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Largest Voter Turnout Passes Twain Renovation

by Steve Ward
news editor

In the largest voter turn-out ever, the student body of UM-St. Louis has approved the Mark Twain referendum and the name change of the Student Association.

At the end of the two days of voting, more than 1,000 ballots were cast. The Mark Twain referendum passed with 605 votes to 409, while the name change to the SA was approved overwhelmingly 832 to 115. The Student Association will now be called the Student Government Association, or SGA.

SGA Vice President Larurel Baker said she was pleased with the election turnout.

"It was a really hot issue because it affects students directly," Baker said. "In the years I have been here I have not known a better turn out. We are really happy."

Baker also attributed the large turn-out to "more logical polling places" and that the polling places remained open longer. Students had the opportunity to vote at either the University Center, the Social Sciences Building, South Campus, Lucas Hall or the Mark Twain Building.

SGA president, Jerry Berhorst, credited the turn-out to high

publicity.

"We made ourselves visible," Berhorst said. The publicity came from Berhorst talking to lecture classes, his editorial in last week's Current, the brochures and posters distributed about campus and the advertisements placed in the Current the past two weeks.

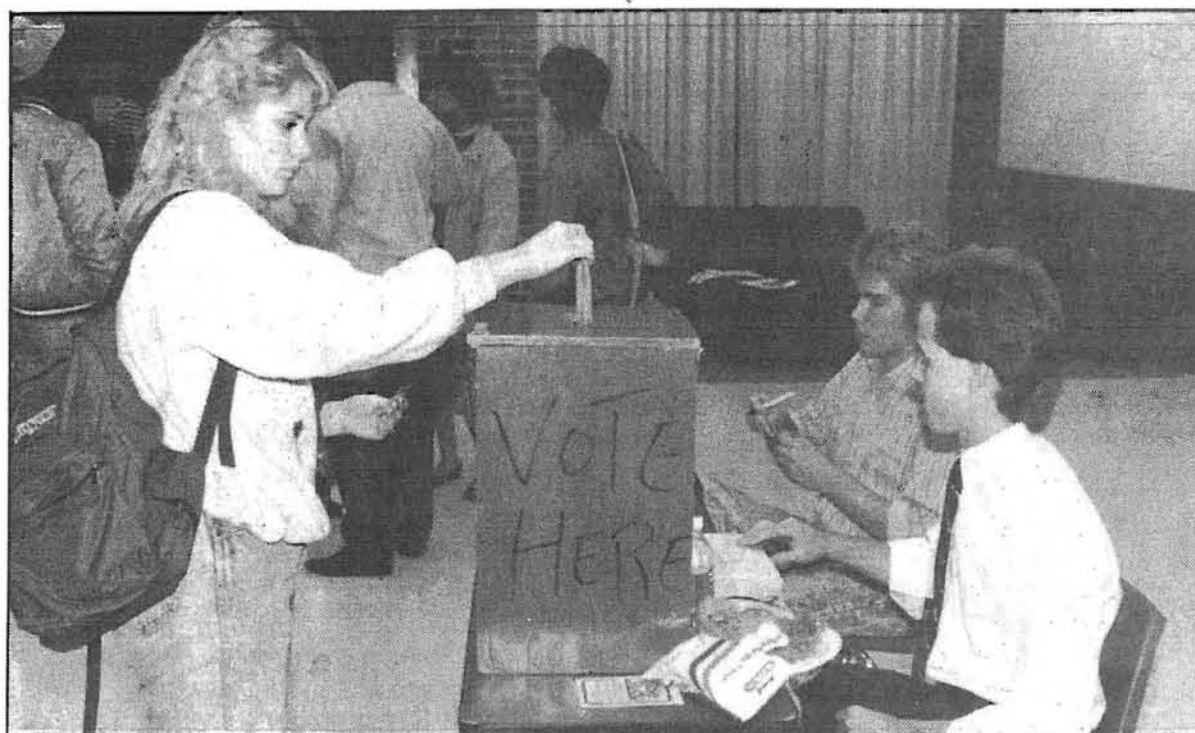
The athletic department paid for the posters, brochures and advertisements — all of which totaled \$2,600.

Athletic Director Chuck Smith stressed that no student activity fees were used to publicize the referendum, but said that the money came from a pool of \$10,000 the department raises each year by renting the athletic building to community functions and selling passes to alumni and the community for its general use.

The results of the referendum will now go to the chancellor's office and the Board of Curators for approval. If everything goes as scheduled, bids should be let out to architects in January, 1989.

According to Smith, the actual increase in student activity fees will not take place until summer of 1990, just a few months before the renovations would be completed.

Under the guidelines set by the



Scott Brandt

VOTE: Student Association President Jerry Berhorst monitors the voting in the University Center Monday. Voter turnout was the best ever on the UM-St. Louis campus.

referendum, student activity fees will go up by \$1.25 per credit hour and no more than \$15 per semester. Including the \$350,000 to be given to

the project by the administration — monies which come out of the building fund left over from when Mark Twain was built 17 years ago — the

total cost of the project will be \$1.6 million.

Construction should start in next November, with a completion date

set for the fall of the following year.

These monies will be used to, among other things, improve the weight room and locker rooms, add an indoor jogging track, lengthen the operating hours of the facility and increase security.

Even though the proposed name change went relatively uncontested, Baker was happy with the change. "We want our name to reflect the duties we perform," Baker said. "The name Student Association does not make people think that we are a government." With the name now the Student Government Association, Baker believes more people will know what the purpose of the group is.

Also included on the ballot were eight blanks. These blanks were provided so that voters could write in people who they thought should fill the SGA seats for new or transfer student representative. Baker said that there was a large response to the write-in section, but that it would take them at least a week to find out if the people listed meet the requirements of a representative: that they actually are transfer students and that they have a 2.0 GPA.

Russians: The Press Should Act As Crusaders

by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

The Soviet Union National Debate team discussed the topic of how the press relates to government in the modern state and the necessity of a free press in Russia and the world at UM-St. Louis Tuesday evening.

"In the U.S. press, there are mistakes about the Soviet Union," Igor Serapin of the Soviet debate team said. "When I came to this country, I wondered if there were biases in the press like in the Soviet Union; there are."

The press in the USSR is moving toward more freedom and the propaganda from both the east and the west is more tolerant of each side. Oversimplification of each side's way of life is where some of the problems lie, the debaters said.

The consensus among the Soviet and UM-St. Louis team were that a

free press is necessary in any society.

The U.S. press saying that the Soviet people cry for freedom, evidenced by the protests in the Baltic area is like Pravda saying that all Americans cry out for communism to be implemented taking into the account the views of the American Communist party.

"Government must be accountable to the people," said Carrie Jeffries, the first speaker for the UM-St. Louis team. "Since both the Soviet Union and the United States hold the government by the people is ideal, and both profess and call for popular control of government, then we must assume that the modern state advocates a free press," Jeffries said.

Jeffries went on to state that the press must also be accessible to the people. A tool that is inaccessible serves no one, she said.

"The relationship must provide for a press that watchdogs the government," Jeffries stated.

"The press should not passively sit by," Sabina Modelevskaya of the Soviet team said. "They should be like crusaders and not worry about spilling relations with the government because they are the only source of information," Modelevskaya said.

Glasnost and perestroika have opened doors for more Soviet journalists to be critical of the government. The Soviets see the new freedom as a reflection of society rather than the actions of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"There is an old joke among Russian journalists that says the best time for broadcasting is after the last member of the Politburo has

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FROM USSR: Igor Serapin, left, and Vadim Velos, members of the Soviet debate team, fielded questions from interested UM-St. Louis students last Monday. On Tuesday night, the Soviets debated against the UM-St. Louis forensic squad.

Candidates For State Office Outline Platforms Here

by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

Candidates for state offices made a stop on campus to participate in a forum sponsored by the Political Science Academy last Wednesday.

The candidates all presented short outlines of their platforms and then fielded questions from the audience.

Many of the questions directed to the candidates were related to higher education and issues such as abortion and state-provided day care.

Some of the candidates were represented by someone from their campaign, but those who represented themselves made an effort to get in touch with student concerns as well as presenting their general platform.

R. B. Grisham, Republican candidate for Lt. Governor, said that he is looking to make the office take on more responsibility.

"One of the problems of the past few years is that the Governor and Lt. Governor have been from different parties," Grisham said. "The Lt. Governor's duties

are similar to the vice president's, but it would be ridiculous to consider having a president and vice president from different parties," he said. "I have an agenda that matches the governor's," Grisham said. "Harriet Woods did not, and consequently she has essentially

been in Siberia for the last four years."

Most of the candidates agreed that greater funding must be provided for higher education. Missouri has ranked 47th or 48th in funding for higher education

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David Kass



John Hancock

Senate Discusses Salary Policy

by Cathy Dey
associate news editor

The University Senate held its October meeting last Tuesday, discussing several important issues but making no decisions about them at this time: the salary policy for faculty and staff, a proposed change in UM-St. Louis admission standards and the improvement of campus buildings were some topics mentioned.

Chancellor Marguerite Barnett pointed out that the North Central Accreditation team is coming to UM-St. Louis soon, and there are modest building improvements that need to be made on campus. The improvements under discussion

include repair and expansion of the parking lots and garages. Barnett said that engineers and inspectors have proclaimed the garages to be structurally sound, but that repairs will probably have to be made this winter, especially on parking garage D.

Dr. Jim Doyle, of the Inter-campus Faculty Council (IFC), reported that the IFC has expressed concern over the University of Missouri practice of awarding high salary increases to only a few officials, while others receive small increases that do not even keep up with the cost of living. Doyle said that this practice is demoralizing, and the credibility of the salary policy is being questioned on all UM campuses.

The Senate Admissions and Student Aid Committee made a motion that the University of Missouri retain its current admission standard. At present, the sum of a student's high school rank percentile and aptitude examination percentile (ACT, SAT or SCAT) must be 75 or greater.

