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No Parking: Structural Damage Closes Garage

by John Kilgore
news editor

Garage "D" will remain closed until this fall, according to university officials. The garage was closed March 3 after consultants indicated that the structure was not completely sound.

Costs of repairing the nineteen year-old garage are estimated from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. Studies on Garages "C" and "N," built around the same time, are also being performed.

Vice Chancellor Laurence Schlereth said he anticipates that the studies will indicate that similar repairs will be needed on those garages in the next few years.

"The report said we should seriously consider closing 'D,' Schlereth said. "But there is no danger it's going to crash down on the cars parked on the lower level."

A study performed last summer on all university garages indicated that the structures were safe, but recommended that another survey be performed on the garages, especially "D," after the harsh winter months.

"The new report indicated that it could not be guaranteed that 'D' was 100 percent sound," Schlereth said. "We're closing the garage ['D'] to be safe and conservative."

Originally, Garages "D," "C" and "N" were built as temporary structures. Cost of repairing the three garages are estimated at \$3 million. According to Schlereth, work will commence on "D" as soon as possible, after bids are accepted.

Schlereth said that the structures were prone to rusting and needed reinforcing. He said that work will be done to repair steps that are rusting out and to reinforce the beams. He said there would be a "careful

monitoring" of the structures to insure safety.

In the meantime, students are being encouraged by administration officials to park in Garage "H" and Lots "K," "F" and "Z." A free shuttle service, employing up to six vehicles, is being provided to transport students from Lot "Z," located on the South Campus, to Alumni Circle, near the front Thomas Jefferson Library. The shuttle will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will run continuously to minimize waiting.

"Our goal is that students never have to wait for a shuttle," Schlereth said. In the next few days, according to Schlereth, bus shelters should be in place on Lot "Z" to help protect students from the elements.

Schlereth said he would be working with student government to improve the shuttle and would welcome suggestions from students

to improve the service.

According to the Campus Police, parking regulations are not "business as usual" during the current parking crisis caused by the closing of Garage "D" and the loss of spaces due to this week's snowfall.

"The policy is different," said Police Sergeant James Smalley. "We can't have the same kind of enforcement as when the spaces were all open."

Smalley said that students were still expected to use student parking areas only, but said that additional spaces have been made available for students around the Blue Metal Office Building.

"In addition, very few people use the spaces on top of Garage 'H,'" Smalley said.

"The snow we removed takes up some of the parking spaces," Smalley said. "The problem is that we don't have a place to dump the snow."



Scott Brandt

THIS PROPERTY CONDEMNED: A view of Garage "D." The popular parking area was closed last week after being declared "unsound."

Advertising Makes Women Objects And Targets Of Violence

by Steve Ward
reporter

Advertising is the worst offender of classifying women as sex symbols and an inferior class of human beings, said Jean Kilbourne, an authority on the media and sex roles. She went on to say that it is this stereotype of women that eventually leads to violence against women.

Kilbourne spoke to approximately 200 men and women in the J.C. Penney Auditorium March 3 on advertising and its relationship to women.

Speaking of the context of advertising, Kilbourne said that advertising is the propaganda of the American society.

"Advertising does serve to sell products," Kilbourne said. "But advertising also sells values. It offers products as a solution to life's problems. It tells us that happiness can be bought."

According to Kilbourne, many of the messages in advertising are hidden — they are meant to be perceived quickly and unconsciously. Messages that are given in this way include: telling the viewer what love



Jean Kilbourne Scott Brandt

is, what it means to be successful, who we are and what we should be.

"Psychologists say that it is what we are unconscious of that affects us the most," Kilbourne said.

Kilbourne also noted that advertising is not the only aspect of

society that places women in a stereotype.

"Sex stereotyping exists everywhere in society. But there is no aspect of society as pervasive or pervasive as advertising."

Kilbourne went on to say that people spend 1.5 years of their life watching television commercials; children spend one-third of their waking hours watching television and that they see over 1,000 commercials per week.

According to Kilbourne, the pervasiveness of ads has gotten so great that television programs now exist to deliver people to the advertisers.

Clearly, according to Kilbourne, advertising has saturated society to the point that it serves as a teacher as well as a seller.

"One argument that people have is that advertising reflects society," Kilbourne said. "I think that advertising reflects the myth of society."

Advertising portrays society as mainly white, the women are young and beautiful, the men outnumber the women two to one and most of the families are nuclear — the men go off to work while the women stay

at home with the children.

"This accurately portrays only 12 percent of the American households," Kilbourne said. "Ring around the collar is still very much with us and still no one asks why he doesn't wash his neck."

One of Kilbourne's stated goals was to bring to light how advertisers work subconsciously on their audience.

