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University Senate Talks Salary Hike

news editor

In their first meeting of the year, the University Senate passed a major resolution that will affect the entire university system and discussed several topics affecting UM-St. Louis students.

Following a rather positive report on student enrollment, Chairman Mark Burkholder brought up the subject of faculty salaries.

Burkholder cited a report by University of Missouri System Vice President James T. McGill that said the university system's competitiveness in salaries has deteriorated. Burkholder then cited statistics from the last Board of Curators meeting which said that the average salary of an associate professor in the UM system is \$800 below that of an assistant professor at a public Big 10 school.

As a result, the University Senate introduced a resolution which is intended to clarify that "the entire faculty of the University of Missouri system is seriously concerned about the deterioration that has taken place in the university system.'

The resolution went on to urge the Coordinating Board of Higher Education to recommend and the legislature and governor to consider fully the university's budget request for the 1989-90 school year. Also called for is that the administration and the Board of Curators exert the greatest possible effort for the restoration for the University of Missouri System base, "including proper compensation for university faculty and staff."

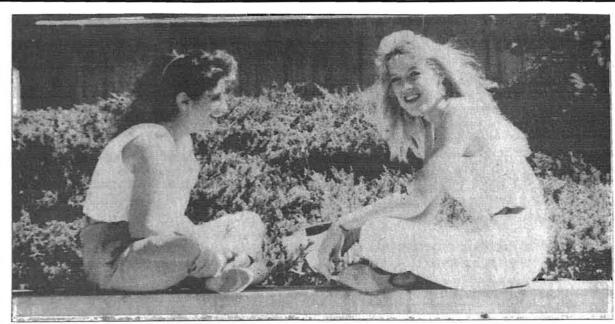
The resolution was unanimously passed and is scheduled to be introduced to the university senates of UM-Columbia, UM-Kansas City and UM-Rolla.

In other business, the University Libraries Committee announced that the interlibrary loan policy will be changed for a one-year trial basis. Two of the changes are: one, there will be no charge to UM-St. Louis patrons for any books borrowed from other libraries through Interlibrary loan; two, there will be no charge to UM-St. Louis patrons for any articles borrowed, up to a maximum of 25 photocopied articles.

All faculty and students can take advantage of the change in policy.

Toward the end of the open meeting, Student Government Association President Jerry Berhorst talked to the senate about the Oct. 17-18 elections. One of the main issues on the ballot will be the student fee increase for renovations to the Mark Twain Building. The increase will be \$1.25 per credit hour and no more than \$15 per semester for a full-time student. The funds raised from this increase and \$345,000 worth of contribution from the university would pay for the \$1.6 million job.

During a questioning session following Berhorst's report, a faculty member asked if the renovations were really more important than the severe parking situation on campus. Berhorst answered that the parking situation was not good, but the Mark Twain project had been in the planning stages for two years, that discussion had been introduced on the pros and cons of the situation, that the resolution had already been passed by the Student Government Association and that the parking situation can be discussed in future years.



BREAK TIME: Tracy Michaels, right, and Kathy McHugh enjoy the cool September weather between classes.

Faculty, Staff Clash With UM Goals

by Terence Small reporter

Faculty and staff members at UM-St.Louis face a potential clash of interests with the other three University of Missouri campuses over distribution of funds for salary increases and new programs.

UM-St. Louis, which has for years been seen as what State Representative Laurie Donovan has called the "step-sister" campus, has been frustrated by the recent increase in the University of Missouri officers salaries.

The recent raises have drawn objections on all campuses, but UM-St. Louis appears to be affected the faculty members are approxmost. The campus, which is in the imately \$44,000 per year. The midst of Chancellor Marguerite average salaries for the other Big 8/

Barnett's new plan for program development and enhancement, stands to lose a lot if the impending problems that the school has are not dealt with.

One of those problems is the decline of faculty members. In a recent interview, addressed that problem.

"I think that some of them (faculty members) have left because we haven't been able to offer them the competitive salaries. I think the salaries for faculty on this campus are too low, the salaries for staff on this campus are too low," Barnett said.

The average salaries for UM

Big 10 school systems are about \$51,000. UM-St. Louis, the youngest of the four schools, is trying to develop into a competitive institution, with faculty members being paid about 20 percent less than the

In a response to the salary issue, the faculty members at Columbia have proposed that "at least 75 percent of the total new state and other monies added to the existing base in the fiscal year 1989-90 shall be applied to faculty and staff compensation of all four campuses."

This proposal is causing a rift at UM-St.Louis. "I think that the faculty salary matter is a separate Univ*e*rsity Hires Four Top-Level Officials

Tony M. Laurent associate news editor

UM-St. Louis has recently hired four new top-level administrators.

