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Women's Center Saved From Budget Cuts

by Anjanette Smith
Current news reporter

The battle to keep the coordinator's position of the Women's Center from being eliminated in response to budget cuts ended with a victory party in favor of the center. An array of foods and flowers arrived from many supporters who gathered at 211 Clark Hall last Wednesday, in place of its scheduled protest rally in front of Woods Hall. Likewise, the men and women whose lives have been touched by the center during its 19 years in operation at the university appeared with exhilaration that the position hadn't been cancelled.

"There were a lot of students who were really upset, sad and angry," said Joanne Grubb, coordinator of the Women's Center since 1990.

"There are a lot of the women students who have gotten a lot of support in the center that has kept them in school. This is their source of support, this is where they network, this is where their friends are, and this is where they come to get what they need to make it through school," she said. "The Women's Center provides a place of relaxation and a number of services to the

student body, such as the handling of sexual harassment complaints, informal counseling, crisis counseling, lunch-time programs on women's issues, and a resource library of women's literature and materials. Because of these services and resources, it has become an active part of the St. Louis community," Grubb said.

"We're well-known in the community as a resource center and as a referral. People call from other states when they are moving here to find out what's available for women in the community," Grubb stated.

Within the university, the center offers programs for various students.

The Women's Center has been an important resource for a diverse group of UMSL students. The center has sponsored groups and seminars for black women, 'older' women who were returning to school, disabled students, 'men in transition,' single parents, sober women alcoholics, divorced and separated women, lesbians and women writers, among others. The Center has served over 200,000 women and men on campus and innumerable people from the metro-St. Louis community have attended the many Women Center-

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SGA Official Resigns

by Bill Farnsworth
Current news reporter

A long time member of student government and other committees resigned from all of his positions last week. In a letter addressed to Mark Grimes, Student Government Association President, Ken Johnson cited a lack of time as his reason for withdrawing from his extra-curricular activities.

Grimes said, "Ken was the most involved student on campus, he wore many hats." Johnson held positions such as Chair of the Student Government Association Assembly, SGA Parliamentarian, Editor of the SGA Newsletter, Student Senator and seats on Senate Committees.

"He did quite a bit and I understand," said Grimes, "whenever I

needed him, he was there, to help wherever he could."

Grimes said that he would not replace Johnson in any of the positions that were vacated because his term as SGA President expires in early May. The next SGA President will appoint new people to those positions and Grimes said that "there would be no point now" to appoint anyone.

"Ken's absence will be sorely missed, his shoes would have been hard to fill," Grimes admitted.

Johnson could not be reached for comment.

Grimes plans to act as Chair of the SGA Assembly for the only meeting scheduled before the end of his term. The meeting is scheduled for Monday April 6. The times and room in the J.C. Penney building will be announced.

Honors College To Sponsor Dance

by Hill Newton
Current news reporter

Who says UM-St. Louis students do not have a social life?

The Pierre LaClede Honors College Student Association will sponsor a "Founder's Day Dance" on Friday, Apr. 3, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel Grand Ballroom. It will be open to all UM-St. Louis students and the public.

Tickets are available at the Uni-

versity Bookstore (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and the Honors College office at 2800 Normandy Drive (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Tickets are \$6 per person and \$10 per couple.

Dress for the event will be semi-formal. Music will be provided by J.L. Productions. Snack foods and a cash bar (with a valid i.d.) will be provided by the hotel.

Junior Steve Savis, vice president of the Honors College, said the idea

All Clean



UM-St. Louis Police Captain James Smalley whistles a happy tune going back to campus from getting his squad car washed on Florissant Rd. Friday.

Photo: Dirk Fletcher

Incest Survivor Shares Experience At Lecture

by Bhavana Ingorani
Current news reporter

Are emotional abuse and sexual abuse interwoven? Fran Pieper, of the Wellness Programs in Holistic Health, says "yes." Pieper was on campus last Tuesday to talk about child abuse, both sexual and emotional. She has been fighting child abuse for 16 years and sexual abuse for the last eight.

Having been a victim of sexual abuse herself, Pieper says she understands the feelings of the abused. She also states that the word "victim" does not apply to the abused, because anyone who has experienced this ordeal as a child is a "survivor."

Pieper says the link between emotional and sexual abuse is obvious. Most of the attention shown toward an abused child centers around mental and emotional abuse; the abuser refrains from psychological battering only long enough to perform sexual abuse. She said most people blame the mother because they think she is the colluder.

Pieper says, "the person whom

you feel closest and safest to is the person you would be mad at and this person is mostly the mother." She said most people assume that the mother knows about the ongoing abuse of the child.

There have been a lot of cases in this country where incest has been a way of life for many families. Pieper stressed the point that there are over a million children who are abused both

emotionally and sexually every year. She has been fighting against sexual abuse for the past eight years and started a support group for survivors: The group focuses on support, understanding, education, treatment resources, and prevention.

Pieper discussed some of the

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Cycle of Violence

Domestic Abuse Is A Daily Struggle For Millions Of American Women

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

First of three parts:

Fifteen seconds isn't a very long time—a few blinks of the eye, one-fourth of a minute. According to the Women's Self Help Center of St. Louis, a woman is battered in the United States every 15 seconds.

Domestic violence, especially violence against women, is a continuous problem that more than 2 million American women find themselves trying to cope with day in and day out.

Battering occurs among women of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds. Over time, battered women can experience isolation, low self-esteem, depression, increased alcohol or drug abuse, emotional problems, temporary and permanent physical injuries and even death.

Many battered women have been victims of physical and/or sexual abuse. A profile of battered women offered by the Women's Self Help Center shows the mother of a battered woman may have also been abused. Battered women show fear, anxiety, hidden anger, guilt and at the same time hope.

Women in abusive relationships many times are isolated from friends and family members. Sometimes, these women have moved away from family members with their husbands and are afraid to tell even their closest friends about their abusive situations because of what might happen.

Battered women are both emotionally and economically dependent on their partners and communication lines between the two are often badly severed.

Abusers and batterers of women show common traits as to why they do what they do and how

they abuse their partners. According to the Women's Self Help Center, batterers will isolate and control their victims for reasons such as jealousy and growing up in families where violence has prevailed.

Batterers many times will have problems with the law and have Jekyll and Hyde personalities including denying and not even remembering the beatings. They will do anything they can to force the victim away then do anything they can to get her back including gifts, threats and empty promises.

The cycle of violence, also known as the battered woman syndrome, is comprised of three phases or conditions common to most abusive relationships. The first phase, tension building, is where anger is present in the man, although at a relatively low level. It is in this phase that possessiveness, jealousy, stress, anxiety and surveillance of the woman's activities all increase within the man.

Minor battering and humiliating incidents, both in public and in private, can be seen by the batterer as well as a fear that the woman will leave, leading to the need for more control.