This was not a presentation on subliminal advertising, but rather a look at how advertisers consistently portray women, roles and attitudes. In order to do this, Kilbourne presented a slide presentation that consisted of so-called "recent" print advertisements from the mainstream media.

Although a majority of the ads appear only in glamour magazines rather than mainstream publications that both men and women read, Kilbourne had examples of ads that strongly illustrated her presentation.

Some ads were termed false beauty ads. They not only pitched the tradition makeup and hair products, but also a spray-on sealant to go over makeup. As it turns out, the sealant was actually a plastic coat-

ing that did more harm for a person's appearance than good.

"Advertising exists to make us buy products that we don't need and that are frequently harmful to ourselves and our environment," Kilbourne said.

In Kilbourne's opinion, false beauty ads are designed to make women feel ugly if they do not use certain kinds of makeup, deodorant, or hygiene products.

A newer trend in advertising is the infantilization of women. In these ads, girls — 3 to 5 years of age — are given hair styles and makeovers so that they appear to be adults.

"Women are being asked to be sexy and innocent all at once," Kilbourne said. "The last time I tried that, it was very difficult."

Also contained in the slide presentation were examples of ads that used women solely as sexual objects.

One such ad was for ski equipment. On the floor were several skis, all different colors. Sitting on top of these skis, wearing shorts and with her legs spread wide apart, was a young woman. Whether by coincidence or by planning, the fact is

that one ski, the only black one in the dozen, appeared to be sticking into the woman's crotch.

Kilbourne said that it is ads such as these that turn women into objects and, consequently, make them easier targets of violence.

"In every war we come up with a name for the enemy. When we refer to the enemy as an object, it becomes easier to kill them. The constant portrayal of women as objects makes them targets for violence," Kilbourne said.

Some ads even show the violence, especially some denim ads. One ad campaign for a brand of jeans frequently shows men and women making out, usually with the man as the aggressor or in the dominant position. Kilbourne says that these people could very well be making out. But the ad could just as easily be a picture of a rape.

Even though the audience readily received what Kilbourne had to say, there were some critical points to her presentation.

One, many of her "up-to-date" ads had copyrights from the late 1970s and early 80s. Also, there was no

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Meinhold Starts SGA Campaign

by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

The race for Student Government Association president and vice president is starting to come to life with the addition of two more candidates.

Steve Meinhold and Shaun McDonald will campaign for the president and vice president spots respectively in the elections April 10 and 11.

Meinhold and McDonald look forward to bettering student representation. One of their plans suggests changing the day of SGA meetings from Sunday to a weekday to allow more student groups to be represented at assembly meetings.

Several goals are presented in their platform:

- To recognize all student organizations with equal respect and serve as an advocate for the enhancement of each one.

- To enhance the student assembly into a more effective governing body by bringing back the student government newsletter; by increasing office hours in the SGA office; and by using student opinion polls;

- To promote student issues such as library hours; better computer access; better campus lighting; child care;

- To serve as a watchdog of student funds which would include reorganizing the selection process for the Student Activities Budget Committee;

- To increase student involvement.

Parking is one issue they intend to address quickly.

"We would like to form a committee to look into where the money is going for the parking tickets," Meinhold said. "We don't think that students should have to pay for the maintenance of the roads here. We will also look into using portions of the bond issue passed three years ago to fund parking improvements."

Developments such as the closure of garage "D" last week have made parking a vital issue of the campus.

"We had no prior warning that the garage was going to close," McDonald said. "Parking is already at a crisis and then we have 300 spaces removed."

Current SGA President, Jerry Berhorst, has given Meinhold and McDonald his endorsement.

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Barnett Named Woman Of The Year

by Shawn M. Foppe
associate news editor

Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett has been named 1989 Woman of the Year by the Variety Club of St. Louis. Barnett is the seventeenth St. Louisan to be bestowed with the honor.

Barnett is receiving the award because of her "service to the community," according to Therese Shelton, Executive Director for Variety Club.

Shelton said Barnett had demonstrated a strong commitment to the betterment of the com-

munity through the Bridge program which she implemented on this campus. The program helps address the problems of math, science and writing illiteracy in area high schools. The program has received high acclaim.

The award reads in part, "...[Barnett] best exemplifies Variety Club's idea of leadership and involvement in programs which improve the quality of life in St. Louis."

Zane Barnes, President of Variety Club and Chairman of the Board for Southwestern Bell

Telephone Company will present Barnett the award Saturday evening at the Variety Club's "Dinner with the Stars." The event will kick-off the Sammy Davis, Jr. Variety Club Telethon. Both events will be held in Kiel Auditorium in Downtown St. Louis.