Laurence G. Schlereth was appointed vice chancellor for administrative services in early August and officially started his duties Sept. 13.

Ruth Janssen Person has been named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. Person will assume her duties on Oct. 3.

Elizabeth M. Clayton has been named associate vice chancellor for research in the Office of Research Administration. Clayton has held this position on an interm basis since September 1987.

Deborah J. Larson was named assistant dean of academic advising for the College of Arts and Science. Larson began her duties on Sept. 1.

Schereth comes to UM-St.Louis from the California State University in Long Beach, where he held the job of chief administrative officer of the Division of Academic Affairs.

Schlereth received his A.B. in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, an M.S. in International Affairs Georgetown University and his M.B.A. in Finance from George Washington University, both in Washington, D.C.

"I had been at California-Long Beach for three years, and I felt I was ready to move on to another university," Schlereth said. "I was

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Franzen

Of The 27th City

by John Kilgore special projects editor

thing that got his novel,"The Twenty-Seventh City," written.

Franzen, from Webster Groves, spoke on campus last Friday about his novel, its success (favorably reviewed by The New York Times and a Book-ofthe-Month Club selection) and his struggle to write it.

"The book, very briefly, is about some people from India who come over to St. Louis and their vast conspiracy to take over the city and county," Franzen

"It's a conspiracy that invades private lives and finds the most banal things said by private citizens to be full of significance," he said. "It's a way of looking at American daily life' that tried to give absurd political weight to comments like, 'Here's some orange juice."

Franzen said that his early exposure to St. Louis politics came from listening to KMOX radio in his mother's kitchen. "It was always on, though I didn't want it on," he said.

The novel, Franzen's first, Fear of failure, St. Louisan recieved a large first printing, oted by a \$50,000 marketing campaign from its publisher, Farrar Straus Giroux. Franzen said that officials who "wouldn't want to be identified" have expressed interest in purchasing the movie rights to the book.

> "It's a dream come true," Franzen said. "It has sort of redefined what excitement is for me."

> Franzen said it took him five years to write the book. "The first chapter saw 60 or 70 drafts, some 40 pages long," he said. "I spent four or five months just cutting. It was real painful doing those last cuts."

> Franzen said that the excitement of being a successfully published novelist was different than he expected. "You become a strange person in the course of doing what a writer does to him or herself for so many years," he said. "At the start, I thought it

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Athletes Score Zero In Drug Test Program

by Cathy Dey

A sign of the times - the drug test - is also part of the lives of varsity

athletes here at UM-St. Louis. Now in its second year, the drug testing program has not yet found a single athlete who tested positive for illegal drug use on a second test, said Chuck Smith, athletic director.

According to Ted Struckmann, athletic trainer, tests are given to athletes in all sports during the playing season. He said he chooses players' names at random from several different teams and then notifies the coaches as to when those players will be tested.

Struckmann gives the odds that an athlete will be tested once during the season at 50 percent, and the chance that it will happen twice at 25 percent.

Urine samples are sent to the toxicology lab at the University of Missouri-Columbia to be analyzed, at a cost to UM-St. Louis of about \$14 each. These funds come out of the athletic department's budget.

A call to the lab revealed that they basically use two types of drug tests. One is the enzyme multiplied immunoassay test (EMIT), an inexpensive but somewhat unreliable test.

The other - gas chromotography mass spectrometry (GCMS) - is more reliable and often used to back up positive preliminary EMIT findings. When the two technologies are combined, the accuracy is close to 100 percent.

"A second test is given to the athlete because the first could have come up positive due to error or normal medication the athlete may be taking at the time," Smith said.

Certain prescription or over-thecounter drugs and some foods may cause a false-positive reading to

occur. If the student tests positive again, he or she is subject to drug testing for a period of six weeks. "During that time, if we notice

that the drug is gone or at least diminishing, we know the student's coorperating. That's all we want," Struckmann said. An informal poll of both varsity

athletes and students in general seems to indicate that many students consider drug testing for athletes to be - if not a good idea at least a necessary evil.

"I've never really thought about (drug testing)," said a player on the women's soccer team. "I don't care because I'm not on drugs. Tests are necessary so the people using drugs don't hurt the rest of the team."

Others voiced similar opinions, with student Abe Razig adding, "It's not a violation of privacy. When you become part of a team, that changes.'

Drug testing, although recommended by the NCAA, is not mandatory for universities in Missouri. However, all UM campuses with the exception of Rolla have drug

testing programs. At UM-St. Louis, an athlete's refusal to take a test does not automatically mean dismissal from the team. There is no set policy regarding the matter and Struckmann said he would just have to

...take it from there." Struckmann said that drug testing is good for UM-St. Louis athletes but is not as important as drug education.

He also said he wishes the university could institute some type of formal course for athletes, similar to one in effect at the UMC.