A woman experiencing the first phase will begin to withdraw and alienate herself from those who can help, including family members. She will justify the man's behavior and blame it on other stress causing factors. She will work hard to keep peace and she will succumb to the man's pressures by looking at herself as an outlet for his stress and anger. Women who have sought help in centers have

said they feel like they're "walking on eggshells" in the relationship.

The second phase, acute battering, includes violent explosions on the part of the man. It is characterized by lack of predictability, lack of control, emotional exhaustion and major destructiveness. It is during this phase that the beating occurs many times to "teach her a lesson."

The victim will isolate herself completely, lose all aspects of self-esteem, block out the beatings, cover the bruises, and consider seeking help. Counselors say they try to reach the woman during this phase because it is then that the woman is most willing to accept help.

They say once the couple enters the next phase, helping the woman

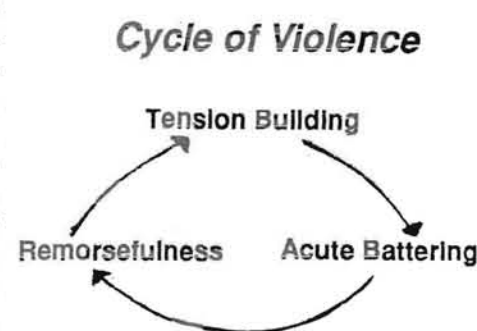
can be impossible, for it is in the third phase that bonding occurs, forgiveness is offered and the beating stops, until the next time.

During the third phase, the man promises "never again," says, "I can't believe I can't do this to you" and is loving and kind to his victim. The woman feels responsible for the man and feels guilty about having considered leaving. The levels of hope are at their highest and there is a strong belief that the man will change.

The cycle then repeats itself, and over time gets faster and faster until finally the entire bonding phase is left out completely. The beatings become more intense and serious, requiring hospitalization and possibly leading to murder.

Why do women stay in an

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Fond Farewell



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

Evening College Dean Anita McDonald greets well wishers at her going away party Wednesday. McDonald resigned from UM-St. Louis to take a position at the University of Arizona.

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abusive relationship instead of just leaving the man? Besides having to face the man she loves and telling him she is leaving, something which is

very hard for some women to do, she has to consider the economic situation. Staying with a man is appealing to the woman when considering she may

have to go on welfare to support her children.

Many women are afraid to be alone, or they believe the man will

change and are too embarrassed to admit there is a problem; not to mention they still love their partners. The women have been oppressed and put down so consistently, they don't know any other way of life and the thought of trying to adjust scares them even more.

Help shelters and counseling centers for women are offered throughout the St. Louis area. Next week, what these centers are about, how to reach these centers and shelters and what the justice system can do will be explored.

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Politics... UMSL Style

Politics at UM-St. Louis is better than watching Jerry Brown attack Bill Clinton's credibility.

In last week's Student Senate Affairs Committee meeting, the political wheel spun viciously as members elbowed for position. Members of the committee usually "rubberstamp" the allocations that the Student Activities Budget Committee makes to student organizations. Several committee members felt that they need "rational" papers to justify the budget committee's decision.

That recommendation sounds good. The only downfall mentioned in the meeting is that the committee could possibly undermine any recommendations made by the budget committee.

Then budget committee member Julie Schwetz played her own version of "The Price is Right". Schwetz played up to her favorite groups by giving the right price to several groups. It was then apparent which groups Schwetz didn't like.

For example, Schwetz did not want any money allocated to Delta Zeta Sorority, the Ice Hockey Club, Panhellenic, Pi Kappa Alpha, the Riverman Bowling Club and Sigma Tau Gamma.

This doesn't come as a surprise. All year long, Schwetz had a problem with these groups. Also following Schwetz's lead was Ken Johnson. He allocated zero for Greeks and any group affiliated with sports.

Peggy Cohen, chairman of the Student Senate Affairs Committee, then told Schwetz she had a problem with those groups being allocated nothing. Schwetz's response was one of "no politics was played here." It was quite obvious she had her own political agenda the day she took office.

After the meeting, Cohen was upset. She was fuming because of the political game.

Politics on the national level is fun to watch. The political game at UM-St. Louis isn't fun to watch because there are no winners, and the real losers are the students.

What's New In SGA?

By the time the next Student Government Association President is chosen, students will be focused on final exams and not the campus presidential race.

In previous years, the applications for SGA officers were issued in March, with the election in mid-April. This year, students will select a president and vice president by April 30. Applications for the positions will be available around April 1.

Since President Mark Grimes and Vice President Julie Schwetz took office last May, SGA has done nothing for students. When tuition rose, where were your student leaders? The fact is they made little noise in the assembly meetings and to the general public.

In addition, did they keep any promises from their platform? No. There is no homecoming. Grimes also promised accountability to students and the administration. None has been circulated.

After Schwetz was elected to office, she promised more polling places. It shouldn't surprise students that only one polling place will be available.

The delay of when SGA elections will happen should come as no surprise to students. It's typical SGA in action.



He's Not George 'PeachyKeen' After All

by Russell Korando
of *The Current* staff

Have you ever heard the old saying, "If you're not part of the answer, you're part of the problem"?

For 16 years, Circuit Attorney George Peach was part of the answer to St. Louis' problems concerning prostitution and pornography.

Then, a funny—if not conveniently ironic—thing happened three Saturdays ago: Peach became part of the problem.

After he admitted to and was charged for soliciting prostitution, Peach found it odd that anyone dared to see his behavior as hypocritical.

I guess Peach can fail to see the hypocrisy because, remember, he's on the right side of the law.

Wake up people!

Every day he remains a prosecuting attorney while he is under investigation himself confirms my belief that people are content to sit back and turn a blind eye.

Commentary

The growing list of political malcontents is a shining example of crime's biggest attribute: the people we elect to enforce the law.

C'mon, Ted Kennedy was sitting on a congressional panel on sexual harassment. We all know his past, so no sense wasting space describing his sexual escapades.

And now that Clarence Thomas sits on the U.S. Supreme Court, I guess it's alright to smoke pot, as long as you quit by the time you finish college.

By now all you ultra-right wing conservatives are fuming. And you're probably thinking, "Oh great, another troublemaker who wants to take jabs at the legal system."

That argument is getting as stale as the air in Los Angeles.

Hell, I don't know the solution. No one is perfect. But Peach knew good and well what the implications of his act were before he ever picked up the phone.

Is it me or do Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton and his lovely wife Hillary remind you of John F. and Jackie Kennedy. Clinton is very articulate, and he carried himself well through what could have been a messy disaster when Gennifer Flowers came forward with allegations of his marital infidelity.

Clinton is the young, good-look-

ing national idealist the Democratic party has been searching for since Kennedy's assassination.

We'll see how Clinton's appeal survives the GOP's tortuous attacks, and Clinton will not be debating against a nervous Richard Nixon.

I think Democratic voters just saw Paul Tsongas for what he is: Mike Dukakis, four years later.

Not that I ever supported Vince Schoemehl or anything during his tenure as the Mayor of St. Louis, but the fact that he graduated from UM-St. Louis may help the whole UM system.