Other recent recipients include, Patricia Bush, sister-in-law of President Bush, Pricilla McDonnell, wife of McDonnell-Douglas CEO, Sanford McDonnell and Mary Strauss. Strauss is credited with spearheading plans for the renovation of the Fox Theatre.

Sigma Tau House 'Raided'

by Carla Addoh
reporter

Cadets invaded the Sigma Tau Gamma pledge garage last Monday night to plan a building search.

At 7 p.m., two armed cadets ran to the back door of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity house.

After a couple of minutes of surveying the outer premises, the cadets stormed the house, surprising the suspects.

While one suspect was apprehended, the other fired his gun, wounding one of the cadets.

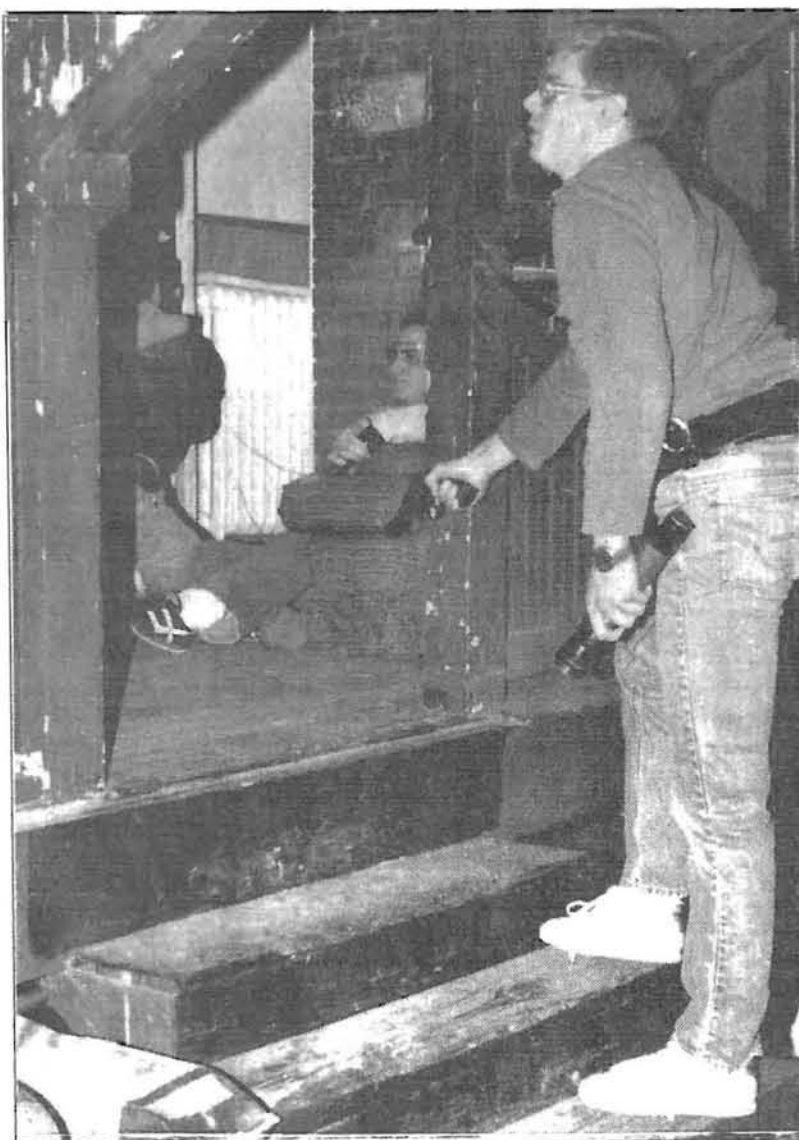
After more shots were exchanged, the suspect, Sig Tau Roger Buenger, was "killed."

Hearing the shots, back-up units arrived and searched the building further.

But don't worry — this is just part of a training drill for the St. Charles Police Academy. Van Muschler, alumnus of UM-St. Louis and Sigma Tau Gamma, is currently an instructor at the academy, in charge of what he calls the "Red-Handle Gun Training."

During training, cadets are instructed on how to enter a

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Scott Brandt

PUT YOUR HANDS UP: Sigma Tau Gamma House was the scene of training exercises for the St. Charles Police Academy.

