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# CURRENT

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## Barnett Finalist For Position at Florida U.

by Thomas Kovach  
news editor

Florida University officials have announced that UM-St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett and UM-Columbia Chancellor Haskell Monroe Jr. are two of five finalists for the same post at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

All five are scheduled for interviews today and Friday, and University of Florida officials said they hope to make a selection late next month.

Neither Barnett nor Monroe had any comment on the matter.

UM-St. Louis faculty members are praising the accomplishments of Barnett since she arrived at the university in the spring of 1986.

"In a very short time, it seems she has grasped a awareness of many of our problems. She had the vision to correct many inadequacies," Communication Chairperson Beth Kizer said.

"I think she has made a dramatic impact on the campus and the community," Economics Chairperson Sharon Levin adds.

In three years, Barnett has achieved these goals, just to name a few:

- Raised \$5.6 million in private funding, with at least half coming from corporations. The university has received a \$500,000 donation from McDonnell-Douglas and Monsanto. Monsanto's donation was the largest unrestricted grant ever made to a public institution.

- Helped expand the Thomas Jefferson Library, establish a new computer center and obtain money for the new Science Building on campus.

- Has sat on nine Boards of Directors in the St. Louis area, including Civic Progress, Union Electric, and Mercantile Bank.

Larry E. Wines, President of the Alumni Association at UM-

St. Louis said, "She has just done a fantastic job. UMSL was suffering long from a identity crisis and it was underappreciated in many sectors. What she did was raise the status."

Wines is referring to how prior chancellors have concentrated on academics as a whole. While Barnett has at least maintained the level of education, Wines said, she has also made UM-St. Louis known to members of the community.

He cites to three areas that Barnett has worked hard on since coming to UM-St. Louis: public relations, legislative affairs, and fund-raising

"That's Marguerite's strong point," Wines points out, "her drive to succeed. She sets down a path."

Dr. Edwin Fedder, Director of the Center for International Studies, said, "she has been very strong in fund-raising. I think if she were going to leave, she would be difficult to replace."

"I think she has brought a great deal of recognition and enthusiasm to the campus," Anita McDonald, Dean of the Evening College, said. "She has brought a new sense of pride to the campus."

J. Martin Rochester, a associate professor in Political Science and a faculty member since 1972, commented, "I think she has done an outstanding job for the campus in terms of image in the community and external funding in the corporate sector. The campus is in better shape today than in any point in history."

"I would add that in some respects, the campus today is like Brazil in the 1970's. What Brazil did was tremendous in terms of economic growth. But Brazilians didn't know too well," Rochester adds.

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## Engineering School In First Stage

by Deon Wortham  
reporter

Last year's proposal to bring an undergraduate engineering program to UM-St. Louis, approved by the University of Missouri Board of Curators, is currently being put in the first phase of its developmental process.

Last spring, the Curators approved University of Missouri President C. Peter Magrath's plan to set up the program at the St. Louis campus, along with one at the Kansas City campus. The approval is contingent upon finding financing for the program

Under the proposed plan, administrators from the St. Louis campus would work with the UM-Rolla campus to develop the program, and would seek the help of Washington University in getting it started.

The undergraduate degree programs would be offered in electrical and mechanical engineering for

evening and non-traditional students who work and attend school part-time.

The degrees that will be offered and the program itself will be administered jointly by the UM-St. Louis and Rolla campuses. Through Magrath's proposal, the Rolla campus would provide engineering programs throughout the state via satellite. Also under the new plan, Washington University would be approached about the use of its engineering classrooms, laboratories, computer and library services, and perhaps some faculty members for the first few years of the program.

Students, also, would be enrolled at UM-St. Louis and use the Washington University facilities, and the state would pay for administering funding for the difference in tuition between the two schools. In time, a center would be built in the science complex on the St. Louis campus to house both the new undergraduate programs and the current Engineering Education Center

which offers a graduate program run by the Rolla campus.

"This is a proposal to move ahead," said Magrath, in an article from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The issue over whether there would be an undergraduate engineering program at the St. Louis campus has been frequent subject for debate.

The engineering activity would be coordinated by a director who would report to both UM-St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett and Martin C. Jischke, Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Rolla campus.

The UM-St. Louis campus only offers graduate engineering classes which is still under the direction of Rolla.

"One thing that the new program would allow students who have to work and go to college would be to get a degree in engineering without having to go to Washington University or Rolla where the tuition is very high. There is a need for an engineering program in the St. Louis area in which a student can

attend a fairly inexpensive school, especially for those students who have to work. And secondly, it would be nice being that the technology is here; all that Rolla offers here is a graduate program. For people who have been out of school for several years, we sometimes have problems jumping back into a graduate program. It would be nice to have some undergraduate courses and some refresher courses as a starting point," said Dan McClure, a student in the engineering graduate program at UM-St. Louis.

"I think that what is valuable about what has happened in the legislature is that the legislature has expressed a strong interest in the program," stated Chancellor Barnett in a Post-Dispatch article.

Part of the proposal study is examining what is projected to be a demand for engineers in the St. Louis area. Development strategies Inc., of St. Louis found that a total of 1,837 engineers are expected to be hired annually over the next five years at McDonnell Douglas.

## Optometry School Eyes Lens Research

by Joseph G. Pickard  
reporter

The UM-St. Louis School of Optometry is on the cutting edge of research regarding contact lenses, according to Dr. Edward S. Bennett, Director of the Contact Lens Clinic at the university.

"We do more clinical research than any other school in the country," Bennett said. "There are more practices specializing in contact lenses in St. Louis than anywhere else in the United States, so it was natural that our optometry program would have a heavy emphasis in that area."

Dr. Sonja Paragina, a Contact Lens Resident, said, "at other schools, they tend to look at things on the micro-biological level. That's more what one would think of as hard core science. Our research is applied, in that it helps us to determine how we can best serve our patients."

The major thrust of the Contact Lens Clinical Studies Department revolves around rigid gas permeable contact lenses, the current generation of hard contact lenses. Bennett said, "approximately 80 percent of our prescriptions are for these lenses, versus about a 50 percent national average."

UM-St. Louis School of Optometry is awaiting word from the Food and Drug Administration on approval of a new bifocal contact lens. Paragina said of the lenses, "there is a rising demand for manufacturers to develop bifocal contact lenses, now that the baby-boom generation is coming of age."

"This is the first bifocal contact lens that makes sense, since it allows equal sight for both near and far," she added.

The Contact Lens Clinic often is in need of volunteers to participate in studies. Bennett said, "we have as many as 100 to 150 people who get to take part each year. They often receive contacts made of materials not yet approved by the FDA." He was quick to add, "these people are not guinea pigs. These materials are already proven to be safe."

"Twenty-five volunteers will be needed soon for a study of disposable contact lenses," Bennett said. "We will be comparing the lenses of one manufacturer to those of another."

In order to participate in contact lens research, all patients must receive a full eye exam. The cost for this service is \$24, or \$19 for students.

"Where else can you get such an extensive eye exam for that price?" Paragina commented.

Once the exam has been completed, the file will be examined by one of the contact lens faculty investigators to insure that the patient has met all of the FDA requirements stated in the protocol. Studies vary in length from three months to one year.

