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Bus crash kills 4 at South Campus Metro stop

UM-St. Louis student among dead

by Doug Harrison editor in chief

A training exercise for a Bi-State bus driver ended tragically Wednesday when the bus she was driving careened into a passenger shelter, killing four people.

Nicola Ball, a bus driver in training with the Bi-State Development Agency, was approaching the bus stop at the South Campus MetroLink Station around 9:15 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Witnesses say Ball had just let off all her passengers and, with her instructor, Leotha Mayes, behind her, was trying to manuever the 13.5-ton bus into a loading zone when her bus jumped the curb. It slammed into a passenger shelter, strking four people.

The front of the bus came to rest some 40 feet from the curb. Mayes told officials he stopped the bus with the emergency brake and that he thought Ball did everything right.

Two people were pronounced dead at the short time after they arrived there. Four others were injured.

The dead: Simone Germane, 60; Ernest Morgan, 88; Cristina Green, 34; Shirley Abernathy, 46.

Green, a UM-St. Louis student, worked in the child day care center on South Campus.

Two people were pronounced dead at the scene; two others died at Depaul Hospital a short time after they arrived there. Four others were injured.

She was to graduate this summer with a communication degree. Green, who worked as a lead teacher and then as a part-time worker in the child care facility, transferred to UM-St. Louis in 1995.

Friends and family described her as "sensitve, caring, creative."

"She was such a wonderful person," said Joanne Bocci, direcotor of the Women's Center and friend of Green. "I-and the Women's Center will miss her greatly."

A poet, painter and pianist, Green worked with children at three other sites in the metro scene; two others died at Depaul Hospital a area in addition to her work at the UM-St.. Louis

> An investigation into the crash is underway by University Police, Bi-State and the National Transportation Safety Board, which arrived in

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Doug Harrison/The Current

Police and investigators shroud a victim's body at Wednesday morning's fatal bus crash on South Campus.

And the Winner Is

UM-St. Louisan named 1997 Outstanding Youth

by Becky Rickard features editor

Everyone has a role to play whether it be son, daughter, student, employee or athlete. Mothers, fathers and grandparents have celebrations in honor of their roles, but what about the unsung and often unseen roles?



Lakimya Jefferson

Lakimya Jefferson and her son Darron with her award.

The George Washington Carver House made sure that Lakimya Jefferson's role as 10year volunteer was recognized.

On May 18, the George Washington Carver House honored Jefferson with its annual Outstanding Youth Award. The celebration, held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, honored seven other volunteers in areas such as humanities, lifetime achievement, business and education.

Jefferson, a junior electrical engineering major, has volunteered for the George Washington Carver House since she was 10. During Christmas, she is highly involved with the 100 Neediest Cases project, sponsored by the United Way and the George Washington Carver House.

Jefferson first became i volved with the project by wrapping presents, working with the food pantry and organizing the annual Christmas party; she has since moved on to become secretary.

Jefferson's main concern and driving force behind her many years of volunteering is to teach inner city children that they can use resources to pull themselves out of a dismal stereotype.

"Even though you live in the inner city, that doesn't mean that's where you have to stay,"

Jefferson herself was an inner city youth who used the resources around her to break the stereotype. Now she is a students on the dean's list at UM-St. Louis, an honored volunteer for

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Chancellor fires A&S dean

Dispute over budget cuts may have precipitated "reassigment"

by Doug Harrison

editor in chief In an unexpected move late last month, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences E. Terrence Jones was removed by Chancellor Blanche Touhill, adding another position to the list of vacancies among toplevel administrators.

Jones said the action was "totally unexpected" and probably hinged on his recent reorganization of the college's administrative structure.

"She (Touhill) gave no specific reason for her decision," Jones said. "She did indicate that she disagreed with the budgetary action I had taken, which was to reduce administrative services and costs in the college in order to pay faculty

salaries."

That action meant seven fulltime staff members and several parttime employees were laid off to finance salary increases required by the Board of Curators. In addition, Jones said budget reallocations have forced the college to leave 25 fulltime positions unfilled.

A new round of budget reallocations hit Jones' former division especially hard earlier this year. In February, Touhill called for \$3.6 million in budget cuts; nearly \$530,000 of that total came from Arts and Sciences.

"As dean, it was my job to play the hand that was dealt to me," Jones said, "I did what I had to do to get the job done."

At the time of Jones' removal, Touhill issued a statement saying only that he would be "reassigned" to a teaching and research position in the political science department, where he is a tenured professor.

In an interview last week, Touhill would not say why she fired Jones. "I'll just say we had philosophi-

cal disagreements about the management of the campus," Touhill

She would not elaborate further, choosing to "stick to the broad" aspects of Jones' reassignment.