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CAMPUS REMINDER

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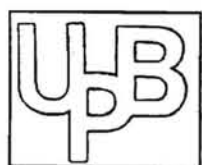
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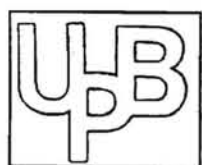
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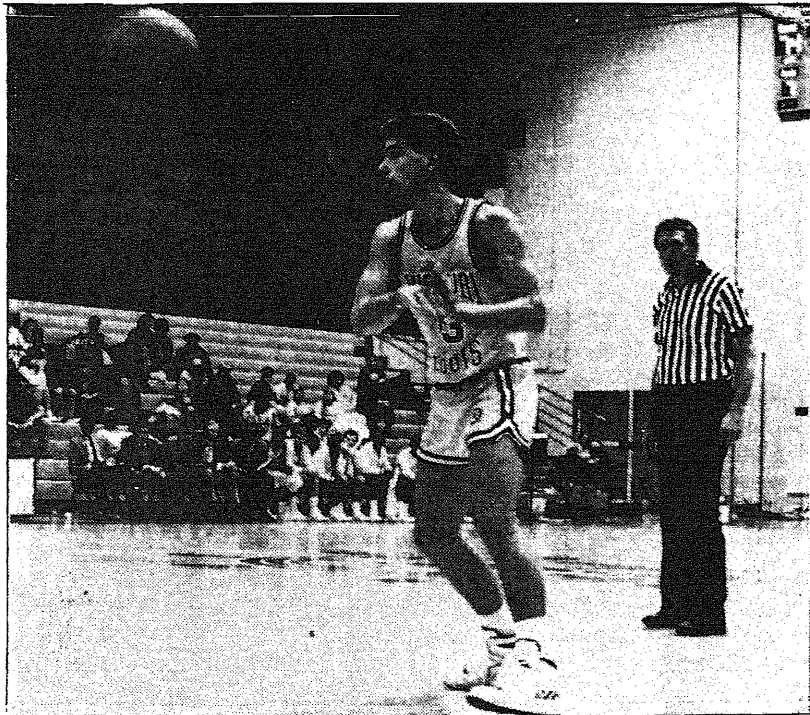
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Fate Of Rivermen In Hands Of Committee



PASSING OFF: Even though Chris Pilz missed three games as a starter, he still led the Rivermen in assists[90] and steals[43]. The sophomore from Licking, Missouri was also named to the first team All-South Central Region.

by Tom Kovach sports editor and Terence Small associate sports editor

In three days, a committee comprising of eight members will decide the fate of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen basketball team. The Rivermen had a chance to determine their future in post-season competition, but Northwest Missouri State took away that chance in the first round of the MIAA tournament, winning 75-71 last Thursday in Maryville.

Central Missouri played Southeast Missouri State and came away with a 74-72 upset in Cape Girardeau. Central was the fourth-seeded team while Southeast was number one.

With the Mules winning that game, the odds seemed bleak. The Rivermen then hoped that Northwest would beat Central so they could get an at-large bid. That dream came true Saturday night when the Bearcats defeated the Mules 82-77.

Still Head Coach Rich Meckfessel's Rivermen will have to prac-

tice and wait for the final decision. "Right now we going to keep practicing as if we are going to be in the tournament," senior Jeff Wilson said.

On Sunday in Kansas City Missouri, national tournament bids will be handed down by a National Selection Committee. That committee consists of six voting members and two other members from other regions. The Rivermen are in the South Central region.

Four picks from each region are given:

Definite Qualifiers:

Northwest Missouri State and Angelo State. The Bearcats received an automatic bid for winning the MIAA tournament. Angelo State won the Lone Star Conference Tournament.

Probable Qualifier:

Southeast Missouri State. The Indians have been ranked in the Division II Top Ten poll throughout the season. The Rivermen, however, upset Southeast on Feb. 15, 91-78.

At Large-Teams:

Texas A & I from the Lone Star Conference, UM-St. Louis and anybody else. The committee will make their decision based on strength of

schedule, record, schedule in the conference and the region.

The Rivermen were down 9-4 early before Von Scales scored six points in the first six minutes. The Bearcats then went on a 4-0 run that put them up 17-14.

The Rivermen tried to make up that deficit but couldn't because of a few easy missed shots.

A Louis Jones three-pointer put the Bear cats up 30-22.

Meckfessel then went to his bench and put in Barry Graskewicz. With Northwest leading 30-24, Graskewicz, the Pinckneyville Illinois freshman, hit his first of two three-pointers in the first half.

With Northwest leading 32-29, Graskewicz hit a three-pointer to tie the game. On the next possession, he made a jump shot with 1:30 left in the half to give the Rivermen a 34-32 lead.

"Barry's shooting definitely brought us back," Junior Mark Stanley said.

After the Rivermen held leads of four and six points early in the second half, Northwest slowly climbed back. With the Rivermen leading 45-41, three-pointers by Kurtis Downing and Jones put the Bearcats up by two.

The Bearcats increased the lead to 68-59 before Jeff Wilson almost single-handedly brought back the Rivermen. With 1:31 remaining, Wilson's three-point shot cut the the lead to 68-62.

After a Graskewicz three-pointer cut the lead to 71-68, Scales was whistled for an intentional foul.