Let me get this straight. A bank charges me if I bounce a check, but our government officials can play basketball with their checking accounts—free of charge. Whew!

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Fraternity Parties Don't Exploit Women, Alcohol

Dear Editor:

A letter that was written to you by Tom O'Connor (Frats Signs: Social Retardation, Mar. 16, 1992, *The Current*) left a bad taste in my mouth. I feel we have a junior Nikita Khrushchev beating his shoe on the table screaming "I'm gonna bury you" in the Student Senate.

Mr. O'Connor's saber rattling about revoking charters from all the fratern-

ities that he does not like is nothing but a narrow-minded ultra-conservative mentality.

We do not promote sexual exploitation or alcohol abuse and never will! We have a bylaw which states that if any member is caught sexually harassing a woman, either physically or verbally, he will be suspended and heavily fined. We have promoted a dry rush (one with no alcohol), parties with a theme, and pure and simple fun

for those who want to attend. If Mr. O'Connor would attend one of the parties that we have, he might find that they are simply a way for UM-St. Louis students to relax after a full week of school and work.

There are no orgies or anything else at any of our events that could be referred to as a hostile environment.

We are a social organization and we are marketing social events to promote fun, not sex or alcohol abuse. This is a commuter campus with nothing to offer the students in the way of social activities other than sports events, which are highly under-attended. We give the students something to do on a Wednesday or Friday night, especially those under 21 who cannot get into a dance club. Our parties consist of a gathering with music and dancing—nothing more, nothing less.

The fraternities are the closest thing to a small business that the campus has to offer. We have to collect dues,

put out ads, pay vendors, organize events and charities and assess assets. You cannot get that kind of experience in the classroom.

For Thanksgiving, we even sponsor a dinner for the community to help the elderly. The flyers we and other fraternities put out are simply a way to attract attention and get participation. If someone over 21 wants to drink a beer, that is his or her right. If two consenting adults want to kiss or do something sexual, that's their right. We do not condone or promote either.

Mr. O'Connor, you're moving us into the dark ages, not into the 1990s. People are allowed to relax and socialize. Oh, and Mr. O'Connor and all others who feel the way he does, I, as social chairman, invite you to come to one of our parties. You just might have fun and loosen up a little. You could even find that we are not beer swilling, over-sexed monsters!

Bill Hentshell

Take A Closer Look: Frats No Animal House

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter, "Frat Signs: Social Retardation" (Mar. 16, 1992, *The Current*), it is sad that a member of the Student Senate would have such a narrow and biased view of what social fraternities are all about.

First off, Mr. O'Connor, you are taking the meaning of the TKE's party "Come On I Want To Lei (not Lay) You" out of context. It is not sexual harassment, but a reference to the theme of placing a lei around the neck of the participants at the party.

Mr. O'Connor, you only seem to be looking at the misdeeds of the few instead of looking inside. Look at the Pi Kappa Alpha's recent clothing drive for the homeless. We (I'm the Pike who organized it) collected 1,500 pieces of clothing and food for the

homeless. Ignore the Pike's support of St. Vincent's Orphanage or our role in the Special Olympics.

Finally, your remark that mainstream America has rejected social fraternities is completely false. There are prominent Pikes such as Col. Harlan Sanders and Tennessee Ernie Ford. In addition, up to 50 percent of the CEOs of the top 100 businesses in America have realized that social fraternities build character and teach the integrity, respect and equality you desire.

I don't mean to be rude, Mr. O'Connor, but if the only other data you have to judge us by is an old copy of "Animal House," you need to look closer before you try to revoke our charters.

John L. Pilgrim

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The committee, which is usually comprised of all student government leaders at the four UM schools, selected Stephanie Patterson over Korman.

"He wasn't selected because of [Desert Storm]," Ridley said.

Korman said he found Johnson's statements "hard to believe." But he said the entire search process needs work.

"One small ad was taken out in the *Maneater* [the student newspaper] seeking applications for student curators. Only 20 applied out of 24,000 students. The process was flawed. My impression of the selection process is that it wasn't wide enough."

Korman said he has questioned several Board members about the fairness of selecting mostly graduate students as student curators. Two of the candidates—Tom Ray and Jeff Williams—were graduate students at the time of application, and Patterson will be a graduate student in September.

"You have to wonder why they chose only graduate students," Korman said.

Still, Ridley and Luke Peterson, UM-Rolla Student Council president, wonder why UM-St. Louis student leaders are bitter.

"They have no reason to complain," Peterson said. "I hate to see one student government blow this out of perspective. I think it doesn't help any of the students in the system."

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sponsored events. Grubb described the students who use the center as being "primarily women but we do have some men who use it, a lot of minority, African-American students, a lot of disabled students, basically non-traditional students."

As a result of negotiations, the center will be open for the 1992-93 school year with a part-time position for the coordinator with help from the counseling center in Career Placement, but beyond that there is doubt. In response to the question of whether this issue was finished, Grubb remarked, "It's not completely over. I would say that in these economic times, not only on this campus but on other campuses and in the country as a whole, it seems that nothing is safe."

This sentiment echoed in Vice-Chancellor Sandy MacLean's explanation for the termination of the coordinator's position. "People don't understand how massive the cuts are particularly in the non-academic areas. This campus has made the decision to cut non-academic areas not surprisingly more than academic areas. So we're taking massive cuts, it can't be business as usual," MacLean said.

Areas that have felt the recent slice of budget cuts are Athletics, Career Placement, with one position lost, and Student Activities in University Center with two lost.

Senate Election Results An-

The University Senate Elections were held on March 11 and 12

The student senators, who serve a one-year term, are: Lisa Becker, Sheryl Exler, Dawn Friese, Patricia Graziani, Marion Hague, Jayson Hardie, Daniel Hayse, Karen Hill, Christopher Johnson, Christopher Jostes, Nicholas Karabas, John Kleweis, Robert Lammert, Michael Leicht, Charles Masters, Christine Maupin, Barbara Pecoraro, Kimberly Phillips, David Roither, Cheryl Stevenson, John Stiles, Richard Strifler, Laura Thayer, Christina Vogel and Robert Williams.

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symptoms of such as; hiding in baggy clothes, obsession with privacy, eating disorders, abuse of alcohol and drugs, multiple personalities, low self esteem, suffering from excessive guilt and shame, and blocking out large areas of their childhood.