In each study, all patients receive the recommended solutions needed throughout the study, any replacement lenses that are needed, and as long as all required visits are completed, a complimentary pair of lenses at the end of the study.

A professional fee is charged to all study patients, but this is usually much less than a private clinic would charge for the same services. The clinic also accepts most insurance coverage. Interested persons should contact Sue Kirby at 553-5116.

## No Protest Over King Holiday Students, Administrators Cite Other Needs

by David Dickinson  
reporter

The recent decision of the University of Missouri Board of Curators not to officially recognize Martin Luther King Day has brought the concerns of minority students into the spotlight at UM-St. Louis.

In what black student organizations perceive as merely the latest manifestation of a legacy of racial insensitivity, the University has decided to cancel classes while requiring the attendance of faculty and staff. The reasoning behind the decision concerned finances; each campus stands to lose about \$70,000 in overtime if King Day were observed.

Yet some students at UM-St. Louis feel that this action is inconsistent with the University's official stance on minority issues.

Last year, the issue of observance was the focus of a bitter controversy between black student organizations and the University. This year, however, students seem willing to let the matter drop.

"There won't be any protest or anything," remarked Kelly McKee a.k.a. Kamau Rahotep, vice-president of the Organization of Black Student Journalists (OBSJ), a group not yet officially recognized by the University.

Part of the reason for this, according to McKee, is that Martin Luther King is no longer considered the primary symbol of Afro-American leadership by black students, if indeed he ever was. "Martin Luther King did not represent real black leadership," he explained. "He was

picked by the white media. It amounts to being told who our leaders should be and that amounts to mental slavery."

Some black students asked not to be identified or would not comment at all due to a media ban imposed by Associated Black Collegians (ABC) as a result of alleged misrepresentation in the media last year.

Student Government Association President Terence Small said, "Martin Luther King is not the issue. They (the University administration) throw it up in our faces to divert attention from the real problems on campus."

Another student added, "This University does what it wants to do; minority representation — in fact, student representation in general — is a facade."

Yet according to Norman Seay, Assistant to the Chancellor for Minority Affairs, "where this administration has control, it does take into account the needs and wishes of minority students."

"The distinction between those areas where the UM-St. Louis administration has control and where it does not is an important one," Seay said. He pointed out a recent report of the North Central Association of Colleges and High Schools, the organization responsible for UM-St. Louis' accreditation. The report gave the University "high marks" in minority affairs that fall under the Chancellor's authority, while some other aspects of minority affairs got a poor rating.

One problem area of special concern to ABC, according to one mem-

ber, is the low percentage of tenure track minority faculty. According to Seay, the percentage of minority students at UM-St. Louis is around 13 percent. But Rochelle Nwadiabia, Director of Affirmative Action at UM-St. Louis, places the percentage of tenured minority faculty at 5.8 percent.

As of the end of last semester (the latest period for which figures are available), UM-St. Louis' hiring of minority faculty was only about a third of what the University was able to do.

Nwadiabia said, "Generally speaking, we are underutilized with respect to the national availability of minority faculty. That is not just my professional opinion. That is a fact."

Some students say another problem on the part of students and faculty on campus.

Seay called racism a "challenge" rather than a problem. "Racism is here beneath the surface," he said, "subtle but apparent; and it does occasionally come to the surface."

ABC and OBSJ are planning to take action to address the problems of black students on campus, according to McKee. Because of ABC's media ban, the plans of that organization could not be disclosed. But, he said, OBSJ would be releasing a newsletter beginning October 1. The first issue will deal specifically with Martin Luther King Day.

According to McKee, the newsletter "will finally put the issue (of King Day) to rest so we can get to the real problems around here."



LEFT: UM-St. Louis Police check out a report that a Green Volkswagon, left, "rolled" into a parked Plymouth Satellite in parking lot "E" Tuesday night. No one was injured and both cars suffered minor damage. ABOVE: UM-St. Louis police officer Lauritta McAllister questions the owner of the Volkswagon, Mike Najor. Police say that Najor's car was in neutral when it began to roll from a parking spot that was east of this picture, but police are still uncertain how far the car rolled.

McAllister said that Najor felt bad and was somewhat upset about the situation. The owner of the Plymouth is UM-St. Louis student Fredrick Lieble. (Photos by Scott Brandt)



# NEWSBRIEFS

The subject of the Sixteenth Annual Conference on International Relations, designed for elementary and secondary school educators, and sponsored by the Center for International Studies, School of Education and Continuing Education-Extension at UM-St. Louis, is "The Changing Communist World."

The conference will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 8:00 am-3:30 pm on the UM-St. Louis campus. Participants who would like to earn one hour of graduate credit may also attend an all-day follow up seminar to be held on Saturday, October 28.

The conference registration fee of \$30 includes the cost of lunch and materials. The cost of the credit course is an additional \$52.70, which includes tuition, materials and refreshments, but not lunch on October 28.

The deadline for registration is October 6. For more information call conference director Kathy Cochran, Center for International Studies, 553-5801. For registration information, contact Joe Williams, Continuing Education-Extension, 553-5961.

Three of the top educators in the St. Louis area have been named as honorary co-chairs of the campaign for passage of Propositions A, B and C, on the November 7 ballot in St. Louis City and County.

Marguerite Ross Barnett, Chancellor of UM-St. Louis, Reverend Lawrence Biondi, President of St. Louis University, and William H. Danforth, Chancellor of Washington University, will head the effort to promote passage of proposed property tax increases for the Missouri Botanical Garden, the St. Louis Science Center, and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

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The St. Louis B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will award one free round trip airline ticket to Israel to a Jewish college student from the St. Louis metropolitan area. The gift is made possible through the generosity of the Lurie Family who recently established the Lurie Israel Award in memory of their husband and father, Robert Lurie.

The award stipulates that the winner must currently be enrolled as a sophomore or junior at an area college or university. He or she must also be a Hillel member, and must show reasonable commitment to share their Israel experience with other individuals upon return to St. Louis.

The winning student need not participate in a specific program in Israel. The recipient will be responsible for making all arrangements

and for financing the actual visit in Israel. Hillel staff will be available to assist in finding a suitable program if desired.

Deadline for applications for the Lurie Israel Award is November 1, 1989. Interviews will take place in November, and the award announced by February 1, 1990. For further information, or to request an application, call the Hillel Foundation, 726-6177.

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The Howard Hughes Medical Institute will award 60 Doctoral Fellowships in Biological Sciences in 1990. The fellowship program is intended for full-time students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward M.S., Ph.D., or Sc.D. degrees in biological sciences. Students who hold or are pursuing medical or dental degrees may also be eligible to apply for fellowship support for study toward the Ph.D. or Sc.D.

Awards are for three years, with extension possible for two additional years of full support. Stipends will be \$12,900 annually, effective June 1990, and an \$11,700 annual cost-of-education allowance will be provided to the fellowship institution on behalf of each fellow. There are no citizenship requirements, but foreign nationals must study in the United States.