"I don't look at drug testing as a negative thing," Struckmann said. "Maybe if we can keep this person off drugs it might be worth 'violating rights.' It's for the benefit of the student."

Students Injured At Sigma Pi Party Road, called the accident unforby Steve Ward news editor tunate and a freak incident.

Jonathan Franzen

Two UM-St. Louis students and a third person were injured two weeks ago when a man backed his van through a fence and into a fraternity party.

Members of the Sigma Pi fraternity, located at 8645 Natural Bridge

The incident occured between 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. Sept. 11 when a man was evicted from the Sigma Pi party for being unruly.

Scott Brandt

According to Sigma Pi President Allen Breite, senior, the man was not a UM-St. Louis student and had been drinking before arriving at the

party. The man, who's name, according to Bel-Ridge police, can not be released until his hearing, had allegedly been beligerent to two guests the short time he was at the party. Because of that, and because the party was closing, the man was asked to leave. Witnesses who wished to remain anonymous, said the man was angry when he left.

The man went to his van parked at the laundry mat next to the Sigma Pi house, put the vehicle in reverse and allegedly backed over the fence between the two properties on purpose.

"He did it deliberately," Breite said.

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BE HAPPY

World-renowned baritone Robert McFerrin, who sang at the August commencement, is artist in residence at UM-St.

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WOMEN WIN

The Women's soccer team defeated St. Joesphs of Indiana Sunday night.

See story, page 5.



CAMPUS REMINDER

Sept.23 is the last day to withdraw from a course without receiving a grade.

Campus Events

 National Native American Day will be observed with a powwow on the UM-St. Louis softball field Sept 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Native Americans from seven states will participate in the powwow, a spiritual celebration observed through dance, song and renewal of friendship.

Elder Harry Buffalohead of the Ponca tribe will be the principal speaker at a Native American observance ceremony at noon on Sept. 23 in the J.C. Penny Auditorium. Kenneth Irwin of the Arikirra tribe will also speak. There will be a reception following the program, where exhibits of Native American culture will be

For more information: 553-5692.

- Friends of UM-St. Louis: "Tailgate Party" and membership drive, held in the Quadrangle 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 25. To attend the party and become a member, call 553-5776.
- The Women's Center will hold a workshop on Sept. 26 titled "Leadership Training For Women." The workshop is for women in leadership roles and will be held in 211 Clark Hall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-registration required.
- A discussion with sociology professor Herm Smith will be held in 211 Clark Hall from noon until 1 p.m. on Sept. 28. The topic will be "Husband's Notification and the Right to an Abortion."

For more information: 553-5380.

• The University Women will hold their annual Fall Book Fair from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Library Annex, southwest of Thomas Jefferson Library: from Sept. 28 to Sept. 29.

 State of the University Address. The Chancellor's annual speech and the first Campus Awards for Faculty in Teaching, Research and Community Service will be held in the J.C. Penny Auditorium at 3 p.m. on Sept. 29.

• The School of Business Administration and the Department of Exhibits and Collections at UM-St. Louis are presenting an exhibition of drawings and paintings by regional artist Marlene DiFiori Locke. Her work is on display in the Social Science and Business Building's Tower Lounge (13th floor) through Oct. 12 Hours for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free.

UM-St. Louis Counseling Service Workshops:

- Monday, Sept. 26, 1-5 p.m. Leadership Training for Women. Learn to recognize the unique skills that women have to offer in leadership positions. This workshop is designed to help assess and enhance leadership skills and potential.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2-4 p.m. Test Anxiety. This is a workshop for those who study to the max and then freeze up when they enter the classroom. Learn how to cope with test anxiety and improve grades.
- Thursday, Sept. 29, 1-2 p.m. Time Management. Learn how to fit 36 hours of school, job and recreation into the 24-hour day. By using time effectively, learn how to provide more time for the things really interesting things.

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issue from the program development issue," said Mark Burkholder, chairman of UM-St. Louis Senate. "You can't take state money intended for expansion and use it for salaries. New money should be given for faculty raises."

At a Board of Curators meeting, Friday, Sept. 16, President C. Peter Magrath spoke on the salary issue. "Salaries have been and will, even more in months ahead, be our central priority. All of us must work harder and communicate more clearly to this need.'

In the University Senate meeting on Sept. 20, Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett said that the salary policy for UM-St. Louis faculty and staff would be a first priority this year. The Intercampus Faculty Council reported that they addressed the issue in their com-

mittee meetings. While faculty members here are seeking salary increases, the campus is also trying to develop new programs. UM-St. Louis currently has 60 degree programs for about 12,200 students. This year's enrollment is a three percent increase from last year.

"This is the highest enrollment ever at this institution," said Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor for student affairs. "We are very happy about it.'

