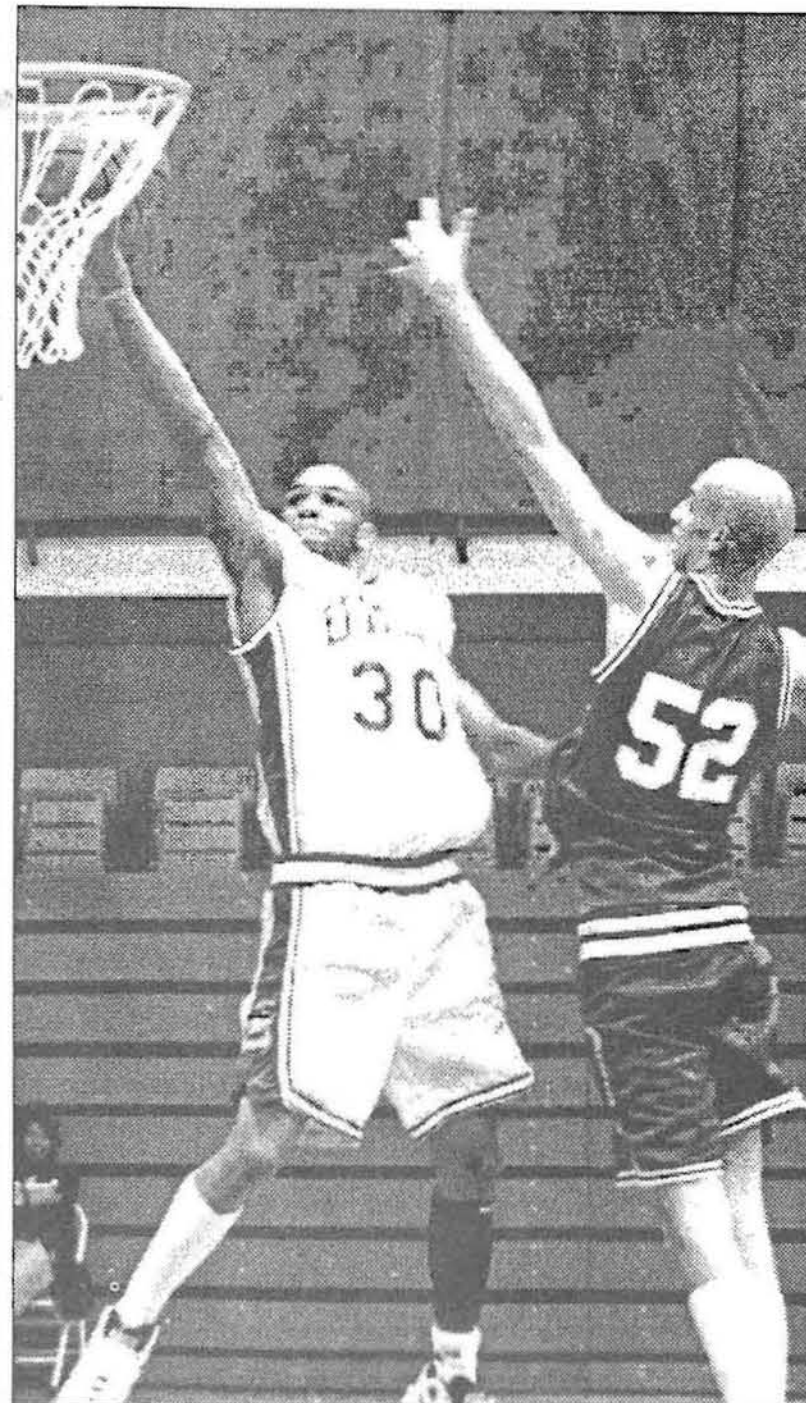
Goetz believes the game against St. Francis helped the team's balance.

"I hope it sets the tone for the remaining four games. It will be a confidence builder to finally put a team away," Goetz said.



## Midnight Madness '97

Top left, Melanie Marcy, left, and Denise Simon, right. Bottom left, I-r, Kyle Bixler, Jason Logsdon, Mike Harris and Greg Ross. Below, Mike Harris, left, and Josh Wolf, right. All began basketball practice at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.



### COMPETE, from page 7

out with Quincy, which was a losing battle as they fell 5-4. They then defeated Southern Indiana. Though Indiana kept the game interesting.

"We regrouped against Southern Indiana," Redmond said. "Of course though we made it challenging."

The challenge was playing with only 10 players on the field. Joe Becker had received a red card minutes before the end of the first half. A team that has a player who receives a red card must play down one player.