Associate dean Martin Sage was named interim dean June 9. He will

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-Terry Jones



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-Blanche Touhill

More endowments, new buildings highlight Chancellor's report

by Bill Rolfes managing editor

As part of her annual report to the community Chancellor Blanche Touhill announced two endowments totalling more than \$1 million and another \$1 million pledge toward the construction of a performing

At the May 21 report, Touhill recognized Sanford N. McDonnell, E. Desmond Lee and the Anheuser-Busch Foundation for their donations to the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

McDonnell, former chairman and CEO of McDonnell-Douglas' Corporation, endowed \$550,000 to establish the Sanford N. McDonnell Professor of Character Education and the Sanford N. McDonnell Leadership Academy of Character Education. Both the professorship and the academy will be part of the School of Education.

The Leadership Academy will involve public school principals and assistant principals studying and discussing character education. The year-long program begins this summer with a retreat followed by monthly meetings, in which educators will share ideas for promoting positive, moral behavior among students from kindergarten through high school.

Lee, a philanthropist, donated \$500,000 for the E. Desmond Lee Scholars Foundation Program. The scholarship program will aid students who want to be involved with Lee's Collaboration Vision he announced

last year at the Chancellor's Report.

A year ago Lee donated \$2.75 million for five professorships to link UM-St. Louis with local institutions, such as the Science Center, the Zoo and the Art Museum. With the help of other contributors, Lee's see Report, page 4

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University dedicates bust

editor in chief

civil rights.

in 1994.

by Doug Harrison

In 1963, Marian Oldham went to

jail for the rights of minorities; in May,

UM-St. Louis dedicated a bust in

memory of the tireless advocate for

The bust, now permanently dis-

played in the lobby of the Thomas

Jefferson Library, was officially

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strations at Jefferson Bank in St. Louis during the early 1960s. In 1977, Oldham became the first African American woman named to the UM Board of Curators. In later years, she was known for her work with the

Marian Oldham Scholarship fund,

which awards college scholarships to UM-St. Louis students. Oldham was denied admission to the University of Missouri in the early sixties because of her race. Rather than admit a minority, the university paid for her to attend the University of Michigan.

In a letter read at the ceremony, Mel George, interim president of the UM System, commented on the "remarkable spirit" of Oldham.

unveiled May 1. It is fashioned in the likeness of the late Oldham, who died "Her unfortunate experience with this University did not bitter her," She was part of civil rights demon-George wrote. "She went on to leave her mark on the University and countless students."

Oldham's husband, Charles, also accepted the 1997 Distinguished Service Volunteer Award at the Chancellor's Report to the

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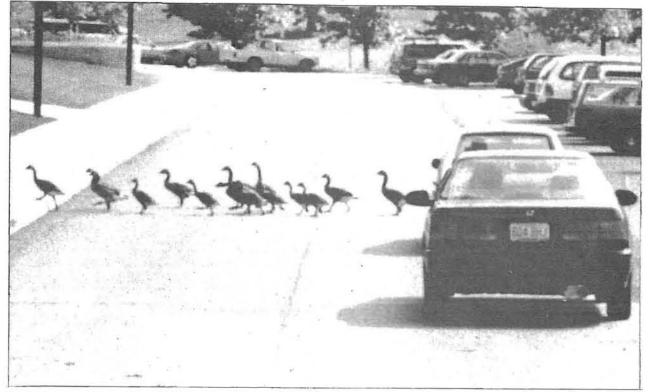
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Why did the goose cross the road . . . ?



Ashley Cook/The Current

... To get to Bugg Lake, of course.

A gaggle of geese hold up traffic on West Drive near the research complex Friday.

Search continues for 2 vice chancellors

by Doug Harrison editor in chief

A replacement for out-going vice chancellor of student affairs Roosevelt Wright could come as early as the fall, while a new vice chancellor for student affairs is likely some time

away from appointment. According to Donald Driemeier, deputy to the chancellor and chariman of the search committee for the academic affairs vice chancellor, five finalists for the position have interviewed on campus

The committee made submitted the candidates to Chancellor Blanche Touhill June 4, Dremeier said. He expects her to recall "two or three" of those candidates for more lenghty and in-depth interviews in the coming weeks. Touhill

has not indicated when she may make a decision on the posi-

Wright indicated last year when he announced his resignation that he would stay on until a replacement had been named.

James Krueger, vice chancellor of management and technological services and chairman of the search committee for student affairs

vice chancellor, said that committee is proceeded with its work. He said more than 80 applications had not yet been narrowed to a short list but that he hoped the committee would have one within

Candidates could begin arriving for campus interviews and visits as early as July, Krueger said. He said a new vice chancellor may be in place by the fall but "there isn't a sense of urgency" since an interim, Karl Beeler, is in place.