There are those at UM-St. Louis who feel that the campus' shortcomings are not caused by mistake.

There has been a progressive effort to push UM-St. Louis aside," Burkholder said.

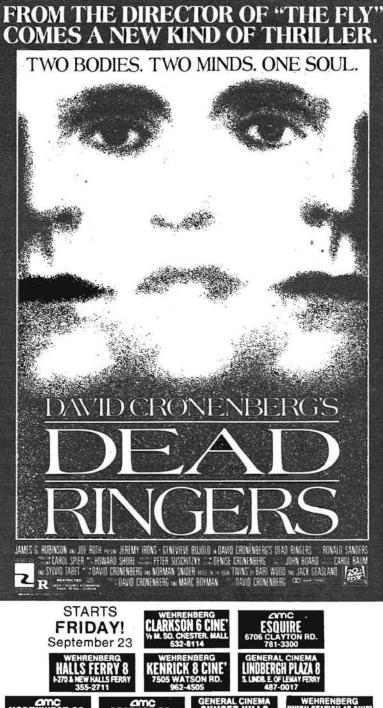
Burkholder specifically blamed

the Coordinating Board for Education for this situation.

With enrollment up this year, many at UM-St.Louis feel the need for program expansion. The Board of Curators this year approved several new graduate programs and a number of new programs are being proposed in Barnett's five-year plan for the university.

"We have a list of programs that have already been requested by faculty and approved by the vicechancellor for academic affairs," Barnett said.

Writers Needed! contact Steve 553-5174



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The van became hung up on railroad ties just inside the fence, but three people were still injured. There were no broken bones or serious injuries, but Steven Hoyer, senior, did suffer a bruised knee and Bill Seilnacht, freshman, was hit in the head by a piece of the shattered fence the force of which threw him into a car. Shelly Murphy, a student from Florissant Valley Community

College, twisted her ankle when someone pushed her out of the van's path.

Hoyer and Murphy were taken to the hospital, treated and released. After the van backed through the fence, the driver went forward and fled the scene of the accident.

According to the Bel-Ridge Police Department, a suspect was picked up later that morning in Hazelwood.

The unidentified driver of the van has been charged with second degree assault and leaving the scene of the accident.

Breite stressed the fact that this was the first incident invloving the police in five years.

"We police our own parties to make sure things don't get out of hand. We even call the police and notify our neighbors to let them

said. "This was a freak accident that was unfortunate."

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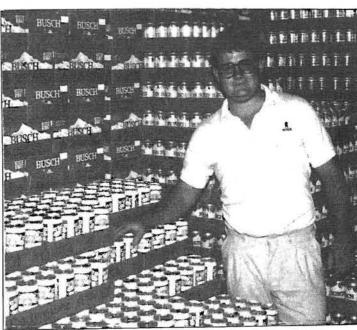
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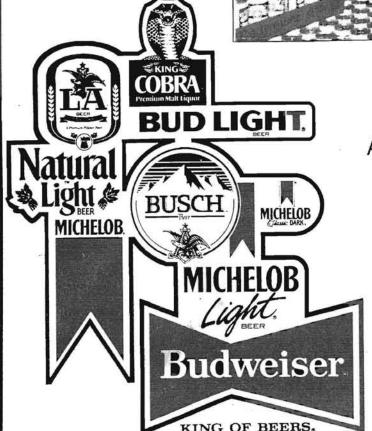
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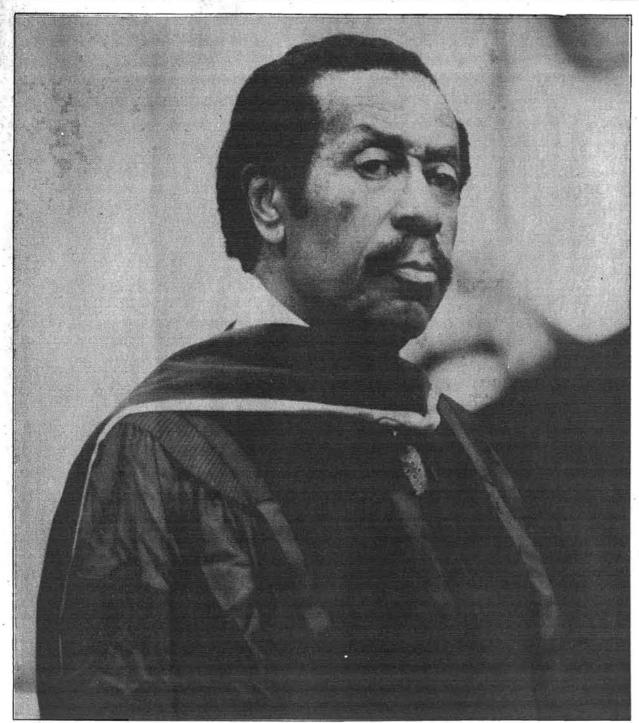
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FEATURES

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE?: Robert McFerrin, artist-in-residence at UM-St. Louis, at the invitation of Chancellor Marguerite Barnett, was the keynote "singer" at 1988 summer commencement exercises.