Pieper says there are many problems with the court system such as a child under the age of five cannot testify against his or her accuser. Another problem is sometimes in a case of divorce a spouse might falsely accuse a parent of physical or sexual abuse to get custody. For information on support groups call 946-0129

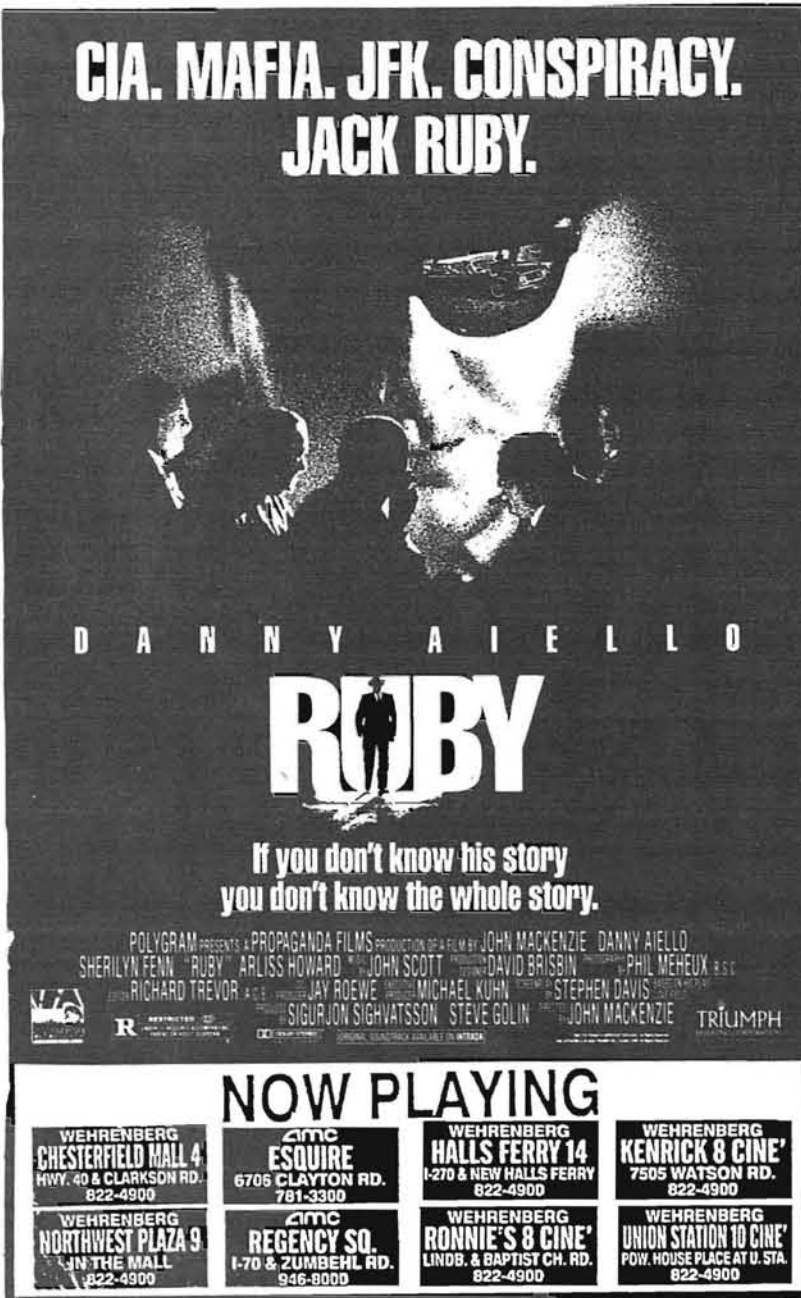
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IF YOU DON'T KNOW, LOOK IN THIS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT

IABC Can Help You Find Internships, Jobs

Linda Jarrett
Current features reporter

"The job I currently have and the jobs I have had are a result of the internships I did in college," said Kristin Tegethoff, account executive at Ear Edelman Worldwide, a public relations firm. Tegethoff spoke at a meeting of the International Association of Business Communicators Yield March 25, on the UM-St. Louis campus.

The panel discussion titled "How to Make An Internship Pay Off," also included Margie Newman, senior writer at W.F. Carroon Co.; Jim Braibish, director of public relations, Optimist International; Brian Westrich, editor of employee communications, Ralston Purina and Ellie Chapman, director of the writing certification program at UM-St. Louis.

Westrich echoed Tegethoff's remark on internships. As a graduating senior in journalism from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Westrich was required to do an in-

ternship.

"I've been with Ralston for five years and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for an internship," he said. "I was fortunate enough to get a job with Anheuser Busch in their communications group, and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that that exposure and experience got me the job at Ralston Purina."

Being successful in the internship program depends quite a bit on how much input the student contributes.

"A student can find out what they like and don't like," Tegethoff said.

Newman said any kind of exposure is good and that all exposure is good leverage for a resume when entering the job market after graduation.

"An intern should be willing to do anything," Newman said.

Braibish added that the potential intern "should be open to new experiences. Anything that pertains to the communications field, say, 'Yes.' You never know what may come down the line."

Ralston Purina started using interns for assistance with magazine production.

Westrich explained, "We try to make a point to involve them in as much as possible, meaning meetings with designers, press checks and budgeting types of things. Then they have an overall feel for the entire operation, not just reporting and writing, but exposure to all areas of magazine production."

Chapman said a wide variety of internships were offered at UM-St. Louis, including communications and political science as well as writing. Some are paid, such as the coop program, and some are unpaid.

"One of the things I can say you need to do is to check out the company and match your interests and qualifications with the particular internship," Chapman said. "Talk to the supervisor of internships and make sure you know what you're talking about. Prepare yourself ahead of time."

Braibish said, "I would suggest that when you go to a company or a non-profit organization like Optimist for an internship, I would have some expectations and have it spelled out for me that I would be doing some professional work."

When a question was raised as to the exact duties of an intern placed in

an unfamiliar office, Newman said not to look at it as a class with someone to teach you.

"Ask a million questions like 'What do you want me to do? What can I do to make the person's job easier and make them look good?'" Newman said.

Chapman addressed the problem of "pushiness," that is, what does a student say or do when he or she doesn't have enough to do, but doesn't want to seem "pushy?"

"The more enthusiasm, the more aggressiveness needed to get the job done will be appreciated," Westrich said, "and the person will be recom-



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

FROM LEFT: Margie Newman, senior writer for W.F. Carroon Co., Jim Braibish, Director of Public Relations for Optimist International, Kristin Tegethoff, account executive for Edelman Worldwide Edelman Worldwide, Brian Westrich, editor of employee communications for Ralston Purina and Ellie Chapman, director of the writing certification program at UM-St. Louis.

mended later on."

"If you're not aggressive and you just wait for something to do, you could become a burden," Tegethoff said.

Braibish said is you see some-

thing that needs to be done, ask questions.

"Err on the side of enthusiasm or someone else may get the credit,"

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Photo: Dirk Fletcher

LISTEN UP! Kristin Tegethoff tells the audience members of IABC how internships have helped her to get the jobs she has had in her life.

Ya Don't Say?

What Professor Has Been Your Worst Nightmare While Attending UMSL?

by Michele Lawson
photographer



"So far all my professors have been excellent. However, there was my U.S. Government teacher, who really believed that life, fun, happiness, sex and love all evolved around congressional papers. Good luck with her!"
—Kambiz Tajkarimi, Freshman, pre-med

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"My worst experience was showing up to class and realizing the instructor's lecture was just a reprint of the text book. I think I've been to class about three times this semester—for the tests."
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movie review

Instincts Are Not Very Basic

by David Workman
of The Current staff

If you're into pornography, you'll love "Basic Instinct," Mario Kassar's latest entry into the world of almost-NC-17 trash flicks.