1 down, 3 to go

Nursing dean named; Honors College, Optometry, A&S remain vacant

by Doug Harrison

After nearly 18 months, four applicants and a retirement celebration for the college's founding dean, the Barnes College of Nursing has a new leader; but the Pierre Laclede Honors College waits for Chancellor Blanche Touhill to fill its dean's position,

vacated over a year ago.

Jerry Durham was selected as dean of the college of nursing May 19. Durham currently serves as acting dean of academic affairs and visiting professor of nursing at Mennonite College of Nursing in Bloomington, Ill., a position he has held since 1995.

Durham has worked in nursing since 1975 in positions including adjunct assistant professor of medical/surgical nursing at the University of Illinois, Chicago, College of Nursing. He replaces Shirley Martin, who helped found the Barnes College of Nursing in the early 1980s.



Jerry Durham

The Pierre Laclede Honors College is still without a dean. A search committee completed its work more than two months ago and forwarded its reccomendation to the chancellor, according to committee member Charles Korr. Touhill recalled three of the five finalists for further interviews last month and said she expects to make a decision "very soon." James Doyle, professor of philosophy, is currently interim dean of the Honors College. When Fausz's successor is named, only two of the University's eight colleges will be without

In August of 1996, David Loshin, then newly-appointed dean of the school of optometry, resigned to return to his family in Texas. Ralph Garzia is interim dean.

Last month, Touhill fired Terry Jones as dean of the college of Arts and Sciences. Martin Sage, associate dean, is the interim dean.

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Crash, from page 1

St. Louis Thursday. All will try to undergone inspection day's before determine if the accident was caused by driver error or mechancial failure.

mechanically wrong with the 1981 General Motors bus, which had just ing."

the crash. But he said it was too early to make any determination.

"Nothing has leaped out to us to Thomas Sehr, a Bi-State say there was a mechanical probspokesman, said he knew of nothing lem," Sehr said. "There is no reason to think the bus was malfunction-

Ball, 31, would have graduated Friday from a six-week training program. Mayes said she was progressing well in the program, and Ball's brother Steven Jamerson, said Ball was confident of her driving skills

after five weeks of training. Sehr said Ball will undergo drug and blood tests, to which she submitted voluntarily.

"Obviously, she will not be driving until it is determined if this was driver error or mechanical failure," Sehr said.

The crash shut down MetroLink service for more than three hours while police and fire crews cleared the wreckage from the area. Bi-State officials said MetroLink service to the South Campus station was rerouted for most of Wednesday.

University officials said a memothis week.

Details will be forthcoming. Funeral services for Green will be held at St. Alphonsus Rock Church on Grand Avenue at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Visitation will be held at rial service will be held for Green Austin Layne Mortuary Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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Curators approve parking garage, design for arts center

by Doug Harrison editor in chief

The UM Board of Curators approved at its latest meeting the general design for a new performing arts center and gave University officials the green light to build a parking garage on North Campus.

Meeting May 29 in Kansas City, the curators approved initial plans for the 128,500-square-foot

The architectural work, done by Wischmeyer Architects Inc. of St. Louis and Pie Cobb Freed & Partners of New York, calls for a 1,650-seat, tri-level theater to be the centerpiece of the building.

It will include a smaller auditorium for multipurpose uses.

Chancellor Blanche Touhill has been lobbying the curators for approval, calling the center a "world class" facility that "will help energize the economic climate of the region and bring our region and this campus outstanding cultural activities."

Some UM-St. Louis faculty members have an alternative idea for a fine arts complex. They say the renovation [of the Kiel Opera House] would cost far less than the proposed performing arts building.

Funding for complex not yet final, garage slated for completion in 1998

The map at right

posed West Drive

realignment and

approved by the

curators. Below, the proposed per-

whose general

desig was also approved by the

forming arts center

garage project

shows the pro-

In her Report to the Community May 21, Touhill said the performing arts center embodies her vision for the University.

"I believe that all students broadly exposed to culture will be better educated and better leaders," Touhill said. "This message has been greeted warmly by the state legislature, our governor and the St. Louis community.'

She announced that Anheuser-Busch has committed \$1 million to the construction of the \$49.6 million facility. Touhill said the University will raise \$8 mil-

She said she hopes to get the remaining money from the state legislature.

When completed, Touhill said the center will comprise a five-building communication arts complex on the northern edge of the campus.

