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2006 ELECTIONS



Elizabeth Gearhart • Illustration

★ McCaskill vs. Talent

★ McCaskill looks to take ★ Senate seat from Talent

Claire McCaskill is in the running to win the senatorial race in Missouri. The polls from a number of news sources including Gallup and CNN show McCaskill neck and neck with Jim Talent, the incumbent Senator.

McCaskill is no stranger to Missouri politics. She has served as a State Representative, Jackson County Prosecutor, and her most current role as Missouri's State Auditor.

McCaskill was defeated in a gubernatorial race in 2004 by Matt Blunt. The race in 2004 was close, with McCaskill getting 48 percent of the vote.

Even with the loss two years ago, McCaskill has helped her cause by becoming a household name in Missouri. She has gained name recognition through her campaigns and she continues to fight.

With the political climate in the United States, McCaskill is hoping she can capitalize on several issues. McCaskill's Web site,

www.claireonline.com outlines her strategies for national security, education, immigration and government accountability.

The senate race has also received national coverage because of an advertisement that has Michael J. Fox telling voters to vote 'yes' for Amendment 2 and to vote against Talent.

Michael J. Fox states in the advertisement "As you may know, I care deeply about stem cell research. In Missouri, you can elect Claire McCaskill, who shares my hope for cures. Unfortunately, Senator Jim Talent opposes expanding stem cell research. Senator Talent even wanted to criminalize the science that gives us the chance for hope."

In the heated battle between McCaskill and Talent, McCaskill continues to fight for her beliefs and her party. On Nov. 7, Missouri will decide to stay with Talent or go with a new voice in Claire McCaskill.

Talent hopes to hold seat with McCaskill charging

Jim Talent, Missouri's incumbent Senator, is holding his ground in one of the most watched elections in the United States.

Talent continues to campaign on issues that he has supported since the first time Missouri put him in office. Talent's Web site, www.talentforsenate.com, outlines his continued ambitions towards agriculture, energy, health care and immigration.

Talent has also shared bipartisan legislation while in office. Talent's Web site states "Senator Talent sponsored military health care legislation, now law, with Senator Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) to address a major issue that arose after the first Gulf War in which some troops returned home with symptoms of an illness commonly referred to as Gulf War illness."

Talent has served in the Missouri House of Representatives, U.S. House of Representatives and is currently serving as U.S. Senator from Missouri.

While in Washington he has

secured legislation that has helped in the clean up of Meth in Missouri.

Talent's website states "Working with Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Senator Talent succeeded in passing the toughest, most comprehensive anti-meth bill ever enacted into law. The Combat Meth Act restricts nationally the products needed to cook methamphetamine. It also provides critical tools to help law enforcement fight meth in our communities. The President signed the Talent-Feinstein Combat Meth Act into law in March."

The Talent campaign has come under some fire for some of its advertisements aimed at Claire McCaskill.

Overall, the mission of Jim Talent stays the same: to serve Missouri voters in the United States Senate.

In the heated battle between Talent and McCaskill, Talent continues to fight for his beliefs and his party. On Nov. 7, Missouri will decide to stay with Talent or go with a new voice in Claire McCaskill.

HEATHER L. BRANDOW: 1984-2006

Student killed in car crash

BY MELISSA S. HAYDEN

News Editor

A Delta Zeta sorority member was killed in a car accident in St. Charles early Thursday morning.

Heather Brandow, a 22-year-old from Mexico, Mo. was driving alone in a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu when the accident took place at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

A highway patrol report said Brandow was driving westbound on Route P in St. Charles, Mo. when the front right tire of the Malibu "dropped off the edge of the roadway." She "overcorrected" the vehicle, which caused it to rotate counter-clockwise.

The vehicle then exited the left side of the road and struck a utility pole on its right side, and no safety device was being used, according to the report.

Brandow was taken to St. Joseph Hospital West, located in Lake St. Louis, Mo. by a St. Charles County ambulance. She was pronounced dead at the hospital at 1:37 a.m.

A statement released from the Pickering Funeral Home, located in Mexico, Mo., said Heather was born on July 24, 1984 in Mexico, Mo. to Larry and Kerri (Baker) Brandow. She graduated from Mexico High School in 2003 and was a senior studying business administration and international marketing at UM-St. Louis.

Members of the UM-St. Louis community mourned the loss at a memorial service held Thursday night at the Bellerive Chapel on South Campus. Father Bill Kempf led the memorial, and Brandow's sorority sisters were each given a pink rose.

As a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Tanzeena Hossain, senior, psychology, said she met Brandow through UM-St. Louis' Greek Life. "She was one of my committee chairs for last year's Homecoming," she said.



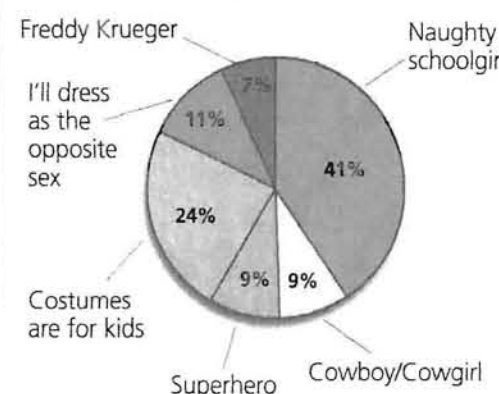
Heather Brandow was killed in a car accident early Thursday morning.

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What are you going to dress up as for Halloween?



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CAMPUS CRIMELINE

Although there were several accidental injuries, car accidents, and other miscellaneous calls for service, the UM-St. Louis Police Department reports that no criminal incidents occurred between Oct. 22 and Oct. 28.

Remember that crime prevention is a community effort, and anyone having information concerning these or any other incidents should contact the campus police at 516-5155.

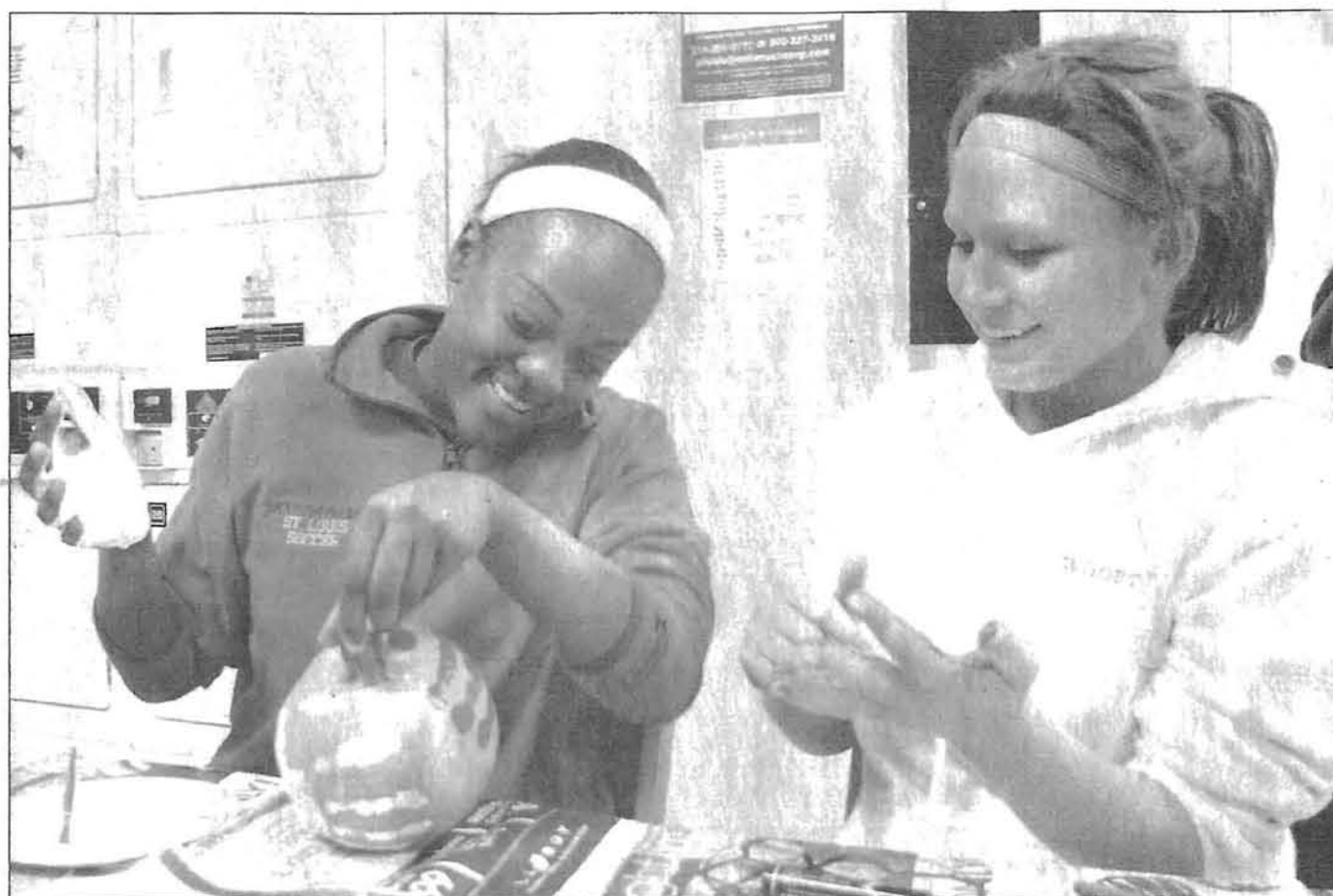
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The Current regrets that sometimes in our making of this publication, we make mistakes. What we do not regret is correcting our mistakes.

Please let us know of any corrections that need to be made, and we will print them in next week's issue.

To report a correction, please contact The Current at 314-516-5174 or by email at thecurrent@umsl.edu.

HALLOWEEN HANDS



Riverwomen Sierra Ellis and Sarah Stone check out their handprints while painting pumpkins on Wednesday. The pumpkin painting contest was held during the Halloween Spooktacular Cookout at University Meadows and was sponsored by the apartment complex and UM-St. Louis basketball.

Carrie Fasiska • Staff Photographer

What's Current

Your weekly calendar of campus events

"What's Current" is a free service for all student organizations and campus departments. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all postings be submitted at least one week prior to the event. Email event listings to thecurrent@umsl.edu.

All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Chemistry Colloquium

D. Chris Benner, associate professor of physics at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., will discuss "Accurate Measurement of Carbon Dioxide Spectra" at 4 p.m. in 451 Benton Hall.

Coffee will be served at 3:45 p.m. The colloquium is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Call 5311 for more information.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Come show off your pumpkin carving skills at the Catholic Newman Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Watch to see who carves the best and worst pumpkins on the UM-St. Louis campus.

Winners will be recognized in both categories. The event is free, but please bring your own pumpkin.

Contact Denny Handley or Tracy Van de Riet at (314) 385-3455 for more information.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Haunted Garage

The Catholic Newman Center will feature its annual "Haunted Garage" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is open to students, faculty, and staff. Candy will be available for those in costume. Call (314) 385-3455 for more information.

Basketball Tip-off Luncheon

The seventh annual Basketball Tip-off Luncheon will be held at noon in the Century Rooms at the Millennium Student Center.

Head coaches Chris Pilz and Lee Buchanan will introduce the players and talk about the upcoming season.

Tickets are \$10 for students, \$20 for members of the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association, and \$25 for the general public.

Writing Your Way to an "A"

The workshop, "Writing your way to an 'A,'" will be held from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in 133 Social Science Building.

This workshop will provide new writers and anyone who needs a refresher in the basics of a solid foundation in the fundamentals of grammar, punctuation, composition and descriptive writing.

Whether it's for a paper or a letter to a friend, this workshop will show you how to make your writing more effective and compelling.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Holy Day Mass

The Catholic Newman Center will celebrate Mass at 12:20 p.m. in Century Room A at the Millennium Student Center to celebrate All Saints Day. Call (314) 385-3455 for more information.

Intensive Spanish Testing

Aptitude testing for the Intensive Spanish Language course during the spring semester 2007 will be conducted at 11 a.m. in the Office of Foreign Languages and Literature, 554 Clark Hall.

Intensive language study allows students to immerse themselves in Spanish language and culture while also earning 15 credit hours in one semester.

Call 6240 for information or to register to take the aptitude.

Computer Science Colloquium

Cezary Janikow, associate professor of computer science at UM-St. Louis, will discuss "Heuristics in genetic programming" at 3:30 p.m. in 302 Computer Center Building.

Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. the lecture is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Call 6355 for more information.

Scholar to Discuss New Book

Ruth Iyob, associate professor of political science at UM-St. Louis, will discuss her new book, "Sudan: The Elusive Quest for Peace," at 7 p.m. in Century Room B at the Millennium Student Center.

The discussion and book launch is free and open to the public. Call 7299 for more information.

Paintball Registration Deadline

Today is the deadline to register for Campus Recreation's Paintball Rec Trek which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Wacky Warriors.

The \$10 fee includes transportation and a day of paintball games and gear. Register in the Campus Rec Office, 203 Mark Twain.

Meditation for Wellness

University Health, Wellness and Counseling Services offers UM-St. Louis faculty, staff and students an introduction to mindfulness meditation. This workshop is held on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in 225 Millennium Student Center.

For more information contact Sharon Biegen or Jamie Linsin at 5711.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Irish Music Discussion

Irish musicians Pat and Cathy Sky will perform at 12:30 p.m. in 205 Music Building.

The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Smurfit-Stone endowed Professorship in Irish Studies, Center for International Studies and the Department of Music.

Call 7299 for more information.

Poker Tournament

Campus Recreation will hold a Texas Hold 'em tournament at 7 p.m. at the Provincial House on South Campus.

The tournament will include great prizes and free refreshments. Call 5125 or go to the Campus Recreation office, 203 Mark Twain, in order to register.



File Photo: Mike Sherwin • Managing Editor

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, there will be a costume contest hosted by 101.9 "The U" at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nosh. The prize for the individual winner is a parking pass and prizes for the group winner is a Dave and Buster's party, sponsored by UPB. The judging begins at 2 p.m.

Advanced Interviewing

There will be an Advanced Interviewing Workshop from 2 to 3 p.m. in 278 Millennium Student Center.

This workshop will examine key interviewing techniques such as behavioral interviewing, "trick questions", case interviews, and salary negotiation. Call 5111 or visit www.umsl.edu/career to register.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Business & Economics Seminar

John Nofsinger, professor of finance at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., will discuss "The Psychology of Investing" at 11 a.m. in 401 Social Sciences & Business Building.

The event is free and open to the public. It's part of the College of Business Administration Seminar Series in Business and Economics.