The basis for this recommendation is a study that has been done on UM-St. Louis freshmen from 1982 to 1987, which shows that grade performance of students with combined percentile scores in the 75-99 range has improved. Of 1982 freshmen, 42 percent of the students with combined percentile scores of 75-99

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Events Heighten Alcohol Awareness

by Paul Thompson
editor

UM-St. Louis did its part this week in helping to fight alcohol abuse.

Students from Horizons and employees in Counseling Services hosted several campus events, in conjunction with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 16 to 22.

Horizons sponsored a skit on

Monday in the University Center to highlight the danger and tragedy of drinking and driving.

"The message is to be responsible," said Dwan Milam, director of Horizons, the campus peer counseling service. "We said we're not condemning drinking, we're condemning drinking and driving."

Gloria Lubowitz, a psychologist in Counseling Services, said this week's events were intended to highlight drinking responsibly.

"The message we're trying to get

across is to drink safely, not to stop drinking," Lubowitz said. "Drinking responsibly, appointing a designated driver, coffee doesn't allow a person to sober up, it's only time to get the alcohol out of the system — these are the things we were saying."

The skit hosted by Horizons, Milam said, involved three young people in a car, two drunk, one sober. The sober person decides to

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Phil Picardi talks about his rise to fame at KWMU and his morning news show "The Morning Edition." See story page 3

GREENPEACE:

In a Current exclusive, Nike disputes claims made by the environmental group concerning the use of kangaroo leather on athletic shoes. See story page 5



CAMPUS REMINDER

Chancellor Marguerite Barnett will have open office hours next Wednesday in 401 Woods Hall for faculty and students. See Calendar for more information.

Campus Events

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

● The Urban Research Seminar Series: E. Terrence Jones will speak on "Polling Professionals: How Elections Have Turned into Deadly Bores," 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 331 SSB (McDonnell Conference Room).

● Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, sponsors "How to Get into Graduate School and What to Expect When You Get There" 7:30 p.m. room 439 Stadler Hall. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

● "Women in Politics: Challenges for the Future," will feature two keynote speakers in addition to several panels and workshops from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building. Jo Freeman, feminist author, political scientist and lawyer, will speak about "American Politics and the Future of Feminism," and Ethel Klien of Columbia University and consultant to the Gephardt campaign, will discuss the politics of gender. For more information call 553-5581.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

● George Shirley and the Quartet Oklahoma: The famous Metropolitan Opera tenor will perform with Quartet Oklahoma in

memory of former St. Louis pianist Donna Turner Smith at 4 p.m. at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Ave. The concert is part of the St. Louis Arts Festival. Tickets are \$12 or \$8 for students, senior citizens, UM-St. Louis faculty and staff, KWMU Studio Set members and Ethical Society Members. Call 553-5818 for more information.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

● Chemistry Seminar: "Recent Studies on Biologically Active Plant Natural Products." Klaus Fischer of Louisiana State University speaks at 4 p.m. (coffee at 3:30 p.m.) in 120 Benton Hall. Call 553-5311 for more information.

● Ordinary Magnificence: Professional storyteller Joyce Cheney tells extraordinary tales about ordinary people. She will speak from noon to 1 p.m. in 211 Clark Hall. Call 553-5380 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

● Chancellor Marguerite Barnett will hold open office hours in 401 Woods Hall; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for students and 11 a.m. to noon for faculty.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

● Women and Aging: Rita Braito of the UM-St. Louis sociology department and the School of Nursing will conduct a seminar on elderly minority and non-minority women in the United States. The seminar will be held in 211 Clark Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 553-5380 for more information.

● 15th Annual National Strategy conference: "The United States and the Third World," a conference for secondary and elementary social studies teachers held in J.C. Penney Building from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$25. For more information call 553-5753.

● The Social Work Department will be offering a mandatory meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. in 206 Lucas Hall for any social work students interested in taking a practicum in the winter semester 1989. For more information, contact Beverly Sparleder, practicum coordinator, at 553-6387.

● A panel discussion on the economic issues of the Presidential Election will be held in 225 SSB at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The event is sponsored by the Economics Club. They hope to inform campus members of the economic effects of the campaign platforms. For more information call the Economics Club at 553-6432.

Newsbriefs

The Center for International Studies has awarded James S. McDonnell Scholarships in International Studies to the following students: Gordon N. Bardos, political science; Timothy M. Grotrian, German/art/education; Thomas J. Palazzolo, history; Ward G. Weibel, French/German/Spanish; Jeff J. Pickering, political science/history; Stephen E. Bratcher, political science/international relations.

The scholarships are made possible by a gift from the McDonnell Douglas Foundation and are named in honor of its founder, James S. McDonnell who had a deep and abiding interest in international affairs.

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Dr. W. Franklin Spikes has been named to the editorial board of a new professional magazine published by the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE). Spikes is associate dean in the UM-St. Louis School of Business and Continuing Education-Extension.

The magazine will feature articles of interest to individuals who design, manage, conduct, deliver and evaluate programs for adult and continuing education.

Board members have been selected upon the recommendation of AAACE officers and committees. As a member, Spikes will be asked to recommend specific topics and authors, plan an editorial calendar and assist in hiring decisions and policy issues.

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A small business tax workshop will be presented by University of Missouri Business Extension, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Nov. 16, room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building.

Internal Revenue Service Personnel will provide the instruction. The fee is \$35. For more information, call 889-2911.

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A course to help individuals become more successful fund raisers is offered by UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension.

Basics of Fund Raising will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 25 to Nov. 22 at UM-St. Louis.

Topics for the course are designed to be of interest to fund raising professionals as well as individuals just entering the field. Participants will learn about the past, present and future of philanthropy; what it takes to succeed in development; how to grow as a development director; development office records and resources; how to start an annual giving program; working with corporations and foundations; and working with life income gifts.

Fee for the course is \$97. For more information call 553-5961.

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A review course for individuals planning to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is offered by the UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension.

LSAT Preparation will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Oct. 29 to Nov. 19 and 6 to 9 p.m.

on Thursday, Dec. 1 at UM-St. Louis.

The course will include a grammar review, improvement of reading and understanding skills, discussion of logic and language and test-taking tips.

Fee for the course is \$85. For more information call 553-5961.

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New advances in microcomputer technology and software have caused a surge in the popularity of desktop publishing for business and personal applications. To meet the demand for information and skill training in this field, UM-St. Louis has developed several new courses on the Macintosh personal computer and PageMaker, the most widely used desktop publishing software package.

The courses will be held at the new UM-St. Louis West County Computer Facility located at 1715 Deer Tracks Trail, near the intersection of I-270 and Manchester Road. Each course will be offered in several sections beginning in October, November and December.

The class are: Introduction to the Macintosh Computer, Desktop Publishing Using PageMaker, Intermediate Applications of PageMaker and Advanced Applications of PageMaker.

Fees for each of the courses is \$149. Each student is provided with a computer for use during class. For more information on class dates and times call 553-5961.

Think Tank Established By Education's Leading Critics

(CPS) — William Bennett and Allan Bloom, two of higher education's sharpest critics, are teaming up to put their money where their mouths are and teach college students the way they think it should be done.

Bennett, the former U.S. secretary of education, and Bloom, a University of Chicago professor and best-selling author, will establish the Madison Center, an education think tank that will sponsor summer seminars in the humanities and "great books" for a select group of 50 to 100 undergraduates, Bennett aide John Walters said last month.

The seminars will be one of the main activities of the new, nonprofit Madison Center that Bennett will establish in Washington, D.C., this fall, said Walters, who will become the center's executive director.

Bennett has been engaged in an ongoing confrontation with the nation's colleges since he was named to head the Department of Education three and a half years ago. He has often accused colleges of watering down their curricula and allowing students to graduate without exposure to the classics of history, philosophy or literature.


Bloom's "The Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and

Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students" took a similar tack. The book, published in 1987, criticized both colleges and students as too self-involved to teach or learn. It remains a campus bestseller.


The Madison Center also will serve as a public policy forum on education and other issues, said Walters, Bennett's chief of staff and

a onetime graduate student of Bloom's at the University of Toronto.

The seminars will last three to four weeks, featuring classes with five to 10 professors and guest lecturers. They will be held at a yet unchosen campus, with costs underwritten by the Madison Center, not students.



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When Mark and I decided to spend the weekend at his mother's house, I never imagined I would be walking into a mouse's nightmare. There were cats everywhere.

Cat plaques, cat statues, cat clocks, even a cat mat. I couldn't begin to duplicate her collection of kitty litter if I spent a year at a garage sale. Conspicuously absent, however, was a real cat. Strange, I thought, and began to fear that a weekend with cat woman could be a lot less than purr-fect.

But then she came home, and Mark introduced her. She was dressed surprisingly well—no leopard pants. In fact, you could say she was the cat's meow, but I'd rather not.

She offered me a cup of Dutch Chocolate Mint. Now that was something I could relate to. Then she brought it out in the most beautiful, distinctly unfeline china I'd ever seen. As we sipped, I found out that Mrs. Campbell has my same weakness for chocolate, loves the theater as much as I do, but, incredibly, never saw "Cats." So Mark and I are taking her next month.



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The Mouth That Roared; Picardi Makes Big Waves

by Paulette E. Amaro
associate features editor

I guess it looks like what you would expect. Very professional. A receptionist greets me with a pleasant, "Can I help you?" Eager staffers, impeccably dressed, dart from office to office, busying themselves with papers and agendas. Classical music reverberates through the otherwise quiet office space.

It is almost too quiet. Suddenly, a burst of energy fills the "silence."

Phil Picardi emerges from his office with great enthusiasm. Hand outstretched, he greets me with a friendly, "How's it going?"

Had I not already known Phil, I might be impressed. I am impressed, but I half expected that kind of a greeting.

Picardi is just that kind of guy. He is a professional, and he is friendly.

Some believe the two words do not belong in the same sentence, but Picardi wears them well.

Maybe that is why Picardi and KWMU are so popular.

Winding through the quiet halls, we pass rooms filled with unfamiliar technical equipment.

Picardi is talking easily, and is receptive to the informal questions tossed his way.