The junior contends that the referee who made the call was too far away. "One referee pointed at me and put his hands up for one-and-one. The short referee ran in from the back end and called a two-shot foul. So the short referee was [away] from the foul."

That call enabled the Bearcats to take a 73-68 lead. Wilson's three-point shot closed the gap to 73-71. With six seconds Jones made the front-end of the one-and-one to give the Bearcats the victory.

"The story of the game was that our inside people did not defend well and our outside people did not shoot well. And even bigger than those two factors was that the out-rebounded us by ten," Meckfessel said. Northwest out-rebounded the Rivermen 11-5 on the offensive boards.

Graskewicz scored a team-high 15 points, while Wilson and Scales chipped in 13. Chris Pilz had 12 points.

Meckfessel says that the 19 wins the team accomplished this year couldn't have been done without several players. "We couldn't have done without Jeff, Kevin, Chris, Byron, or Von," said the Co-Coach of the MIAA. "We wouldn't have won have won 19 games if those guys had not come through."

Tough Teams May Give Men's Tennis Edge

by Tom Kovach sports editor

Being inside his office is like living near the ocean - warm, with sounds of water. The sound of the fan competes with the noise of swimmers splashing in the pool.

His humid office is not large. A desk, a name plate on it reading "Jeff Zoellner" and some signs hanging on the wall.

Zoellner, who looks as if he was one of his own tennis players, is in his fourth year of coaching men's tennis at UM-St. Louis.

Zoellner got the job as head coach through serendipity and his previous experience as a tennis player for UM-St. Louis.

"Rich Rauch resigned in 1984.

And while at a alumni game, Coach [Athletic Director] Smith asked me if I wanted to coach tennis," Zoellner said.

Zoellner graduated from UM-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Secondary Education.

Last season, the men's tennis team finished fifth, winning one out of six games in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Overall, the squad was 4-13. But Zoellner said that more trips away from home may help his team in the long run.

"We are talking about a spring trip to New Orleans to play a Division I school. We are going to Columbia to play Mizzou. With that

schedule, we have a chance to have a winning season and be competitive for the conference. Realistically, our goal is to place second behind Southwest Baptist University," Zoellner said.

Zoellner does have a reason to think about placing high in the conference. He has three returning seniors, Brad Compton, Scott Stauffer and Mike Higgins.

"Brad and Scott have played three years and Brian is a natural talent. Scott is very smart and he gets the most out of it by using strategy," Zoellner said.

In the off-season, Zoellner went out to the North County Suburban area, a haven for coaches to find tennis players, and recruited five players.

and hope to get some response."

A workshop is where the player works for the coach. In return, the player gets money that goes for tuition.

Steinmetz has gotten some response over the years from schools in the community. Out of the eight players on the roster, six of them are from the St. Louis area.

Steinmetz has the following single players. Rated from one to eight: Sedel, VanMierlo, Henry, Peggy Fitzgibbon, Jennifer Horton, Poole, Nicole Le and Chris Baur.

The doubles team, from one to three are: Sedel and VanMierlo; Henry and Horton; Fitzgibbon and Poole. The alternates are Le and Baur.

The team's first contest, the Lincoln University Triangular, was postponed March 4 due to a possible snow storm in Jefferson City.

On Monday March 13, the squad plays William Woods College at UM-St. Louis starting at 3 p.m. They then travel Tuesday to compete against Westminster College in Fulton Missouri at 3 p.m.

Pre-Season Injuries Hamper Team

by Tom Kovach sports editor

Not even one match has been played yet and Women's Tennis Coach Pam Steinmetz already seems worried.

Her number one player, senior Nancy Sedel, woke up last Friday morning with a stiff neck and back. She is expected to be out of action for three to six weeks.

Junior Anna Poole and freshman Shelly VanMierlo are recovering from knee injuries and should be ready to play in their first match against Culver Stockton College tomorrow.

Senior Rita Henry, the number three player on the team, suffered a sprained ankle. Steinmetz says that Henry is making good progress and should be playing next week.

But Steinmetz hopes that this year will not be a repeat performance of last season, where three out of seven players were out for some time with mononucleosis. "We lost several key seniors and I knew, more or less, that it would be a rebuilding year. It was a bad season," she said.

For the record, Steinmetz did meet her expectation. The team finished 5-10, fifth in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Steinmetz again hopes to "finish ahead of Central." She added that the top three teams in the conference will be Northeast Missouri State, Northwest Missouri State and Southwest Baptist University.

If there is one positive thing that Steinmetz sees, it's the camaraderie that the team demonstrates on and off the tennis court.

"We have parity from number one to five and that makes the team fairly strong. It gives equal footing to teams with number one, two and three players," Steinmetz said. "It will be a team effort. Tennis is a individual sport and I have been lucky at UMSL that the teams have been together. I expect them to do the same."