Michael Douglas stars as a San Francisco detective who is attempting to solve the brutal murder of a retired rock star. Sharon Stone plays the prime suspect, a nymphomaniacal bisexual who seems to be connected to every other character in the movie.

The Alan Marshall production, directed by Paul Verhoeven, could just as easily entertain viewers at the Colony with the addition of a few close-ups. Right from the murder in the first scene, we get more than a glimpse of what the main focus is supposed to be: sex and more sex.

When "Basic Instinct" was first presented in front of the rating board, it was given an NC-17, and the producers were told to clean it up. And this is their answer? They cut approximately 40 seconds, and that seemed to satisfy the board, at least enough to reduce it to R. I certainly wouldn't want anyone under 17 to see it.

And it's really a shame, because the plot is fairly good for such a sleazy production. Writer Joe Eszterhas should be commended for his efforts in keeping the intrigue high and the audience interested.

However, it does get a little far-

fetched at times, and at some rather important ones. For instance, how often does a detective get sexually involved with a prime suspect in a murder case? Let's hope not very, if at all! Sounds pretty stupid to me.

But then where would the whole movie be? Well...I have two brown plastic cylindrical containers in my back yard....

It seemed odd that in every case, the only physical evidence left at the crime scenes was an ice pick, always the same brand. Where was the other evidence? No one leaves a murder without some other evidence left. Except in this movie.

As new cases of murder—past and present—unfold, the plot pretzels and confuses, but not to the point of boredom. That was the good part.

The bad part was the sex. It was totally unnecessary and obscene, and it didn't add anything to the movie but running time, which at two hours is more than long enough to get the point across.

In California, controversy has been stirring over the film's treatment of lesbians and bisexuals. My only advice to the protestors is: watch the movie. The character that most infuriated me was not the gays but Douglas. He seemed to have no honor of the badge and certainly no moral judgment regarding sexuality. And while no homosexual scenes were shown, with the exception of Stone's character kissing another woman, too

much heterosexual activity was revealed.

Perhaps Stone's character summed the whole venture up in a statement she made in an early scene

in the back seat of a police car when she said that fictitious plots revolve around "suspension of disbelief." I'm just glad I didn't have to pay to get in. And neither should you.

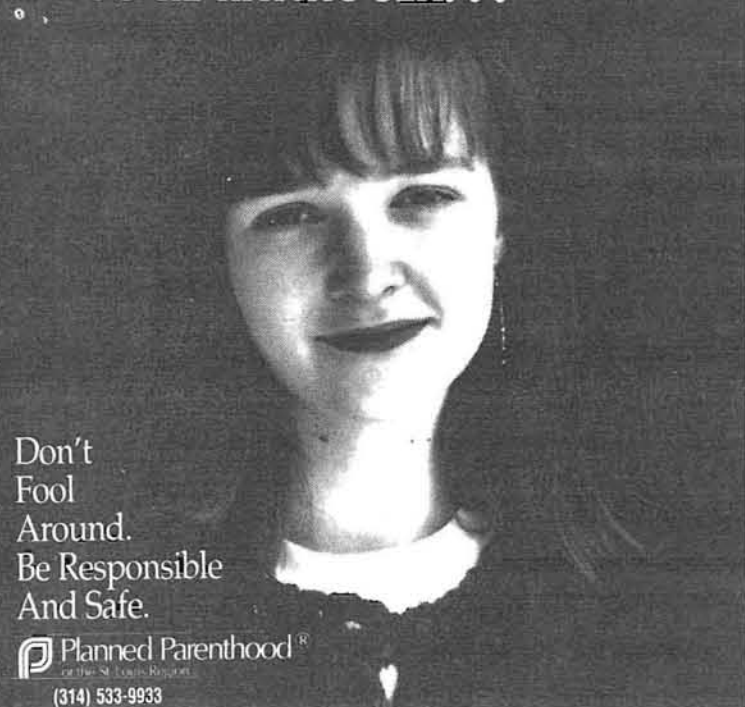


WILD! Police detective Nick Curran (Michael Douglas) and murder suspect Catherine Tramell (Sharon Stone) plunge into a provocative, dangerous affair.

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Braibish said.
Newman said one of the most important things a potential intern could do when looking for an internship is to realize you're selling yourself.
"Put together a good package," he said.
Bob Artis, a senior in business communications, attended the meeting and said he thought it posed an interesting option.
"If you can't find a job, at least this presents an opportunity to gain experience," Artis said.
IABC-St. Louis Metrocampus is the first student chapter to represent several universities and colleges in a major metropolitan area in IABC history.
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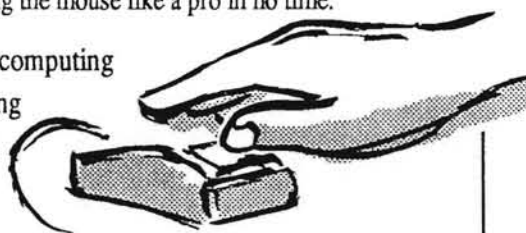
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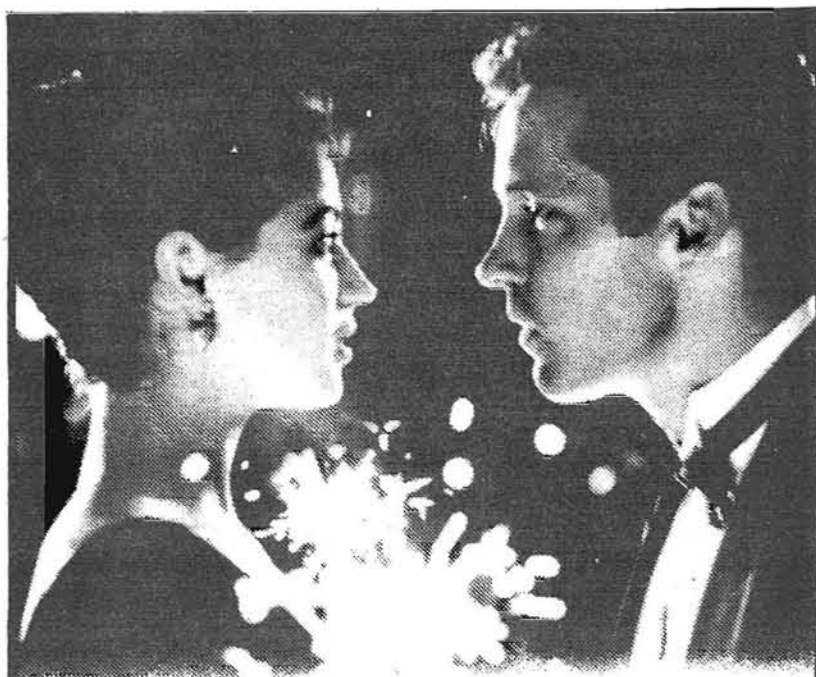


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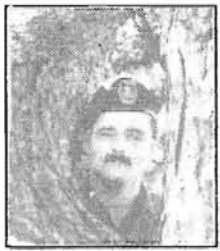
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Can Golf Carts Cure Parking Problem?