"I actually started working on Morning Edition two years ago. I was doing sports. Richard Greene was the host," Picardi offers as he searches for a seat in the quiet office.

The show Picardi refers to, Morning Edition, is a national program

which emanates from Washington, D.C., and airs in St. Louis from 5 a.m. until 9 a.m.

Picardi, a graduate of UM-St. Louis, has been hosting the morning program since March of this year. Along with hosting, Picardi produces and writes news as well.

Morning Edition carries local station breaks and ID promos.

"I usually come on and say something like, 'This is KWMU, 90.7, it is now 7:20.'"

Contrary to popular belief, KWMU is not merely a college radio station.

"A lot of people, when they think of KWMU, think of a college radio station," Picardi begins. "We do have students that work here as interns, but it is a professional station. Everyone gets paid, it's 100,000 watts...It's just as strong as KSHE or KSDK. It's the Channel 9 of public radio."

As a student at UM-St. Louis, Picardi interned with Channel 5 news, while also doing volunteer work on the weekends at KWMU.

I quit here to go to Channel 5 my junior year," Picardi offers. "I did an internship in the sports department. I got to know Mike Busch and Art Holliday pretty well. When they had an opening for a weekend producer, they gave me a call."

Picardi produced sports for Channel 5 for about five months when he got a call from KWMU to replace Morning Edition's host, Richard Greene.

"For about a month I was doing both until I got comfortable with what I really wanted to do."

And radio is what he really wants to do.

"I have a radio face anyway," he

jokes. One of the reasons Picardi prefers radio is because he finds it easier to relay the news in a format that is not as concerned with time restrictions.

"You don't really have time (on T.V.) to get in-depth. Morning Edition is four hours. So, if I don't make my point in the first hour, I can make it in the fourth. I've got a lot more time."

Morning Edition came in fourth in the Riverfront Times "Best of St. Louis Poll" in the category of morning radio program. It even placed higher than KY-98's Phillips and Wall Show.

"Ratings have been better. First Arbitrons came out, and Morning Edition is up. Which is good," Picardi beams.

KWMU offers Morning Edition followed by an afternoon program called "All Things Considered". In between, they air classical selections, followed by a jazz program in the evening.

Picardi acknowledges the fact that KWMU may not be as popular as it should be, but comes to the immediate defense of the station.

"People are not familiar with us because most people in the morning listen to music, or whatever. We are a professional station. You can hear us from Cuba, Missouri to Effingham, Illinois. I know, because I've done that to see how far you can hear us," Picardi says. "We have quite a vast listenership."

As well as being a professional radio station, KWMU is extremely receptive to those students expressing an interest in interning.

"If a student expresses an interest in writing news, we



GOOD MORNING ST. LOUIS: Phil Picardi, host of KWMU's morning program Morning Edition, updates his listeners with the day's news.

introduce them to Bernie Hayes (General Manager) and he puts them to work writing news. Or, if someone wants to work on-air, he'll get together with them and make up an audition tape."

"Bernie takes care of everybody. He is like everyone's dad," Picardi adds with a laugh.

KWMU offers interested students quite a bit of freedom, as well as the opportunity to grow.

"We have a weekend program, Weekend Edition, mainly run by the students. They take the equipment out, gather the information, come back and put the story together, and sometimes air it," Picardi states.

Both KWMU and Picardi have

become popular additions to the radio air waves. Professionalism is one definite reason, but likability is also a plus. Perhaps Picardi says it best.

"We have a lot of fun. It's almost hard to consider it work."

Well, they're doing something right.

'Walk West' Author Jenkins Takes High Road To China

by Loren Richard Klahs
book reviewer

Across China
by Peter Jenkins
(Fawcett Crest, \$4.95, 364 pages)

Ostentatiously, "Across China" is supposed to be a book about the art of mountain climbing. In this case, the mountain is Everest on the China side.

However, after reading his account, I came away from "Across China" with more than a sense of geography, history and mountaineering.

When Peter Jenkins left his pregnant wife in rural Tennessee in order that he might have the so-called "China/Everest" experience, I was a little embarrassed.

I was even more disconcerted when he was plotting his departure in the early chapters of the book.

Like an adolescent boy hiding a porno magazine from his mom, the author tells the reader how he cleverly hid his motives.

"...I'd wait 'till the right moment, especially since going on this trip meant being away for the end of the pregnancy. If something happened to me in China, like falling off Mount Everest...I could miss the birth of Jenkins baby number three..."

After "discreetly camouflaging" impending details of the mountain-climbing trip, the author finally told his wife of his plans.

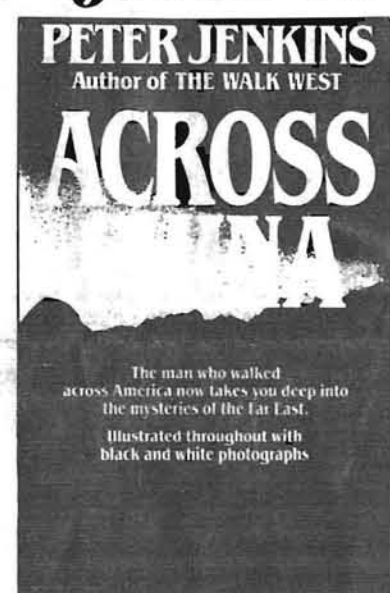
After some bewildered confusion on her part, she consented with the following:

"I know you well enough to know that if you couldn't go because of me, you'd never get over it."

Free of wife and family, the author tells the reader all about the hassles he encountered.

What with passports, special permissions, etc... "Preparing for this trip strained my nervous system."

The following is a sample of the adventure.



"Tibetans surrounded us in the Lhasa bazaar. What fascinated them most was the hair on Skip's chest."

"Some of high roads between Lhasa and Everest were cut out of rock and seemed as narrow as yak trails."

say, 95 mph.

"You'd better see if it starts," she said calmly.

"I'd better see if it starts?" I retorted.

Well, in the end, my car did start. So far, knock wood, it is running smoothly.

The point is, if there is a point, though you may think your mother is slightly square, or perhaps, a tad off-balance, you are not alone.

Now, realize, I have no qualms with my mother. After all, I only see her maybe twice a month. And, when you consider the fact that we live in the same house, and wear the same clothes, that's pretty amazing.

I suppose it could be worse. I mean, at least my mom is kind of funny.

Take this for example. Before I moved to St. Louis, I lived in a small suburb outside of Detroit. I picked up my mom from the airport after visiting in St. Louis for

Excerpt-

"Since I returned home to the USA, many things have happened to the people who brought this book to life. Death has come...babies have been born, life-styles altered...degrees granted, and cheeseburgers eaten."

"The once-in-a-lifetime views through the windshield of our tired bus never ended in Tibet. We went

around countless corners and over many mountain passes before getting to base camp."

the week-end.

We were entering the freeway, "small-talking" about the mess the highway was in. I was looking for a spot to safely ease my car into the confusion.

Peering into the rearview mirror, and then indicating to my side I said, "How do I look?"

My mother turned to me, stone-cold serious, and said, "You look fine."

Needless to say, my car almost shared an intimate embrace with a pick-up truck coming up on my side.

After a few choice expletives exchanged between the two drivers, I secured my position on the freeway and drove home.

You see, I fancy my mother as being reasonably intelligent. However, I often think she resides on a different wavelength than most. One not unlike that of, say, an alien.

After all, she was double prom-

oted in second grade. She graduated at 16, and graduated from college Cum Laude while also working 60 hours a week.

Now, lest you get the idea that I'm complaining, I'm not. Life with my mom is never boring.

One day, driving home from somewhere, we began to talk about what cars were available, and who would take which one where.

After a brief moment of silence, I said, "Well, what are you going to take to work?"

Once again, she turned to me, stone-cold serious and said, "My lunch."

Luckily, by the time we had this exchange, I was already safe in the driveway.

On the off chance you think my mother is nuts, I assure she is okay, maybe just a little "flighty."

I do tend to panic, however, when I notice myself falling into her thinking pattern.

taineer every season and fall madly and passionately in love with him.

When she fell thousands of feet to her death (only a couple of days before reaching her thirtieth birthday) many, many men mourned her death.

The author goes on to say that some of these men are in love with her to this very day.

Then there is the good-looking Ivy-league man from Columbia University in New York "...with a great future ahead of him" (ie: the right family, the right school, a great fan, etc...) who fell head-first into a mountain crevasse.

Even though there was no way of saving him, some mountaineers remember him singing the school fight song to the very end.

In the epilogue of "Across China," the author speaks of "...babies have been born, life-styles altered, avalanches struck...and cheeseburgers eaten."

It's that kind of tale. Maybe next year the author might take the wife and kids to Disney-World. But please, spare us the book.

Sporadic Columnist Tells Tales Of Her Mother...And Of Automobiles



On A Clear Day

by Paulette E. Amaro
associate features editor

My first thought was one of sheer panic, when I realized I would be writing another column. I mean, what could I say that would have any meaning or substance or, God forbid, a little humor?

Then, miraculously, my mother, of all people, remedied the situa-

tion for me.

Last Saturday morning, at 7 o'clock no less, I was awakened from a semi-restful state by a frantic, "Paulette, I just hit your car!"

As my tired eyes parted, I saw my mother standing before me. The first words out of my mouth were, "Well s**t, what did you do that for?"

As she began to explain what happened, I got myself out of bed. Pictures of my Sunsport flashed before me.

I just knew I was going to go outside, and find my rear bumper in a tree, a hubcap in the neighbors yard, etc...

To my relief, my car was not damaged, and neither was hers. It was, however, knocked about 25 feet down the driveway, and facing an entirely different direction.

The amazing thing is, since our cars were parked less than two feet apart, she had to be backing out at,

Chris' Law: Your Four Most Important Hours Will Be The Worst



Don't Panic

by Christopher A. Duggan
features editor

There are moments in a person's life that are more important than others. This cannot be denied.

A couple of weeks ago, on a Saturday morning, I spent the most important four hours of my life so far.