The deadline for application is November 9, 1989. For copies of the Program Announcement or Applications call (202) 334-2872, or write, Hughes Doctoral Fellowships, The Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Av, N.W., Washington, DC, 20418. Announcement of awards made in April 1990

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Students graduating in December 1989, May 1990, and August 1990 should have a copy of the Fall 1989 recruiting schedule, available from Career Placement Services, 308 Woods Hall, UM-St. Louis (tel: 553-5111).

Students must be currently registered with the Placement Office and meet company criteria to be eligible for interviews. Students select employers from the recruiting schedule with whom they would like to interview.

Copies of students' College Interview Form (CIF) for each employer must be turned in at the Career Information Library (also 308 Woods Hall) within the time designated on their timetable. This timetable must be checked carefully for the dates of the pre-selected/alternate signups. Signups for a specific interview time will be available in the Career Information Library. Signups will begin at 8:00 am.

# Campus Calendar

September 28

The **UM-St. Louis Biological Association** will have a seminar on "The St. Louis Aquacenter" from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the **Biology Department Conference Room, R223e Research Wing**. The speaker is Leonard Sonnenschein, President of the St. Louis Aquacenter. Refreshments will be served with him at 1:45 p.m.

The **Women's Center** will present the film "A Call to Action," the official NOW documentary of the march for women's equality at 2 and 7 p.m. in room 211 at **Clark Hall**

The **Department of Physics** will have a colloquium on "Radial Systems of Dark Globules" at 3:00 p.m. in **328 Benton Hall**. The speaker is A. Gylbudaghian, an UM-St. Louis visiting international scholar. Coffee will be served at 2:30 p.m. in the Physics Library, 516 Benton Hall.

**Aerobic Dance and Aquarobics classes** will be continuing until **December 7**. The fee for each class is \$45. Some arrangements can be made for partial attendance. Call the Education Department (Carla) at x5226 or Donna Witteried at x6012 for more details.

September 29

The **International Students Organization** will have an election of officers from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. at the International House. Anyone who wants to vote should bring their student ID card. There will also be a general meeting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee and chat is from 10 a.m to 12 p.m.

The **UM-St. Louis Budweiser Classic** will be held at **UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium** south of the Mark Twain Building. At 6 p.m. Benedictine vs. Southwest Missouri. At 8 p.m. Missouri

September 30

The **Hispanic-Latino Association** will be having their "noche de gala" at 6:00 p.m. at the **Alumni House**. Call x5692. A basic writing conference for teachers and administrators will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building. The guest speaker will be Glynnda Hull, project director of the Center for Study of Writing at the University of California-Berkeley. Call x5180.

Southern will meet UM-St. Louis' Rivermen. The consolation and championship matches will be held the next night at 6 and 8 p.m. respectively. Call x5121.

The **UM-St. Louis Budweiser Soccerfest** will be held at **Soccer Park in Fenton, Mo.** through **September 30**. Call x5121.

The **Riverwomen** will participate in the Central Missouri Invitational in Warrensburg, Mo. through **September 30**. Call x5121.

**UM-St. Louis** is offering lunchtime cultural enrichment series to presented on **Mondays**

until **April 30**. All programs will be held at **noon** in room 229 of the **J.C. Penney Building**. Call **Sally Fitzgerald** at x5180.

**Little Shop of Horrors** will open through Halloween in the **River Roads Mall**. Operating hours will be weekdays 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and weekends 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., closed Mondays except October 30. Contact Mr. Gregory at 869-4697 or 869-6418.

The **Adult Children of Alcoholics Group** will begin their Friday sessions from 2:00 to 4 p.m. Call 553-5711 for an appointment with Gloria.

October 1

**Premiere Performances** will present the Angeles Quartet with **Claudine Carlson** at 4 p.m. at the **Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Ave.** Call x5818.

The **UM-St. Louis Budweiser Soccerfest** continues at the **Soccer Park in Fenton, Mo.**

October 2

The **UM-St. Louis' noon lecture series** continues in room 229 of the **J.C. Penney Building** with "Who Dunnit? How Science Works to Combat Crime." Harold Messler, chief criminologist of the St. Louis Forensics Laboratory, is the guest speaker. Call x5180.

The **Women's Center and the UM-St. Louis Counseling Service** will co-sponsor a leadership training program for women from 1 to 5 p.m. in **211 Clark Hall**.

October 3

The **UM-St. Louis Rivermen vs. Webster University** at 7:30 p.m. at the **UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium**.

The **University Players** will be having their organization meeting at 12:30 p.m. at **119 Benton Hall (Theatre)**. Call Rick at 434-9309, 553-5733 or J. Patel 434-7809.

October 4

**Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett** open hours for students and faculty will be in **401 Woods Hall** from 10 a.m. through 12 p.m.

The **Department of Biology** will have a seminar on "Cytoskeleton and Fungal Dimorphism." Dr. Judy Medoff from the Department of Biology at St. Louis University will speak.

**ISO** will be having their coffee and chat from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The **Spanish Video-Club** will show the movie "Tasio" at 8 p.m. at **Clark Hall (Multimedia Room 110)**.



**BANNING BEER SIGNS?** United States Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, along with many university officials across the country, are attempting to ban alcohol promotions, cans and posters from campuses. (Photo by CPS)

## Koop To Ban Alcohol Signs

(CPS)-As University of North Dakota students were moving into their dorms at the start of the semester, they were being told by university officials that they can't have empty alcohol containers in their rooms or put up posters in their dorm windows.

UND residence services Director Terry Webb imposed the new rule because beer can pyramids and alcohol-related posters create an impression that drinking is allowed in dorms, where it's actually been banned for years.

"Signs give the perception that yes, this is okay, when it's not," he said.

Other campuses also are trying to drive images of alcohol from their properties.

California State University at Chico President, Robin Wilson, warned in early September he would force the campus newspaper to cut back on the number of alcohol-related ads it takes, and would disassociate the school from all activities sponsored by beer and liquor companies.

In addition, the United States Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, said he would soon be sending disap-

proving letters to college presidents who still allowed beer and liquor firms to promote events on their campuses.

Koop added that if presidents don't comply, he would recommend "economic and legal sanctions" against the schools.