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

It's time to put my attitude and scribbled crusades in check. A kinder, gentler columnist shall emerge from the burning issues of campus and professional sports. If good news was served to the public on the same platter as bad news we would all be fat with happiness. A lot of times a young writer, like me, can get caught up in the undertow bad news seems to carry forth. Contrary to belief, I don't go along with Friedrich Nietzsche's theory that "God is dead." Don't let anyone fool you, Social Darwinism can be seen in our very government. With a 83% rise in tuition, over the next five years, we must search as a student body to fight the prevailing pessimism clouding our campus. There is nothing you and I can do about the parking situation. The light rail project has seen to that. Just ask the women's softball team. Their field was one of the first light rail casualties. Uh, oh. I feel like I'm slipping back over into the pessimists lane again. So instead of whining about the parking problem, let's work on a solution for those long walks from the Blue Metal Building over to Benton Hall. This place used to be a country club, right? That would make the distance from parking lot E to the Thomas Jefferson Library about a 400-yard par 4. There's no sense blaming campus police when you get a ticket either. They're doing their job. If you have a reasonable excuse for the ticket, they will give you a fair chance to appeal. I think the rental of about 50 golf carts would be a cheap, environmentally correct alternative to save the wear and tear on student footwear. Those of us who are employee's, and owe the school money, could volunteer to caddy students to classes. Tipping the driver would, of course (no pun intended), be allowed. Look at it this way. We should all get as much out of this school as we can. I know everyone works their tails off at this school. It's hard enough to organize a class project much less a rally to strengthen student government. One of the fraternity members made a good point in his letter to the editor last week. It said, "I'm going to get my college experience here at UMSL." This is the attitude we should all have. I've been going to school here for the past three years. I like it here just fine, and with state coffiers running dry, it's time for the third largest student body in this state to stand up and push this school into the 21st century. One of the surest moneymakers for a university is athletics. Boy, there are some fine people in Mark Twain, who would love to be able to keep up with the Joneses. It's no secret that television treats Division II athletics like the plague. If you like intensity, head on over to Rivermen Field tomorrow, and catch the men's baseball team. Rivermen skip Jim Brady is getting the most out of some great talent. Missouri Southern, who is the perennial power the MIAA Conference, comes to town for a series of games April 10. Just think what a few-hundred fans would do to boost their morale. And it would send a message throughout the MIAA that times can indeed change. Top-notch athletics and events like the upcoming Mirthday are designed specifically to give students at UM-St. Louis their own "college experience."

McNelly's Dramatic Homer Gives Rivermen A Lift Ranked 20th In NCAA Division II Poll

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

UM-St. Louis pitcher Chuck McNelly put a pretty face on an ugly win last Thursday against Missouri Valley.

McNelly launched a majestic 400-foot home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, that capped a dramatic come from behind 9-8 victory. The victory pushed the Rivermen to 10-7 going into this weekend's three game series with conference rival UM-Rolla.

McNelly's homer astonishingly came in his first college plate appearance, and he topped it off by being the winning pitcher.

"It was kind of a wingding play," McNelly chuckled. "We were moving people around in the lineup to get the right pitching matchup in case of extra innings."

Rivermen skipper Jim Brady rolled his eyes as he explained the late inning jockeying.

"When Chuck was rounding third base I was still shocked," Brady said. "I put Chuck in to face their left handed hitter and the only reason I put him in the six hole was because he's a good bunter."

After winning seven out of their last eight games, the Rivermen crept up to number 20 in the NCAA Division II baseball polls. Even though they lost freshman Eric Riley, who was the start-

ing right fielder, the Rivermen are finding a lot of ways to win. Their team batting average is sitting at .304 and the pitching staff is holding opponents to a meager .225 average.

McNelly is 3-1 and has a 2.25 earned run average. He transferred from Crowder Community College along with infielder David Leeper and Blaine Shetley after last season. Crowder has what is considered to be one of the best JUCO baseball team in the country.

Leeper, who has 14 runs batted in and eight extra-base hits, has soft hands and played at both first and third base this year. He makes tough throws to first base routinely, and has the type of attitude the Rivermen will need when they face conference nemesis Missouri Southern April 10-11.

"I had been struggling with the bat early on," Leeper said. "But I hit .500 during the trip to Pittsburg State. We played (Mo. Southern) them last year at Crowder, and we beat them every game."

If the Rivermen avoid further injuries, Mo. Southern will get all they bargained for. The win against Mo. Valley is the wave that can carry a team against their toughest foe-as long as they stay focused.

"I think when you get spanked, like we did last year against Southern, it sits in the back of your mind. But we have three quality starters who can dominate a three game series," Brady said.

Brady also made a bold move in the seventh inning, against MV, when he



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MEADOR MAN: Rivermen outfielder Chris Meador has circled the bases a few times this year.

sent Jason Wilson home, with no one out. The Rivermen were still behind 6-1 at this point and if Wilson had been thrown out, it may have squashed their momentum. When it was pointed out to Brady that it was a gutty move he laughed.

"It was really a stupid move on my part," Brady said. "If I had it to do over again, I wouldn't. You can take those chances when your ahead, but when your behind by five runs that late in the

game, it's just dumb."

His emotion is what Brady's bunch feed off. He is a stern taskmaster, and expects nothing short of total concentration for every pitch. Brady even has taken a page out of former Cardinal manager Whitey Herzog's book. Against MV, Brady pulled the ole' double switch. By putting McNelly at first, he had a "good athlete" in position to face Valley's left handed batters. Herzog used to put Todd Worrell in the

outfield in comparison.

Brady said his team needed to take care of business against Rolla, and not get ahead of themselves.

"So, we need to get Rolla three times this weekend (March 28-29). I mean let's rub their faces in it and send out a message to the rest of the MIAA. They have a left hander, who thinks he's Steve Carlton, and I want to bury him," he said.

Women's Soccer Sign All-American

Kelley Hearne, who was an All-American goalkeeper last fall for Meramec Community College, has signed a letter of intent to attend UM-St. Louis and play soccer for the Riverwomen, head coach Ken Hudson announced.

Hearne is a graduate of Oakville High School and helped lead Meramec to the National Junior College Athletic Association championship last year. She was named outstanding goalkeeper of the tournament.

"I expect her to fit in and play well for us," Hudson said. "Kelley is quick, mobile and technically sound."

Hearne set four school records during her two seasons at Meramec. She holds the career marks for shutouts (20) and lowest goals against average (0.40). She finished her career at Meramec as a first team NJCCA All-American selection.

At Oakville, Hearne led the Tigers to the finals of the state tournament as a senior.