If I really thought about it, I could probably come up with four hours that were more important to me, but the column would mean almost nothing.

So let's assume that the four hours that I spent in Clark Hall two Saturdays ago taking my GRE test were the most important in my life so far.

You see, the GRE test will help to determine whether or not I get into grad school, my presence at which will determine whether or not I get the newspaper job that I want, and therefore whether or not I will ever be happy with my life.

I think most college students probably know what the GRE test is, or have, at least, heard of it, but for the benefit of the few that don't, I will try to explain.

It is a test that is given to anyone who wants to get into graduate school. In that respect, it is similar to the SAT or ACT test.

If you want a strict definition, it is a test that carries quite a bit a weight toward getting one into grad school, so they only give it very early in the morning, when people are at their very worst. Here's the way my GRE test went.

I arose before the sun. Everything was going wrong in my personal preparations that morning. If I weren't growing a beard right now, I probably would have cut myself shaving. That's the kind of morning it was.

I was running late, and my car needed gas, but somehow, I managed to get there on time.

Once there, I was struck by the fear that I had forgotten any one of the vital items: number two pen-

cils, my admission slip, a photo I.D., but luckily, all the survival equipment was in place.

After the victims were placed uniformly in every other seat, we were read the INSTRUCTIONS.

One of them was, "If you have a watch with an alarm on it, make sure it is disarmed, and won't go off during the exam and disturb the test-takers."

What she didn't tell us was that she had whooping cough, and would be putting forth an enormous distraction for us through the entire four hours of the test.

Then we had to fill out the personal information portion of the test sheet. I think that if you can get through that without a catch, they should let you in without a question.

One of the other conditions of the test was that I don't divulge any of the contents to anybody.

I'm not sure exactly how specific that is, but if I say anything at all about how irrelevant I think the content is and publish it for the entire university to read I could get in trouble.

But then again, the entire university doesn't read this paper, so I guess I could get away with saying I don't think that much of the knowledge I utilized during the test will come in handy at any time later in my life or in any later life.

So in the end I couldn't tell you if my score was so wonderful that the people in Mizzou's J-school (school of journalism) will just look at it and say, "Well, hell, we have to let this guy in."

I also don't know that I will be automatically disqualified because of my infantile choices on

the logic sections.

So basically, here is the story. I know that I've got what it takes to make it in graduate school and in the journalism profession.

That may sound egotistical, but if my good grades in writing and journalism classes, plus my experience in the field and various honors are any indication, I think I might be on the mark here.

The problem is letting the folks in Mizzou know that.

Apparently, the GRE, GMAT, and related tests were devised to provide a quick (for them, not us) way to evaluate a student's qualifications.

As for me, I am going to see if it is possible to make it into grad school purely on the merit of letters of recommendation.

Wish me luck.

'First Night' Mixes Comedy And Drama

by Arthur C. Hoch
reporter

Jack Neary has been referred to by some as a catholic Woody Allen.

It seems every time someone comes along who has a certain amount of talent in cinema or stage, he or she is referred to as a catholic, black or female Woody Allen.

Well, I will make no such comparisons.

"First Night," by Jack Neary, the recent University Players' production, was a mixture of comedy and drama, mostly comedy, starring Craig Barton and Sandra Stewart-Cole.

The story takes place on New Year's Eve in a video rental store called Munga Video, where Danny (Barton) is manager.

It begins with Danny addressing the audience, similar to the way Tom does in "The Glass Menagerie." That, however, is the only similarity between the two

plays.

Danny is discontent, on the verge of giving his life to Munga Video. Then in walks Meredith, a girl that he knew in grade school 20 years earlier. She, as he put it, had "heavy P" (potential).

She is not there by accident either.

The play mainly consists of Danny and Meredith discussing Danny's past, then Meredith's past. She then expresses a desire to be a part of Danny's future, a big part.

There is a catch. Danny seems to remember her going off to become a nun after grade school, and knows for a fact that she went through with it.

So where's the habit?

What you find out after a while is that she's on leave from the "nunnery" and has come to try to decide whether or not to leave the order for Danny, to put it as simply as possible.

She had some revelations while bowling about the whole quandary.

The play ends with the two deciding to give it a try, or so it appears, after much discussion and some violence (a movie-box fight).

Grassilli told me before the play ran that his interpretation of the play was that when a person's dreams do come true, they end up being different than expected.

That comes across in this production pretty well, mainly because of Barton's portrayal of Danny reacting to the varied happenings in the story.

Although Stewart-Cole did an adequate job of playing her role, it was Barton's show.

He got most of the good laughs, and his magical ability of stopping the action just by snapping his fingers put him in control of the play.

This, by the way, was an effect that must have required incredible exactness in light cues.

As funny as Barton was on the laugh lines, I thought that there were parts that were intended to be

serious that did not come across that way.

For instance, there is a moment in which he is talking about his dream of running a movie theater, a moment in which he is revealing his most private dreams to this person, and it doesn't have the dramatic impact that I think was originally intended by the playwright.

However, the fact that this is primarily a comedy makes that less of a problem than if they were doing "Romeo and Juliet."

In other words, I don't think audiences missed anything there.

Last weekend was the first time "First Night" has been staged in Missouri. It has run in Boston and San Diego, and has received favorable reviews.

What the future has in store for this play and Jack Neary only the future can tell.

As for me, I think they both have heavy P.



John Grassilli

Just Another Free Rag

by Julio West
columnist

Here at the newspaper we often, okay, always receive magazines and other newspapers.

Some are okay but others are really obnoxious. I guess that even businesses or quasi-businesses receive junk mail.

The most recent magazine I have is called "Moving Up." The subtitle is "the magazine for the upperclass student."

But being the generous guy that I am I thought I would give the magazine the benefit of the doubt. I thought, being rather suspicious, as all good journalists are, that this magazine would be a kind of primer for future yuppies.

But then my generosity took over and I thought maybe it would have articles about the stress of graduation and the increased cost of upper division classes and things like that.

As some of you may know, I am not a big fan of this generation. The "me" generation, as one of my high school teachers put it.

Having decided to give the magazine a try I began to thumb through it.

My cynicism was proven correct. And from now on I will refer to this magazine as a rag, a negative term used to describe a

publication of poor quality. And besides that it is easier to type.

This rag had articles about important things like how to deal with a woman boss, how to bet on football games, the best job in America and an interview with the CEO of a major corporation.

How to deal with a woman boss? Don't we all have mothers or wives? Everyone knows that women run most of the households in America. Most certainly the one I grew up in and the one in which I now live.

And then they tell you how to bet on football games. If you do read this article and decide to make a wager please, please call the Current office and ask for me.

The best job in America? It has to be this one. I am the only one on staff that shows up one day a week and still gets published.

The interview with a major CEO was not as bad as I had anticipated.

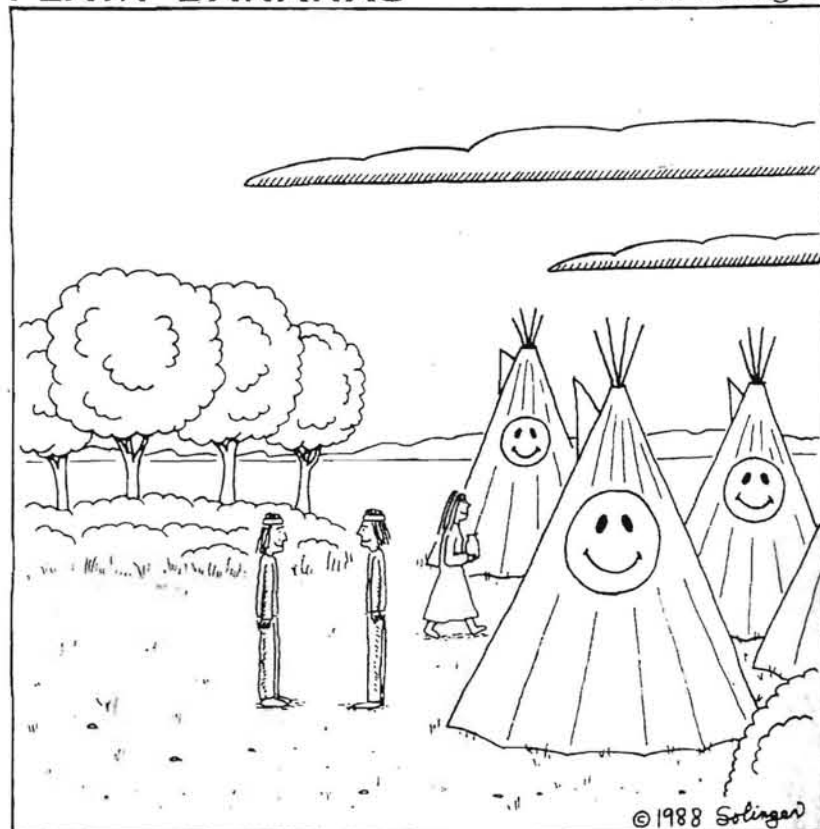
He seemed like a pretty down-to-earth guy. But the interview was an excerpt from a book entitled "Getting Into Money." Bringing home the yuppie-ness of the rag.

There are some other articles in the rag but my stomach is getting queasy and the hour is late.

I just hope I don't have any nightmares, like the one I just read.

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Tim Solinger



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Oakland Upsets Rivermen, 3-2

by Tom Kovach
sports editor

While the Rivermen picked up their 12th victory with a 2-0 victory over Metropolitan State, one Don Dallas stood with his arms crossed and a bit of concern over his face. "We didn't play very well," Dallas quickly pointed out.

Maybe Dallas foreshadowed the team's loss the next day as the 14th ranked Oakland University took advantage of the Rivermen's inability to control the second half and won, 3-2.

"They beat us to the ball," Dallas admitted afterwards.

Pioneer coach Gary Parsons attributed the victory to a late goal in the first half. "I think the key was getting the goal before halftime. We knew we played poorly in the first half and we didn't play with much intensity. We were fortunate that we got that goal," Parsons said.

Before the Pioneers scored three straight goals, the Rivermen jumped on the board first with two goals.