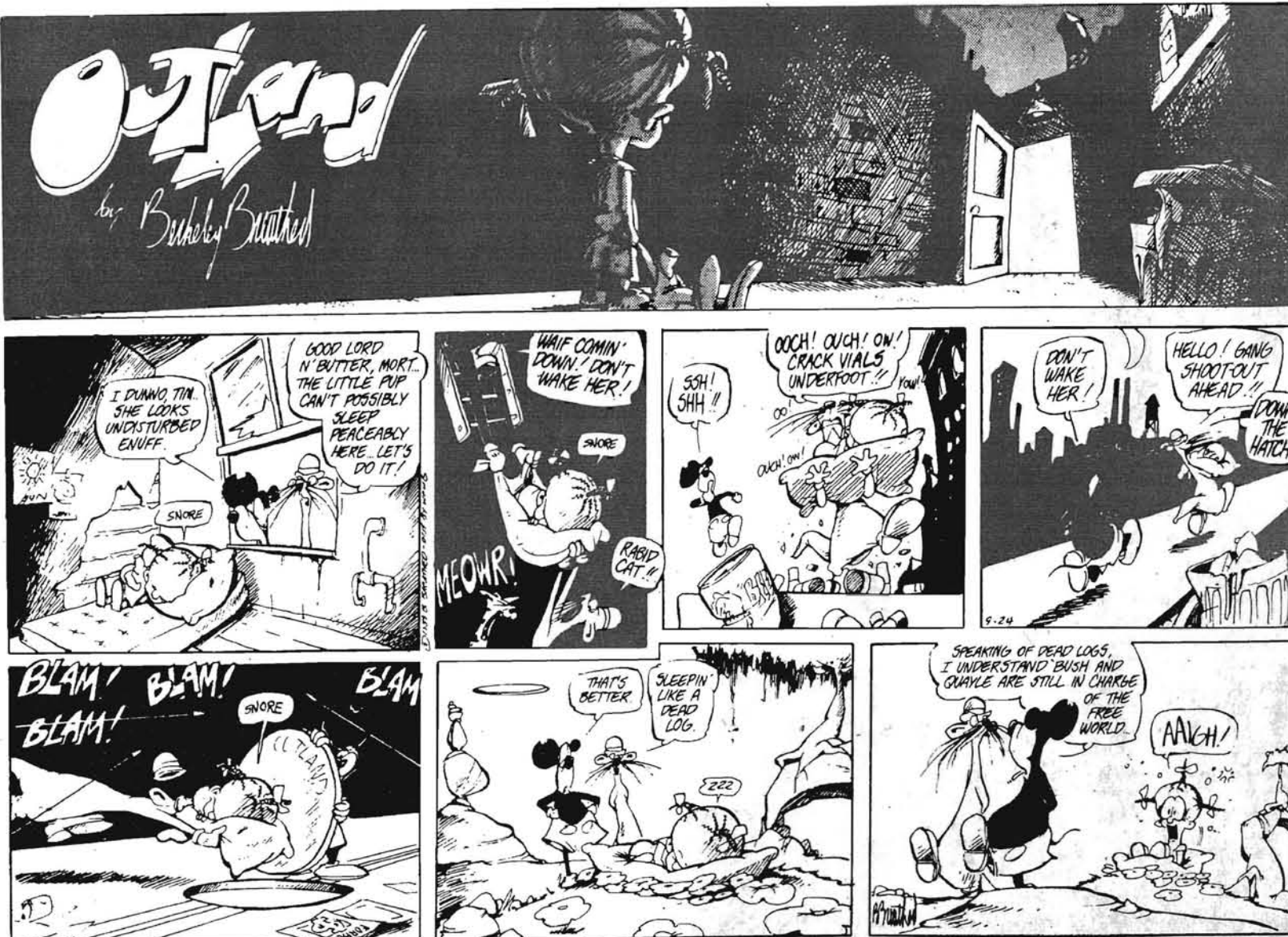
"We believe we have the right to advertise to students responsibly," Elizabeth Conslak, a spokesman for Miller Brewing in Milwaukee Wis., said.

Miller "shares the concerns of college administrators (but) the approach to controlling and curbing alcohol abuse is through education of consumers, not control of the product."

UND students said they can understand banning empty containers, but think the sign ban is a dumb idea.

"It doesn't make sense. It won't stop people from drinking," Sophomore John Bratelli said.

Alcohol-related signs might not "portray a good image for the university, but people shouldn't be told they can't express themselves just because it doesn't paint a pretty picture," dorm resident Matt Hollifield.



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## Meritorious Service

Since coming here in 1986, Chancellor Marguerite Barnett has raised more money for this campus than any other individual.

But now we might be faced with the loss of the person who has turned this university into a major power across the state. Barnett may possibly leave the university for an appealing job offer in sunny Florida at the flagship campus of the University of Florida system at Gainesville.

At various times, the Current has been less than satisfied with the attention given to science and technology at the expense of the arts, but we have still acknowledged the accomplishments of the chancellor in bringing millions of dollars to the university. Without her efforts, we would still be known around the state as "UMSL" (pronounced uhm-suhl) rather than UM-St. Louis as is the standard now. The chancellors new improved version of the campus name commands more respect than the previously "slurred" version.

In addition to monetary gains for the campus, Barnett has given the students something they can't get in class: pride. Many students who attended school here before the Barnett era considered this campus to be second-rate. To them, it was a place to come after a couple semesters of overzealous partying at an out-of-town university. Students who go here now are here mostly because they want to be. Barnett is to be credited a great deal in changing the community's attitudes toward this campus. It is now respectable to be a student at UM-St. Louis thanks to her efforts.

All this praise is an attempt to show the chancellor that she is appreciated (even if not always agreed with) here and that to lose her to another school would indeed be a great loss to the campus. The Board of Curators would have a tough time finding someone to fill Barnett's shoes.

## A Modest Proposal

Here it is the end of September. Garage "D" is still not finished.

The parking situation is somewhat better due to people skipping class and so forth, but spaces are still at a premium during peak hours and we are still 700 spaces short of parking that could even be considered inadequate.

Students should expect to have a spot to park on campus. After all, some students are paying as much as \$45 for a parking sticker which doesn't guarantee them a space.

A possible way to make the powers that be move quicker on the situation could be for the entire student body to refuse to buy parking stickers for the upcoming winter semester. Call it civil disobedience if you will. Just think, you could tell your grandchildren what a "wild and crazy" college student you were when you and 12,000 others protested the parking situation and caused utter chaos and confusion among the campus police and administrators.

But then again, the money used for the temporary repairs on our temporary garages comes from the parking fees and tickets. Maybe it does go for good use. Maybe the state or the city of St. Louis should take some responsibility in funding the repairs and maintenance.