She added that it can be difficult for a campus like UM-St. Louis to recruit tennis players out of high school because "it's a commuter campus and we have no dorms. We don't have scholarships, but workshops. We go to the high school

3 Cager Players On MIAA Team

FIRST TEAM:

Tammy Wilson Central MO
Janet Clark Northwest
Lisa Foster Southeast
Tonya Hough Missouri-Rolla
Kris Wilmesher UM-St. Louis

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM:

Trish Van Digglen MO-Rolla
Monica Steinhoff UM-St. Louis
Kim Cooper UM-St. Louis
Lisa Kenkel Northwest MO.
Rhonda Soper Notheast MO.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:

Barb Sorenson Central MO.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:

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COACH OF THE YEAR:

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More Parking Problems

If any issue grabs students' interest on this campus, it is parking. Parking is probably the Number 1 complaint students register against this university. And rightly so.

Students are sure to be even more frustrated now because Garage D — the parking structure closest to the University Center, Thomas Jefferson Library and Clark Hall — is now closed.

And Monday's snow storm has compounded, at least for the next week or so, an already difficult parking situation.

The university unexpectedly announced last week that Garage D would be closed until at least next fall, after receiving an engineering report that indicated that the building was not "100 percent sound," according to Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Laurence Schlereth.

"We're closing the garage to be safe and conservative," Schlereth told the Current. That caution does indicate that the administration is concerned with student safety, but it does not solve the immediate parking problem, and the even thornier problem of how this cash-poor university is to pay the \$800,000 to \$1 million anticipated cost of fixing the garage.

Parking fees were raised 66 percent in 1987 to pay for resurfacing and slightly expanding the numbers of parking spaces on campus. But it's not hard to guess that parking fees will go up again to repair the new problems.

While it's hard to point the finger at anyone in particular, word has it that years of delayed maintenance on existing buildings is at least partly to blame for the crisis situation the university now faces. And Garage D may not be the only structure that will need costly repairs in the near future.

Schlereth said that Garages C and N, built around the same time as Garage D (1970), are also being examined for their structural soundness. The cost of repairing all three garages could go as high as \$3 million.

Students could end up paying a big price for slackness on the part of university officials' failure to press the state General Assembly for better building maintenance funds. Such timidity, at the expense of students' pocketbooks, is a disgrace.

And students are not going to be willing to pay higher costs right now, particularly because they were recently convinced of the overwhelming need to repair the Mark Twain Athletic Building — at a student expense of about \$30 a year. To add an additional burden, even for a job more pressing than building the campus Vic Tanny, would be asking too much of students.

Vanished Without A Clue

On Feb. 9, we printed a letter from Larry P. Langley, who wondered about the mysterious yellow ten-speed bike that had been tethered to a post outside Thomas Jefferson Library since time immemorial.

Well Larry, your troubles are over. The bike, which you so aptly said stood as "a lonely sentinel," is gone. Vanished as mysteriously as it appeared some years ago. But the dark scenario that you raised in your letter remains.

Maybe, you mused, "something...sinister happened that prevented [the owner] from retrieving his cycle....Do you suppose Bugg Lake is deeper than it appears and is concealing the owner of the yellow ten-speed?"