Oakland's Earl Parris attempted to clear the ball out of his own zone, but Ron Schonoff was alert enough to pick off the ball, aim and lob it over goalie Ralph Torre's into the upper-right hand corner to give the men a 1-0 lead.

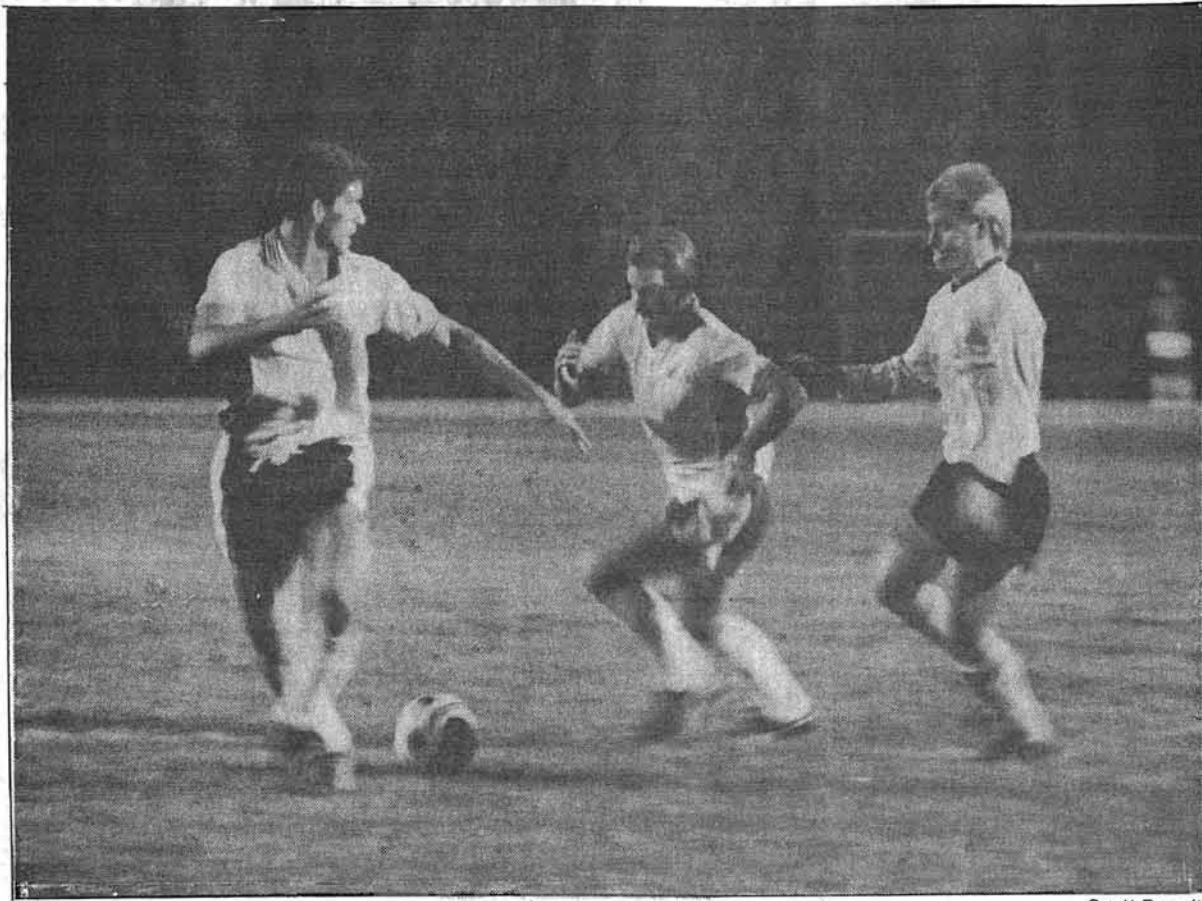
Next, Mark Keller directed a corner kick to Scott Wibbenmeyer. Wibbenmeyer managed to squeeze between two Pioneer players for a head ball. But the ball hit the ground and landed right in front of Warren Dey. Dey scored and the Rivermen looked as if they were going to knock off a top twenty team.

But the Pioneers got their first goal of the game when Sel Eren took a pass from Raul Delgado and knocked it over the head of goalie Jeff Robben.

In the second half the Rivermen had many chances to add an insurance tally.

First, Mark Keller took a hard shot that Torre scooped off the ground.

But the best opportunity came when John Galkowski took a pass and broke away by himself. But the play was whistled offside.



Scott Brandt

RUN, RUN, RUN: Mark Keller, pursued by an Oakland player, passes off to Warren Dey. Dey scored the second and final goal for the Rivermen. But Oakland won, 3-2.

Afterwards, the Rivermen had a difficult time getting the offense into action. For a majority of the second half, the Pioneers dominated with aggressive defense and a willing offense.

Thier efforts paid off when Alan Stewart scored the first of two goals on the evening.

At the 66:29 mark, Stewart blasted a 20 yard shot past Robben to tie the game at 2-2.

Stewart added another goal when he took a pass from John Stewart at the 80:06 mark to give Oakland the 3-2 win.

With the victory, Oakland climbs from 14th to third place in the national rankings, while the Rivermen tumble from 2nd to 10th.

"I thought we played a more upbeat game in the second half," Parsons said. "It was a matter of being patient and hoping that guys

would score."

Dallas, on the other hand, said his team had chances to put away the game in the second half.

"We had some golden opportunities to get that third goal. And in the second half, they worked harder than we did. We made a couple of mistakes by not clearing the ball," Dallas said.

Against the Metropolitan State Roadrunners, the Rivermen got on the scoreboard early. Keller began the play by sending a corner kick pass to Wibbenmeyer. He headed the ball past goalie Craig Lammering at 8:04, giving the men a 1-0 lead.

But the Rivermen, according to Dallas, laid back after the first goal and almost paid for it.

Metropolitan State's Mis Mark took a rising shot that hit the crossbar. Then Abdul-Al-Majid

headed a ball that hit the inside of the crossbar and came back out.

Later the Rivermen would wrap the game at the 82:04 mark. On a free kick, Galkowski blasted the ball past Lammering for a 2-0 lead.

Robben made seven saves, while earning his 27th career shutout.

On Friday and Saturday, the Rivermen travel to Florida to take on the Jacksonville Dolphins and the South Florida Bulls.

At 1 p.m. on Friday, the Rivermen, for the first time ever, will play the Dolphins. The Dolphins are led by Kurt Tierney and goalie Robert Rojahn.

Saturday at 4 p.m., the Rivermen take on the Bulls in Tampa, Fla.

Wednesday night, the Rivermen return home to play the Northeast Missouri State at 7:30 p.m. Earlier this year, the Rivermen defeated the Bulldogs, 1-0

only two shots on goal. Both shots were weak and one of them sailed over the net.

"Our backfield has played great (this season) even though we lost a lot of games," Aldy said.

Offensively, the five goals scored this weekend were a season high.

Tonight the Riverwomen play their last home game of the season when the University of Missouri-Rolla comes to the UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium.

Also, tonight is amateur soccer night. All amateur level soccer players in the St. Louis area will be admitted free with proper identification.

Sunday the Rivewomen will be seeking revenge against Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at the Bob Guelker Field. Game time is set for 2 p.m.

Last year the visiting Lady Cougars defeated the Riverwomen 4-2.

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leather in its 1987 line, Greenpeace said.

Sparks refused to provide information about the correspondence between Nike and Greenpeace, but reiterated that Nike has never produced kangaroo leather shoes.

According to Greenpeace, kangaroos are hunted mainly for their pelts, which are made into sneakers. Now Greenpeace's major goals are to target running shoe manufacturers and to support U.S. legislation to ban the importation of kangaroo leather.

Greenpeace also alleged that they had asked Adidas to curtail the manufacturing of kangaroo leather on all sneakers, but said that Adidas had refused to comply.

"We had asked Adidas to stop the manufacture of kangaroo leather, and they didn't do it," said Leilani Anderson, Kangaroo Campaign Manager for Greenpeace USA in Washington, D.C.

But Adidas, in a statement, insists that they are making an attempt to find alternatives to producing kangaroo leather.

"Until this substitute material is found or our consumers stop asking for shoes with kangaroo leather, I must inform you that Adidas will continue to use this material in a very few, select models in our footwear," the statement said.

"We tell people that we make a limited number of shoes with kangaroo leather," said Elizabeth Gavin, an Adidas public relations representative.

Other shoe manufacturers, such as New Balance, say that the boycott in Europe was a major factor in drop-

ping kangaroo leather from their sneakers.

The Australian kangaroo hunt has been called the largest slaughter of wild mammals in the world. The consulate to the United States from Australia, based in Chicago estimated that close to 2.9 million kangaroos were killed from January to May, 1988.

The consulate said that 1.74 million kangaroos were killed in the Queensland state alone.

Greenpeace contends that the official Australian estimate of the government regulated hunt is underestimated by about one million.

"The Australian government continues to escalate this kangaroo genocide...[A]n estimated one million roos will be killed outside the commercial quota," a Greenpeace press release claimed.

The Australian consulate said that Greenpeace figures on the illegal kills may be fairly accurate, although he could not provide specific information confirming the environmental group's claim.

Greenpeace contends that money made selling kangaroo leather should be banned.

"Killing animals for profit is not wildlife management, but thinly veiled, commercial exploitation," Anderson said. "Clearly the best way to end the kill is to close the markets for kangaroo products."

Currently, Representative Robert Mrazek (D-N.Y.) has proposed a bill in the House that would shut down U.S. markets, but that bill is being held up because a sub-committee has refused to hear testimony,

English Deprives Baseball Junkie

by Michael McMurran
reporter

Ever since that hot summer day in 1964, the day my grandmother took me to my first Cardinal baseball game, I have been an avid Cardinal baseball fan. While I was in seventh grade, my teachers could tell if there was a day baseball game by my absence. In the morning I would go to the bus stop, however, the bus that I boarded was Bi-State, and my destination was Busch Stadium. The '67 and '68 World Series only increased my passion for the Red-birds, while the team's poor performances from '69-'82 provided many individual highlights. Some of those highlights included Bob Forsch's first no-hitter and Lou Brock's 3000th hit.