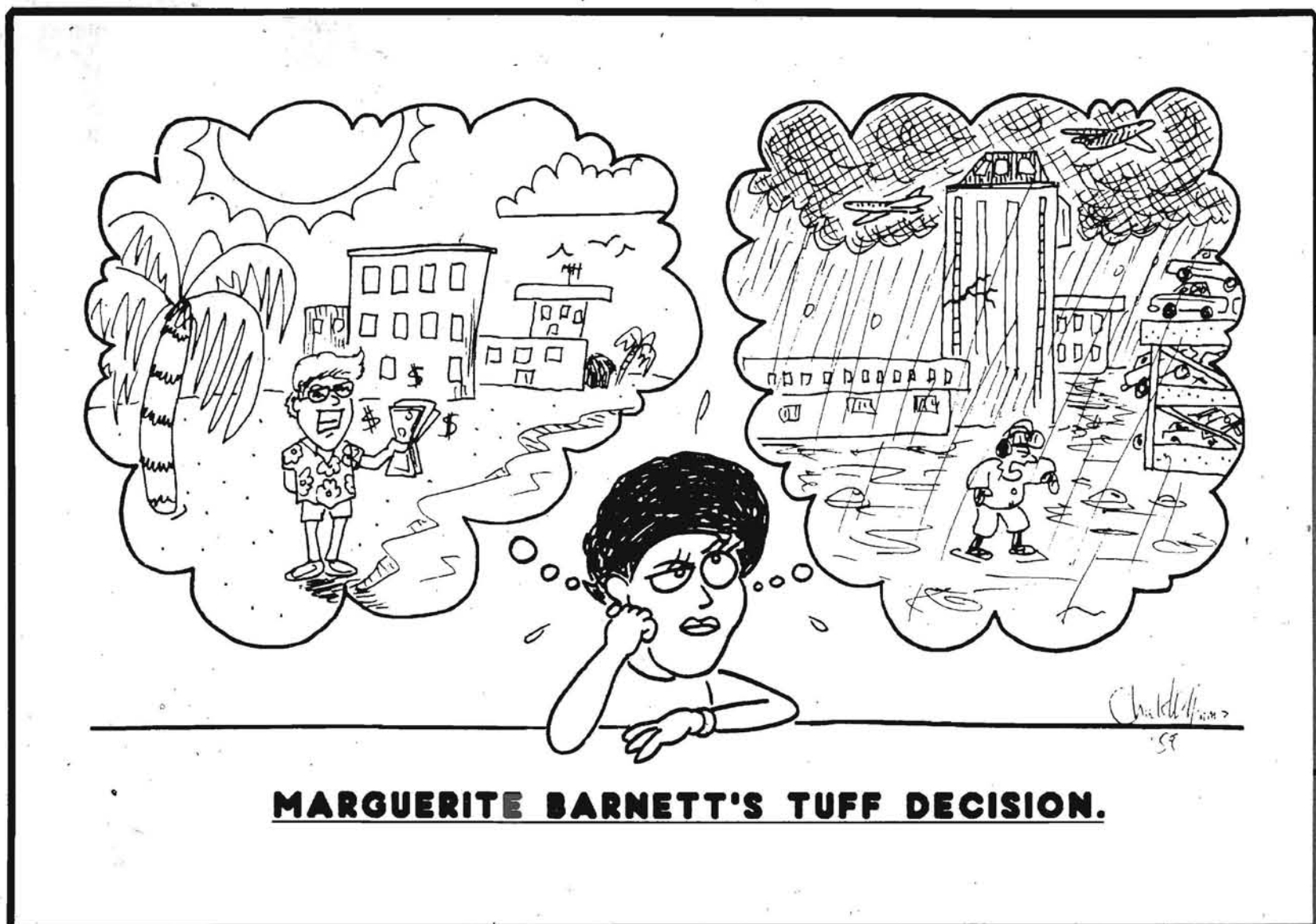
Picture Joe Student pondering this dilemma. A miniature devil appears on his left shoulder.

"Go ahead, blow off the parking fee," the devil says. "It should be free to park in the grass anyway. Besides, look at what all those morons did to the side of your car when they tried to squeeze through that narrow little space."

An angel appears on the other shoulder.

"Don't do it, Joe," the angel says. "It would be breaking the rules. Even though you have been wronged, you shouldn't retaliate."

Joe Student takes the angel, stuffs it in a pickle jar, closes the lid and pops it into the fridge.



MARGUERITE BARNETT'S TUFF DECISION.

## Racism Questioned, Quotes Defended

### Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe  
managing editor

St. Louis heralded the birth of a new newspaper this week, The Sun; and the return to the list of cities with two newspapers. But as many were celebrating the new kid on the block, many at UM-St. Louis were lambasting the existence of another and its coverage of minority affairs.

The Current has received more criticism this week about a quote that appeared in the September 14 issue than the Supreme Court did when it ruled flag burning was protected by the Constitution. In "Speakeasy," Kurt Hoffman was asked, "Name your worst job." He responded, "Doing dishes in Colorado in a smelly cafeteria with just a bunch of Mexicans. No one spoke English except me."

The quote has brought several arguments to light. Was the quote racist? Was the Current racist for printing the quote? Should the Current have edited or deleted the quote? The answer to all of these questions is an emphatic NO.

Racist is a popular catch phrase which is overused. The true definition of the word is someone who believes his race is superior to another. It is rarely used in that sense, however.

Hoffman was speaking about the problems encountered while working with a group of foreigners who did not speak English. His comment was legitimate and one I

made in this column that same week.

Everyday we read or hear about reports of mass immigration to the United States. Latinos escaping economic depression, easterners escaping communism, Russian Jews escaping religious persecution: citizens of the world seeking a new life in America's melting pot. In most cases, we welcome them with open arms.

But there are problems with our newest citizens. Their presence has placed an economic strain on every aspect of our economy: from unemployment, to education, to housing. But there is a more disturbing issue to be addressed — the failure of many to assimilate our culture and of many more to attempt learning our language.

Some suggest that the U.S. should become officially bi-lingual (Spanish being the suggested language), but that is wrong. For over two centuries, those migrating to the U.S. have struggled to learn to speak their adopted country's language. It is necessary to speak a common language, and English is that language.

If we were to adopt a second official language, why Spanish? Why not Russian, the language of our greatest political adversary; or Japanese, the language of our greatest economic competitor; or French, considered by many, including the UN, to be the international language of diplomacy? Why not? Because for over 200 years, English has been the tongue of the land and that is how it should remain.

The larger issue in the debate

over Hoffman's comment is whether the Current should have edited or deleted the remark. Again the answer is a definitive NO.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of the press as well as freedom of speech. Hoffman has the right to express his comments and the Current has the right to print them.

Many have suggested that it was inappropriate for the Current to print such "insensitive" remarks. I disagree. Even if the remark was insensitive or racist, which it was not, the Current had a responsibility to print the remark.

The "Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual" is the bible for practically every newspaper in the country. According to the Stylebook, "...Do not use racially derogatory terms unless they are part of a quotation that is essential to the story."

The quote contained no derogatory terms, the phrase "just a bunch of Mexicans" could have been switched to just a bunch of Germans, French, Italians or practically any other nationality in the world. The fact is that Hoffman happened to be working with Mexicans. He can't help that they weren't some other nationality. The point is, they didn't speak English.

Some question whether the Current should have edited the comment and either changed the word Mexicans to foreigners or contacted Hoffman and asked him to reword the quote. It is not the job of any newspaper to aid in the formation of quotes. What people say off

the top of their heads is very often what they mean. Why do you think politicians avoid answering surprise questions? In any case, that would have changed the job of the Current from reporting the news to making the news, a situation I am sure few desire.

Others question whether the quote was essential to the story. The story was about what your worst job was. Hoffman had a worst job and the reason why was pertinent to the story. Would the story have been just as complete without his quote? Perhaps, but that puts the newspaper in very precarious situation. To decide whose opinion is important to a story and whose is not is a very difficult task at best, but judging whether a quote will offend someone or not as a determining factor in its use is unreasonable.

A good quote will often stir controversy, this one did, although people missed the point — non-English speaking foreign nationals have reached a critical level in certain parts of the country. That is what we should be debating about, not whether Latinos take umbrage at how someone said something. To be quite honest, if Hoffman had been talking about East Germans or Russian Jews, this whole discussion would be moot. Some people can be overly sensitive.

If you want to read a story or a newspaper with all objectionable quotes and material removed, you either enjoy reading public relations propaganda or the Soviet flag is flying in the air above you, comrade.

## Letters to the editor Crank Clarifies Philosophy Misinformation

Dear editor,

The column entitled "Philosophers Crash With Chancellor" written by Shawn Foppe, in the Sept. 14 edition of the Current, proves more than his belief in illogical argumentation. The column also contains examples of a sensationalist headline, misspelling, typographical errors, and, most disturbing, the use of incorrect facts. Coupled with his fear of philosophical brainwashing, Foppe uses his rampant misinformation to totally misrepresent the dynamic agenda of philosophy found at UM-St. Louis and throughout the discipline.