The Rivermen held a slim 2-1 lead at the time of the

ejection. Quincy capitalized on the man advantage midway through the second half when midfielder Sam Jenkins scored. The goal tied the game at two.

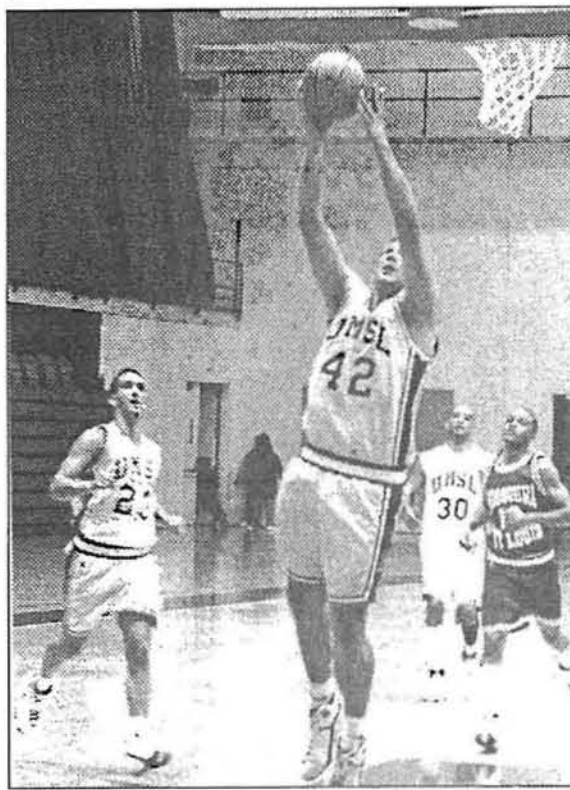
"After they got the tying goal I thought how are we going to score against 11 men," Redmond said. "About a minute later Mark Mendenhall put a great ball over their defenders and Drew Wilson was just waiting by the back post and put it in. It was an excellent goal."

The goal was the eventual game winner. It was Wilson's third goal of the

season.

The team also saw freshman Kevin McCarthy get his sixth start of the season. He had replaced starter Brad Beeler the previous day against Quincy after Beeler had given up three goals in the first half.

"We didn't want to put Brad in that situation after the game Saturday," Redmond said. "We didn't want him to have to deal with his confidence. He understood why we made the change. I had been thinking of giving Kevin some games anyway to get some minutes under his belt."