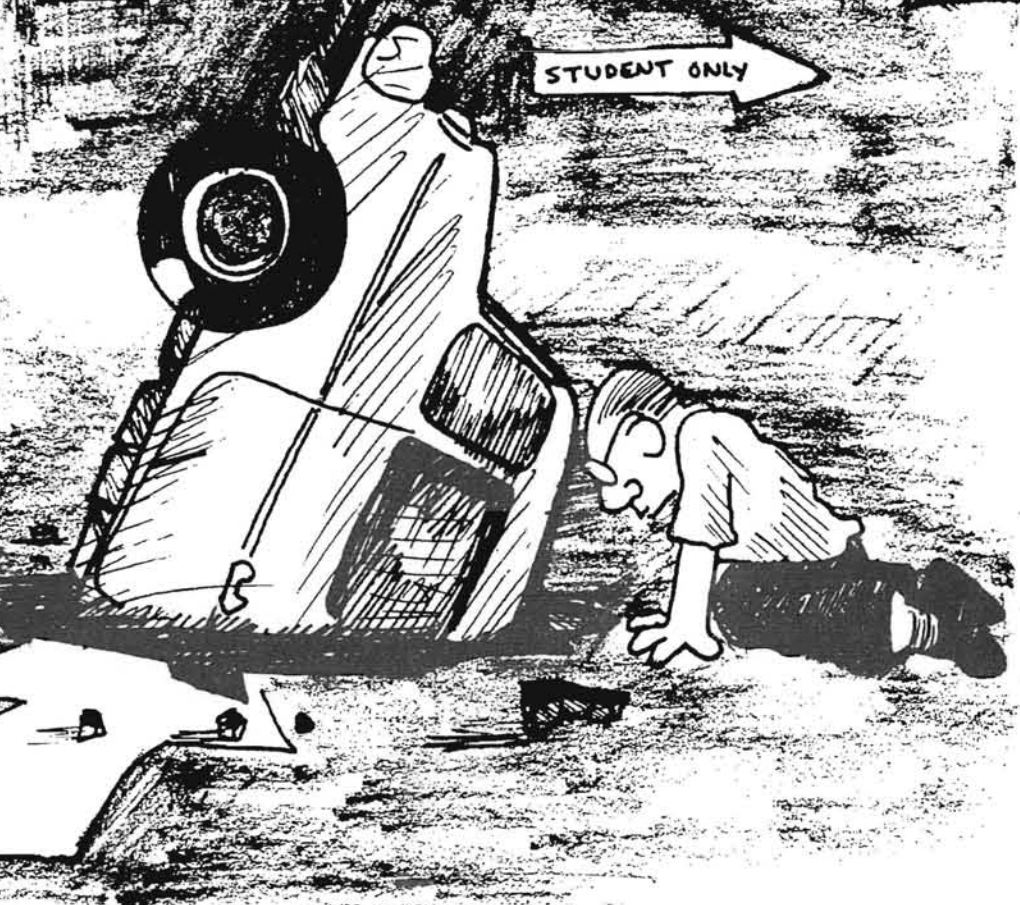
We still don't have the answer. But we wonder if your letter prompted the culprit of the criminal spector you raised to move to destroy any remaining evidence.

The plot thickens. No reports can be confirmed. We await a thorough investigation.

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You'll Pay To Know What You Really Do Think

Life During Wartime

by J. Sih
contributor

Iceles in that cranium? Has the Conspiracy got you down? Let J.R. "Bob" Dobbs give your brain a jolt.

On March 11 at 8:30 p.m. St. Louis will get a dose of what it really needs — some long-awaited Swingin' Love Corpses live at Little John's Pub, in North County.

At the Trashfest last year at Souldard Preservation Hall the group appeared with Rugburn and Long Pig, two better-known (but NOT as talented) local acts.

With songs like "I Gotta Pee" and "Bummer," the Swingin' Love Corpses manage to put nearly all aspects of life into perspective properly. Their performances are an

effective mixture of noise, music, and shoot-from-the-hip-anthropology.

If that doesn't get you sweaty, they'll be showing the brain-boiling ARISE video by the Church of the Subgenius (made over the course of seven SLACKLESS years).

But the supreme excuse for showing up? Well friends, you should see ranters Rev. Ivan Stang and the Pope Sternodox Keckhaver preach their cynisacreligion between sets.

I can guarantee that few, FEW of you will ever experience a more bizarre, more well-reasoned night of uncut weirdness.

A word on Rev. Stang. He is largely responsible for "The Book of the Subgenius," the book that explains it ALL AND THEN SOME.

His most recent book is "High Weirdness By Mail." This guide to truly fringe elements in our society — all accessible by mail! — has at least \$10 worth of yuks, which is what the cover price is. Lambasts the unabashed tomfoolery that only the HUMAN race is capable of.



choose inside the flyleaf of book, which will be on sale there at the pub.

What is this all about, you ask? The Church of the Subgenius is the only religion on this hollow earth that insists it is inherently bogus.

Its founder, J.R. "Bob" Dobbs, is the world's greatest salesman, which ought to interest you business majors. (Those of you up on the Sufi sutras ought to really dig this.)

Mostly, the Subgenii are just a bunch of nicheless creative types who aren't getting enough slack.

Slack? It's not work, unless of course you really, really, REALLY enjoy working. Sorta like cheap thrills, only cheaper.

It's far better than the Yuppied version of "quality time."

According to Bob, the best kind of slack is something for nothing.

Like finding a pearl in your oyster, or having a class cancellation due to a sudden snow. Or smashing that Conspiracy-generated mirage you've been lulled into one wild Saturday night in St. Louis.

Party Cash Could Be Used To Fix What's Broken



by Kevin Kleine
managing editor

As if it's not bad enough that the Alumni Association hits everyone up for money after graduation, they also start on you early while you're still in school, too.

The event was a reception for past and present student leaders last Saturday. The invitation said that it was in our honor and refreshments would be served.

I left my microscope at home, so I was unable to read the fine print between the line that said, "We also

want your money and will give you a good P.R. show."

My handy-dandy pocket BS Detector (parts available at Radio Shack for \$19.95, batteries not included) went off when select members of the group were asked to come to the front and give a brief, off-the-cuff remark about their experiences at UMSL. The short speeches given had more sugar coating than a glazed doughnut.