The most aggravating questions raised by the column are: What did the headline mean? Was Chancellor Barnett crashing in conjunction with philosophers or into them? If "into" them, did the chancellor crash into them because of the allegedly questionable curriculum? If the latter was implied, it is false. I asked the chancellor if she did in fact have a problem with the philosophy department, and her reply was an emphatic "No."

Secondly, I find the statistic Foppe used, namely that there are

three philosophy majors on campus, impossible to accept. I know of at least five majors, mostly upperclassmen. This leaves freshmen and people who have switched majors unaccounted for. Furthermore, three philosophy majors graduated last May, in addition to the two who finished over the summer.

Thirdly, the range of topics discussed within philosophy is much greater than Foppe's interpretation of them as "worthless logic." One finds philosophy addressing the ethical aspects of science, medicine, and law. Current sociological debates are the common topics. Also, queries into religious doctrine are frequent and vital to the curriculum. These things are in addition to the study of metaphysics and the patterns of "logic" philosophy.

Fourthly, Foppe makes the point about some good philosophers not holding university degrees in philosophy. This causes Foppe to wonder whether a philosophy degree, or a formal study of thinking actually produces great philosophy. Fortunately, the obscure work of a man called Aristotle provides an

example to provide an answer to this question. Furthermore, Aristotle's extreme deviation from his teacher's thoughts serves to refute Foppe's claim that studying philosophy at centers for higher learning "is similar to the brainwashing those people at the airports go through." Another reflection of the effects of studying philosophy is noted in a survey published in the Chronicle of Higher Education. The survey ranked the scores of three traditional graduate entrance exams, for 1981-82, according to one's undergraduate major. Philosophy majors ranked higher than virtually all other majors on each test.

Lastly, the burning question of "What can one do with a philosophy degree?" seems to be asking what job can one get with such a degree. Simply put, any damn job one wants! The fact that philosophy emphasizes conceptual learning as opposed to memorizing indices of data does, of course, mean that one is not primed to fill the shoes of an ousted, obsolete, white-collar worker. Interestingly enough, conceptual tools aid one in working

through the relevance of any type of data, editorials, etc. The fact that philosophers often remain in academia and continue to promote mind expansion rather than job specialization does not mean that they are bound to only that profession. Many large corporations, for example, have found it useful to employ an ethicist. Moreover, a notable number of the nation's chief executive officers also have strong backgrounds in the liberal arts, which rightly include philosophy. If Foppe or anyone else wants more information concerning the career options available for philosophy majors, a booklet prepared by the American Philosophical Association's Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession and Committee on Career Opportunities is obtainable from the philosophy department free of charge.

If, in the future, Foppe chooses to continue only to recognize and not check his arrogant, self-important, pompous opinions, I suggest that he write about his weekend, vacation, or whatever. That way if he gets his facts wrong, no one will care.

Jeffrey Crank

### Professor Comments

Dear editor,  
In his "attack" upon the utility of Philosophy departments (Current, 9/14/89, p.3) indeed Shawn Foppe is a very generous and polite arguer — much of what he says is on Philosophy's side of the issue! At least three of his ten paragraphs show specific lapses in logic, not to mention other infelicities in grammar (used to be called "Minor

Logic") and spelling in the article.


Philosophy faculty and majors ought to look forward to more articles from Mr. Foppe and to rejoice that they have such an influential advocate on campus.

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English Department

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# Barbara Marx Hubbard: Positive On The Future

by Stacey Tipp  
associate news editor

The internationally known futurist and author, Barbara Marx Hubbard, gave a lecture entitled "The Next Stage in Social Evolution," on Friday evening, September 22, in the J.C. Penney auditorium.

Hubbard is desperately concerned with planetary survival in the face of such dangers as nuclear war and environmental degradation. She is co-founder of a group called Global Family, (who sponsored the lecture), which is dedicated to the peaceful, progressive transformation of the world.

Hubbard argued that the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a signal to the human race that it had the power either to destroy itself or to use its new found godliness for the good of humanity. Hubbard uses the term "co-creation" to describe the application of human capacities to creative, as opposed to destruc-

tive endeavors.

Hubbard's fascination with the future began in the 1960s, the result of the convergence of a number of factors, including the lunar landing (1969), Earth Day (1970), her reading of the New Testament, and the influence of a number of futuristic books, including "The Global Brain" by Peter Russell.

"I became a futurist in 1965 or 1966...because of a sense of the enormity of our potential," Hubbard said.

In 1968, determined to make others aware of her optimism and pessimism about our future, Hubbard simply wrote down the names of 1,000 people, some famous, some obscure, and sent them letters in which she voiced her concerns.

"I received hundreds of replies," Hubbard said.

This was Hubbard's first experience of "networking," the establishment of links between progressive individuals, which is the key to her plan for the transformation of the planet.

"I felt that we opened our collective eyes and saw the light," Hubbard said.

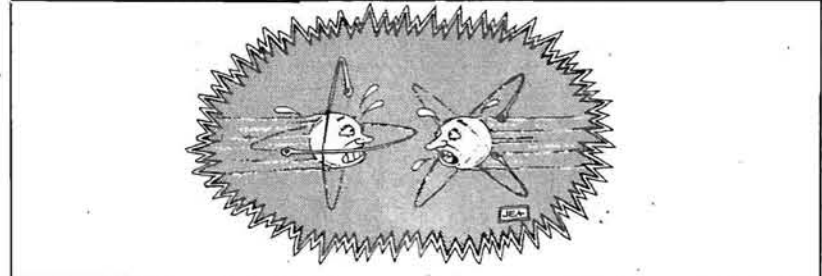
Hubbard's personal voyage continued in the 1970's, when she made her first visit to Findhorn, a community in northern Scotland. The community believes that by developing a sense of oneness and harmony with nature, individual growth and self-knowledge may be enhanced.

In 1980, Hubbard says that she underwent a "very profound Christ experience," while visiting the Mt. Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara, CA. Upon reading the New Testament immediately after her vision, she "realized that Jesus had made the jump from a creature human to a co-creative human," and that "what we're aiming at is described in Scripture...we shall be co-creative with God," Hubbard said. She believes that the transformation of our planet can be "gentle and graceful," as opposed to "violent and destructive," if we direct our awesome capabilities toward

finding positive solutions to the world's problems.

Several events in the 1980's have convinced Hubbard that co-creation is possible. These events include Glasnost and Perestroika in the Soviet Union, the transformation of Eastern Europe, "Live Aid" in 1985, and the Gorbachev/Reagan INF treaty of 1988. Hubbard believes that she can see the possibilities for the future in her own daughters, who are less concerned with relationships and reproduction, than they are with vocationalism and the "joy of co-creation."

In 1984, Hubbard succeeded in persuading 202 delegates at the Democratic National Convention to sign a petition to allow her to present her ideas to the convention. These ideas included a "Peace Room" in the White House, as sophisticated as the War Room, which would "scan for every breakthrough" in health, education, business, etc, and record and communicate ideas and projects that



seem to work. Hubbard also advocated the establishment of a Peace Room in the Kremlin. She said that her participation in the convention was not reported in the media, because she appeared to them to be "a political UFO."