With the arrival of Whitey Herzog in St. Louis, each and every year has the potential of a banner season. The '82, '85 and '87 Championship seasons only increased my need for Cardinal baseball. Women, friends and even jobs have come and gone, but Cardinal baseball always has, and (please God) always will be there. Nothing, I thought, could deny me my "fix" of 30-35 Cardinal games a year, nothing that is except maybe studying English at UM-St. Louis.

My first indication that things would change came the morning after game three of the '87 World Series. I was enrolled in Dr. Terence Martin's Shakespeare class, and a quiz was scheduled. One of the major advantages of being an English major, I feel, is being able to manipulate the language to work in your advantage, or, if you will, being able to "b.s."

Knowing that Dr. Martin was from Britian, and knowing how he prides himself on his attire (he is the best dressed instructor on campus), I decided to manipulate the language and try to get the quiz rescheduled. "Good morning, sir," I made sure that I used the proper honorific, "you look sharper today than usual." He smiled as he opened his briefcase. Not to worry, I saved the best for last, "Excuse me sir, but you wouldn't schedule a quiz the morning after Britian had won a World Cup Soccer Match, would you?" Again he smiled, closed his briefcase, and responded "I played rugby," as he passed out the quiz. Strike one.

My next encounter with English started innocently enough as I was studying the course catalogue, trying to find a class that would satisfy one of my 300 level literature requirements. I stumbled across a course entitled 'Restoration,' or something like that, and reading on discovered that Drysdale, or so I thought, was one of the authors. If Don Drysdale was one of the authors, 'Restoration' could only mean abolishing the American League designated hitter rule. Naturally, I enrolled in the course. Was I ever surprised to find out it was not Drysdale, but rather Dryden, and 'Restoration' referred to

the English Monarch. Strike two.

This past summer, I decided that if I wanted to graduate on schedule, I would have to enroll in the summer session. Having barely passed Shakespeare, and having some backround in the development of the English language, I figured "Modern Drama" would be least likely to include "thee's and thou's." Dr. Peter Wolfe was teaching the course, and he seemed as likely as anyone to understand that summer session is suppose to be easier than regular session. Foul ball.

One of the requirements for Dr. Wolfe's class was to attend a play and write a review of the play. So, on a Saturday evening, I attended a play at Washington University, unescorted. Once in Malinkrodt Theater, I had no problem finding a seat, as I was one of 25 or so viewing the play. Contrary to what my review said, the play was boring. Driving home that evening I happened to pass Busch Stadium, and being the Cardinal fan that I am (remember where I started?) I tuned in Jack Buck on KMOX radio. It just so happens that on that very evening, the evening that I was viewing a play for a Modern Drama class, the Cardinals and Cubs were playing in front of over 50,000 fans. The game was tied 1-1 in the bottom of the ninth inning, when Tom Brunansky stepped to the plate and hit, as Jack Buck described it, "a dramatic, game winning, home run." Does it take an English major to see the irony of this story? I think not.

Another mandatory 300 level English class that has prevented me from not only attending Cardinal baseball games, but from having any social life at all is Modern English Grammar. To quote one of St. Louis's most famous and recognizable individuals, Whitey Herzog, "there are a lot of people out there who don't say 'ain't', that 'ain't feeding their families." Need I say more?

And finally, there resides a gentleman in Lucas Hall named Dr. William Hamlin. For those of you who have not had the pleasure, Dr. Hamlin is by far the best arguer that I have ever met. He is so good at arguing that I feel he is wasting his talents teaching. Rather he should be a defense lawyer. If Dr. Hamlin defended Charley Manson, he would be a free man today. Just once though, I would love to see Dr. Hamlin get into an argument with National League umpire Doug Harvey. Harvey would have the privilege of doing what most English majors on this campus would give their writing hands for, throwing Hamlin out of the game before he could state his point of view.

There is one advantage of studying English, that can be applied to baseball. When my students ask me why the 'H' in Al Harborsky's name is not pronounced, I will have the correct answer for them.

Women 6-10 After Two Shutout Wins

by Jim Wieners
reporter

Ever since the season started, the women's soccer team has been having much bad luck as six of their first ten losses were by one goal and only two of them were by more than two goals.

"Our losses overlooked our performance," said midfielder/forward Laurie Aldy. "If we would have had a half a goal for every goal post (or crossbar) we hit, we would be winning games."

Last week, however, the Riverwomen had a perfect week with two shutout victories; 3-0 over Lewis University and 2-0 over Maryville College. Those two wins leaves Head Coach Ken Hudson two victories shy of 100 career wins.

Hudson is now 98-37-9 in eight years of coaching at UM-St. Louis.

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Current Player of the Week

Jean Daehn- Women's Volleyball

Against Washington University, Daehn had a .600 hitting percentage and two blocks. Her coach Denise Silvester, had nothing but praise for her performance. "She dominated the middle and played great," said Silvester.

Mark Keller- Men's Soccer

Missouri-Rolla saw enough of Keller during Tuesday night's game. He was tripped twice in the penalty box and capitalized on both opportunities. Against Metropolitan State, Keller set up a play on a corner kick to Scott Wibbenmeyer.

Laurie Aldy- Women's Soccer

Throughout the season, Aldy has been one of the players that Head Coach Hudson can rely on. She showed her abilities as she had two goals and one assist against Lewis University and Maryville College.

Last Week

Volleyball

Def. McKendree College
15-2, 15-17, 15-4 and 15-13

Def. Lake Superior St.
11-2, 15-13, 8-15 and 15-7

Loss to Oakland U
11-15, 15-9 15-11, 2-15 and 10-15

Loss to Wayne State
15-10, 3-15, 12-15 and 8-15

Loss to Lake Superior State
15-10, 9-15, 10-15 and 6-15

Men's Soccer

Def. Metropolitan St, 2-0
(Wibbenmeyer, Galkowski, Robben-SO)

Loss to Oakland U, 3-2
(Schonoff, Dey)

Women's Soccer

Def. Lewis U, 3-0
(Leach, Zingg, Mangin, Allen-SO)

Def. Maryville, 2-0
(Aldy-2 Allen-SO)

Next Week

Women's Volleyball

away at Central Mo. Tour. (4 p.m.)

away vs. UMKC (1 p.m.)

Men's Soccer

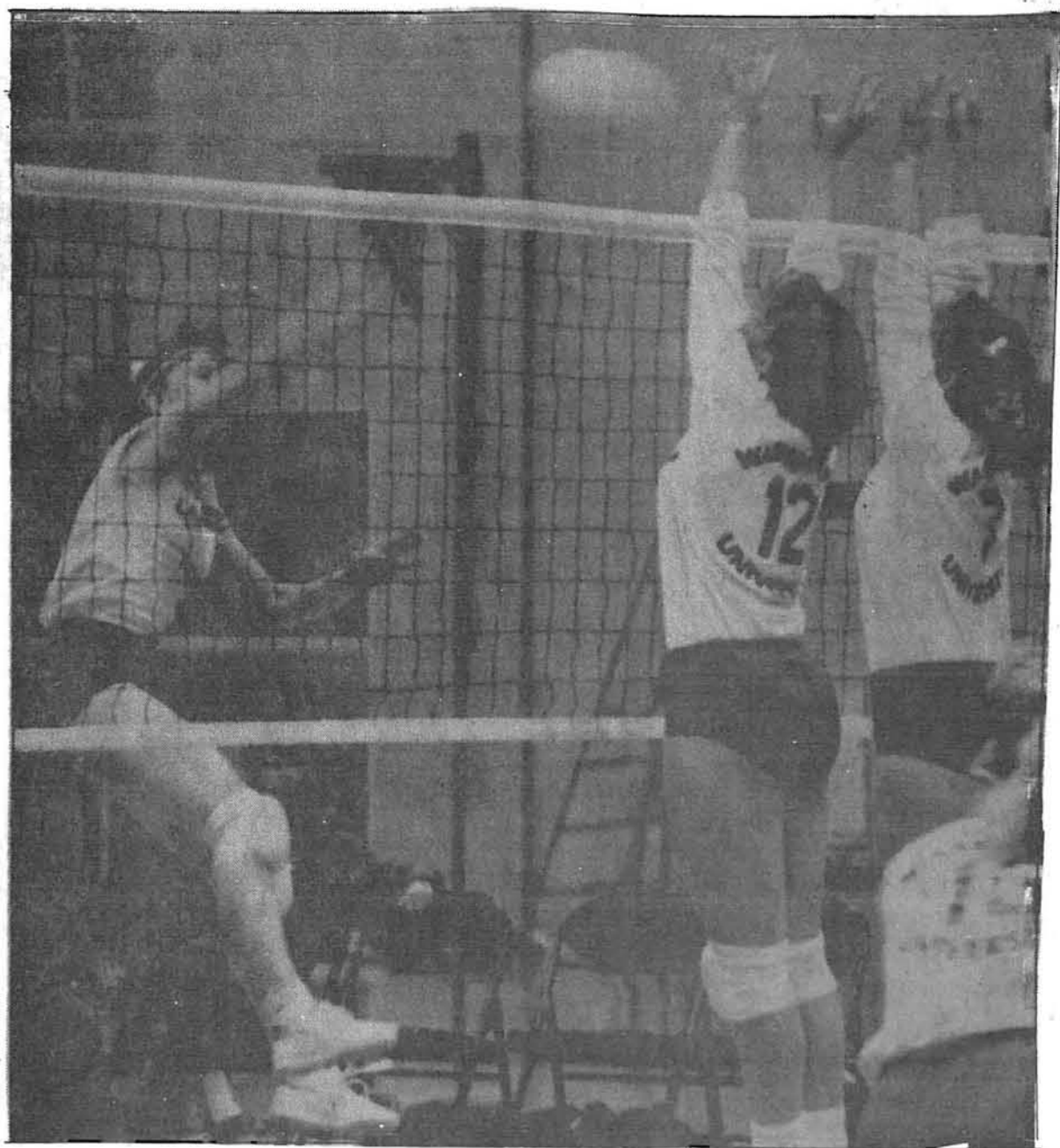
away vs. Jacksonville (3 p.m.)

away vs. South Florida (1 p.m.)

home vs Northeast Mo. St. (7:30 p.m.)