Call 6142 or e-mail moehrle@umsl.edu for more information.

College of Nursing Anniversary Symposium

Geraldine Bednash, executive director of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, will present "Trends and Future Directions in Nursing Education" from 11 a.m. to noon in the Marillac Auditorium in the Education Administration Building.

This will be the first of four 25th Anniversary Symposia sponsored by the College of Nursing for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Call 6849 for more information.

Fechner Day Lecture

Ian Murray, senior lecturer in optometry and neuroscience at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, will discuss "Chromatic and achromatic channels in human retina; unique hues and application to measurement of macular pigment" at noon in 08 Marillac Hall.

His presentation is the Fechner Day Lecture and is sponsored by the College of Optometry. Call 6029 for more information.

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

Tim Giblin, assistant professor of astrophysics at the College of Charleston, S.C., will discuss "Gamma-Ray Bursts, Shocks and Relativistic Jets" at 3 p.m. in 328 Benton Hall. Call 4145 for more information.

NPO Financial Issues

Financial Issues in Managing Nonprofit Organizations will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow in 216 Social Sciences & Business Building.

This course, which is intended for NPO staff, executives and board members, covers cash-flow analysis, budgeting, fund accounting, cost accounting, and understanding financial statements.

The noncredit fee for the course is \$180. It is sponsored by the Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program and the Division of Continuing Education, and is available for one hour of undergraduate or graduate credit.

Call 6713 for more information.

Adobe Photoshop Workshops

Two workshops on Adobe Photoshop will be held today. The first session begins at 10 a.m. and the second follows at 11 a.m. in 102 Social Science Building.

Topics covered include: opening an image, merging images, adding text to an image, copyright responsibilities, personalize your photos, and more.

This workshop is available for UM-St. Louis students only.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Monday Noon Series

Terry Jones, professor of political science and public policy administration at UM-St. Louis, analyzes recent political campaigns, makes some predictions, and discusses how the election outcomes may affect our region at 12:15 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center.

Call 5699 for more information.

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AFFILIATIONS



Extra skip day for SGA reps raises questions

BY PAUL HACKBARTH
Design Editor

The Student Government Association's proposal to alter its meeting attendance policy raised questions about how the change would not only affect organizations' budgets, but also whether it calls for a constitutional change.

During the SGA meeting last Friday, Vice President Thomas Helton told the assembly that SGA representatives would be allowed one extra absence per year.

"You're allowed to miss four meetings a year instead of three now, but if you still miss two consecutive, then your budget will be frozen," Helton said.

However, Brian Rails, president of PRIZM, asked how Helton planned to change the attendance policy, "seeing that it's written in the constitution."

"That's a good question," Helton said.

Article I, Section 7, of the last revised SGA constitution states, "Any elected Assembly Representative who misses two consecutive or a total of three meetings during an academic year is automatically suspended from

The issue:
rather than the three currently allowed.

The problem: Last year, the Student Activities Budget Committee used the number of absences at SGA meetings as one criterion for deciding how to give out student funds. So student groups who follow the rules could have next year's funding cut.

The constitution: The SGA's constitution says reps may miss up to three meetings each year. SGA executives said they may not need to amend the constitution to enact the change.

the Assembly."

With the new proposal, Helton said, "When you have three absences, if you read the attendance policy, you get one free absence, so [after three absences] your budget would normally be frozen, but what we're going to do is our secretary will just allow one extra absence beyond that."

Helton said a change in the constitution is not necessary because "we're not limiting attendance. All we're doing is allowing for one more absence."

Helton said SGA is considering changing the attendance policy in the constitution next year, but as for now,

he said, "I don't see it as a violation."

An additional allowed absence also brought up questions about how the extra absence would affect organizations' budgets. Last year's Student Allocation Budget Committee decided to cut 5 percent off clubs' budgets for every meeting that a member from their club did not attend an SGA meeting.

SGA Vice Chairperson Michele Landeau, who was a member of SABC last year explained the committee's reasoning behind the cuts. "It was no secret that attendance was going to be taken into effect [when considering budget allocations]," she said. "You

can miss three meetings or four meetings without your budget being frozen, but it doesn't mean that that's a free for all."

Helton said freezing budgets helps ensure that SGA representatives attend the meetings, but he added that SABC's decision to use attendance in allocating budget will be "looked into thoroughly because there has been enough legitimate concern of that aspect of SABC."

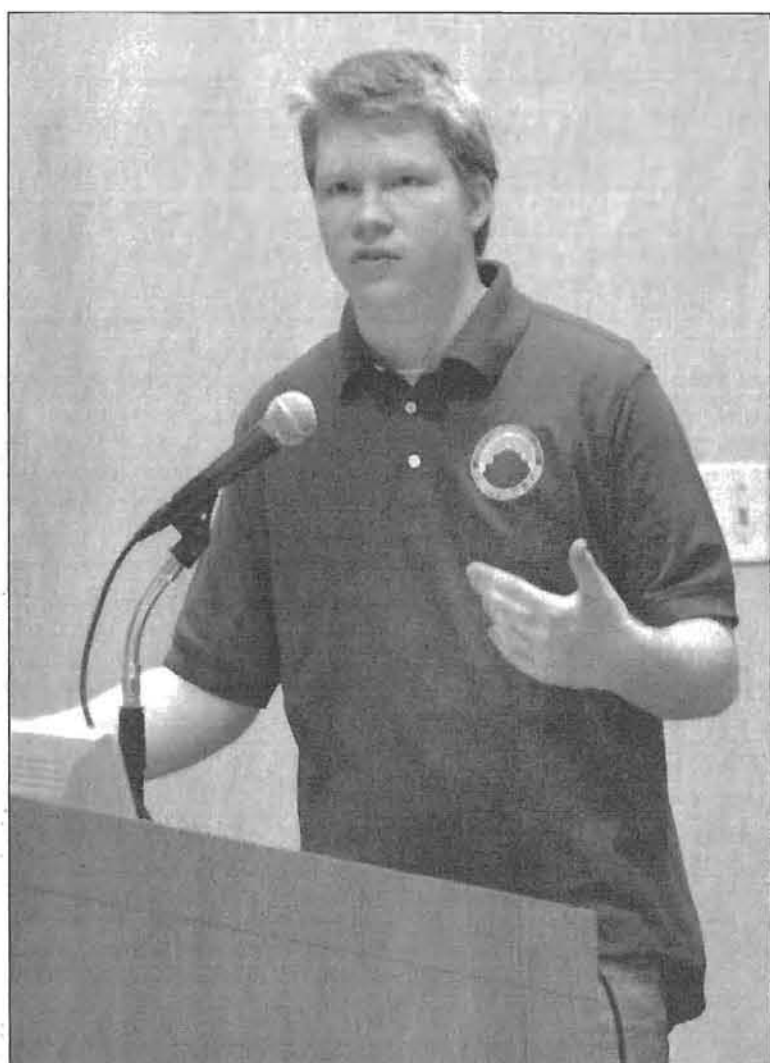
The SGA executive committee decided to allow an extra absence because they want to hold more meetings during the year.

"A lot of graduate students were having some problems attending with more numerous meetings on Fridays since their schedules are often different than undergraduates," Helton said.

Next semester, Helton listed six proposed meeting dates tentatively scheduled for Jan. 19, Feb. 9, March 2, March 16, April 13 and April 27. These dates will be voted on at the next meeting Nov. 10.

(RIGHT)

Thomas Helton, vice president of SGA, speaks during the SGA meeting on Friday afternoon.



Adam D. Wiseman • Editor-in-Chief

Sorority hosts week of breast cancer awareness events

BY AMY RECKTENWALD
Staff Writer

Zeta Tau Alpha raised \$500 for breast cancer awareness during the sorority's annual "Think Pink Week."

The sorority hosted a yogurt eating contest in The Nosh on Wednesday Oct. 23 at 12:30pm as part of its "Think Pink Week."

Think Pink Week is part of the national Zeta Tau Alpha breast cancer awareness philanthropy. The proceeds of the contest went to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation that supports the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer education.

Five participants entered the contest each for a \$5 fee, including Derek Allison, freshman, anthropology; Matthew Amend, junior, special education and Ian Jones, junior, international business.

According to Vickie Schrage, jun-

ior, English, and service chair for the Theta Kappa Chapter of ZTA, they expected ten participants. "Next year we think we'll have a bigger turnout because we'll have already done this [the yogurt eating contest] once. It was something new this year," Schrage said.

In previous years, ZTA held a lip sync contest during Think Pink Week, but it was changed to a yogurt eating contest because of low turnout when the event was held.

Participants were each given five Yoplait yogurts to eat and a spoon to eat them with. Some participants opted to drink the yogurt from the container instead of scooping it out.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, the local Theta Kappa chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha chalked breast cancer facts and hung pink ribbons around the university.

According to ZTA member Becky McKenna, sophomore, elementary

education, rain throughout the week washed the chalk away by Wednesday.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 23 and 24, ZTA members had a table set up so they could sell T-shirts and key chains. Thirty shirts were sold that said either "Real Men Wear Pink" or "Real Women Wear Pink. The t-shirts cost of \$10 each and the sorority sold out of size small women's shirts. The Key chains were on sale for \$1 each.

Courtney Holloway, consultant for ZTA's national office and traveling leadership, said professors were wearing the t-shirts around campus on Wednesday.

The t-shirts are still available and may be ordered from any ZTA member.

Throughout the week, ZTA members handed out pink ribbons, the symbol for breast cancer awareness. The ribbons and brochures about

breast cancer, stickers for mammograms and information on how to perform a self-breast exam were all handed out at no cost.

In addition to the \$500 raised, the sorority is continuing its collection of the pink Yoplait yogurt lids to raise more funds through Yoplait's "Save Lids Save Lives" program. Through the program the company will donate 10 cents to the Susan G. Komen foundation.

According to Yoplait's website at www.yoplait.com, the company's goal is to donate up to \$1.5 million and the program ensures a donation of at least \$500,000 to the foundation.

The lid collection boxes, which are located in the Office of Student Life, the first floor of the Millennium Student Center and The Nosh, will remain on campus until the end of October. This gives students an additional week to "Think Pink" and drop off lids for Yoplait's program.

Center for International Studies awards students for U.N. Day contest

BY SARAH O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Since 1991, UM-St. Louis has recognized United Nations Day, Oct. 24, with a scholarship given annually in the form of a contest.

The contest was sponsored by the Center for International Studies and Dorothy Schneider, a St. Louis teacher, funded the contest. Schneider started a letter writing campaign that largely supported the resolution to create United Nations Day as a globally celebrated holiday.

Students were to explore the principles of the United Nations and conceptualize them either by artwork, essay or website design for the contest.

In the artwork category, there was a three-way tie between Toma Cirkovic, senior, studio art; Matthew

Groeper, senior, studio art, and Thuyduong Phan, freshman, mathematics. Each of these winners received a \$1,000 scholarship to UM-St. Louis.

Locmike Doung, sophomore, psychology, took first place in the essay, receiving a \$2,000 scholarship to UM-St. Louis. Second place went to Eva Tucker, senior, studio art, who received a \$1,000 scholarship from the university.

The first place winner of a \$2,000 scholarship in the website design category was Edward Cory, senior, computer science. Stephen Jackson, senior, studio art, and Claire Jacques, senior, studio art, tied for second place; each received a \$500 scholarship.

United Nations Day is celebrated in remembrance of Oct. 24, 1945, the day that the United Nations Charter was put into place.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The community responds

Stadtlander's commentary prompts numerous letters

Editor's Note: Although this space is normally reserved for the editorial board's collective editorial, "Our Opinion," we received so many letters from the UM-St. Louis community that we decided to turn over as much space as possible to print letters from students and faculty.

PRIZM President asks for a debate with Stadtlander

I am writing in response to Charles Stadtlander's guest commentary in last week's paper. In regards to the drag show, it is interesting that he did not once mention this year's show but instead continues to attack last year's show.

Not once has Stadtlander come to speak with me or any of my organization's leaders about the show. As stated by the university last year, all of the complaints in his letter were found to be inaccurate.

In addition, PRIZM has a U.S. Supreme Court case, the UM System mission statement, and two UM - St. Louis Student Government Association resolutions upholding our right to host this show. PRIZM will continue to exercise our constitutional right of freedom of speech by hosting such events.

Besides the redundant statements of Stadtlander regarding the drag show, I was deeply concerned by his attacks on drag queens and transgender individuals. PRIZM is an organization that represents all Queer culture, not just gays

and lesbians.

As a diverse student organization, we feel it is appropriate to support all of those who are still fighting for equality in this country. To write off these individuals as radical and unrelated is completely false and detrimental to the entire community.

I remind Stadtlander that many of the rights he holds as a Queer individual started with the Gay Liberation Movement that began in 1969. The Stonewall Riots were one of the major events that ignited this movement.

In June 1969, Queer individuals were tired of police raids on gay bars and of the severe beatings that generally occurred during these raids. As a result, on June 27, 1969 a riot ensued between an estimated 400 police and 2,000 gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals.

Many major cities continue to have Gay Pride during June to commemorate this event. Drag queens and transgender individuals have always been a part of our fight for equality and will continue to be a part of the fight. I also find it disturbing that Stadtlander would suggest that Queer individuals should put forth an image of normalcy. I do agree that "we do have the choice

as to how we present ourselves and for the message we deliver..." What we are fighting for is the right to be who we are, even if that is different, and the human right of equality.

Conformity is not an option for the queer community and fighting amongst ourselves will be our downfall. As the President of PRIZM I have become tired of Stadtlander refusing to have an open discussion with me or my organization. I do believe that an open debate should be had and that the public should be witness to it.

Therefore, Charles Stadtlander, I challenge you to a formal debate about GLBTA issues. If *The Current* is willing, they may function as the moderator, as I feel that they have remained fair to both sides of this issue.

If not, I am sure that a neutral moderator can be arranged. Let this letter serve to educate individuals and to serve as my public announcement that I am ready and willing to debate you, Charles Stadtlander. Brian P. Rails PRIZM President

Brian P. Rails
Senior
Business Administration
PRIZM President

Drag show support

Concerning Mr. Charles Stadtlander's guest column, I wish to submit the following rebuttal. Based on previous items Mr. Stadtlander has written concerning the annual Drag Show at UMSL, I think it is reasonable to say he does not like the show.

I will not go into the details Mr. Stadtlander lists in his Oct. 23 column because they do not apply to this year's show. I have attended all three shows.

As a "straight," non-traditional (older), female UMSL student I found nothing offensive with any of these shows. To the contrary, being in such an exuberant environment allowed me to "let my guard down" and truly appreciate the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) community that thrives at UMSL.