The centerpiece of Hubbard's vision for the peaceful transformation of the planet is the establishment of a network of hubs around the world which will create databases of progressive thought and action, and allow like-minded individuals to connect in the activities which interest them.

These hubs, or "peace rooms," are the "beginnings of the global brain...while we are now in a state of separated consciousness, when we connect it will be like a universal 'Ah Ha!'" Hubbard said.

seem to work. Hubbard also

While Hubbard's critics may say that her plans and statements seem far-fetched and even irrelevant to the realities of practical politics, many of her ideas contain so much common sense that they cannot be ignored. For instance, why should the presence of a War Room in the White House seem appropriate, and the idea of a Peace Room seem ludicrous?

Another example of Hubbard's good sense brought a great response from the audience during her lecture. In 1987, Hubbard participated in what was known as "harmonic convergence," which involved individuals gathering at various sacred sites around the world to pray for world peace. Hubbard was approached by a network news reporter who expressed the opinion that it was stupid to get up at dawn to pray for world peace. Hubbard retorted that what was really stupid was getting up at dawn to make weapons of war.

## Assembly To Discuss Joining ASUM Later

by Thomas Kovach  
news editor

A vote on whether to accept Associated Students of University of Missouri, a lobby group on all four UM campuses, has been tabled by assembly members until their next meeting.

The assembly felt it couldn't vote on the matter until ASUM representatives discuss their role towards UM-St. Louis and have Student Government Association President Terence Small express his views.

Small could not attend last Thursday's meeting because he was attending an Intercampus Council meeting in Columbia.

But Small did write up a plan that was handed out to the assembly members last Thursday. In it, he

states that "Student Government Association could benefit greatly if it joins ASUM.... [Small] proposes that the legislative committee of the SGA be charged with the duties of negotiating a contract with ASUM that will be fair to UM-St. Louis and the other three campuses and obviously fair to ASUM."

Student Government Association Vice President Laura Paige suggested to assembly members that she would like ASUM representatives to talk about their role at the university.

"I want to do this right," Paige said. "If there is a problem, I want it to be corrected."

"I just want everyone to know what is going on. I don't want anyone to be left out in the dark," Paige added.

After she made her remarks, a motion by Shaun MacDonald was passed, stipulating that Small attend the meeting to answer any questions. The meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on October 9.

Assembly members Tina Seeley and David Rothman feel that ASUM is good for the university. Both, however, are questioning prior relationships between the two parties.

"I am all for ASUM," said Seeley. She cited, however, how Small didn't attend a July meeting in Columbia with ASUM Board of Directors. The meeting was supposed to decide the university's relationship with ASUM.

The Board felt that without Small

at the meeting, they couldn't make a decision without hearing from the SGA president.

Rothman, who was a member of ASUM while attending the University of Missouri-Columbia, said that "they are good people with good ideas."

He noted that "in the past, we got screwed by ASUM and they have treated us poorly."

But Small feels that the key to a relationship between ASUM and the university is what is set on the future agenda. "Let's try to set a direction. If they [the assembly] want to vote no, let them vote no. If they want to vote yes, let them vote yes," he said.

## Curators Hold Off On Proposed Computer Center

by David Barnes  
reporter

Questions regarding the design of the proposed UM-St. Louis Computer Center caused the proposal to be turned down 5-4 at the September 8 Board of Curators meeting in Kansas City.

According to Laurence G. Schlereth, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services at UM-St. Louis, the architects, Kennedy Associates and Architects, will

bring in a revised plan to the Curators at the October 12 and 13 meeting.

Schlereth said the concerns mainly focused on future expansion of the building. He said the Curators also questioned the internal flexibility of the structure.

Curator Fred S. Kummer, who made the motion to reject the design, said the time spent designing the building, "was not appropriate."

Kummer, an engineer, said "with my personal investigation, I found that it wasn't" acceptable.

Board of Curator President Edwin S. Turner voted in favor of the design. "I'm not an engineer or architect, but obviously a lot of time and effort had been put in it," he said.

As for why he didn't vote against it, Turner said, "I felt they heard our concerns and would act on them."

Schlereth said the Curators wanted more planning about possible expansion 10 years in the future.

"I felt a five to seven year time frame was reasonable," he said. "[but] on the other hand, it is always useful to plan ahead."

He said the architectural firm, Kennedy Associates and Architects, would need to plan what an addition would look like, such as making the building into an "L-shape" or putting on a connection.

Regarding internal flexibility, Schlereth said it was asked if "movable walls, like in hotel conference rooms" would be cheaper than the

planned dry wall, to rearrange the rooms if sizes needed to be changed.

He added they have already looked into this problem and found that dry wall would be the most economical.

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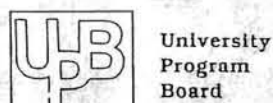
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## Parking Memoirs



## fax of life

by Laura Berardino  
feature editor

Sports yarns, and dormitory tales always seem to rank high when most college graduates reminisce about the good ole days. No matter what university one has attended, the rhetoric is almost always the same about the time the Fighting Irish, The Fighting Illini, or The Tigers saved homecoming by scoring a touchdown in the last ten seconds with the star kicker injured on the bench.

Yarns about the time Suzy Q. got busted sneaking two guys out of her room or the how Johnny O's triple-kegger toga parties never got busted are also traditional.

Recently, I met an 1979 graduate of UM-St. Louis, Sally, who also happened to work on the Current.

Guess what we talked about? Clue: It wasn't any of the above. After we discussed the evolution of the Current, our gossip turned to campus happenings. I mentioned that the garages were undergoing rehabbing. Her amazed response follows:

"Renovations? Really? I thought those garages were temporary. ... They were still pretty new when I started. ... We all hated garage 'H' because it was so far away. Why do you think they'd put a garage all the way over there?"

She recalled how our predecessors had fought for the garages to combat the parking problem.

"Tickets were about two dollars each. That was plenty if you were a student."

Two dollars? My how times have changed. Or have they? A decade has come and gone and there is still an unresolved parking problem.

Isn't it sad that the main gossip between generations is about parking? What about Rivermen glory stories or the achievements of former classmates? (Note: The Rivermen and Riverwomen happen to be UM-St. Louis' mascot.) I don't think I've heard one of them (it's not for lack of achievements, either).

Even my uncle, another UM-St. Louis alumnae, has a favorite parking story about his parking ticket collection.

"After I got my draft notice, I didn't care about where I parked," he said. "There was a circle that was reserved for the deans. Everyday for about 25 days, I'd pull into one of their spots. Everyday I'd get a ticket. But I'd just laugh and rip them up because I knew I'd be gone soon and figured they couldn't do anything to me. I was in for a surprise when I tried to re-enroll two years later. Everyone of those tickets was waiting for me in my record. I had to pay about fifty dollars in fines before I could register."

It's extremely unfair that this campus doesn't have its share of legitimate folklore. What are we going to tell our co-workers about our college social experiences? "At good ole UMSL, the students had this ritual of driving around the parking garages at least five times every morning. Too much night life wasn't an excuse for tardiness — parking was."