"...There is a deep disappointment in myself for my failures.

Overshadowing in all is the stark

realization that what I think and feel

will not matter much longer. My

body shakes with cold. I am too far

from civilization to have any hope of

While some readers will be more

concerned with the actual logistics

of the story, I found myself drawn to

For those who seek the raw facts

of the ill-fated voyage, the author

provides more than enough data. He

charts his course and provides

diagrams of the event (scaled in

Starting at the Canary Islands and

setting out for the Caribbean, the author finds himself fighting for his

life after his prized boat is engulfed

He relives his survival tactics,

and he shares with us some of the

questions he asked of himself in the

face of an almost sure impending

events of those 76 days in the Atlan-

tic, Steven Callahan has written a

The discussions he has with him-

self are both intriguing and

heartbreaking. He becomes a

philosopher, and manages to keep

While there are many, many

passages that left me in awe, the

most telling passage comes in the

form of a final eulogy to the event

"...The accident has left me with a

sense of loss and a lingering fear,

but I have chosen to learn from this

crisis rather than let it overcome

once-in-a-lifetime account.

his sense of humor.

Keeping a diary and sketching the

by the frigid black waters.

the human condition.

nautical miles.)

Inspiring Adventure

rescue."

by Loren Richard Klahs

Adrift: Seventy-Six Days Lost

(Ballantine Books, \$4.95, 344

His book has been deemed "...A

tale of courage and determination in

the face of almost insurmountable

hardship," by the New York Times,

yet Steven Calahan's account is

Almost spiritual, this one-man

acount of nearly eleven weeks spent

at the mercy of an indifferent (and at

times merciless) ocean in a five-

and-a-half rubber raft, Callahan's

Sea" is a rare book. While the reader

immense hardships and stress of

the author, the reader is also wit-

ness to the innermost feelings of a

In essence, what is going on here

What we have here is a young man

is much more than just a variation

on Ernest Hemmingway's epic,

going through a psychological

metamorphosis of sorts is almost

mystical as he admits to total des-

pair in light of the odds against

Instead of relinquishing, an inner

Made to endure the tortures of

Mother Nature, the author is re-

born. Not necessarily a religious ex-

perience, but rather a tale of the

human experience under extreme

Never superficial or self-serving,

the author shares with us the dark

fear of a human mind facing

"The Old Man And The Sea."

"Adrift: Seventy-Six Days Lost At

experiences

diary of events is spellbinding.

book reviewer

by Steven Calahan

much more than that.

vicariously

man in turmoil.

transformation.

spirit comes to light.

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At Sea

pages)

It's Not Just The Voice

by Paulette Amaro associate features editor

In 1953, he won the New York Metropolitan Opera House's "Auditions of the Air." In 1954, he became the first black male singer to sign a contract with the Met.

He sang for Sidney Poitier, on the soundtrack to the MGM film, "Porgy and Bess," and his son is three time Grammy Award winning Bobby ("Don't Worry, Be Happy") McFerrin.

He is Robert McFerrin; worldrenowned operatic baritone, and artist-in-residence at UM-St. Louis.

He is, most assuredly, a man of great stature. Though the signs of age have crept into his eyes, and settled into his joints, he remains a vibrant individual.

During Expo '88, on Sept. 14, I met with McFerrin. When our talk was over, and the short campus tour was completed, I walked away knowing I had the wonderful opportunity to talk with this dynamic man.

He is at once serious, funny, intense, and filled with witty anecdotes and thoughts on family, life, teaching and music.

McFerrin, at the invitation of Chancellor Marguerite Barnett, appeared before the graduating summer class on Aug. 7.

"The Chancellor asked me to... I think she likes me," McFerrin said with a laugh.

The audience was treated to such classic pieces as "Prologue to Pagliaci," by Rugerro Leoncavallo; "Ich Grolle Nicht" from the song cycle "Diechterliebe," by Robert Schumann; and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," by Margaret

something for five or ten minutes...so you try to choose something - musically - the standard of college graduates," McFerrin said.

From all appearances, this change in the commencement speaker's role is new, and from all reports, it was well received.

'They (students) don't need anybody up there telling them what's expected, where they're going they already know this...just hand me this (diploma) so I can get on with it -it was enjoyable, I really enjoyed it," McFerrin offered. "I was very pleased she asked me to do it."

Currently, UM-St.Louis is supporting the newly created McFerrin Endowment for the Performing

This Endowment will be used to bring a variety of new talent to St. Louis.

artist-in-residence, McFerrin will not actually coach the singers, but may give advice on style and delivery.