Women's Soccer

away vs SIU-E (1 p.m.)



OVER THE WALL: Stephanie Hahn attempts to spike the ball over two Washington University Bear players. The Netters won, 15-12, 15-9, and 15-6

Netters Win 1 In Michigan

by Michael McMullan
reporter

When the UM-St. Louis Women's Volleyball team beat McKendree College, they left the state of Illinois with much anticipation towards the next stop—Michigan.

But little did they know what they would encounter in the Great Lakes State.

Last Tuesday evening, the women begin the road trip to McKendree College to play an individual game against the host Bear Cats. Head Coach Denise Silvester's Netters improved their 1988 record to 13-8 by defeating the host squad 15-2, 15-17, 15-4 and 15-13.

Then things begin to slide for the Riverwomen as they traveled to Rochester, Michigan to take part in the Oakland University Tournament. The Riverwomen, though started play against Lake Superior State on Saturday evening with a 11-2, 15-13, 8-15 and 15-7 victory.

Unfortunately, that was the only taste of victory the Netters were to experience the entire weekend.

The host Oakland University Squad was next for the Riverwomen, and the Pioneers prevailed 11-15, 15-9, 15-11, 2-15 and 10-15.

The next opponent for Silvester's Riverwomen was the ladies from Wayne State University. The Netters managed only one match victory against a team that has been ranked in the Top Twenty earlier this season, losing 15-10, 3-15, 12-15 and 8-15.

In the final game of the tournament, the Netters again faced the Lake Superior State Team, only with different results. The ladies from Michigan avenged their earlier loss by defeating the Riverwomen 15-10, 9-15, 10-15 and 6-15.

This week the Netters will entertain Washington University before packing their bags to take part in the Central Missouri State Tournament.

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Year Of The Mud



Inside View

by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

Politics is a dirty business. That's been a fact of the game almost from day one. But there has been an incredible amount of mudslinging in every race from the most obscure city official right up to the presidential campaign.

If it remains at the present rate, I wouldn't be surprised to see the EPA slap politicians with a fine for soil erosion.

This is the year of mud. It's a fashionable trend among politicians. It's a status symbol; like Pierre Cardin or something.

How can candidates expect the public to put them in positions of responsibility when their commercials are indicative of the behavior of a grade schooler?

For instance, the now famous "Lips" commercial supporting Betty Hearnese stars John Ashcroft with superimposed lips singing a derogatory little jingle makes me laugh that a candidate for governor would stoop to such childish tactics and expect them to actually work.

I wanted to ask Lynne Hearnese (Betty's daughter) about that when she was here last Wednesday, but the libertarians had me cornered and she blew out the door before I could catch her. All the people at the candidate forum had the same answers to the same questions, but when the chance arose they blamed their opponent for something.

The Hearnese campaign stole its catchy tune from a Ray Hartman editorial in the Riverfront Times that read: "Ashcroft's got plenty of nothin' and nothin's plenty for him." The Hearnese campaign took the editorial out of context. In reality Hartman intended a veiw 180 degrees of the Hearnese commercial, according to his editorial last week.

To me, this is about the political equivalent to tying your own shoe to a chair leg.

Campaign managers must think the general population is pretty dumb. For the most part, they are considering that Richard Nixon won in '68 and '72.

It's scary to see the name NIXON on a ballot. I was only about nine years old when Watergate hit, and it still gives me nightmares. So when I saw that Jay Nixon was running against Danforth for the U.S. Senate, I thought: "a nephew, maybe?"

No matter how good Nixon is, he has the stigma of a name. When the name is heard on TV, all the cockroaches hide under the freezer and if my cat is in the room she arches her back and hisses.

Somewhere in Washington, D.C. there is probably a haunted house set up for Halloween where someone in a Nixon mask jumps out from behind a corner and screams "four more years." Democrats and Republicans alike flee to the exits just from the sheer terror of it. And good ol' Jay expects to win? Change your name to Lincoln, Jay.

What's most scary of all is the logic used in campus elections.

The ballots seemed kind of strange to me. Those of you who voted, and surprisingly many did, will know what I'm talking about. At the top of the ballot, there were spaces for eight names. There were no candidates though! How in the hell can any body be a good representative of the people if it only takes a handful of votes among those who voted to win? Personally, I think the whole thing is open to a lot of criticism.

Not only were the ballots questionable, but also the way ID's were marked to assure only one vote per person. A dot from a magic marker was all that indicated that someone had voted. A little ingenuity is all it took to remove the spot. Anyone could do it. I could have voted multiple times, but I thought it might be fun to raise these questions and see what kind of response I get. I don't know the election results as I'm writing this, so it could be that the side I wanted to win stuffed the ballot box also.

I'm not accusing people of anything; I'm merely bringing up the point that it could have happened and that the way. The ballot was designed was incredibly stupid.

We will have election results in this paper, so if say the Mark Twain renovation passed and you don't like it get a group of angry protesters together to bitch about it and see what happens.

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How Do You Spell No Respect? L-I-B-E-R-A-L



Golf Tips

by John Kilgore
special projects editor

Are all the children out of the room? Good. Now, maybe we can have a frank and open discussion of the "L" word, L-I-B-E-R-A-L.

For those of you who haven't been paying attention, George Bush, in a

desperate attempt to get himself elected president, has attempted to revise history by blaming all the problems of the past 50 years on those "way-out liberals" who think it is better to solve problems than to ignore them.

But George, aren't liberals the folks that brought us Social Security, Medicare and Civil Rights? Don't liberals promote environmental awareness and friendly relations with the Soviets? And aren't conservatives the same people who initially opposed all these things but now support them?

It makes you wonder just what other progress will be delayed if Bush and his ilk retain control of the White House.

Read my lips: WE ARE 1.1 TRILLION DOLLARS DEEPER IN DEBT THAN WE WERE EIGHT YEARS AGO. REAGAN AND BUSH

HAVE GOTTEN US DEEPER IN DEBT THAN ALL PREVIOUS 39 PRESIDENTS COMBINED.

Do these facts somehow suggest to you that George Bush will better be able to manage the national budget than a governor who has balanced 10 budgets in a row? If so, please tell me how. (Use your secret Star-Wars decoder ring.)

If it isn't about spending money and if conservatives are going to steal all the good ideas the liberals have anyway, then why is it that the Bush liberal-bashing seems to be so effective? What is at the heart of this fear that seems to grip the American voter when the "L" gang rides into town to duel with the boys from the "Everything is A-O.K. Corral?"

The answer is simple: The American taxpayer will always vote for the candidate who promises to waste more money on defense than

his opponent. It doesn't matter that the weapons don't work, we'll buy them anyway!

We believe in the fairy tale that says, "Give the Pentagon everything they want and maybe the Evil Empire will just go away." But they won't go away. There has always been an Evil Empire and there will always be an Evil Empire. Even a Star-Wars won't save the Magic Kingdom forever.

So what can the Magic Kingdom do? We can grow up and realize that it isn't weapons that make peace, but men that make peace. Reasonable men who support reasonable defense systems. Like the Duke says, "We have to make the tough choices."

It may be easier to vote for George Bush, but after somebody runs up a trillion dollars on my account, I take the credit card away from him.

Life During Wartime: In The Fast Lane

by J. Sih
reporter

"Heard of a van loaded with tickets packed up and ready to go. Heard of some radar out by Highway 70 and places nobody knows. The sound of sirens off in the distance I'm getting used to it now. Been stopped in Bel-Ridge. Been stopped in Bel-Nor. Driving all over this town. ..."

—with apologies to Mr. Byrne

You're late for class. Maybe even an exam. You woke up late, or you didn't count on having to fill an empty tank pulling out of the driveway this morning. You have the radio on a bit too loud. You are not yet fully awake. You are thinking about what you are going to write for the essay question. You are trying to remember equations for the quiz. You are driving too fast.

You risk being pulled over by Normandy's finest on a day that is so sunny and clear it could break the heart of a practiced cynic.

They coat the St. Louis metropolitan area like measles on a hapless first grader. They are radar detectors. They number somewhere between 220 and 250 covering an area bounded by the the Missouri River, the Mississippi, and the St. Louis/Jefferson County line to the south. They are a damn good reason to slow down. It is also against the law to drive faster than the speed limit. But you know that. I'm not here

to be your conscience. I'm here to tell you, my comrade commuters, that an unwary motorist can do some really stupid things and wind up regretting these things for a long time — like every time you get an auto insurance premium in the mail. I'm here to stop you from doing stuff so stupid that only someone as shameless and stupid as I am would be able to properly inform you. Despair not. There is hope, but it might cost ya. First, the free poop.

Intersection of Hanley Road and Underhill, Hanley Hills.

Intersection of Highway 70 and Florissant Road, Cool Valley.

Intersection of Highway 170 and Natural Bridge, Bel-Ridge.

The elbow bend on Highway 170 just past the St. Charles Rock exit, Bel-Ridge.

The schoolyard on Natural Bridge Road (northside) just a block east of the main entrance to UMSL—South Campus, Normandy.

Intersection of Hanley and Natural Bridge, in either the Shell station, the City Hall, or the just-east drugstore, Bel-Ridge.

The entire Normandy Road cut-through, a residential section with a road that connects the main entrance of UMSL-North Campus to St. Charles Rock Road, Bel-Nor.

Remember that sticking the radar gun out of a car window is no longer required for the newer, more sophisticated machines that even the tiniest little municipalities have found it in their coffers to buy.

Remember that radar detectors are illegal in certain areas and I'm not sure which those are so I leave that up to you to find out.

Remember that traveling behind a pack of cars is probably safer when in doubt.

Remember to buckle your safety belt because that is the law.