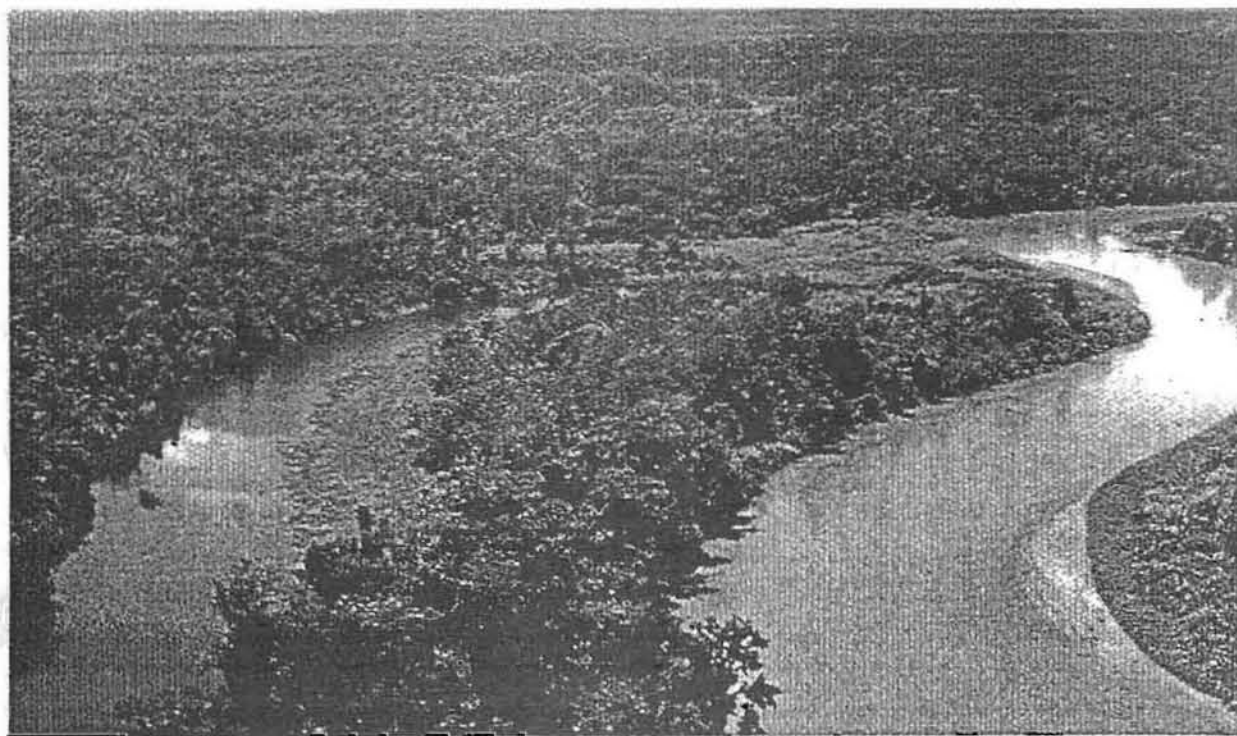


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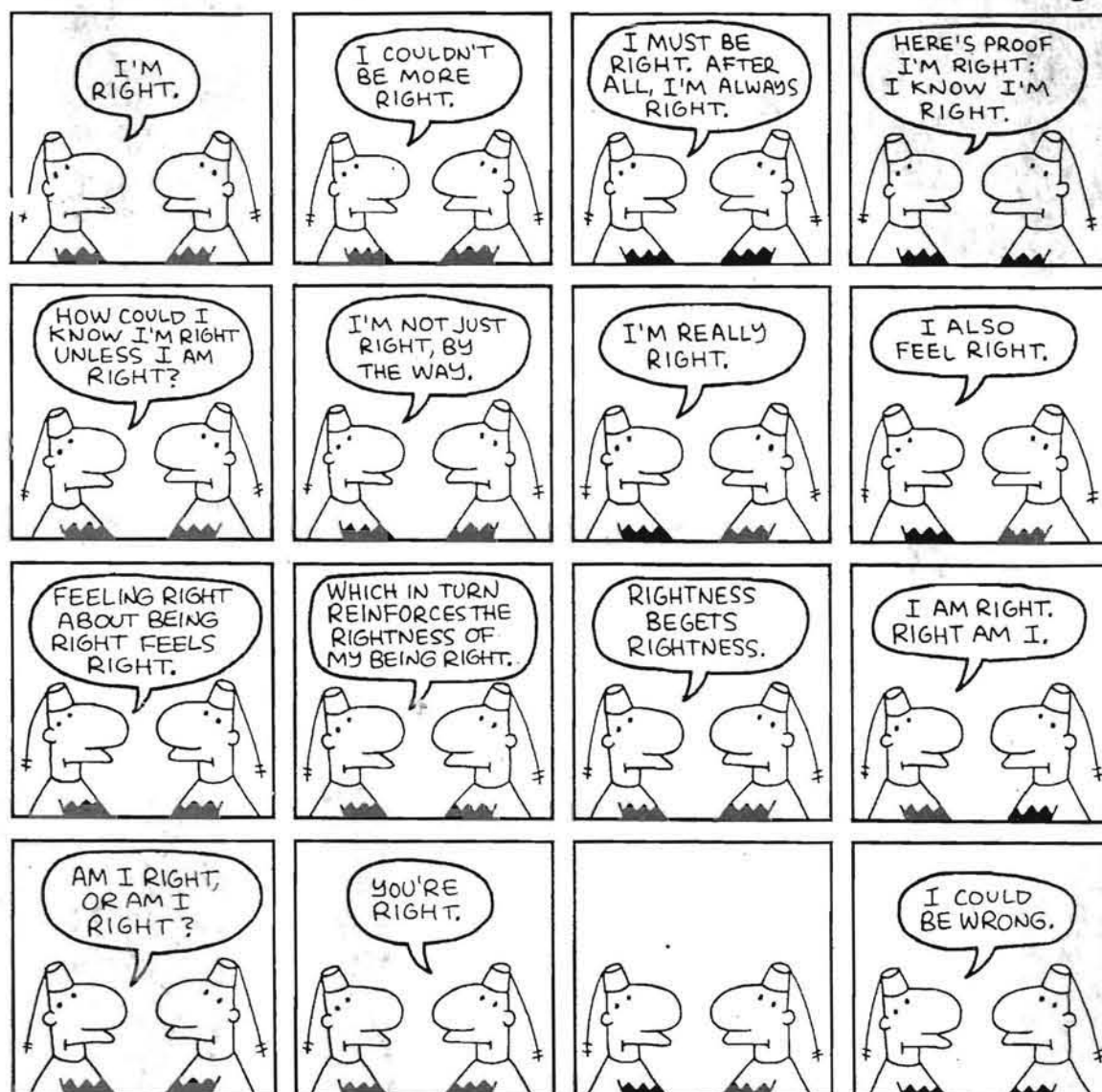
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