Since Mr. Stadtlander spent the majority of his column referring to the 2005 Drag Show, I would like to update Mr. Stadtlander. At the 2006 Drag Show the following occurred:

1. Security was provided in the form of UMSL Police.
2. No minors appeared to be in attendance.
3. The hostess was entertaining, funny and respectful.
4. "Mature Content" signs were clearly displayed at the entrance to the event.
5. A statement was read, prior to the event starting, which explained what the audience could expect.
6. In addition, after the officers of PRIZM read the opening statement, anyone who felt they could not support the event was invited to leave.

I challenge Mr. Stadtlander to offer an alternative to the Drag Show that he would consider suitable to allow straight and gay students to mix and

minge, and get to know one another.

Mr. Stadtlander, to you I say, if you do not like the Drag Show, please do not attend. But, please do not trample my view of equality and discrimination because you feel it is less politically correct.

The purpose of PRIZM is to provide a visible and positive voice to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ally (GLBTA) community on campus.

Our membership is composed of all sexual orientations and is committed to defeating negative GLBT stereotypes and gaining GLBT equality by hosting social events, providing education to others about GLBT issues and being actively involved in the UMSL and St. Louis GLBT communities.

Mr. Stadtlander states, "Trans-sexuality, including transgendered people and drag queens, represent a fringe part of society that has nothing to do with being gay or lesbian and is not representative of our community as a whole." This quote represents the epitome of gender oppression.

Mr. Stadtlander has brought up the fact that money from student fees are used to fund the Annual Drag Show and he is correct.

However, PRIZM is one of many student organizations that benefit from student fees. The cost of this years Drag Show was \$3,764 and there are approximately 13,000 UMSL students who pay student fees.

This breaks down to an average cost of 29 cents per student for the Annual Drag Show. Since this seems to be such a contentious issue for Mr. Stadtlander, I am offering to personally reimburse Mr. Stadtlander for his supposedly wasted student fees.

After all, I feel the Annual Drag Show is worth far more than the 29

cents I paid in student fees.

Mr. Stadtlander makes it very clear that he is president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis. I fully support a person who chooses to participate in the political process. I must admit I was not familiar with the Log Cabin Republicans so I visited their national website. I found the website interesting and educational.

This quote from the "What we believe" section caught my eye: "We also believe all Americans have the right to liberty, freedom, and equality. Log Cabin stands up against those who preach hatred and intolerance."

We stand up for the idea that all Americans deserve to be treated equal-regardless of their sexual orientation." This is a terrific statement that I fully agree with but then I compared this statement to the following quote Mr. Stadtlander makes: "By giving this radical and unrelated group a launching ground for freak behavior associated with gays and lesbians is detrimental."

The gay community must recognize that either fair or unfair, we are the ones fighting for equal rights. In this role, we must always put forth an image of responsibility, diversity, and normalcy." Mr. Stadtlander, would you prefer this "radical and unrelated" group be forced back into the closet?

Further, talking point #6 from the Log Cabin website states in part: "choose fairness over discrimination, equality over bigotry, freedom over fear."

Mr. Stadtlander, I just do not see fairness, equality or freedom in your comments.

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STAFF VIEWPOINT

In Memoriam: Brandow inspired those around her

I read a poem that said it was not the beginning date or the ending date on a tombstone that really mattered, but rather the dash in the middle.

Heather Brandow touched more lives in her brief time here than most will in a lifetime. She was one of those people others remembered, even if they only met her for a few minutes. She talked to everyone—store clerks, waiters, professors, bouncers, janitors—and left everyone with a smile.

I could compose a list of adjectives to describe Heather—caring, dedicated, intelligent, fun-loving, persistent, loyal, family-oriented—but those words don't even begin to capture who she was. She was the person who made everyone smile and laugh, whether it was because she was telling funny stories, using her infamous catchphrases, or simply being Heather.

With Heather, it was the little things that mattered. Just a few weeks ago she tricked me into helping her shop for her Homecoming dress (and I hate shopping...and dresses); she talked me into buying cookie sandwiches at the mall, laughed at me while I purchased glow-in-the-dark Halloween socks and teased me about my "fixation" with free trade.

It would be easy to be angry, to wonder why she had to go so soon; it would be easy to curse Highway P, to blame the rain and to dwell on what happened. But Heather would want

people to move on, to keep living—because no matter where she was or what she was doing, she was always living life to the fullest.

While Heather and I were watching the Cardinals game on Saturday at her apartment, I kept getting calls from a private number that kept hanging up.

This went on for about an hour, and I started to get irritated and threatened to call the phone company to have the number blocked.

Not a minute later I got a text message from Heather that I still have: "I'm your crazy caller."

That was Heather.

The morning after her death, I heard the song "How to Save a Life." Could I have saved her life? Doesn't matter. She saved my life by showing me how important it was to live every day to the fullest by making every moment count.

One thing in particular I admired about Heather was her relationship with her parents. Her mom and dad were her best friends. She even said one time that if she ever got married, she wanted to live in a house next door to her parents so they could live "happily ever after."

She used to always sing the song "Who Says You Can't Go Home" because she said it was one of her mom's favorites. Well, I have no doubt that Heather's home, dancing around with her little wings.



By CHRISTINE ECCLESTON

Copy Editor

SCIENCE COLUMN

Getting the facts straight about the stem cell bill

In the run-up to the midterm elections on Nov. 7, there has been a lot of contradictory talk about stem cell research and Amendment 2, the Stem Cell Initiative. Some of the statements have started to range far from the facts, so it might be useful to just look at the science facts and what the amendment says.

The stem cell initiative seems fairly straightforward. It bans attempts to ban or restrict stem cell research. It also bans the producing of cloned babies. Nothing about funding cloning, forcing women to donate eggs (or buying them), nothing about using aborted fetuses, or mandating the billions of tax dollars be used to fund research that will not cure anything. All these wild-eyed claims are among the speculations and unfounded statements that appear daily in the many flyers that show up at my door, billboards on the roads, signs outside churches and ads on TV.

Now it is important to say that people are entitled to their own opinion and moral values. There are religious groups who are opposed to blood donations and transplantations. There are religions that do not believe in vaccinations. Many religious people do not believe in birth control or

abortion and some do not believe in the death penalty. Some even do not believe in war, under any circumstances, because to them, it is still violating the commandment not to kill. With other scientific advances, there have been groups that opposed them.

When vaccines were new, there were sincere people who opposed vaccination because they believed it was thwarting God's will that certain people die from disease.

In our society, they are all free to believe as they wish. But they have to grant everyone else the same right to make their own decisions about these kinds of issues. Misleading other people into agreeing with you is crossing that line. There is a familiar saying that everyone is entitled to their own opinion but not their own facts.

So let us talk facts on the science of stem cells. Last week we talked about how scientists define the word "cloning" and how that differs from what it means to the general public. Confusion about the issue of human cloning is one of the issues at the center of the conflicting claims of opponents and proponents.

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By CATE MARQUIS
Science Columnist

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John Schallom
Freshman
Undecided

"I'm for increasing the minimum wage to \$6.50 because I'll get paid more."



Courtney Webb
Freshman
Nursing

"I'm against stem cell research because either way you're killing embryos and those are lives."



Mark Youssef
Graduate Student
Philosophy

"If we want to be against stem cell research because it will destroy life so it will save lives in the future, we should apply that same idea in Iraq because we are doing a lot of damage there for the possibility of a greater future."



Justin Scott
Junior
Computer Science

"I am for Amendment 2 because it makes federal law the law for Missouri so a place like Washington University can do research with stem cells."



Lindsay Rae Schwartzkopf
Freshman
Photography

"I'm for the tax increase, but if they are going to raise taxes on tobacco products they should lower taxes on medication or something."

GUEST COMMENTARY

Putting the 'T' back in GLBT: Why transgendered shouldn't be confused with 'drag'

By MICHAEL RANKINS

Guest Commentator

Following a recent guest commentary featured in *The Current*, many GLBT students and their allies on campus were left wondering just how many drag shows were held at UM-St. Louis in 2005, since only one person seems to have witnessed the lurid debacle described in the Oct. 23 commentary.

Even more incensing, however, were the blatantly anti-transgender sentiments expressed in the commentary. While the time has long since come to stop beating a "dead horse" with regard to the 2005 show, the time has also come to clarify the stance of our campus community regarding transgender persons and their civil rights.

Succinctly, transgender persons, like members of any other targeted

minority, will be affirmed and protected. Furthermore, "drag" performers, regardless of their sexual or gender orientation, are artists of considerable influence within GLBT and other cultures who have a right to express themselves, and will be granted a place on campus.

Frivolous attempts to "lump" drag performers and transgender persons together are designed not to educate, but to sensationalize and stigmatize. While some "drag" performers are, in fact, transgender persons who feel that they "belong" to the sex other than that to which they were born, most are not.

Drag performers choose to engage in an art; for the transgendered, there is no choice with regard to who they are inside. While often marginalized, transgender persons comprise 3 to 5 percent or more of the U.S. population (Ettner, 1999; Israel & Tarver, 1997), hardly an insignificant "fringe" popu-

lation. Transgender persons are not "freaks"...they are human beings who suffer social and economic inequity along with most other minority persons, and they fight for equality along with other GLBT persons.

Drag performers also must be granted recognition for the value of their contributions. While typically light-hearted and amusing, the power of gender parodies can hardly be overstated.

Drag represents an art which brings the constructed dichotomy of gender into the limelight not in order to reinforce rigid stereotypes, but to demonstrate their folly.

These performers simultaneously entertain, mobilize, and galvanize GLBT communities. Their violations of gender norms are yet another demonstration of how cultural "lines" are often more arbitrary than absolute, of how barriers erected to "protect"

also serve as walls which imprison, and of how traditional notions regarding the foundations of society are often nothing more than antediluvian mores.

Gender role violations speak to the value of questioning many other assumptions held to be beyond reproach within our society (Mollenkott, 2001), yet drag shows bring these issues to light in an entertaining format which both GLBT and heterosexual audiences often enjoy.

It is this socio-political element, combined with broad appeal, which lends a drag show on a university campus both educational value and immense power. There are those who fear this sort of multicultural education, and, favoring the preservation of ignorance, seek to defy the acquisition of knowledge, particularly by the heterosexual majority.

Never be fooled by those who single out transgender persons (or others)

as belonging to a minority somehow different, in terms of worth, marginalization, or vulnerability, from other minority groups.

As multiculturalists Sue and Sue (1999) observed, "The sociopolitical dynamics related to the treatment of marginalized or oppressed groups in our society share many similarities. Prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination and their negative effects...operate from a common foundation with frightening effects" (p. 304).

Attempts to stratify minority groups have but one common goal: to segregate, divide, and then conquer. Make no mistake: transgender rights are but one of a long line of dominoes.

Ultimately, those eager to thwart civil liberties are satisfied not when the first domino falls, but only when the very last has finally been toppled.

I challenge any person to consider

where racial equality in the United States would be today if those seeking civil rights for persons of color had given in to those members of their own culture, themselves racial minority members, who espoused an "assimilationist" approach to equality.

What would life in 2006 look like for racial minorities if earlier generations had been coerced by their own members to blend in, quiet down, and maintain the appearance of "normalcy" which, in so many words, meant making themselves as White as possible?

Was "selling out" the wing where with these groups ascended toward equality? No, of course not...nor will it ever be for gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered persons in the United States.

Michael Rankins is a Assistant Director of Student Life Resource Centers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We can't shut out groups whose politics we like

What will it take for certain supporters of ignorance to realize that this University is an institution which supports and cherishes diversity?

Two Student Government Association resolutions in the past two years have not done it and neither has the official mission statement of the University of Missouri system. Drag shows, while being a form of entertainment for gay and straight people alike, are also a part of queer culture—which is to be celebrated and not swept under the rug.

As much as certain curators, politicians and students may wish organizations like PRZM and events like National Coming Out Day and the concurrent drag show to disappear from UMSL's campus, the simple fact of the matter is that we are not going away and they cannot do anything about it.

As an UMSL student, I realize that there may be programs that I may not agree with. Example: while it may come as a shocker to some, I am not a Republican. I am willing to publicly

state that I find some Republican policies and values to be setting back core American ideals such as freedom and equality.

Although I feel this way, I do not protest to the media and my political representatives when the College Republicans hold an event. In fact, I support their right as a student organization to put on whatever programming they wish, and for this programming to be however controversial they wish.

My point is that there may be events held on this campus that some do not particularly agree with, but this is no basis to spread their hateful remarks about university events. If the University were to censor queer programming, where would it stop?

Would it stop with the Muslim Student Association, or perhaps with the Associated Black Collegians? The disdain that has been expressed over the drag show is unacceptable. Hate only breeds more hate. Now if you will excuse me, I am going to watch Will & Grace.

Michele Landeau
Senior
History

Transsexuals aren't an aberrant fringe in GLBT

In response to the article penned by Charles Stadlander, I am faced with the decision to either baffle myself as to his self-loathing and derogatory attack on transgendered, transsexual, and drag-performing individuals or write this off as yet another attempt at a political platform.

My greatest hope is that it is the latter because we recently saw how well he's doing in that arena anyway. His assertion that the drag performers and transgendered and transsexual individuals are a fringe group that display freakish behavior aberrant to the gay community is interesting.

If this were the case, it would have to be aberrant that the majority of the gay-friendly, gay-owned, and gay-operated bars house regular drag shows. It would have to be aberrant that drag performers regularly take part in and/or host at community charity events.

Before his initial and fervent attack on drag, Charles was a regular at many drag shows and even shared a stage with Dieter Pepsi at a recent Pride Celebration. It seems that his

hateful political platform against drag is largely based on his own past. I can't pretend to understand his reasoning and I certainly can't pretend to understand his attack on the individuals that put the 'T' in GLBT.

His tactics remind me a lot of the earliest homophile organization in the US, the Mattachine Society. The Society based its movement toward Civil Rights upon the assumption that you have to look and act like the preconceived stereotype to get the same rights as the norm.

That may have worked well in the 1950s, but it hardly applies to the era of Will & Grace. At any rate, Charles wasn't at this year's drag show and he has a very different recollection of how last year's show went than I do.

He is obviously welcome to his opinion and his perception, but I certainly hope that readers don't assume he holds a common view among the GLBT community. In fact, I would go so far as to say that he has placed himself firmly in the aberrant role this time.