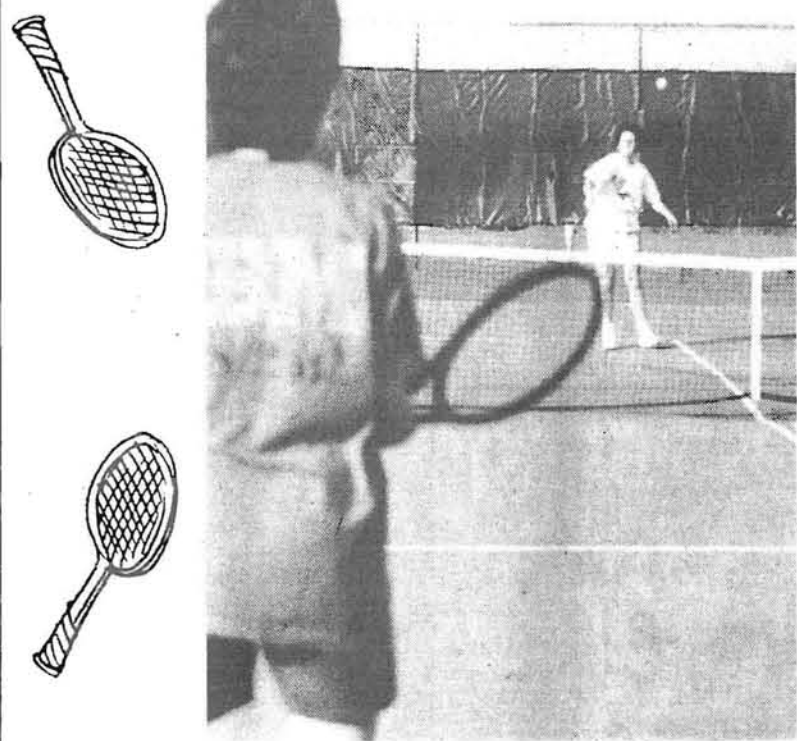
With the graduation of four-year starter Linda Allen, another Oakville product, Hearne is the heir apparent to the vacant spot in the Riverwomen nets for this upcoming season.

"We needed to sign a goalkeeper with Kelley's ability," Hudson said. "She will play a key role in our program for the next two seasons."

Hearne is the first player to sign with the Riverwomen this spring.

-Compiled by Jeff Kuchno

UM-St. Louis Netters Off To Slow Start



The University of Missouri-St. Louis men's tennis squad gave new head coach Carl Walker his first victory on the college level with a 9-0 triumph over Webster University, last Wednesday. The victory improved the Rivermen's record to 1-3.

Nick Tanurchis, Dave O'Gorman, Brett Frederick, John Frederick, Dan Dial and Joe Perry were winners in singles competition, while the teams of Tanurchis-B. Frederick, O'Gorman-J. Frederick and Dial-Perry won in doubles competition.

"These guys can do anything as long as they keep their focus and con-

centration," Walker said. Walker replaced coach Jeff Zoellner, and is in his first season with UM-St. Louis.

The UM-St. Louis women's tennis team, hampered by inexperience and a lack of players, is still looking for it's first victory of the season. The Riverwomen were 0-3 going into last weekend's triangular match at Central Missouri State.

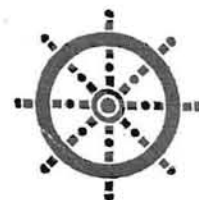
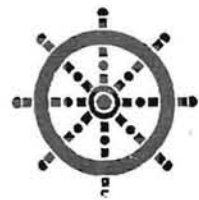
Both the men and the women will have played Central Missouri State, March 27-28, for a triangular match. UM-St. Louis will be joined by Northeast Missouri State and host Central Missouri. -Compiled by Jeff Kuchno

Rivermen Notes

W	L	MIAA	RUNS	VS.	ERA	AVG.
10	7	2-1	118	81	3.21	3.04

- After beating Missouri Valley March 26 the Rivermen won for the seventh time in their last eight games.
- Crowder Community College transfer Chuck McNelly hit a home run in his first ever college at bat.
- Freshman Eric Riley is still nursing an injured ankle he hurt diving for the ball in the outfield.
- Sophomore Jeff Eye is among the leaders in several hitting departments. Eye is batting .348 (2nd), has scored 12 runs, and has a perfect 1.000 fielding average. Eye led the Rivermen last year with five hr.

- Upcoming Rivermen Home Games**
- March 31 McKendree
- April 3-4 Southwest Baptist
- April 10-11 Missouri Southern
- April 13 Northeast Missouri State



"Jeff Eye is seeing the ball well, and what I like best is we can use him in a lot of different situations offensively and defensively."

-Jim Brady

UM-St. Louis Sports History

"I just let the guys go out and play their game," men's soccer coach Don Dallas said.

It wasn't a quote in the grand Lombardian style, but when one considers it, Dallas' statement summed up what collegiate sports are all about, or at least the way they should be.

In any case, Dallas' Rivermen played the game extremely well during the 1973 season enroute to an 11-0-3 record and the NCAA Division II championship.

For Dallas it was the summit of his six years as coach. His teams have earned a lot of respect since their inaugural season in 1968.

In a constant struggle with the national polls, the Rivermen found themselves winning games while slipping in the polls.

"I don't worry about the polls," Dallas said dryly, in a midseason interview. "We just go out and play the game."

It was this kind of love for soccer that brings men like Don Dallas to the UMSL field on Saturdays, during the fall. He should be back next year, his red pants and all.

-Tom Wolf (1973)

Golf Squad Tee's Off In Style

The UM-St. Louis golf squad enjoyed one its best season-opening efforts ever as the Rivermen finished fourth in the 23rd Annual Crossroads of America Tournament, March 23-24, in Joplin, Mo.

The Rivermen posted the low team score during Tuesday's final round of the 21-school tournament hosted by Missouri Southern College. The Rivermen recorded a final round score of 300 to finish with 620, just one stroke behind third-place finisher Southwest Baptist. Phillips University won the tournament with a score of 610, followed by Northeast Missouri State's 614.

"This is the best we've ever done at this tournament," said head coach Jim Niederkorn. Niederkorn is entering his 12th season as coach of the Rivermen. "We shot very well, especially the second day."

Newcomer Dave Rhoades fired a 1-under par 71 during the final round to take low-round honors for the second day. He finished tied for seventh in the individual standings with a two-day total of 151. Teammate Chris Sanders also shot 151 to finish in the top ten, while Morgan Gonzales finished tied for 18th with a 154.

Tim Canoy and Andy Davison rounded out UM-St. Louis' top five with scores of 164 and 165, respectively.

After competing in the Boatman's National Bank Invitational, March 28-29, the Rivermen return to St. Louis to play in the annual Tommy Armour/Rivermen Invitational today. The tee-off time at Bogey Hills Country Club, in St. Charles, is 11:00 a.m. Included in the 18-team field is defending tournament champion SIU-Edwardsville. The Rivermen tied for third in last spring's 12-team tourney.