Where were the pleas for money to fix our ailing theater and parking garages? Obviously they didn't want the alumni to hear anything coming from the negative side, otherwise it would have been discussed. Jerry Berhorst was the only person to even mention any problems of the campus, but even that was minimal.

I was anxiously awaiting the Current's turn to get up and talk, but it never happened. They should have hung a sign that read, "No Dissenters Welcome." The Alumni Association couldn't take a chance

Darned entertaining. Ideal for Christmas, birthday, and graduation presents.

If you show up on Saturday night, Stang will likely scrawl any (relatively short) message you

on scaring those post-graduation donation dollars. Paul Thompson, our editor, didn't much want to speak if called upon, so I volunteered to do it. I wanted to do something like read the editorials of the last few weeks and let the alumni see what really happens after they leave here. Programs get cut, education officials threaten to turn us into a trade school and the Alumni Association wants your money so they can provide you with wine and cheese when you come back to visit.

Why don't they see about getting the burden of parking hassles and road repairs off the students backs with alumni pressure on the administration? Why don't they step in and help save the theater? Nah! That would much too socially responsible of them.

So, in essence, we have an Alumni Association and administration that only wants to talk about the good things on campus. UMSL is a good school, but there are severe problems that need to be

looked at none-the-less.

It would be nice to know exactly how many people were really pissed off that Garage "D" was suddenly closed last Friday morning. That's what happens in a bureaucracy when they do a study to see if a study is needed to study the structural defects in our buildings.

The alumni could use their influence to promote programs like the theater or lobby in Jefferson City for student causes, but they don't go here any more. They've left after class in the mad rush to leave campus on a long-term basis instead of day to day like regular students.

Maybe if the alumni that attended the reception were informed about the problems, they might just be willing to help with the situation.

One of the scariest facts of the whole reception was that the Current happened to be one of the sponsors of the event. I guess even we can fall for the sales pitch of the Alumni Association.

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Swimmers Want Constant Spirit

To the editor:

The UM-St. Louis swim team would like to clear the air about an article recently published in the Current (March 2).

It seems as though the Sig Tau fraternity missed the intent of our statements. This was evident Friday afternoon in the Underground, when many negative statements were directed at the swim team.

In fact, the swim team had not registered in the spirit contest, but instead was student support for a very exciting and deserving basketball team.

We as regular fans were very happy to see the enthusiasm displayed that night, but fail to see why it takes a CONTEST to get campus organizations to attend the games. It looks as though these campus organizations are more concerned with being able to say they won spirit night than with supporting the basketball team.

Mistakes Make Us All Look Bad

To the editor:

Imagine my surprise after picking up the Feb. 9 edition of the Current and seeing the headline "Thesians May Lose Funding!"

Gee, I always thought that it should be "Thesians." And, wow, I always

thought that a person from Haiti was a Haitian, but I guess I was wrong because on the same front page of the Current, another headline read: "Hatian Project".

Please forgive my sarcasm, but as an English major, my eyes are trained to look for errors of this sort. But come on now, we're in college, folks, and I really just had to say that there's no excuse for this sloppy copy editing.

Could you imagine what a prospective employer might think about the education we're receiving at good ol' UM-St. Louis if they got their hands on a copy of the paper? I mean, this is a university publication and it definitely reflects what we're learning. I think it especially looks bad on those staff members of the Current who anticipate a career in the wonderful world of journalism.

I know that everyone in college knows how to use a dictionary.

Jill Casey

New Age Reply

To the editor:

Re: "New Age Material..." by L. Klahs (Feb. 26):

Where was Mr. Klahs when these "legitimate religious authorities" were publishing their own books or endorsing their own holy works? Certainly these, too, are very dangerous in the hands of the vulnerable, and no less dangerous than books on the topics listed in the article.

Also, since Dr. Mitchell's book is not rooted in Christian beliefs, your "legitimate" (Christian) religious authorities will definitely see it as a threat, just as many people feel threatened by religious works and their impact on society (such as "self-delusion, a gradual slipping away from reality, and a gross misinterpretation of the spiritual side of life").

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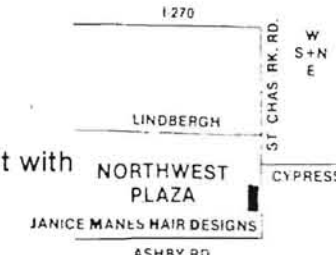
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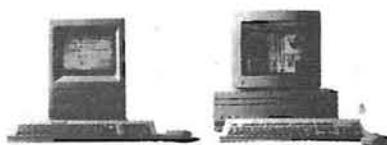
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