Toby Shorts
Student Services Adviser
Student Life

Diversity Resolution

In response to last week's letter to the editor, "Curator's Comments." We do not need to focus on the statement made by the curator; we need to focus on the contents of the resolution. The Diversity Resolution passed the Student Government Association (SGA) was in response to Curator Wasinger's remarks but does not pertain to the curator himself nor specifically the Queer Theories course he questioned.

The resolution defends the rights of every program and course within UM-St. Louis. It is a diversity resolution. It protects the rights of every organization from PRIZM to the Accounting Club and every class from Queer Theories to Algebra.

The university policy reads "nondiscriminatory relative to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran." This resolution strengthens student support

for UM policies.

During the October 13, 2006 meeting of the SGA each member received a copy of the resolution and the floor was opened for discussion. If any representative was unclear as to what the resolution was about they had ample time to question it.

When discussion was closed and the assembly voted the resolution passed with only one negative vote. Had the time been taken to read over its contents, anyone would find that it states "We, the students of the University of Missouri, do hereby support the creation and sustainability of diversity programming both inside and outside of the classroom." Nowhere does it personally attack Curator Wasinger or the homophobic comments made.

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Freshman
Business Administration
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amendment 2 supporters say it bans human cloning, but SCNT is essentially the same thing

By HOLLY SCHEIBEL

Guest Commentator

Lately a big topic of conversation is embryonic stem cell research, and Amendment 2. Those that support the potential amendment to the Missouri Constitution would like people to believe that cures for many illnesses and diseases will be found that exceed the cures possible from adult stem cells. However, they are incorrect.

Stem cells are the building blocks of the body and are found in many parts of the body. They grow and develop into other cells. Stem cells present in humans before birth are called embryonic stem cells and stem cells after birth are, regardless of age, adult stem cells.

Treatments for many illnesses come

from adult stem cells including Parkinson's disease, diabetes, immune deficiencies, spinal cord injuries, as well as many others, with a current total of 65. The adult stem cells come from umbilical cord blood, peripheral blood, bone marrow, fat, as well as a number of other tissues and organs. Using adult stem cells is not controversial and is an acceptable treatment.

However, using embryonic stem cells for medical treatments is not beneficial. One of the ways to create embryonic stem cells in research is for researchers go through the process called Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT), which means transferring a body cell and placing it into an egg. The SCNT process begins by removing an egg from a woman's uterus. The nucle-

us and the genes are removed from the egg—destroying a human egg—and then replaced by another cell, such as a skin cell or a body cell. It becomes a cloned zygote and then a blastocyst. Because embryos grow fast (because humans grow very quickly in the womb), the embryo grows very quickly.

John Sherley, a researcher at MIT, has said that embryonic stem cells cause tumors and cancers when injected into human tissue. These tumors metastasize and produce chemicals that adversely affect parts of the body. Therefore, they cannot be used to treat the problems that patients have.

To acquire the eggs that are necessary, researchers remove eggs from women, which is a very painful process. To entice women to provide their eggs,

they can be paid. Some people argue that the amendment does not allow this, however it does. In the fourth subsection of section 2, it says:

"No person may, for valuable consideration, may purchase or sell human blastocysts or eggs for stem cell research or for stem cell therapies or cures."

In this section, "valuable consideration" allows for reimbursement for parts of the SCNT procedure, such as: removal of the egg, preservation, or donation of eggs, sperm, or blastocysts of the donor.

Women, especially those in low-income families are very attracted by this "easy" way of getting money, though they are unaware of the pain and suffering involved during the procedure

and the complications that are extremely common afterwards, such as: ovarian cysts, infertility, ovarian rupture, liver and kidney failure, blood clots, stroke, and even death.

The SCNT procedure was used on Dolly, the sheep that was cloned in 1997 by British researchers. At first Dolly seemed fine, yet she eventually became obese and aged rapidly, living only six years. If the cells used for Dolly were defective and caused these problems, what will they do to humans?

If Amendment 2 is passed, researchers will be able to clone humans and many are becoming aware of this.

Though the amendment says that it bans cloning, the amendment allows SCNT, and therefore cloning. The

National Academy of Science defines SCNT as cloning, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science has chosen "cloning" to describe the product of nuclear transfer, or SCNT. In addition, biotechnology companies have given up on researching embryonic stem cell research, as there is little hope of any cures or treatments; instead, they use adult stem cells. If this amendment is passed, 49 articles in the Missouri constitution will be changed. These changes are extremely hard to reverse. Amendment 2 harms life at a very vulnerable stage; it does not increase the quality of life. Please protect life and vote no on Amendment 2 on November 7.

Holly Scheibel is a sophomore studying chemistry at UM-St. Louis.

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MISSOURI DECIDES

This election year has developed into one of the most contentious in recent Missouri history. With the battle raging between Incumbent Senator Jim Talent and democratic challenger Claire McCaskill, that race appears to be going down to the wire. Missouri voters will also go to the polls to decide if they want to raise taxes on cigarettes by 470 percent, by either voting yes or no on Amendment 3. Then there is the most controversial decision voters of this state will have to make, by voting either yes or no on Amendment 2, an initiative that would support embryonic stem cell research for cures of diseases.

In the following two pages, there are breakdowns of the major ballot issues and elections in Missouri, as well as some of the races in Illinois that affect the St. Louis area. For links to more information on these elections and ballot issues, see www.thecurrentonline.com.

Official ballot language of Amendment 2

Editor's note: In Missouri, Amendment 2, an initiative supporting embryonic stem cell research, has garnered not only the most local attention, but considerable amounts of national recognition as well. With the current controversy surrounding Senate Candidate Clair McCaskill's advertisement featuring actor Michael J. Fox bringing even more attention to this heated debate, *The Current* feels it is important to show the actual ballot language to clear the air about what Amendment 2 actually says. Below is the official ballot language for the controversial issue.

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

One new section is adopted by adding one new section to be known as section 38(d) of Article III to read as follows:

Section 38(d). 1. This section shall be known as the "Missouri Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative."

2. To ensure that Missouri patients have access to stem cell therapies and cures, that Missouri researchers can conduct stem cell research in the state, and that all such research is conducted safely and ethically, any stem cell research permitted under federal law may be conducted in Missouri, and any stem cell therapies and cures permitted under federal law may be provided to patients in Missouri, subject to the requirements of federal law and only the following additional limitations and requirements:

(1) No person may clone, or attempt to clone a human being.

(2) No human blastocyst may be produced by fertilization solely for the purpose of stem cell research.

(3) No stem cells may be taken from a human blastocyst more than fourteen days after cell division begins; provided, however, that time during which a blastocyst is frozen does not count against the fourteen-day limit.

(4) No person may, for valuable consideration, purchase or sell human blastocysts or eggs for stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures.

(5) Human blastocysts and eggs obtained for stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures must have been donated with voluntary and informed consent, documented in writing.

(6) Human embryonic stem cell research may be conducted only by persons that, within 180 days of the effective date of this section or otherwise prior to commencement of such research, whichever is later, have

(a) provided oversight responsibility and approval authority for such research to an embryonic stem cell research oversight committee whose membership includes representatives of the public and medical and scientific experts;

(b) adopted ethical standards for such research that comply with the requirements of this section; and

(c) obtained a determination from an Institutional Review Board that the research complies with all applicable federal statutes and regulations that the Institutional Review Board is responsible for administering.

(7) All stem cell research and all stem cell therapies and cures must be conducted and provided in accordance with state and local laws of general applicability, including but not limited to laws concerning scientific and medical practices and patient safety and privacy, to the extent that any such laws do not (i) prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures that are permitted by the provisions of this section other than this subdivision (7) to be conducted or provided, or (ii) create disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research or therapies and cures.

3. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates in this state subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section commits a crime and shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of up to fifteen years or by the imposition of a fine of up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or by both. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates in this state subdivisions

(2) or (3) of subsection 2 of this section commits a crime and shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of up to ten years or by the imposition of a fine of up to one hundred thousand dollars, or by both. A civil action may be brought against any person who knowingly and willfully violates in this state any of subdivisions (1) through (6) of subsection 2 of this section, and the state in such action shall be entitled to a judgment recovering a civil penalty of up to fifty thousand dollars per violation, requiring disgorgement of any financial profit derived from such violation, and/or enjoining any further such violation. The attorney general shall have the exclusive right to bring a civil action for such violation. Venue for such action shall be the county in which the alleged violation occurred.

4. Each institution, hospital, other entity, or other person conducting human embryonic stem cell research in the state shall (i) prepare an annual report stating the nature of the human embryonic stem cells used in, and the purpose of, the research conducted during the prior calendar year, and certifying compliance with subdivision (6) of subsection 2 of this section; and (ii) no later than June 30 of the subsequent year, make such report available to the public and inform the Secretary of State how the public may obtain copies of or otherwise gain access to the report. The report shall not contain private or confidential medical, scientific, or other information. Individuals conducting research at an institution, hospital, or other entity that prepares and makes available a report pursuant to this subsection 4 concerning such research are not required to prepare

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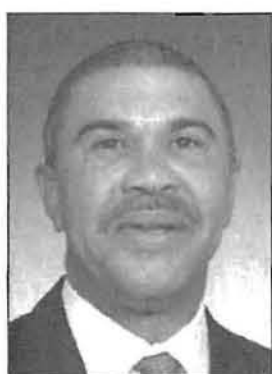
Amendment 2 strictly prohibits human cloning and the buying and selling of human blastocysts and eggs? It strictly limits research to what state and federal law deems acceptable.

and make available a separate report concerning that same research. A civil action may be brought against any institution, hospital, other entity, or other person that fails to prepare or make available the report or inform the Secretary of State how the public may obtain copies of or otherwise gain access to the report, and the state in such action shall be entitled as its sole remedy to an affirmative injunction requiring such institution, hospital, other entity, or other person to prepare and make available the report or inform the Secretary of State how the public may obtain or otherwise gain access to the report. The attorney general shall have the exclusive right to bring a civil action for such violation.

5. To ensure that no governmental body or official arbitrarily restricts funds designated for purposes other than stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures as a means of inhibiting lawful stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures, no state or local governmental body or official shall eliminate, reduce, deny, or withhold any public funds provided or eligible to be provided to a person that (i) lawfully conducts stem cell research or provides stem cell therapies and cures, allows for such research or therapies and cures to be conducted or provided on its premises, or is otherwise associated with such research or therapies and cures, but (ii) receives or is eligible to receive such public funds for purposes other than such stem cell-related activities, on account of, or otherwise for the purpose of creating disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with, or preventing, restricting, obstructing, or discouraging, such stem cell-related activities.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - MISSOURI RACES

1ST DISTRICT



William "Lacy" Clay
Democratic Incumbent



Congressman William "Lacy" Clay was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in the 2000 election.

The congressman is a member of three committees on Capitol Hill, the financial services committee, the committee on government reform and the subcommittee on federalism and the census.

Clay opposes the war in Iraq but actively supports the efforts of the armed services and says Americans must honor the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform.

His father, William Clay, also served in congress.



Mark Joseph Byrne
Republican Candidate



Mark Joseph Byrne believes the greatest issue confronting the United States of America is the threat of terrorism. He supports the passage of the Patriot Act, but is concerned about potential abuses by the government in regards to invasion of privacy.

He supports the Bush Doctrine of preemptive strikes to ensure the security of America.

Byrne is against abortion and believes the best way to end them is to educate and make more services available to women in need. He believes the adoption process has too much red tape and needs to be revamped. He also favors expanding medical services.

2ND DISTRICT



George D. "Boots" Weber
Democratic Candidate



George D. Weber is a pro-life democrat. He accepts the Supreme Court decision of *Roe vs. Wade*. He is a member of Democrats for life and its 95-10 project, which aims to reduce abortions by 95 percent in the next 10 years.

Weber believes government officials should be held to the highest of ethical standards. He wants to see limits on gifts, favors and outside sources of income while in office.

Foreign policy and decisions on military actions should be made by the president and congress, not just by executive decision, according to Weber.



William Todd Akin
Republican Incumbent



Congressman William Todd Akin is a staunch supporter of President George W. Bush.

He began his political career in 1988 after getting elected to the Missouri House of Representatives. In 2000, Akin won the U.S. congressional primary by only 56 votes, but went on to win the general election with 56 percent of the vote. He was re-elected in 2004 with 65 percent of the vote.

Akin favored not signing the Kyoto Accord, which was designed to limit greenhouse emissions, but was felt by President Bush and Akin to be detrimental to the American economy.

3RD DISTRICT



Russ Carnahan
Democratic Incumbent



Congressman Russ Carnahan supports ethical stem cell research and believes congress should take a proactive stance in providing lifesaving cures for the American people.

Carnahan is fighting against the methamphetamine problem, not just in Jefferson County, but nation-wide. He supports tightening restrictions on cold medicines with feature pseudoephedrine, a key component in the manufacture of meth.

Carnahan opposes drilling areas of Alaska for oil and natural gas deposits. He believes doing so would do nothing to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil.



William L. Bertelsen
Republican Candidate



William L. Bertelsen believes the war on terror is one America cannot afford to lose. He believes the recent storms in the St. Louis area demonstrate how underprepared the city is in the face of a potential terrorist attacks and more needs to be done to improve the situation.

He believes Americans need to find new sources of energy, such as bio-diesel, ethanol and other "green" forms of energy, while at the same time realizing that America is dependent on oil. He believes the country needs to be open minded in its drilling policies to find new deposits of oil, including off American shorelines.

9TH DISTRICT



Duane Neil Burghard
Democratic Candidate



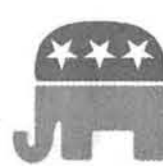
Duane Neil Burghard believes in light of the record-breaking profits of the oil companies in the last year, lawmakers should take action to make sure the companies are not making the money at the American public's expense.

Burghard says lawmakers must keep in open mind when debating scientific advances in any number of areas. These include advances in climate control, stem cell research and space exploration.

He says republicans are supposed to be fiscally responsible, but thus far have spent more money than the country is taking in at this time.



Kenny Charles Hulshof
Republican Incumbent



Congressman Kenny Hulshof believes marriage should be defined as a union between a man and a woman, and the only way to protect that institution is to pass a constitutional amendment to that affect.

The congressman believes that America must use every means at its disposal to protect its citizens from terrorist attack. This includes using diplomatic, economic and military options as well as using intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

Hulshof is a firm supporter of the recent tax cuts that came from President George W. Bush's administration and believes they help the economy.

470 percent tax increase looms with Amendment 3

The proposed constitutional Amendment 3 would create a "Healthy Future Trust Fund" that would be used to "reduce and prevent tobacco use, to increase funding for healthcare access and treatment for eligible low-income individuals and Medicaid recipients, and to cover administrative costs."