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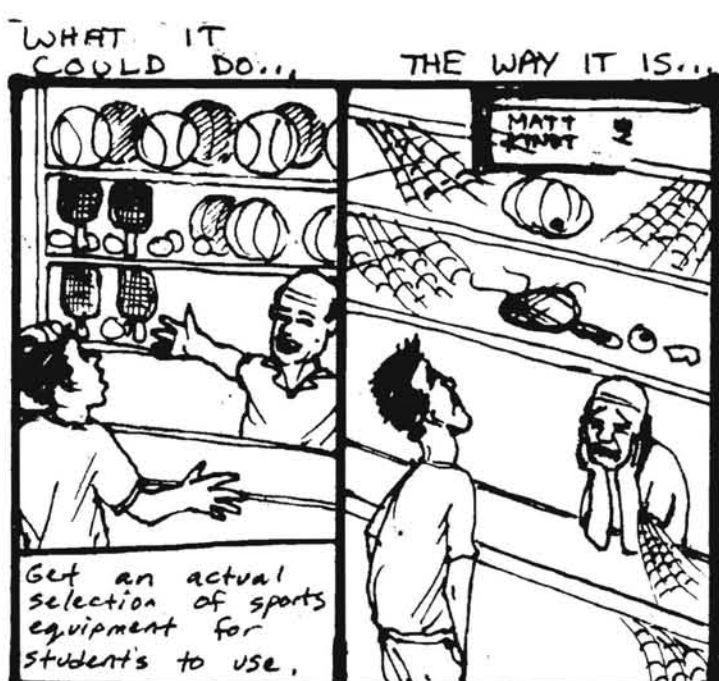
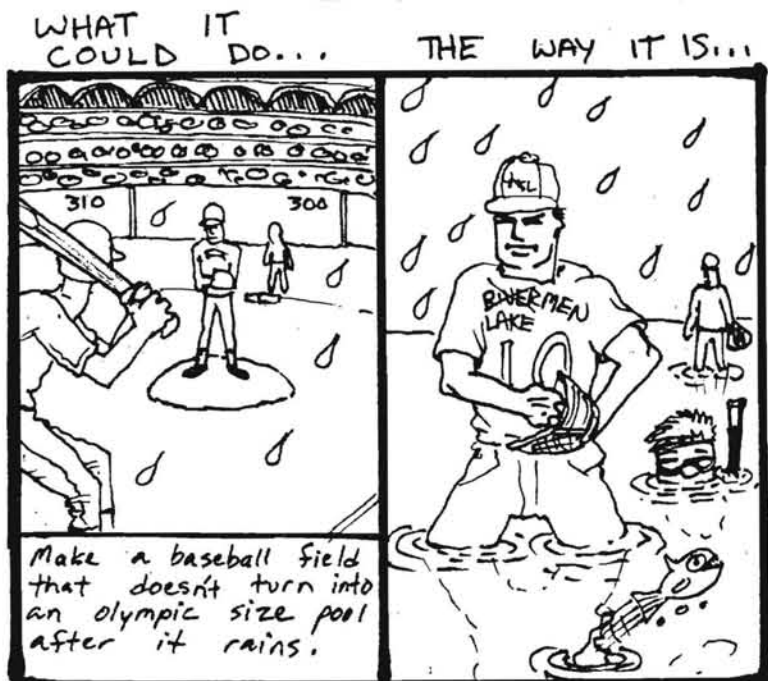
Next Week In Sports

UM-St. Louis club hockey goalie Matt Ocello was called to the St. Louis Blues farm club in Peoria. Will he see some action with the other Rivermen?

Riverwomen pitcher Kelly Childs will be featured along with a recap of the South Division Tournament.

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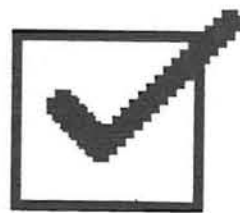


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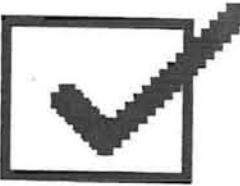
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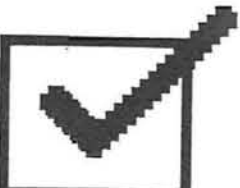
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"I feel the tournament was a great success and that everyone worked hard putting it together and for the UM-St. Louis. Louis novices this hard work paid off," Gina Adamo, varsity competitor and student coordinator of the event said.

Individually, UM-St. Louis sophomore Jerrie Hayes took five honors, Laura Booth received two honors and Julie Miles, four honors. Other who achieved points were Paul Henroid and Dimitrius Rome.

UM-St. Louis will host the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament April 10-13 for speakers representing over 200 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Any student who would like to help or any student holding a baccalaureate degree who would like to be a judge for this event, or for more information call 553-6762.

Job Tips

Finding a job is a job. You must set goals, map a strategy, execute that plan and finally, do a follow-up analysis. You should explore all of your options- don't close any doors before you know what's behind them. If you start down one career path and find it's not for you, go back, and start down another path. Explore every opportunity. Be flexible both geographically and with job possibilities.

Start by identifying your qualities and skills. A quality is an personal attribute such as loyalty, or creativity. A skill is something you know how to do well such as writing,

drawing, or accounting. Make a list of all the things you like, or don't like to do whether it be personal or professional.

A resume's job is to get you the interview. Resumes must open doors and must sell. Writing a resume takes time and a lot of thought. Your resume should be brief and to the point—one page, no more than two. It should be letter-perfect and businesslike and should only contain relevant information. There are two types of formats.

A chronological resume lists your experience and education in reverse order, with the most appearing first. A functional resume groups your experience in skill categories featuring your strengths. This type of format downplays dates and places of employment. The resume should be easy to read and should look good.

The Career Placement Services is available to all alumni of UM-St. Louis. The center receives all positions in industry, government and education at all experience levels. The office is located in 308 Woods Hall, and the phone number is 553-5111.

Campus Crime Watch

The following criminal incidents were reported to Campus Police during the period of March, 16-23 1992. If readers have information that could assist

police investigations, they are urged to call 553-5155. This information is provided by the UM-St. Louis Police Department as a public service to promote awareness. 3-16-92

A student left her purse, at 11:30

a.m., on the first floor of Thomas Jefferson Library to return a book on the third floor. When she returned, at 11:48 a.m., her purse was missing.

ered the theft at 11 a.m.

3-20-92

A student reported that, between 12:50 and 2:15 p.m., her rear license plate was stolen from her car that she had parked on Lot "T".

A faculty member reported that she had received harassing letters and cassette tapes. The letters and tapes contained no physical threats.

3-23-92

A staff member reported that her purse, containing money, credit cards, keys and miscellaneous papers, had been stolen from an unlocked storage cabinet in 323 Marillac. The purse was last seen at 9:30 a.m. and discov-

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Helen Keller	Blindness & Deafness
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Itzak Perlman	Polio
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