"If they want me to come in sometime to work with the singers, you know, I talk to them, like I'm talking to you," McFerrin said. "I don't think they should have a voice teacher. I don't know if I would like it too much if I'm teaching and somebody else comes in...that's an uncomfortable feeling."

Currently, between engagements, McFerrin teaches singers in his home in St. Louis. Though he doesn't follow a set teaching pattern, he does have a standard format for instruction.

"You don't have to have a beautiful voice - but you have to have the ability to know what music is about; the text, the scene, and this sort of thing vocally," McFerrin

McFerrin is adament when he clarifies that it is not just the voice, but how the singer treats the piece.

"I always get mad when people come up to me and say 'Oh you have a beautiful voice.' I want to say, 'So, I have two hands, but that means nothing.' It's what you do with them that matters," McFerrin began. "But, if you say 'That was beautiful singing, I like what you did ... 'This sort of remark."

McFerrin is honest; he tells it like it is, and he wouldn't have it anyother way.

It is no secret that McFerrin likes to talk with students. However, one thing he doesn't appreciate is the way the educational system has been working.

"That bothers me about today people going to school and coming out not knowing anything. That must be rough, that really must be understand rough...I don't teachers," McFerrin added. "How do you pass someone? When I was going to school, if you didn't pass something, you stayed there. How can you move somebody up if they don't make the grade? I don't understand ... a 'C' is at least a passing grade. When I was in school, I think I'd be mad at the teachers - if they didn't teach me."

Yes, McFerrin is completely honest, but he is a person very difficult to dislike. As we walked past the booths during Expo, we stopped to listen to Fanfare's last set.

McFerrin was pleased, and he began to reminisce about his days at Fisk High School, and the pop band he sang with.

"Mr. McFerrin, what was the name of your band?" I asked.

"Bob McFerrin. And I was the only freshman!" he mused. Yes, McFerrin is certainly

something.

A Slave To Fashion

20-something

by Julio West columnist

As most of you who have seen me know, I shop for clothes at the new and improved Dorks Unlimited

At least that's what my wife thinks. We go clothes shopping and she ends up using a bottle of tums

after seeing my selections.

that?" is her favorite phrase. I feel that a person's clothes reveal what is on the inside of that person, to an extent.

Reagan would not be seen dead in my yellow OP™ shorts and green hospital shirt with matching (?) blue striped socks. Neither would I wear my hair in a pompadour.

Nor would I wear a double breasted Italian suit with pointy-toe

Why, you may ask? Because it would not fit my persona. And besides, guys with cheesy grins just don't look right in stuff like

Don't get me wrong some of my friends are very well dressed people.

They wear stonewashed jeans from some guy in Europe with precut holes and lots of zippers. They match these with say, pink and grey loafers and an oversized

I, on the other hand, wear jeans, a t-shirt with the name of a less than trendy meeting place with either tennis shoes or some kind of quasi walking shoe that my wife thinks (you guessed it) is dorky. Another thing that my wife thinks is weird is that I wear socks year round. Yes, even in the summer I have socks on.

This is something that my wife just can't understand.

I try to explain the "West theory of foot hygiene," but she doesn't comprehend.

She also doesn't like my affinity for hats. I have hats from all over the country and I find them the crowning (pardon the pun) piece of my wardrobe. My wife thinks otherwise, as usual, with my

I decided to ask some of my coworkers here at the Current about my attire.

The first described my clothes as earthy. So I moved down to another member of the staff and he said I looked like a cross between a M*A*S*H* castmember and beachbum. At this point, I stopped asking about it.

I can live with my clothes and my image if that is my image. Or I can go buy a bunch of Bugle Boy jeans, Guess shirts and Sperry topsiders to be like all the other people I see around town.

But being an individual, I'll keep wearing my "earthy" M*A*S*H*like clothes and make fun of all the clones (should that be clowns) I see walking around expressing their individuality.

I guess the point I am feebly trying to make is that you should be yourself and not what Madison Avenue says you should be.

When you see me going to class in my earthy clothes try not to snicker audibly or gawk too much. I tend to be very sensitive.

Ashamed Of Themselves Fair Weather Fans Should Be Keith Hernandez was on first

Seventy-six days lost at sea

"A tale of courage and determination in the face of almost

insurmountable hardship."

THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

Steven Callahan



Don't Panic by Christopher A. Duggan features editor

I get so few letters in regard to my columns that I have to respond to the one that appears on the editorial page this week.

I was not trying to challenge AARP's right to exist, nor was I saying that people of retirement age should fade away or anything to that effect. I suppose the headline, which read, "Hold On, I'm Too Young To Die," might have given that impression, but to be honest, my first choice, "Hold On, I'm Too Young To Be Old," would not fit.