The trust fund would be funded by a tax of 4 cents per cigarette and 20 percent on other tobacco products. This would be a 470 percent increase on the cigarette tax per pack.

The tax money is estimated to generate \$351 million to \$499 million annually for tobacco control

programs and other services to be included in the trust fund. These funds, according to the amendment, would be kept separate from general revenue and annually audited.

The fiscal impact for local government is unknown.

DID YOU KNOW...

Amendment 3 would raise taxes on a pack of cigarettes in Missouri by 470 percent?

Looking beyond Amendments 2 and 3

While Amendments 2 and 3 have received much media attention, here are two other amendments and one proposition that will impact Missourians, too.

Amendment 6 would exempt taxation from real and personal property used or held for nonprofit purposes or activities of veterans' organizations.

Amendment 7 would prevent statewide elected officials from receiving a state pension if they are convicted of a felony while in office or if they are removed from office for misconduct or after impeachment.

The amendment also would require a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly to change or disapprove salary recommendations of the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

Proposition B would raise the state minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.50 per hour or to the federal minimum wage rate if that rate is higher. The minimum wage will then be increased or decreased in future years based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

DID YOU KNOW...

You can find more information on the upcoming election at www.thecurrentonline.com? Links are provided for many of the issues and candidates.

What you need to know before voting on the ILLINOIS BALLOT



Incumbent hopes education reform will lead him down the road to re-election

Rod Blagojevich is riding on a ticket destined for education reform, including a \$6 billion investment to Illinois schools over the next four years if he wins the governor's race this November.

While the governor is leading in early Gallup polls over Republican opponent Judy Baar Topinka, the state's treasurer, the lead is slim.

According to Rasmussen Reports, an electronic publishing firm specializing in the collection, publication, and distribution of public opinion polling information, the mid-October polls show Blagojevich leading with 44 percent to Topinka's 36 percent.

If re-elected, Blagojevich wants to continue what he did during his first term in office, namely, increase funding to schools throughout the state.

In his \$6 billion promise to state schools, his goal aims to "increase the foundation level, mandated categoricals, school construction, universal preschool and a host of new programs and ideas targeted specifically at helping underachieving students and schools improve," according to his Web site, www.rodforillinois.com.

While he does not expect to win the lottery to raise \$6 billion, but the lottery will be important in keeping his campaign promise.

When the State of Illinois created the lottery in 1975, legislators suggested that the game would create a funding source for inequities in funding schools, but since that time, very little of that money has been used exclusively, according to Blagojevich.

The governor points this out as a failed promise to taxpayers over the last 30 years.

According to his campaign Web site, "Under this proposal, the Illinois Lottery would either enter into a long-

term lease with a private entity or conduct an Initial Public Offering that would generate approximately \$10 billion in proceeds."

The lease in his plan would specifically provide \$4 billion to be placed toward the \$6 billion plan.

Besides education reform, Blagojevich lists the following goals on his campaign Web site for this year's election:

- To protect our priorities of education, health care and public safety while not passing on additional costs of government to middle class and working families.
- To pass "Preschool for All," a program to offer preschool to all children, regardless of family income.
- To pass and sign a jobs bill for capital improvements.
- To create a tax credit of \$1,000 for every freshman and sophomore who attends a college or university in Illinois.
- To create the Veterans Care program.
- To reinstate the assault weapons ban in Illinois.
- To require a 90-percent capture of mercury by 2009.
- To create a \$500 sales tax rebate to anyone who buys fuel-efficient cars in Illinois.
- To increase the number of treatment centers for meth addiction.

Blagojevich has served as the governor of Illinois since 2003. Before that, he served as a U.S. representative between 1997 and 2003 as well as a state representative from 1993 to 1997.

Information gathered from www.rodforillinois.com

Race for Illinois governor remains close as election nears

Treasurer's campaign centers on proposal to rescue state budget



Judy Baar Topinka has been singing her own rendition of "Rescue Me" during her campaign, as she has outlined a four-year rescue plan for the state's budget.

Topinka, who is in no way out of the race to choose the next governor of Illinois, trailing only 8 percent behind current governor Rod Blagojevich.

Topinka has spent most of her time on the campaign trail focusing on her proposal to fix the state's \$10 million budget deficit (which independent reports have labeled as the worst in the nation) without raising taxes during the next four years.

The money would be used for schools, road construction, building safe and modern classrooms and public safety.

Topinka plans to raise the money through budget cuts and by establishing a land-based casino in Chicago. In addition, Illinois' other nine existing casinos will be allowed to purchase additional gaming positions. Her plan could potentially build up \$5 billion for taxpayers over the next four years.

On her Web site, www.judyforgov.com, she lists other highlights of the plan besides her promise of no tax increases. The plan's possibilities include:

- Billions in budget cuts including pork projects in the state budget and political jobs.
- Full funding of state pension obligations.
- Gas tax relief in the form of Topinka's proposal to cap the sales tax on gas at \$2.50
- \$2 billion road program to expand and maintain Illinois roads, bridges and state facilities.
- \$3 billion to build new safe and

modern classrooms throughout Illinois.

• Tuition relief for students at colleges and universities, in addition to \$950 million for higher education entities throughout the state of Illinois.

Her unprecedented four-year funding plan calls for \$8.2 billion in new money for education in addition to funding a \$3.3 billion contribution to teachers' pensions.

Another \$3 million would be used for building safer and more modern classrooms in Illinois schools.

Her pledge to higher standards also involves creating a P-20 Council, a committee consisting of state education leaders, who would coordinate all levels of education and start the process of aligning state education programs.

Topinka promises one of the first objectives of the P-20 council would be to create a "rigorous" core curriculum for students in Illinois.

The state treasurer's gas relief tax will also be an issue voters will be watching. Along with Illinois having the largest budget deficit, the state has one of the nation's highest gas prices.

Her relief tax "includes a phase-out of the state's sales tax on gas beginning at \$2 per gallon and a total cap above \$2.50 per gallon," according to her Web site.

A special legislative session to address the gas tax, or a sales tax holiday for gas were options she is considering.

Topinka has been state treasurer since 1995. She has also served in the state senate and house of representatives.

Information gathered from www.judyforgov.com

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - ILLINOIS RACES

17TH DISTRICT



Philip G. Hare
Democratic Candidate



Philip Hare has worked with current Congressman Lane Evans, to ensure that veterans get the benefits they deserve, that southern Illinois farmers get the assistance they need and that all families have access to quality healthcare.

He supports a balanced Social Security plan for guaranteed benefits for not only the people relying on those benefits today but also for those future generations that can share those same benefits.

Hare is opposed to any form of privatizing Social Security.

In terms of prescription drug costs, Hare would like to scrap the current prescription bill and rewrite it in plain language that is easier to understand for users.

Hare promises to fight for an extension of Unemployment Insurance Benefits for workers who have lost their jobs.

Hare also wants to make sure National Guardsmen and women and Reservists have a job to come home to after their service is complete.



Andrea Lane Zinga
Republican Candidate



Andrea Zinga ran for representative two years ago. This time, she comes to the race with the goal to keep jobs in the district, as she sees the district's jobs leave the area along with the employees.

She is a supporter of agricultural research and development since so many other world powers are increasing jobs in those areas, too.

Improving transportation access and usage in the 17th District is an important issue for her as is keeping the renewed interest in energy sources, including ethanol, E85, biodiesel and wind power, alive and growing. Zinga believes alternative energy sources will be beneficial to the region's farmers.

Since tax credits were put into the recently passed Energy Bill, for solar energy and hybrid vehicles, she questions why the credits should not be made permanent.

Finally, she does not support a timetable for troop withdrawal in the Middle East until the Iraqi people are able to defend themselves safely.

18TH DISTRICT



Steve Waterworth
Democratic Candidate



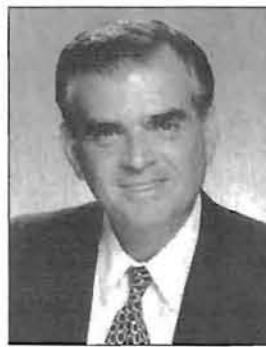
Steve Waterworth has grown up in the 18th District and says he knows the area well.

If he is elected, he will tackle issues such as penalizing companies that take their jobs to nations where the workers are little more than slaves doing dirty, manual work.

He also proposes to impose a national sales tax on most retail transactions. He believes the income from the tax would be used to subsidize National Health Care for all Americans, allowing jobs to stay in the country, property taxes to decrease since taxpayers would not longer be paying for healthcare for teachers or government employees.

In terms of education, he believes in less control of the government in education through programs like the "No Child Left Behind" Act.

As for abortions, Waterworth believes making them illegal would be irresponsible.



Ray LaHood
Republican Incumbent



Ray LaHood has served in Congress since 1995 and says he has fought for the interests of central Illinois farmers, been pro business and has managed to assist rural communities on important water, sewer and other infrastructure projects.

LaHood recognizes agriculture as the cornerstone of the region's economy and he has worked to promote the production and use of ethanol and biodiesel fuels. He has helped bring six ethanol plants to the region.

He also supports transportation infrastructure funding and has sponsored legislation to support tourism in the district.

On the war in Iraq, LaHood supports Bush's direction and has voted for all war appropriations. He believes the costs of the war have been worth it.

LaHood has also worked with legislation to increase border patrol in terms of security and safety of the country.

19TH DISTRICT



Danny Stover
Democratic Candidate



Danny Stover has served more than 30 years in education and public service.

In terms of crime, he supports "drug courts" as a needed rehabilitative strategy in the war on drugs and increased penalties for repeat offenders.

He supports a military with policies that adequately fund high quality, effective personnel, supplies, equipment and weapons that protect our troops.

He supports federal assistance for college education and the development of national standards for public education.

He also believes the minimum wage should be raised closer to a living wage since the wage has not changed since 1997.

In Iraq, he believes a new democratic government is unlikely and that American troops should finish their job with honor.

He also opposes privatization of social security and is against government corruption of the system.



John Shimkus
Republican Incumbent



John Shimkus was first elected in 1996 to the House of Representatives.

This year, he is tackling issues, including crime. He believes minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults and supports programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when they are released.

In education, Shimkus supports national standards for testing of public school students and is for allowing parents to use vouchers (equal opportunity scholarships) to send their children to any public school.

He also favors an increase to funding programs such as Pell grants and Stafford loans to help students pay for college.

In terms of Social Security, he would like to see workers be allowed to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts which they manage themselves.

FEATURE

Partying against poverty:

Student groups' Halloween dance benefits global aid organization

BY SARAH O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Who knew partying could help prevent poverty?

A benefit dance party was held in the Pilot House on Friday Oct. 27 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Organizations including UM-St. Louis' Biological Society, Chemistry Club and Pre-Med Club threw the benefit bash in an effort to help raise funds for Heifer International.

Heifer International is an organization that fights against poverty by working "within communities to empower disaster survivors with the economic means," according to the company's Web site, www.heifer.org. The organization offers livestock, training and other resources to the survivors for them to "rebuild their families, their neighborhoods and their hope for sustainable futures."

According to the Web site, Heifer

International aims to stop hunger permanently by creating a farming lifestyle for the families accepting donations, "as opposed to merely bandaging the wound of poverty."

The program, which reaches over 120 countries and millions of families worldwide, provides livestock to these communities in need and those receiving the donations help others by donating the offspring of their animals to other communities and families in need.

The \$5 charged for admission into the party will be donated to this non-profit organization in order to buy animals that will be sent to disaster survivors.

The party not only offered an outlet for students to help Heifer International's quest to end poverty, but they also enjoyed dancing, a costume contest, games and a movie. *Dracula* 2000 played on the big screen while students drank soda and water and

munched on candies that were provided to them in cups on the tables.

"We worked hard on the party to make it good for the students, it goes for a great cause too," Mark Petty, senior, biology, said.

The "hard work" showed in the Pilot House's Halloween decorations that heavily covered the room. "We spent about \$900 total for the party," Jeanette Guenther, senior, biology, said.

However, there was some disappointment in the turnout for the party and during the event Petty said he hoped more students would show up.

Despite the low turnout, Karlien Ter Meulen, sophomore, pre-medicine, showed up to attend her first Halloween party. Hailing from the Netherlands, and dressed as a combination of angel and devil, she said Halloween is not celebrated where she lives. "I didn't know what to expect or what to wear," she said.



Matt Johnson • Photo Editor

Matt Hull, senior, anthropology, rides a tricycle as Karen Ilyas looks on in the Pilot House Friday night during the Heifer International Halloween party.

TOP 10

Reasons to Love the Cardinals

1. St. Louis is rated #1 for baseball fans almost every year by some newspaper.
2. Yadi, Yadi, Yadi!! Can you say clutch performer?
3. Brand spankin' new ballpark. Sure we love the old Busch Stadium, but the new one kicks butt!
4. Albert Pujols. What else is there to say? Oh, well maybe MVP!!!
5. The Clydesdales. How cool is it to see those beautiful majestic horses prancing inside Busch Stadium. They make everyone feel like a kid again.
6. Jeff Weaver. So maybe he sucked before, but now he is a stud. Who would have thought?
7. Turkey legs. Yes that is right, you can eat a turkey leg inside the ballpark while watching the game. Kind of medieval.
8. Adam Wainwright. The lore of Cardinal history will remember the cosmic curve ball that froze Carlos Beltran to close out the NLCS. WOW!!
9. Tony LaRussa. Genius.
10. That's a winner, folks. We won the World Series!! Thats right, believe it, 2006 World Champions!

If you think you have a great idea for the next top ten list, send your top ten idea to us:
thecurrent@umsl.edu



Pedaling Passion

Federally-funded Ferguson program promotes bicycling

BY BRIAN E. OLIVER
Staff Writer

While most staff and students have seen the bicycle racks in front of the north entrance of the Millennium Student Center, many people do not realize where these racks came from or realize they cost UM-St. Louis nothing.

Eighty percent of the cost of these bicycle racks came from a Federal Highway Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant used in part by Martin Pion, who helped develop the Ferguson B.I.K.E. Project, and the remaining 20 percent came from Dr. John Sweet.

The Ferguson B.I.K.E. Project began in 2001. It is supported primarily by a Federal Highway Administrations Grant.

Its primary aim is to improve the air quality in the area by encouraging Ferguson residents and students and staff at UM-St. Louis to bicycle instead of using cars.

To help encourage this transition, Pion teamed with Sweet to build bike racks in the St. Louis area. Sweet has been treasurer of the St. Louis Regional Bicycling Foundation since its inception in 2000 and said one of the goals of the foundation has been to try to get the St. Louis region to be more accommodating for bicyclists.