Already in existence are the Southwestern Bell TeleCommunity Center, Lucas Hall and the Fine Arts

Some UM-St. Louis faculty members have an alternative idea for a fine arts complex.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch reported

professors of political science, have suggested that the University renovate the Kiel Opera House downtown. They say the renovation would cost far less than the

proposed performing arts building Estimates by Kiel Partners, the group exploring reno-

vation of the opera house, suggest that a renovation of that building would cost around \$5 million.

Judd and Stein say that a new performing arts center here and a renovated Kiel Opera House would saturate the area with major performing arts centers.

"There won't be room for both of them to exist," Judd

Stein said an opera house renovation supported by UM-St. Louis would help bolster the University's part-

The Curators also approved plans for realignment of

nerships with the civic organizations and "establish UM-

St. Louis as a force in the community.

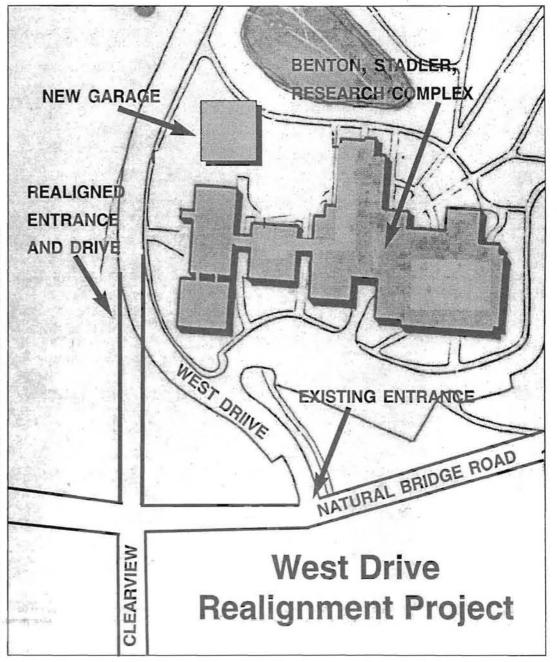
West Drive on the North Campus.
University officials say the project has two main objectives: straightening out the sharp curves in West Drive near the research complex and building a new

garage between Bugg Lake and West Drive. The construction would create a four-way intersection at Clearview Drive.

The realignment is an early element of a number of proposed entrance constructions and enhancements included in the University's Master Plan.

Officials said bids would go out this summer on the project and completion is expected in the spring of





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University graduates 50,000th student

by Doug Harrison

Spring commencement exercises in May marked the 50,000th graduate to pass by University brass and

At the May 17 ceremony at the Kiel Center, Donald Driemeier, deputy to the chancellor, said the graduation was an historic occasion.

"This evening will be a night for all of you to remember forever," Driemeier said.

Retired US Senator Thomas F. Eagleton delivered the commencement address.

In it, he recalled the "good old days" of one of his favorite historical figures, Harry Truman.

"We like to remember those days fondly, but while they may have been old, they were not very good," Eagleton said.

He said the oppression of minorities and women left a terrible blemish on the country.

"The venerable institutions of education and business were reserved for the sons of the rich," Eagleton

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said. "And though I do not adopt or adapt to Truman's ways, I do adopt his candor.'

In Truman's "greatest speech," Eagleton said Truman bucked the white male dominance of American society. In that 1957 speech, Truman told the audience that

the personification of the 100 percent American perpetuated hate and scare mongers, Eagleton said. "All he (Truman) needed was his God-given com-

mon sense," Eagleton said. "To that, you all should aspire." Eagleton, a native St. Louisan, represented Missouri

in the US Senate for 18 years, retiring in 1987. He is currently a partner in the law firm Thompson Coburn. He teaches at Washington University and writes a weekly column for the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

In addition to the nearly 600 degrees awarded, Chancellor Blanche Touhill bestowed honorary degrees upon Joann Harmon, senior corporate vice president at Emerson Electronics, and John Jacob, executive vice president and chief communications officer for Anhueser-Busch.

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Community May 21. The Oldham bust was commissioned by Anhueser-Busch. Artis Lane was the sculptor.



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positions:

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the George Washington Carver House, a mother of a beautiful 3year-old son, Darron, and an intern for the Kwame Building Group all at the age of 20. She hopes that inner city children can learn from her own life that they, too, can break the stereotypical "poor inner city youth" mentality.

"You can be more than that," Jefferson said.

the influence of her grandmother, with whom she has lived since she "With faith in God, close family relations and self respect, you can

to succeed and her strong values to

She attributes her determination

do anything," Jefferson added. The George Washington Carver House has served the community

for over 62 years. Its services include a year-round

food pantry, latch-key programs, women's groups, tutorial services, recreational field trips, counselling and over 100 fund raisers.