The point was that perhaps 22 is a

little young an age for someone to be getting AARP mail. The eventual upshot of the

column was that I was complaining about my age without cause. So, if anyone was offended by the

column, you have my apology. I regret any misunderstanding. Now, on with business.

In October of 1982 I was 16 years old, a sophmore in high school. That was a great time for me, a great time for St. Louis. The St. Louis Cardinals were in

the World Series, and they were seemingly unstoppable. That team was very different from the one we have now. Juaquin Andujar was our best on the mound,

base, and Lonnie Smith and David Green were in the outfield, along with a red-hot Willie McGee. They were our team, and the

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masculine

entire city of St. Louis was behind One of the things that made that

season special for me was the fact that it was the first time I'd seen the Cards go to the Series. You see, the Cardinals had not

gone to the World Series since 1968, and I was born in 1965. I wasn't much of a baseball fan at the age of

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home, I'll bet there were at least 50 or 51 people waiting for them at the airport to say, "Way to go anyway guys. Wait 'til next year.'

Anyway, this year, the Cards aren't so hot. As always, they seem to have more injured players than healthy ones, but the back-ups aren't coming through like we're used to.

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In fact, all I've heard from people is that next year will be no different, with exactly the same team and the same problems.

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That, however, is not my point. The point is that being in the pennant race, exciting though it is, takes something away from the game of baseball.

It puts added pressure on every game, as if the lead were at stake all the time. It ultimately makes the game very difficult to enjoy.

The way the Cardinals are playing now, no matter how unsatisfying it may seem in the long run, is how I remember baseball from when I

They win their share of games. and, on the whole, they play good baseball. The fact that they don't go all the way to the big one in October doesn't bother me a bit.

In the days of my childhood, I, and many other loyal St. Louis fans, would cheer them from the first game of the season to the last, regardless of their ending record.

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In the movie "Eight Men Out," the Chicago fans are shown booing their team from the stands and burning players in effigy after just a couple

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The plot, with all its convolutions, is similar to one that Charles Dickens might have come up with.

The plot, or rather, most of it, takes place in Albany, New York, like most of Kennedy's novels.

The story starts up in 1849, when the main character, 15-year-old Daniel Quinn, an orphan working for a boatman named John the Brawn, saves the life of a young girl named Maud following a boating accident.

He pulls her from the river and certain death in the icy water. It is an event that is to forever change his

We follow Daniel through a stormy youth, betrayal by his master, separation from Maud (whom he has fallen in love with), and his struggle to rise above his common background.

Through the kindness of a newspaper editor named Will Canaday, he is given a start on a newspaper and thus begins what is to become an illustrious career as a journalist.

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Excerpt-

"Then he saw it was a woman of love.

Saw Maud.

He could not have suspected or even intuited her presence here, and yet neither was this coincidence. We could call it Quinn's will to alter existence, to negate life's caprice and become causality itself. This was not the first time he had willed history to do his bidding, but it was the first time history had obeyed him. He had come here seeking not Maud's presence but the ethereal fragrance of her memory, all he could hope to find."

Through the telling of Daniel's adventures, some of which are in first person, we see quite a few evidences of the bestiality of man.

The book is filled with story after story of man's attacks on his fellows. Quinn is an active participant in some of these tales, and in others he is not

The story has three parts. The last one begins in 1864. We see a 29-yearold Quinn who has been a correspondent in the Civil War and has gained a fair amount of fame over the

The last part of the book deals with his reunion with Maud, who is engaged to a rich land-owner, and his attempts to win her back.

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Kennedy's characters have a multitude of dimensions, and, just like real people, they all have good and bad qualities, although some have more of one or the other.

The story is wrought in such a way that is frustrating to read at times, but rewarding in the long run.

There are several sub-plots along the course of the novel, which appear to take over the story at that given place in the book.