He said he donated the funds for the UM-St. Louis bicycle racks because "I would hope that UMSL students would take up bicycling in a big way."

In addition, Pion also began offering bicycling education courses whose aim was to provide participants with the knowledge and expertise to ride safely and proficiently on the roads of St. Louis.

Pion's course consists of four classes with 12 hours of training. The first two classes



Carrie Fasiska • Associate Photo Editor

David Anson, senior, psychology, locks up his bike in front of the Millennium Student Center Thursday. The new bike racks were funded mostly through a federally-funded grant for a Ferguson program that promotes bicycling.

involve four hours of classroom sessions using material developed by the League of American Bicyclists. These classes are followed by two on-bike sessions of about four hours each.

Several UM-St. Louis faculty and staff have participated in the program. Pat Tansey who works at UM-St. Louis as a systems support analyst specialist took the course in 2001. At the time, he had been cycling with a friend and got involved to encourage his friend and hone his skills.

He said that involvement in the program

"improved my road awareness for cycling and improved my confidence on the road."

Harold Harris, professor of chemistry, became involved in the program this year when he heard it was being run by Pion.

"I know he is a long term bicycle commuter," Harris said. "When I heard he was involved, I figured it would be high quality and it has been."

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Spooky? Silly? Sexy?

Halloween costumes aren't just for kids

BY STEPHANIE SOLETA
Staff Writer

Who says kids are the only ones who get to dress up at Halloween? Adults can have fun disguising themselves this Halloween as well. The toughest part of creating a great costume is first figuring out what the costume should be. These costume ideas for men and women are fang-tastic!

Costumes for men:

The Beer Keg

Heading to a costume party, guys? The beer keg costume is perfect for guys who are looking to get a lot of laughs for their costume.

The Superhero

While superheroes are usually associated with children, adults can have fun dressing up like them as well. Guys who are looking to save a damsel in distress should consider this costume choice for Halloween.

The Toga

Who can forget the famous toga party from *Animal House*? This costume is terrific for guys who are looking for a traditional costume this year.

The Monster

Like blood? A ghastly monster should satisfy a guy's gory side. Monster costumes are a good idea for guys who want to frighten some people this Halloween.

The Man in Uniform

Fireman/Policeman: What woman can resist a man in uniform? A hunky fireman or policeman is sure to attract the ladies at any Halloween gathering.

Costumes for women:

The Witch

The witch costume is a really fun idea. A lot of creepy makeup, a long black wig and long green fingernails can transform even the most demure lady into a cackling horror.

The French Maid

This costume is for the ladies who aren't afraid to get a little dirt under their nails. Always a classic, the French maid outfit is sure to be a hit at any costume party this year.

The Schoolgirl

Britney Spears made this outfit a classic, and it can also be a splendid Halloween costume. Add some braided pigtails for a finishing touch.

The Cocktail Bunny

It's not exactly a classic rendition of Peter Cottontail, but the cocktail bunny costume is an excellent costume choice. What guy can resist a girl in heels and bunny ears?

The Sexy Nurse

Guys like uniforms as much as girls do! Nurse costumes have always been a sexy Halloween staple, and can be paired with a doctor or surgeon costume for a couples costume party.

Vote for a Change

After over 2800 American deaths, over 21,000 American wounded and \$330 billion spent, the war in Iraq rages on with no end in sight.

After \$100 billion dollars spent on missile defense, we have a flawed system that has no demonstrated defense capability.

While hundreds of billions of dollars are being spent on meaningless or cruel military projects, 46 million U.S. citizens have no health insurance and 18% of America's children live in poverty.

With the upcoming elections for the U.S. Senate & Congress, we the undersigned call for a change in our government's vision and priorities.
It is time for real change.

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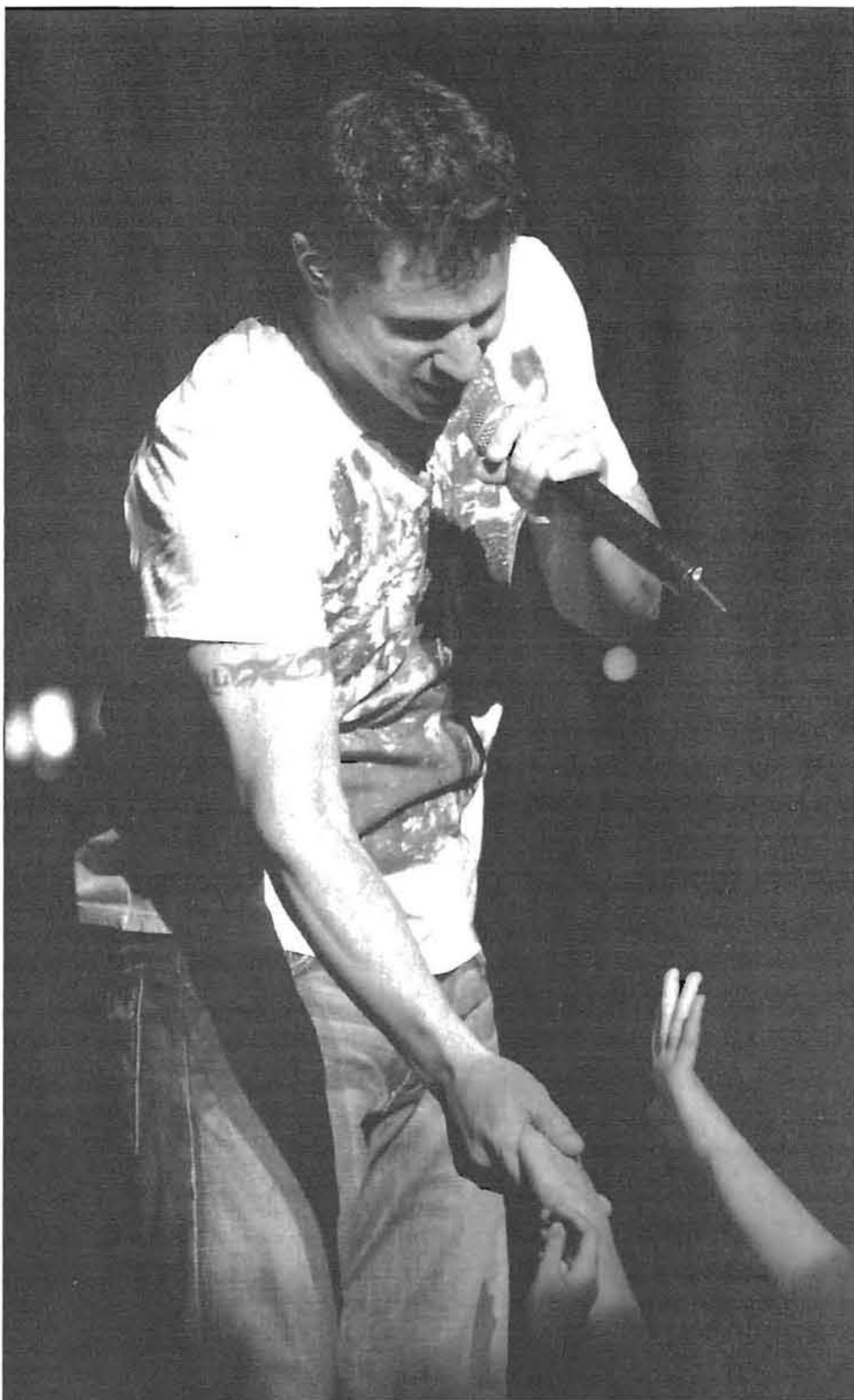
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- Now-Nov. 30:** "Influences in Japanese Traditional Pottery" pottery exhibit at the Mercantile Library.
- Now-Jan. 5:** "Point-of-View: Think Tank" photo exhibit at the Public Policy Research Center.
- Oct. 30:** Monday Noon Series: Reading by John Dalton, novelist and UM-St. Louis English professor at 12:15 p.m. at J.C. Penney Room 229.
- Pumpkin Carving Contest at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Newman Center.
- Oct. 31:** Haunted Garage at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Newman Center.
- Nov. 2:** The University Jazz Ensemble will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at the Touhill.
- Campus Rec's Texas Hold'em poker tournament at 7 p.m. at the Provincial House.
- Nov. 3:** Friends of Bob and Tom comedy at 7:30 p.m. at the Touhill.
- Rembetika Greek music (Center for International Studies) at 8 p.m. at the Touhill.
- Nov. 4:** Ariana String Quartet Beethoven Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Touhill
- Nov. 4-7:** 'Both Sides' Political Film Fest on Nov. 4 from 3-10 p.m. and Nov. 5-7 from 9a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Nov. 6:** Kathy Griffin comedy at 8 p.m. at the Touhill.

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 2. Smack That - Akon
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3. Fergalicious - Fergie
 4. Lips of an Angel - Hinder
 5. White & Nerdy - "Weird Al" Yankovic
 6. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol
 7. Welcome to the Black Parade - My Chemical Romance
 8. Too Little, Too Late - Jojo
 9. Maneater - Nelly Furtado
 10. Money Maker - Ludacris

AT THE TOUHILL



(ABOVE) Nick Lachey holds a fan's hand during his sold out concert at the Touhill. During the concert, Lachey came out into the audience and sang to one female audience member.

(RIGHT) Lachey performed at the Touhill as part of his first solo tour titled, "What's Left of Me," after his most recent album.



Photos by Carrie Fasiska • Associate Photo Editor

Pop singer Nick Lachey sings a song off his new album "What's Left of Me" during his performance on Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Hotter than 98 degrees

Nick Lachey entertains crowd during first solo tour

By PAUL HACKBARTH
Design Editor

Only by attending a Nick Lachey concert can one appreciate what it is like to be a 16-year-old girl again and have her life be consumed by a music idol that she has devoted her heart and soul to.

Fans willing to pay nearly \$50 for tickets to see Nick Lachey live got a whole lot more than what they paid for.

His "What's Left of Me" tour, named after his latest album, rolled through St. Louis Thursday night and stopped at a venue that may seem surprising, in that his pop songs would seem unlikely to cater to the theater's usual audience. That venue was the Touhill Performing Arts Center on campus.

While he apologized for holding his concert on the same night as the World Series game playing in town, audience members did not mind, especially since he gave updates on the game's progress in between songs.

Throughout the hour and a half long concert, the sold-out crowd, comprised of mostly anxious teenage girls and college women along with a handful of their fathers and boyfriends they dragged along, was on its feet the entire time.

Lachey's seemingly never-ending enthusiasm throughout the performance showed that he cared about what he was singing. The females in the audiences fell under his spell when a lucky few in the front row were able to touch his hand.

However, nothing compared to the jealousy of Lachey's fans when he came out into the audience and sang to Angie Ecker, of St. Louis, who was left almost speechless after a reporter asked about her experience.

"I feel like the luckiest woman in the audience. I'm going to remember it a long time," she said before running off to call her husband.

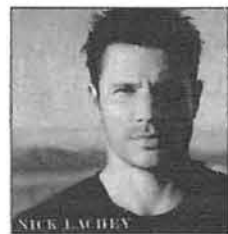
Most live performers sound nothing like they do on their albums thanks to technology that makes their voice sound flawless. However, Lachey carries

just as good a tune as he does on his sophomore album, "What's Left of Me," released last May, especially during his performance of "I Can't Hate You Anymore" and "Outside Looking In."

While not his genre, Lachey and his band were able to pull off a rendition of the acoustic and electric sounds of Led Zeppelin's "Ramble On." Including Zeppelin in his repertoire may seem out of character for Lachey but, as he said, "Being on your own tour is nice because it means you can do whatever the heck you want to do."

Nick Lachey's 'What's Left of Me' Concert Tour

★★★★★



Even his banter in between sets was breath-taking. Who knew that Nick Lachey was a romantic? Before singing more love songs off his first solo album, appropriately named "SoulO," released in November 2003, Nick swore he would find love again, declaring "I will fall in love tonight and it might just be here in St. Louis."

It was a saying about the weather, however, that really got cheers from the crowds, when Lachey said, "I tell you, it's chilly outside but it's sure as hell hot inside here with all these beautiful women."

The audience was so enthralled with the pop star that almost every one of them had their camera phones poised and ready. The luckier ones got photos of him taking off his button-down shirt, revealing his tank top. However, security guards were tirelessly trying to tell fans sneaking down for a closer look to return to their seats, but most did not listen.

His first solo tour was a success, meaning that not only should he come back to St. Louis more often, but the Touhill should start booking more pop stars like Nick Lachey.

'Energy' exhibit depicts the beauty of light, time and life

By MABEL SUEN
Features Editor

Energy is synonymous with power and can come from anything, including something as meaningful as an old family photo to something as simple as a lamp's light.

Abigail Birhanu, alumni, art education, and Dail Chambers, a student at the College of Arts in Memphis, Tenn., capture this mentality in their exhibit, "Energy," displayed in Gallery Visio from Oct. 12 through 26.

"I think that a lot of the work that Dail and I do has to do with the energy of light or the energy of memory. The whole theory that energy is never lost and is always exchanged means that it lasts forever," said Birhanu.

Birhanu's pieces consisted of digital photographs taken of various light sources including lights at Saleem's restaurant in the Delmar Loop, an underground coffeehouse in New York and a window display from Kansas City.

"I want people to go to the place that I was and to experience what I did and see the beauty in it," said Birhanu.

In her photos, the sources of light contrasted with the darkness surrounding them, contrasting glow with shadow and emphasizing aestheticism along with connections between light and time.

Each object was taken from at least four different angles and were displayed coinciding, an idea that Birhanu says was inspired by the 20th century Cubism avant-garde movement.

She said, "The Cubists painted from many different perspectives. They thought that was more true to absolute time than painting it from one side because in reality there are more components to one object than what you see."

Another piece she contributed to the exhibit

it utilized candle wax on black paper. Globes of colored wax were spotted, dripped and swirled to create the contrast between light and dark.

Chambers' pieces consisted of photo transferred reproductions of old pictures from her family.

She said that while Birhanu's pieces were more about seeing and feeling energy, her art emphasized the energy in the souls of the past of her family as a representation of minority families as a whole.

By creating copies of old family photos that have been important and relevant to her ancestral history, Chambers relates each display to her social beliefs in the community.

"Things that interest me are my social views tied in directly with myself, my daughter and my family. All these things play a major role in my art making," she said.

To illustrate this, one of her pieces entitled "Evelyn's First Car," shows how people around her excessively purchase.

The piece shows the Polaroid-sized black and white image of a young girl and a classic car over a hundred times in succession, each representing an instance where Chambers has noticed an unnecessary consumer choice in her community.