With volunteers like Jefferson, the Carver House will continue to

A Million **Thanks**

Gloria and Paula in the **English Department for** being our de facto mail service for the past few months. We'll be out of your office and your

Doug

mail bag soon.

The Current an equal opportunity organization Jones, from page 1

serve in that capacity until a dean is

Jones said he is currently working with Sage to make the transition "as smooth as possible."

He will begin work in the political science department in the fall.

Jones, 55, came to the University in 1969 and was named dean in 1983.

His dismissal is one of many vacancies among top-level admin-

Over the past 18 months, two of the University's five vice chancellor's have resigned; four of the eight deans positions have been vacated.

Report, from page 1

Collaboration Vision now consists of 11 endowed professorships. McDonnell's is the latest to join this program. The Scholars Foundation Program provides financial assistance to students interested in pursuing studies incorporated in Lee's Collaboration Vision.

In her speech, Touhill said: "I would say without reservation that the Des Lee Collaboration Vision is the most comprehensive collaborative undertaking in America today. It allows us and a host of community organizations to assemble nationally renowned experts to study and implement programs which address specific challenges in our community. Now ... the full participation of deserving and qualified students is guaranteed."

Touhill also announced that Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. has pledged \$1 million toward the construction of a new performing arts center on North Campus.

The new center will be part of a proprosed communication arts aomplex, which will consist of five buildings. The three existing buildings are Lucas Hall, the Fine Arts Building and the Southwestern Bell TeleCommunity Center. The fifth building has not been determined yet.

UM-St. Louis has joined with several educational organizations to create the St. Louis Regional Education Park, Touhill announced. The program will aid in the education of pre-college students in the region.

The Current EWSWIRE

The Current to offer free listing for organizations. Begining August 18, student organizations will be able to post their activities and events, free of charge, on The Current Events Bullentin Board. All student organizations (and any University departments) should submit the event name, the organization name, time, date, location and contanct for each activity at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event. Direct submissions to The Current by mail or call 516-5174; ask for Bill.

KWMU News

KWMU, the campus radio station, held its fourth annual "Record/CD/Cassette Sale" May 30 through June 1 at Plaza Frontenac. Offerings included jazz, classical, rock, blues and jazz. . . The radio station hosted an open house June 3 featuring muffies and coffee.

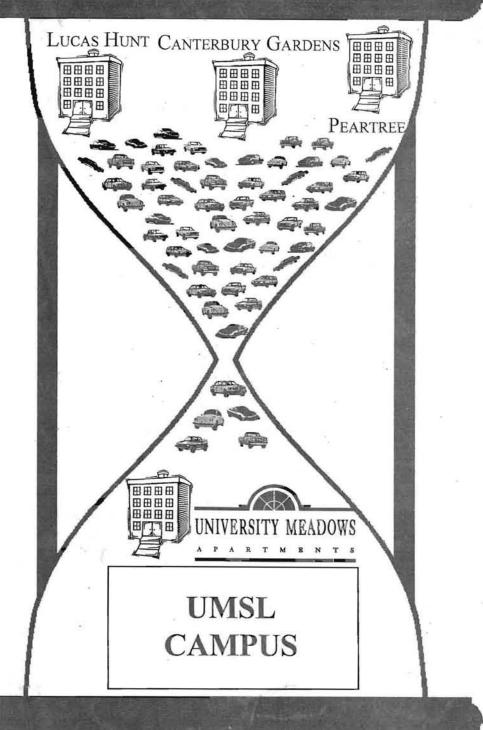
Photo Exhibit focuses on distinguished local women. The Public Policy Research Centers is hosting a photographic exhibit titled "20 Women, 20 Years: A Retrospective of the Women's Movement" from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 20 in Room 362, SSB. The exhibit will feature photographs of 20 distinguished St. Louis area professional women who have been honored by the Women's Self Help Center, including Chancellor Blanche Touhill.

Retirement Reception held in Dean's honor. A retirement reception in honor of Shirley Martin, founding dean of the Barnes College of Nursing, was held May 16. Martin announced her retirement over a year ago, effective this month.

UM St. Louis Women Honored. Ruth Bryan, Judy Champ, Jane Harris and Terri Shores were four of the 10 women honored by the Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis and KMOX Radio as 1997 Women of Achievement on May 14.

The Current staff sends its sincere condolences to the friends and families of those killed in the recent South Campus bus crash.

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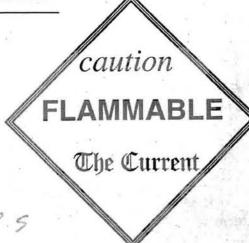
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