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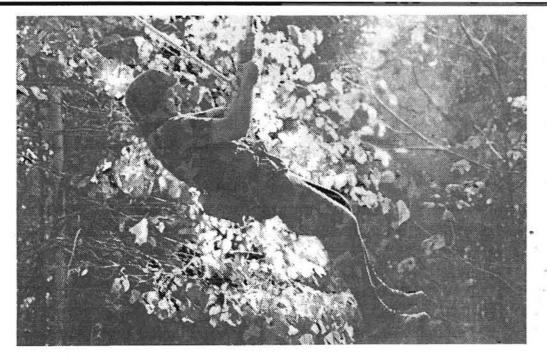
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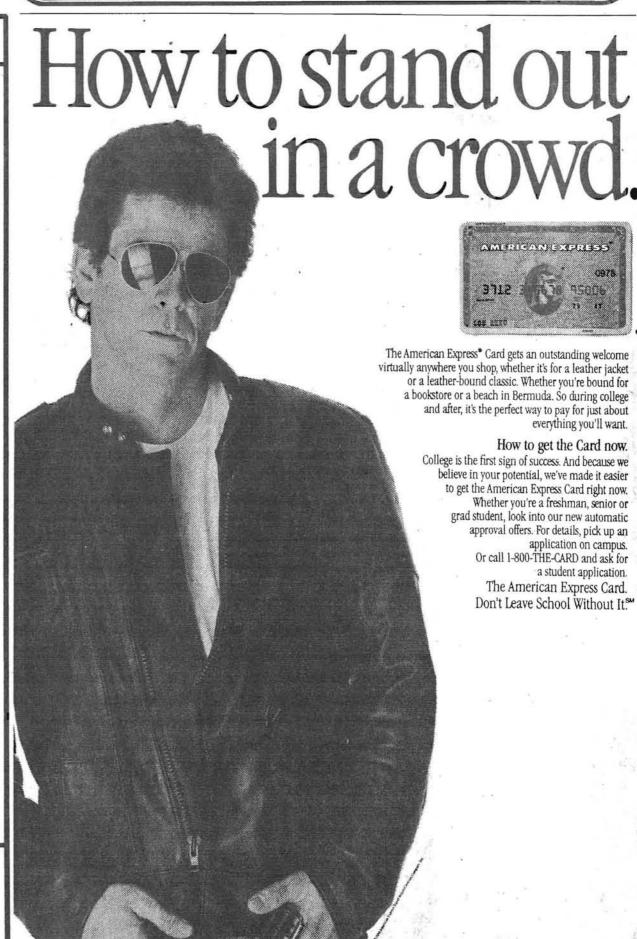
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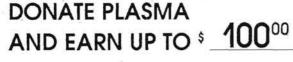
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As associate vice chancellor, Person will focus on equipment and personnel. She will be responsible for recommending and implementing programs for improving instruction, faculty development and profrom page 1

gram review, and for coordinating various academic programs and support areas.

She will also handle faculty personnel matters, such as contracts and grievances.

Before going to Clarion University, Person worked for three years as an associate dean in the School of Library and Information Science at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She also was an assistant professor at Catholic University and served as coordinator of continuing education, a position she previously held at the University of Michigan in Ann

Person earned a master's degree at George Washington University's School of Government and Business Administration. She received a doctoral degree from the University of Michigan.

As the new associate vice chan-

cellor for research, Clayton's main duties will be to stimulate faculty involvement in research and instructional grants and contracts in every university department.

The position requires a background of research productivity and success in securing funding for research.

As a faculty member in the UM-St. Louis Department of Economics since 1968, Clayton has been active in research focusing on the economy and agricultural policies of the Soviet Union. She is considered an expert on the subject and has received several research grants from various sources, including the National Science Foundation, the Social Science Research Council and the Ford Foundation.

She was one of the first UM professors to participate in the exchange program between the university and Moscow State

University in the Soviet Union that began in 1983. Clayton also served as the economics department chairperson at UM-St.Louis from 1975

Larson, the new assistant dean of academic advising, began her career at UM-St.Louis in 1976 as a graduate teaching assistant. Her experience since then includes positions as instructor at UM-St. Louis, St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, Webster University and Washington University.

Throughout her career, Larson has received many honors and awards, including a Curators' Scholarship University and Scholarship from UM-St. Louis. While attending Columbia University, she received a Columbia University Fellowship.

Larson received her masters in philosophy in 1981 and doctorate in 1984, both from Columbia University.

would be a wonderful thing to be in a position like this, and I worked and worked toward that goal, and when I got there I was a different person.

"There was a lot of pressure not to fail," Franzen said. "I worried for five years about not falling on my face.

Franzen, who said his wife is also a "serious fiction writer," said he supported his family while writing by working two days a week at the Geophysical Science Department at Havard University. "They made it possible to live, barely, in a semiheated apartment for five years," he said.

While working as a research assistant, Franzen said he spent five days a week writing his book. "A typical day would be wasting about four hours and then starting to smoke, feeling really bad about wasting so much time," he said. "Then I'd have lunch.

"About three in the afternoon I would feel so bad about having wasted another day that I would force myself to write for three hours and it would get dark and then I would be all trembling and I would go have dinner," he

said. Franzen said that his commitment was to write seriously and to entertain the reader. He said he hoped to be one of the "five or ten in the country" to make a living writing serious fiction. "Critical acclaim, popular success and a long life in the public eye are not opposites, but they can be," he said.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Franzen lives with his wife in New York City. His next novel, he said, will be set in Boston.

"I have to get away from St. Louis for at least one book," he

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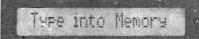
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