Chambers explained that another one of her other pieces, "Disappearing Act: Manchild" represented the absence of men in African American communities.

Another piece demonstrated in the same artistic manner is "Standard Girl," with the same picture of a young girl repeated several times, each representing an unmarried woman over the age of 23 in her family.

The student curator for the event, Andrea Richardson, sophomore, English, said, "I think there's so much soul and spirit in their pieces. When you look at their work, it evokes warmth. And that warmth creates energy."



Carrie Fasiska • Associate Photo Editor

Kellie Mayhew, junior, art history, and Gallery Visio volunteer, examines a sculpture titled "Comfort" by Dail Chambers in Gallery Visio.



Mike Sherwin • Managing Editor

Junior outside hitter Heather Nichols bumps against Rockhurst in October. The team beat St. Joseph's on Saturday to become the seventh-seed in the GLVC tournament. The first game is Thursday.

Volleyball secures tournament spot

By JARED ANDERSON
Staff Writer

The Riverwomen secured a spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament by defeating the St. Joseph's Pumas Saturday at McJannet South High to end the regular season with a .500 record in their conference.

The 75 fans in attendance witnessed what Coach Josh Lauer would call the Riverwomen's "A" game.

The first game would start out mostly even with the teams each having four points by the first timeout.

However, by the second timeout the Riverwomen would lead by five points with a score of 10-5. They would score another five unanswered points before the Pumas responded.

The Pumas battled back but could not keep up as the Riverwomen stayed strong to win 30-24.

The Riverwomen fell behind in the second game early on but never gave up against the Pumas and made them work for every point. The Pumas would win 30-25 but would not win again for the rest of the match.

The third game was very close and by the second timeout the score would be 23-20 in the Riverwomen's favor.

Excellent play on both sides of the net made the final score 30-27, with the

Riverwomen on top.

In the fourth and final game the Riverwomen seemed to dominate the Pumas and by the first timeout the score was 23-18. The Riverwomen maintained control and composure as they won the game 30-22.

Christy Trame, middle hitter, had a tremendous game against the Pumas with 16 kills in 31 attempts, one service ace and four defensive digs.

Senior Erin Denton had 13 kills in 28 attempts, one service ace and 14 defensive digs. Also, junior Claudia Medina and freshman Lauren Hampton both had 10 kills each and combined for nine total defensive digs.

Libero Joslyn Brown had 19 defensive digs as she helped keep the momentum in the Riverwomen's favor.

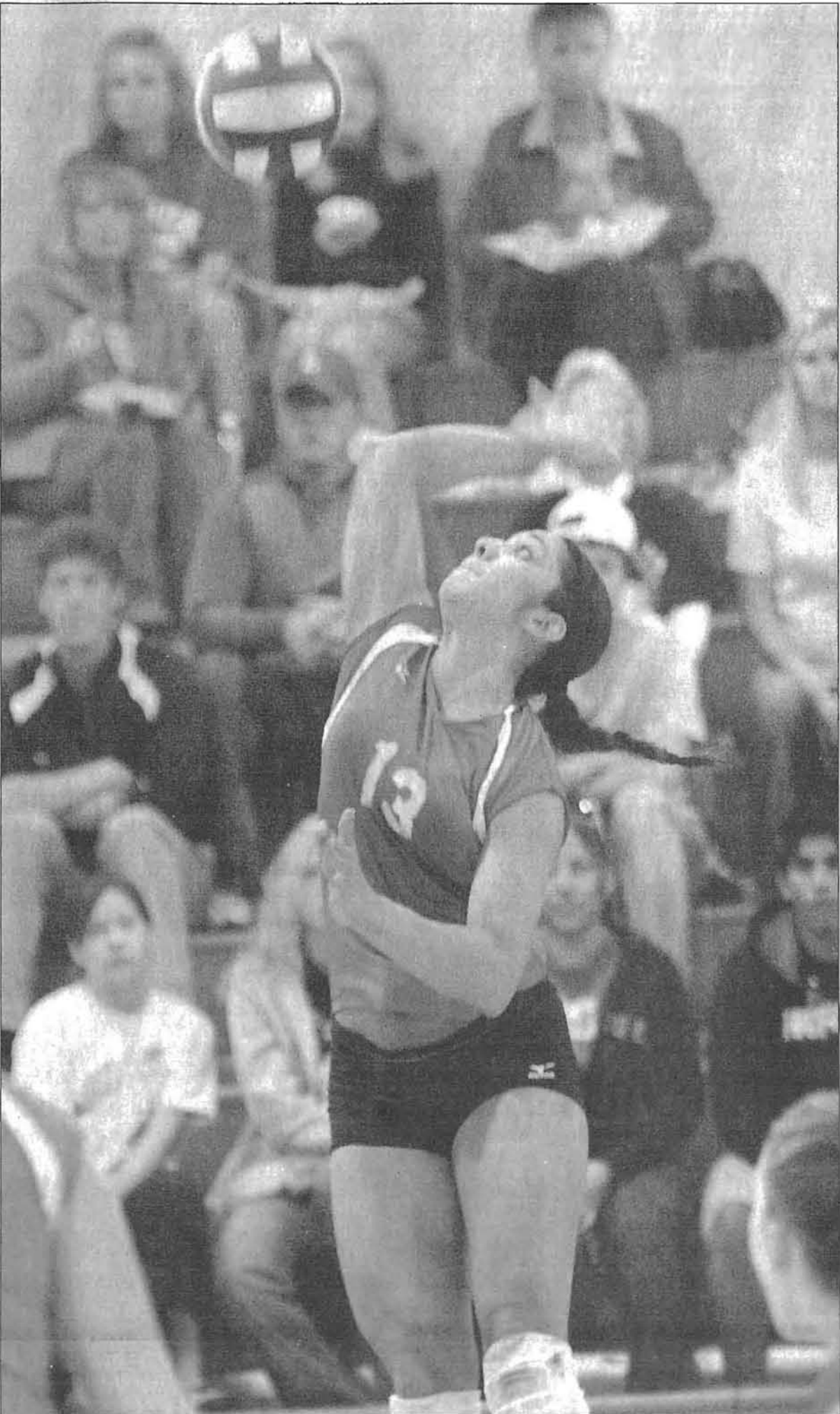
Junior Natalie Barnard was on fire with four service aces and nine defensive digs.

Winning the game secured the Riverwomen as the seventh seed in the upcoming GLVC Tournament.

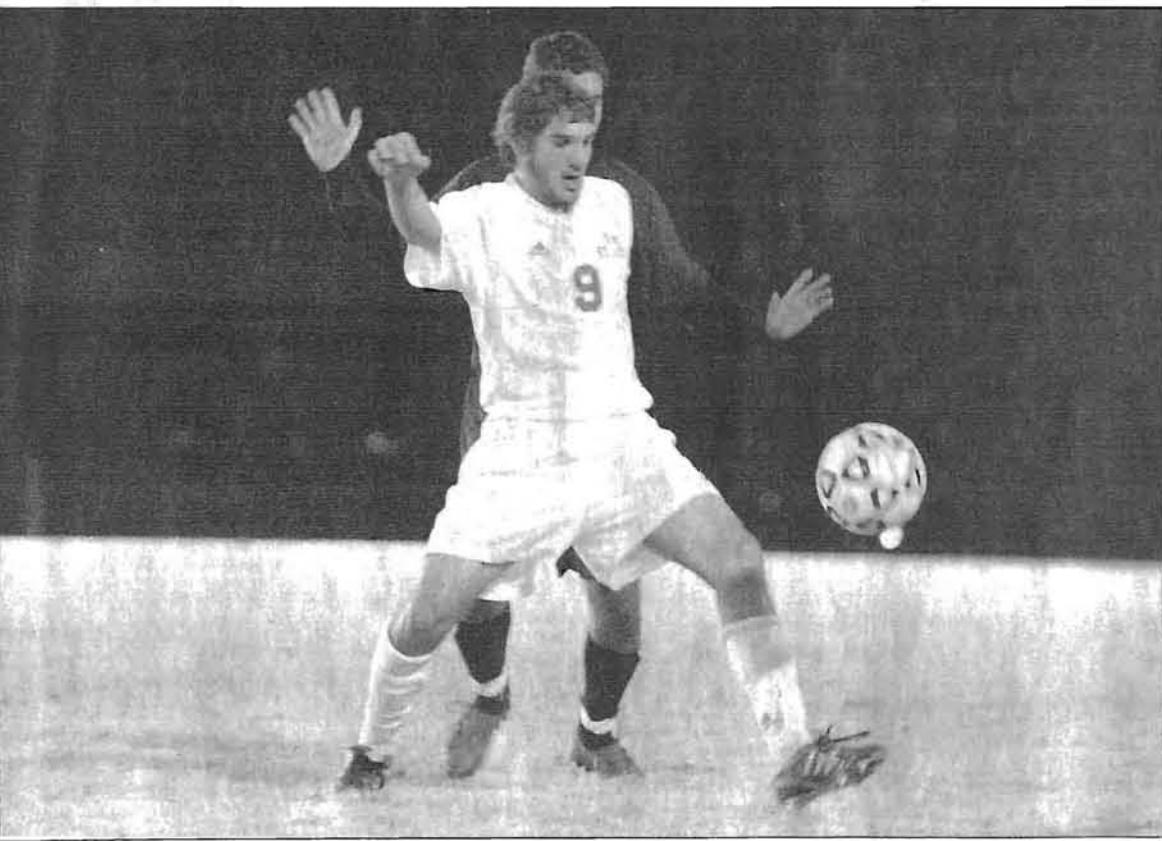
Coach Lauer is extremely proud of how his team has performed on and off the court.

"No matter what challenges we faced, we held strong and I am really proud of that."

The Riverwomen will be playing Rockhurst at SIU-Edwardsville on Thursday, Nov. 2.



Riverwomen outside hitter Claudia Medina helped her team finish the regular season with an 8-8 conference record. The team will play Rockhurst in the GLVC tournament's first round on Thursday.



Sophomore forward Colin Huber scored five goals and had ten points during the fall soccer season.

Sophomore proved to be key ingredient for success

By MOLLY BUYAT
Staff Writer

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen finishing with a winning 9-7-2 record and 6-6-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. A big part of the Rivermen's winning season is due to hardworking sophomore Colin Huber.

Huber was chosen for the Second Team All-Conference selections by the Great Lakes Valley Conference along with senior goalkeeper Zack Hoette.

Huber has started in all 16 games at the forward position for UM-St. Louis, and is second on the team with five goals and a total of 10 points.

Of his five goals, four have been game-winning in conference games.

His only goal that was not a game winner came against nationally ranked Wisconsin-Parkside and helped give the Rivermen a 1-1 tie. Huber scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over

then 13th-ranked Lewis and also netted the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Saint Joseph's that helped clinch a bid to the GLVC Tournament for the Rivermen.

Huber was also recently named the GLVC Conference Player of the Week.

When asked about his recognitions, Huber said, "I was surprised to win Conference Player of the Week because our conference has so many good players."

"When I won that, I was excited for myself and the team, because it could mean that UMSL would finally receive some of the credit that it deserved," he said.

Huber also has an optimistic attitude about the Rivermen's season.

"I think the season is going great so far. Last year, during spring workout sessions, we knew we would be young so we were hoping for a .500 season."

see COLIN HUBER, page 14

Returning players, new talent get set for basketball season

By LAGUAN FUSE
Staff Writer

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen finished the 2005-2006 basketball season with a 9-10 conference record and earned the number four seed in the GLVC Tournament back in March.

The Riverwomen faced the Northern Kentucky Norse in the first round of the tournament. NKU defeated UM-St. Louis 72-62 and the Norse went on to win the GLVC Tournament.

That was last year.

This year the Riverwomen have seven returning players from last year's team.

"Our seven returnees are very, very eager to get back there," said Head Coach Lee Buchanan. "I think they real-

ized what it takes to get back there. It takes a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck and you have to continue to get better as the year goes on. They're excited about the opportunity and the challenge to get back there."

Last season's team leader in points, blocks, free throws and rebounds, Jennifer Martin, will be entering her last season with the Riverwomen. Joining her on the court will be last season's team leader in assists, steals and minutes played, Courtney Watts.

The 2006-2007 season will be the senior year for both Jennifer Dewell and Megan Alberts. Dewell was last season's team leader in three pointers and Alberts finished the year with 100 points.

The junior class for the Riverwomen not only brings back Watts, but also

Taylor Gagliano, Leslie Ricker and Amanda Miller.

Gagliano ended the last season with 211 points and 90 rebounds. Ricker finished the season with 147 rebounds and 774 minutes played. Miller ended last season with 114 points and 91 rebounds.

Buchanan has added five new freshmen to the line-up as well as a six-foot sophomore from Beech Grove, Indiana. UM-St. Louis will now be the home of four new guards and another six-footer, except this one is a center from Bloomington, Ill.

"We're looking for them to step up right away," said Buchanan. "We need their input and their production everyday in practice and of course in each game we play. We have a nice mix of new players from size to speed, shooters, and

ball-handlers. Once they get comfortable with our system, I think they're going to be major players in the success of this year."

The tallest players to enter their first year in an UM-St. Louis jersey both stand at six foot. Nichole Helfrich led Beech Grove High School in points scored, rebounds and blocked shots. Alisa Ndongoro (the "N" is silent) was named team MVP her senior year at Normal High School and average 13 points and seven rebounds.

The newest guards to the Riverwomen's locker room are Lindsey Ransome, Lacey Shalenko, Kelly Mitchell and Kristi White.

Ransome averaged 18 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals per game as a senior at Perry Central High

School. Shalenko recorded 72 assists her senior year at Collinsville High School. Mitchell averaged 12 points and five rebounds in her senior year at Assumption High School. White averaged 14 points and three assists her senior year at Louisville Male High School.

The UM-St. Louis women's basketball team also has the addition of a new assistant coach, Sheila Hering.

"She's young and enthusiastic," said Buchanan. "She played over in Ireland, played pro ball, so she knows some of the little tricks and all of the things that it takes to be successful."

The first game of the 2006-2007 season for the Riverwomen will be an exhibition game against the Division I St. Louis University Billikens this Friday at 5 p.m. at the Scottrade Center.

SPORTS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Christy Trame

Christy Trame is a middle hitter for the UM-St. Louis volleyball team. She played a season with Indiana State where she led her team with 111 blocks and was second in kills with 237 before coming to UM-St. Louis.

In the last regular game of the season, she had 16 kills and four blocks in the win against the St. Joseph's Pumas, which secured the seventh seed in the GLVC Tournament. They will take on second seeded Rockhurst on Thursday, Nov. 2.