Remember that a majority of the police cars used in these operations are unmarked or do not bear that familiar configuration of single-color-Ford-Fairmont-with-a-boxy-row-of-flashers-on-top.

There are probably more speed traps than the ones that I have been able to find out about, and if anyone would like to contribute to this list, please don't hesitate to drop me a line. I will print them. The bulk of this information you see here has been learned (painfully at times) by yours truly. My fervent wish is that it does not come too late, but if it does, well, here's the part that will take some money.

You have a ticket for a moving violation. They have your driver's license. You're going to drive to that obscure municipality's city hall (a trailer or two-room building). You are about to pay the \$30-50 fine and get it back.

WRONG. If you pay that ticket, it functions as a "guilty as charged" plea and it will go on your record. There will be points against you that will also go on this record. Worse still, any diligent insurance company who runs an MVR (Motor Vehicle Record) on you will discover this violation and will feel compelled to raise your insurance rates.

Find a lawyer. A good one, preferably one that a friend has worked with or even one your parents like, if you don't mind your parents knowing about these

things. Shop in Clayton. They're pretty easy to find there. Find a lawyer with a fast car, if possible. They're more sympathetic.

If your license didn't get taken away, you can give your lawyer the ticket and call him in a week or two. It never hurts to ask (POLITELY) to keep your license IF POSSIBLE. The most any police officer will tell you is no. If you only have a ticket and your ID is being held in lieu of bail, make sure to photocopy your ticket at your lawyer's office or you will be driving without a license, which is also illegal. You keep the original.

If you're lucky, if the court decides to be easy on you, you'll wind up paying your lawyer some and the folks who wrote your ticket a similar sum. But YOUR RECORD will be clean (or cleaner) than if you'd just gone along with everything like they wanted you to. Your insurance premiums will remain at the same-if-ridiculously-steep fee as they were before. Drivers in the under-25 year-old bracket are milked for the most money of any insured drivers, even more than the over-80-year-olds.

As I said earlier, exceeding the speed limit is against the law. I do not encourage people to drive too fast, especially when it consumes precious fossil fuel. If I were king I'd completely dispense with cars in favor of a more fuel-efficient mass transit system, like any CIVILIZED city. But then, this IS life during wartime. If you can avoid getting hit, well, hey — that's a pint of blood I've spared you from losing. If you need me, I'll be in my foxhole hunched over my soyractions.

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Behind The Brown Door: Mumbling Profs

To the editor:

I have several comments in response to J. Sih's trite and boring editorial "Notes From Underground: Congrats In Order," Oct. 13:

Some of us skip class because some of the teachers don't really teach. They bumble and mumble through some chapter we were told to read before coming to class. How about the professors who threaten to demote your letter grade if you skip? Well, I paid for the class and I guess I'm old enough to pay for stupidity, too.

When is the last time J. Sih tried to locate a teacher for answers to questions? Many only have a big, locked brown door representing themselves here at UM-St. Louis. Trying to talk to the dean or his/her assistant? Forget it. Their secretaries went to the same schools as the president's secret service men.

Maybe the teachers are having to work two jobs, one at the gas station, because they can't have tenure. Our

money goes to such great concepts as the Vic-Tanny-Mark-Twain-Yuppie work out place. Maybe we should pay the library cops more money every time we're busted for M&Ms at T.J.

I think one of the neatest things our money went to was rebuilding the founder's circle with country club bricks. How come security knows whey to give me a ticket but didn't catch the person who stole my radiator cap? I only found out after I was a smoking oblivion on I-70.

And spare us students with brains that garbage pseudo-crud: "...the horizon like a layer of rich, brown sewage." Barf. Gee-whiz, redundancy is repetitive. She named a lot of cities that could use clearer air. When was the last time Sih went to Seattle? Or has she? It is one of the cleanest cities in the United States. "...Keep this space free of error." Oh, sure.

By the way, who has time to read Hefty Bag boxes?

Sih has valid points, but on her most major one, she contradicts herself. She suggests students don't

care, but then admits those "...who are deepest for something, anything to bring them out of the academic abyss."

I have never used Cliff's Notes or term-papers-on-file service. But thanks for the insult. Since when are study groups negative? One does not progress understanding by osmosis. Believe you? Oh yeah, you and the

guys on bicycles who try to sell me a soul around dinnertime.

While Sih has a lot to say, and is sappy cute, the reporter is not P.J. O'Rourke. Some of us aren't impressed by her awesome wit. Anybody can gripe on paper, look at me.

Lynn Staples

Long Awaited Praise

To the editor:

Well, this makes me feel a whole lot better. But for "Golf Tips" and "Life During Wartime," there are times when I look around campus and feel like McGovern in a sea of Goldwaters. Today I look in the Current and there is "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." This is a gentle thing that truly takes the curse off being alive.

Wallace Stevens. I wish they could teach us in school how to become vice president of Hartford

Insurance and write poems like this at the same time. But no one can teach you how to be such a world-class subversive — it must be inborn.

If there were enough of Ronald Reagan's brains to go around, perhaps we would be happy all the time and need no poetry. The world awaits such products, but meanwhile, its good to hear that the blackbird is involved in what we know.

Ted Ficklen

Letters Policy

The Current welcomes letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must accompany all letters. Non-students must also include their phone numbers. Letters should be no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages. No unsigned letters

will be published, but the author's name can be withheld upon request.

The Current reserves the right to edit all letters for space and newspaper style considerations. The Current reserves the right to refuse publication of any letter.

ALCOHOL

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leave. Then the two drunks hit a woman and a child in another car, killing the woman.

The child lives, and the mother returns in spirit to tell the two who are responsible for her death what it will be like for her child to grow without its mother.

"It was really good," Milam said of the skit. "The first part was comedy, but the last part was really serious."

She said about 85 people attended the skit, many of them who heard the skit going on and came from other parts of the U. Center to find out what was going on.

Horizons and Counseling Services also distributed literature on alcohol and drug abuse. That literature is available year-round in the Counseling Services office in 427 SSB.

In addition, Horizons and Counseling Services showed the film "Your Alcohol IQ: Celebrities Challenge the Moderation Generation," starring Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry from the television series "L.A. Law."

FORUM

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over the last few years.

Wendel Bailey, Republican incumbent state treasurer, responded to a question dealing with the release of the money withheld from the UM budget by the governor optimistically, saying that he did not for see any reason for the governor not to release the money.

Traditionally the governor

has withheld three percent of the university budget in case of a state financial emergency and released the funds later in the year.

The Libertarian candidates took a vastly different stand on education. They believe that the school system should be privatized.

SENATE

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achieved a freshman GPA of 2.0 or greater and had a mean GPA of 1.70. In 1987, 48 percent of these freshmen achieved a 2.0 GPA or greater, with a mean of 1.82.

The Bylaws and Rules Committee recommended revisions of two policies concerning committees in the Senate. A proposed revision of the structure of the Committee on Fiscal Resources and Long-Range Planning would increase faculty representation from four elected and two appointed members to seven elected faculty.

It would also increase the length of faculty terms from two to three years, change the status of vice-chancellors to non-voting members and reduce student representation by one.



Debater Sabina Modelevskayce

DEBATE

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gone to sleep," said Vadim Velos, the final speaker of the Russian delegation and a journalist in Leningrad himself.

"I think it is the people who are acting in perestroika," Modelevskaya said. "If it was only Gorbachev, it would not succeed."

A free press is not necessary to inform people of oppression in their own society, though.

"Do we need a free press to tell us that we have nothing to eat?" Serapin said.

To insure freedom of the press, mere legislation is not enough, agreed both sides. The society itself must keep pressure on the government to resist censorship and the public must also exercise control on the press in the form of boycotting publications that don't adhere to the reporting of the unbiased truth.

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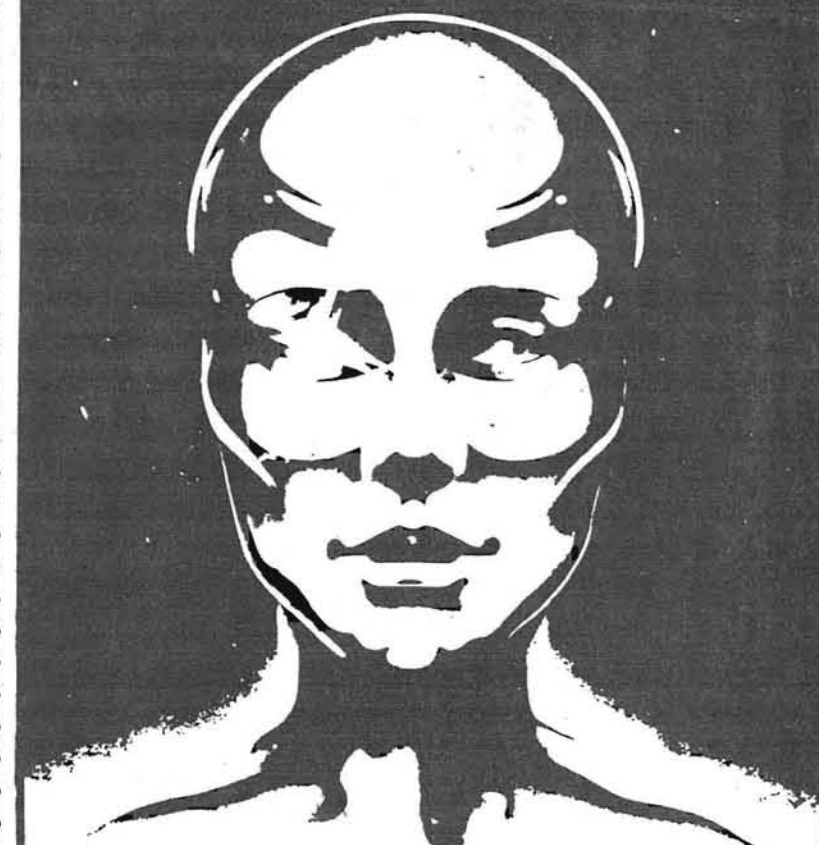
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