STATS CORNER

| WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL | | | | |
|--------------------|----------|----|----|----|
| GLVC standings: | | | | |
| Team | Overall: | W | L | |
| SIUE | | 25 | 4 | |
| Rockhurst | | 25 | 4 | |
| Lewis | | 22 | 5 | |
| Indianapolis | | 23 | 9 | |
| Southern Indiana | | 17 | 10 | |
| Northern Kentucky | | 19 | 12 | |
| Bellarmine | | 12 | 12 | |
| Drury | | 13 | 16 | |
| UM-St. Louis | | 11 | 17 | |
| UW-Parkside | | 8 | 17 | |
| Quincy | | 9 | 22 | |
| Saint Joseph's | | 6 | 20 | |
| Kentucky Wesleyan | | 2 | 27 | |
| Box scores: | | | | |
| October 27 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Indianapolis (W) | 36 | 32 | 24 | 29 |
| UM-St. Louis | 34 | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| October 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| St. Joseph's | | 24 | 30 | 27 |
| UM-St. Louis (W) | 30 | 25 | 30 | 30 |

SPORTS BRIEF

Basketball Exhibition Games

The UM-St. Louis men's and women's basketball teams will face St. Louis University in exhibition games on Friday Nov. 3. The women's game will start at 5 p.m. followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m. at SLU.

UPCOMING GAMES

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That, and zombies are wayay faster than they look! Ha ha!

That they are, Sid.

Did you learn anything, Coby?

How about you, Tyler? You learn anything?

Well, let's see...

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"Oktoberfunk IV part six: Bunk in a Bunker"

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Andy Higgins

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by E. Gearhart

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MAXIMO PREDICTS

Horoscopes for Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

Aries
March 21-April 19

Boo! I know I scared you, you little weenie. I wouldn't go outside after dark this week, terror lurks in the dark. Well maybe not terror. In fact, it is probably me. I am in love with you. Smoochy.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

It is time for you to tell the truth. Michael Jackson's "Thriller" is your favorite song. It is OK: tell the world this week. They will understand. Not.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

So I was in line this week-end at Johnny Brooks checking out. I saw this mask that looked just like you. It was Gollum from LOTR. Plus, if you know what LOTR is, you are a total geek.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Dude. That unibrow is totally unnecessary. Shave that scary thing, and do the monster mash, it's a grave yard smash.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

What is a Leo? A Lion. What is that closely related to, maybe? That is right-a Tiger. Hahaha, the Tigers suck! Go Cards!

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your Halloween costume is stupid. You are stupid. Stupid is a stupid word. Seriously where did stupid come from? Stu-pid.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

I know I despise you filthy Librans, but I'll spare you this week because the Cardinals won the World Series. Go Cards!!!

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Isn't it time to stop being like teen wolf. That beard is just awful. It's got stuff in it, like pumpkin seeds, some candy corn and I think I saw a gremlin. Nope, that's just a booger. Sick!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Sagittarius, Use the force. Crap, I'm a total dork, still.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's just a jump to the left. And then a step to the right. With your hands on your hips. You bring your knees in tight But it's the pelvic thrust. That really drives you insane. Let's do the Time Warp again. Let's do the Time Warp again.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your mom sounded like Gollum last night.

Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20

I love sushi. I eat you raw. Mwahahahahahahahahah.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Astrigent

5 Flop

8 Part of TWIMC

12 Bean curd

13 Part of "to be"

14 Atmosphere

15 Reed instrument

16 Snitch

18 Cohabitant, to the Census Bureau

20 Large flatfish

21 Costello and Brock

23 Comm. device

24 Endless

28 Tidy

31 Goddess (Lat.)

32 Appomattox victor

34 Round Table address

35 Possesses

37 Foot soldiers

39 Prompt

41 Nitwit

42 Woodrow Wilson's "Fourteen -"

45 Room to maneuver

49 Swollen, in a way

51 Old fogey

52 Seamstress's

case

Harding

33 Measuring strip

53 Candle count

9 Least likely to boast

36 Out of the shade

54 Take a gander

10 Sandwich cookie

38 Item in 52-Across

55 Foolish one

11 Shopping venue

40 Greek vowel

56 Scepter

17 Formerly stylish

42 "The - Piper of Hamelin"

57 Differently

19 Protracted

43 Aware of

DOWN

1 Resting on

19 Protracted

44 Luminary

2 Timber wolf

22 Be upright

46 Sweater material

3 Extraterrestrial spacecraft

24 Altar

47 Commotions

4 Swiss cereal

25 Fresh

48 Draft animals' frame

5 Rum cocktail

26 Imaginary

50 Id counterpart

6 Grecian vessel

27 Surrounded with a cover

7 Adroit

29 Melody

8 President

30 Attempt

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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| 2 | | | | 3 | | 4 | 7 |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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BRANDOW, from page 1

Hossain said Brandow was the Athletics Chair of the 2005 Homecoming Committee. "She really put herself into things she was into," Hossain said about Brandow's commitment to the Homecoming Committee and everything else she witnessed Brandow take part in.

Brandow had a "really vibrant" personality and always had positive comments about "everything," Hossain said. "She was a lot of fun to be around, even when she was stressed she was fun," she said.

"She was one of those people you

could tell cared a lot about the people she was close to," Hossain said.

According to Hossain, her sorority and the Delta Zeta sorority are "all pretty close" and they do a lot of activities together. She said that was how she and Brandow would hang out as friends.

"I always wanted to hang out more with her," Hossain said, "I'm sad that I never really acted upon that."

A wake was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 29 at the Pickering Funeral Home. The burial

will take place Monday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. at the East Lawn Memorial Park in Mexico, MO.

The funeral home's statement said flower memorials were suggested by the family to be made to the Delta Zeta Foundation, 202 E. Church Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056 or they may be sent in care of Pickering Funeral Home, 403 N. Western, Mexico, MO 65265.

Expressions of sympathy for the family can be posted through the funeral home's website at www.pickeringfh.com.

BICYCLING, from page 8

Harris said that by being involved in the course, he learned several things he did not know before, including alternatives to making left turns and about new equipment he needed.

According to Pion, this year has been the most successful year of the

program, with over 100 people participating in the classes and over 50 proceeding on to the on-bike sessions.

Pion said because the program is supported by a federal grant which may end this year, he is not currently accepting any more new students.

He is not sure that the program will occur again next year, though he hopes it will.

For more information on this program, along with information on if it will be offered next year, e-mail Pion at mpion@swbell.net or go to www.thinkbicycling.com.

COLIN HUBER, from page 11

This year, not only did we make it to the tournament but we know that we can achieve so much more."

Head Coach Dan King also had nothing but good things to say about his key goal scorer.

"Colin puts in extra time and always hustles," King said. "He gets to practice early and works out hard the whole time. He really is a great

player and a huge asset to our team this year."

The 2006 season did not look too promising on paper. The Rivermen lost a lot of older players and were really counting on the incoming freshmen to step it up.

It seems that it was no problem at all. "When we ended last year, we had nine or 10 starters graduate,"

Huber said.

"A lot of players knew that they would have to step up into the starting positions, and we knew that some freshmen players would be starting as well. The freshmen have exceeded our expectations, and everyone on the team is working towards the same goal, which is something we didn't have last year."

STEM CELLS, from page 4

To supporters of the amendment, the issue is saving lives and pursuing a line of research that may provide cures for people, adults and children, with illnesses such as diabetes and Parkinson's or spinal injuries, burns, and a host of problems, using cells that for twenty some odd years have been thrown away as medical waste.

Who could be opposed to using medical waste to save people's lives? That is what we are talking about, because it is discarded embryos from fertility clinics, not something from abortion clinics. Of course, the most curious part is that we are talking about the excess embryos created in fertility clinics, which have been routinely discarded as medical waste for years and all the time that this has been going on, the opponents of stem cell research said nothing. There were no protests at fertility clinics about this practice and not even any discussion of the routine discarding of embryos. In fact no mention of them at all until someone thought to put that medical waste to better use.

Stem cell research holds real promise but it is not actually a choice between two equivalent kinds of stem cell research. Opponents like to pretend that there is a debate between an ethical and unethical type of stem cell research but there is not such either-or choice or scientific competition between adult stem cell and embryonic stem cell research. Adult stem cell research is likely to yield different kinds of cures and treatments than embryonic stem cells. Embryonic stems cells are pluripotent, which means that they are so early in development that they retain the potential to become any kind of cell. These flexible cells have the potential to be coaxed to become replacement cells for nerves, so spinal cord injury victims can walk, those suffering from Alzheimer's might remember and

those with diseases like Parkinson's or ALS might recover.

Adult stem cells, while promising for certain cures, have passed that threshold. We cannot, at this point, make them go back, if we ever will be able to do that. Both kinds of stem cell research are promising but the potential for embryonic stem cells is greater. But it does not mean research on adult stem cells will not go forward too.

Adult stem cells have been instrumental in some advances but the reason is that adult stem cell research is moving forward while embryonic stem cells research is being held back by restrictions. It seems pretty silly for opponents of embryonic stem cell research to say there have been no cures, when the research has not yet been done.

The destruction of embryos is often cited as a reason to oppose stem cell research but the discovery of a method of embryonic stem cell production that leaves the embryo intact did nothing to mollify opponents. This method harvests a single cell at an early phase, which is used for a stem cell line, and leaves an embryo that develops normally, yet it did not reduce opposition.

Are embryos and real live babies morally the same? One moral test that has been discussed widely is the burning building question: if you were in a burning building and could save only one of these — a dish of embryos or a baby — which would you save?

All the many years that fertility clinics discarded unused embryos as medical waste, the opponents of stem cell research said nothing about the harvesting of eggs or the discarding of embryos. Both are hot topics now but no campaigns were mounted to encourage embryo adoption until there was a chance that those embryos, what was being tossed out

as waste, could be used to help people, to cure sick or crippled children, or reverse the ravages of disease.

On the "it's cloning" issue, it is important not lose the big picture in the terminology. For most of us, human cloning means a cloned baby. This means a cloned embryo is produced, implanted in a woman's uterus, and then a baby is born. This is the only way to produce a cloned human baby since there is no artificial substitute for a uterus. Without a woman, there is no baby, cloned or otherwise. Opponents of this amendment often skip over this point and overlook the fact that producing a cloned baby is banned by the amendment.

Aren't mothers important? If a woman has an embryo in her uterus, and nothing interferes, a baby is born. If stem cells, or an embryo, are in a glass dish, and nothing interferes, the cells die. No baby is born. Which viewpoint seems more harmful to women?

There are a number of nightmarish scenarios that opponents of the amendment are suggesting, usually without either basis in fact or mention that there is nothing in the amendment that hints at the possibility. Yet none of their nightmare scenarios talk about what happens to the people who will be denied treatments in Missouri. Or that the research will go forward, with or without them, but not just in this state. It will not stop scientific progress, just make it more difficult for Missourians who could be helped by the research and drive scientists and the medical industry out of the state.

Curiously, after all that misleading campaigning against stem cell research, opponents are now claiming to stand for "truth" of all things. Perhaps we should all just read the amendment and make up our own minds about who is being truthful.

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Stranger than Fiction

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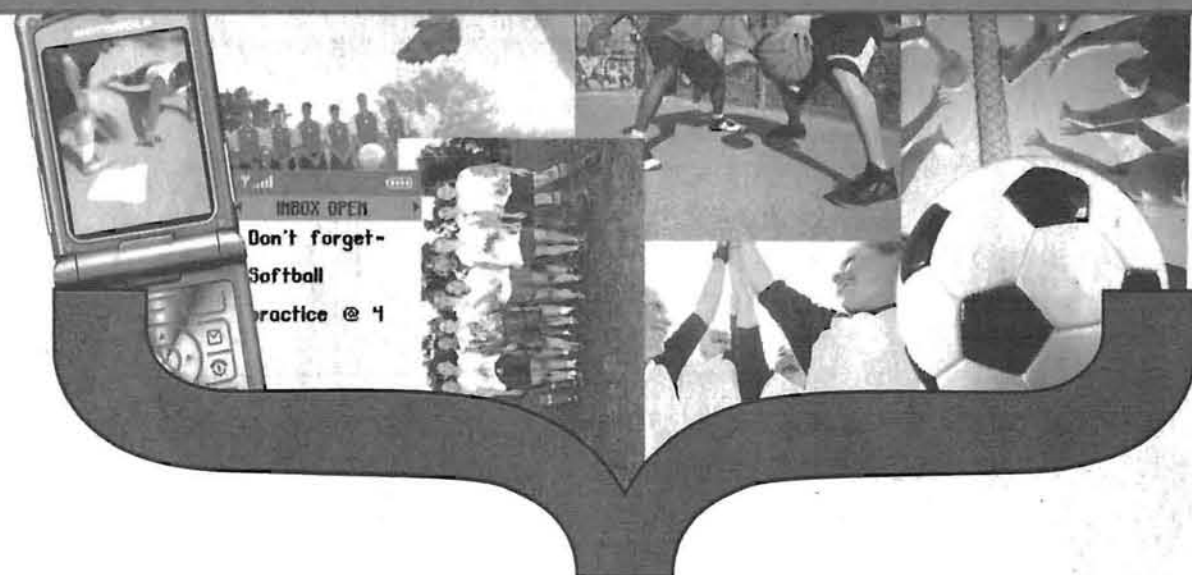
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40-Yard Dash

Date: 10/3
Time: Tues 1p-4p
Place: MT Rec Field
Sign up: Drop In
Division: M & W

Volleyball

Date: 10/18
Time: Wed 7p-10p
Place: MT Gym
Sign up: 10/17
Division: M & W

DemoBall/Laser Tag

Date: 10/19
Time: Thurs TBA
Place: St. Charles
Sign up: 10/17
Division: Open

Racquetball

Date: 10/23-10/27
Time: Mon-Fri Flexible
Place: MT Racquetball Courts
Sign up: 10/17
Division: M & W

Floor Hockey

Date: 10/24-12/5
Time: Mon 7p-10p
Place: Mt Gym
Sign up: 10/17
Division: CoEd & M

Volleyball

Date: 10/23-5/4
Time: Tues 7p-10p
Place: Mt Gym
Sign up: 10/17
Division: CoEd II

Indoor Soccer

Date: 10/25-5/6
Time: Wed 7p-10p
Place: MT Gym
Sign up: 10/17
Division: CoEd & M

Wallyball

Date: 11/9
Time: Thurs 6:30p-9p
Place: MT Racquetball Courts
Sign up: 11/7
Division: CoEd Triples

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