We are being deprived of tradition by not making any wild stories for our successors to top.

Think about it, most students on this campus probably don't have one embarrassing episode to hide from their children. The university should be held accountable for producing square parents.

"Son, when I was your age, I would attend classes for a few hours a day and then work the go to work," you would tell your son or daughter.

In the year 1999, when I run into a UM-St. Louis student, I hope we can gossip about more exciting things than the inflation of the parking ticket.

# Lawrence Lectures On Style

by Greg Albers  
associate features editor

If a person were to sit in on an English 112 Contemporary Issues class, he would quickly discover that the man teaching is no ordinary English professor. He is Jim Lawrence, and he brings into the classroom nearly 50 years of journalism experience.

Lawrence began working for the Pulitzer Publishing Company, which includes several newspapers, and several radio and television stations, in 1938. From then until he retired in 1987, Lawrence worked a variety of jobs for the company, but his first love was always newspaper work.

He worked on the editorial page of the Post-Dispatch from 1950 until he retired. In that time, Lawrence wrote more than 11,000 editorials. He enjoyed writing editorials for the Post because "the Post-Dispatch was one of the few really liberal newspapers in the United States, and I regarded that as a significant challenge personally." In the course of his years at the paper, he was a witness to many changes in the newspaper industry, both technological and social.

The advent of the computer industry profoundly affected the way a newspaper is made. Typewriters and lay-out rooms were replaced by wordprocessors and mainframes.

"It's lost the romance of some of the old stories like 'Front Page,'" lamented Lawrence. "The old cigar chewing, whiskey drinking gruff old newspaperman, many of whom never went to college — that whole era is gone."

When Lawrence began working at the Post, there were no black reporters and only a handful of women. The women that were there wrote on the society page.

"Blacks were not hired at the Post Dispatch until the late 50's," he said. "The odd thing about that is we had editorials about civil rights all along, but we couldn't get the paper to go out and hire black people. But when they did they went whole hog," said Lawrence. "Today about half the reporters there are women, and a great many of them are black, both men and women."

Civil rights has always been an issue Lawrence has considered to be important.

"I wrote almost all of the editorials about desegregation and civil rights from the time of the Supreme Court decision of 1954 [Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka] until I retired. I'm very proud of that."

Though Lawrence was a prolific editorial writer, that is by no means the extent of his work. When he first started working for the Pulitzer family, he worked as editor of a radio facsimile tabloid edition of the Post. It was an experiment in

the possibility of publishing newspapers directly to the home through the use of radio waves. It was an interesting project that drew a lot of national exposure. It was even featured in the 1940 New York World's Fair. Shortly after the fair, however, the experiment was cancelled and Lawrence went to work for KSD-AM radio.

In 1947 the first commercial television station in the country, KSD, began operating in St. Louis, and Lawrence became the news editor.

"By today's standards, it was pretty crude. Today's viewers would probably not want to watch them. Newscasts consisted of a guy reading the news. Then we'd put on some photographs or charts to liven it up a little. I guess we were grasping in the dark, and a lot of it was trial and error. We did our best, and we were pioneers."

With all his experience in newspapers, Lawrence's opinion of a second daily paper in St. Louis is certainly something to be taken into consideration.

"I think it's wonderful. In fact, when I came here there were three, and not long before that there were five. I really believe in newspaper competition, and almost any newspaperman I know of does. They want competition."

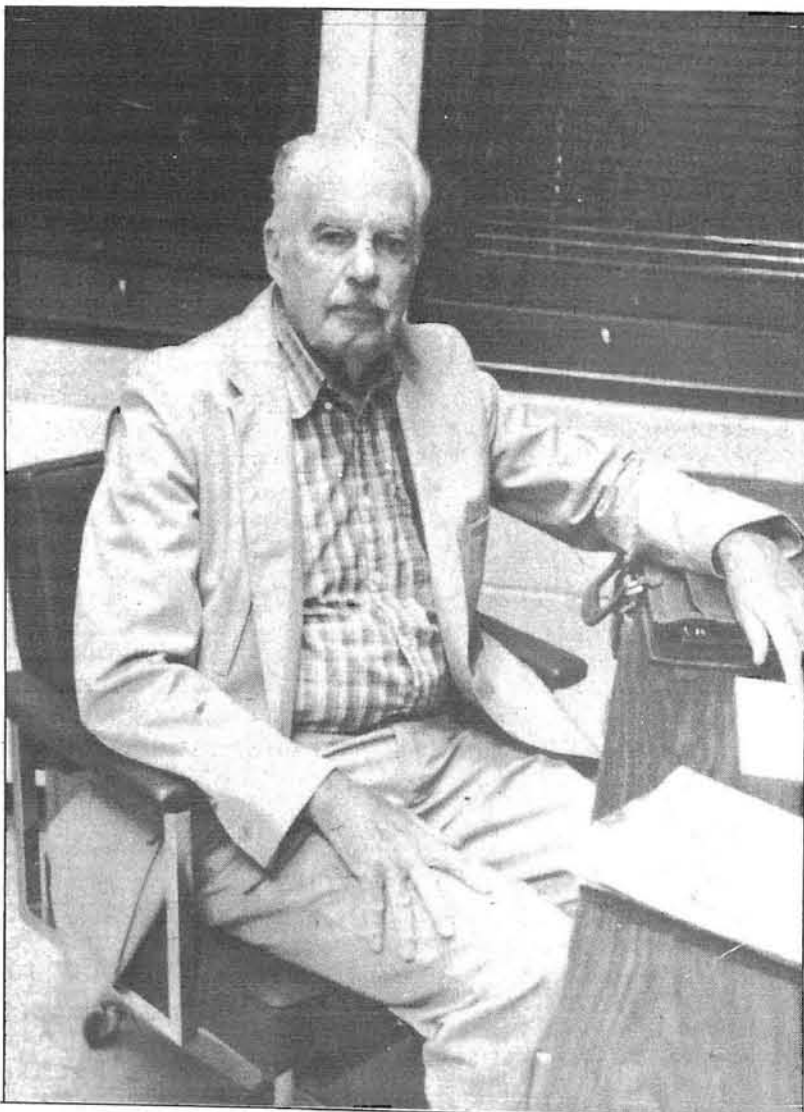
Lawrence feels that despite the recent economic trends toward one newspaper towns, if The Sun could keep costs down, and have a circulation of around 100,000, it could exist in the same market as the Post.

Now that he has retired from the newspaper business, Lawrence has come to UM-St. Louis to pass on some of his knowledge to students.

"I've always loved teaching. When I retired, I was hoping to do a small amount of teaching. The university invited me, and I jumped at the chance. I think the teaching profession is just about the most important profession in the United States, and I'm sorry it isn't treated that way by the public."

Lawrence said one of the reasons he enjoys teaching is because of the contact with the students.

"I learn about as much from them as they learn from me. I get to see a student improve quite a bit. I take a little credit for that. The stu-



"KNOWS A LITTLE ABOUT A LOT": Jim Lawrence, former editorial page editor of the Post Dispatch, retires to life of teaching (Photo by David Barnes).

dent deserves most of the credit because the student does the work and tries hard."

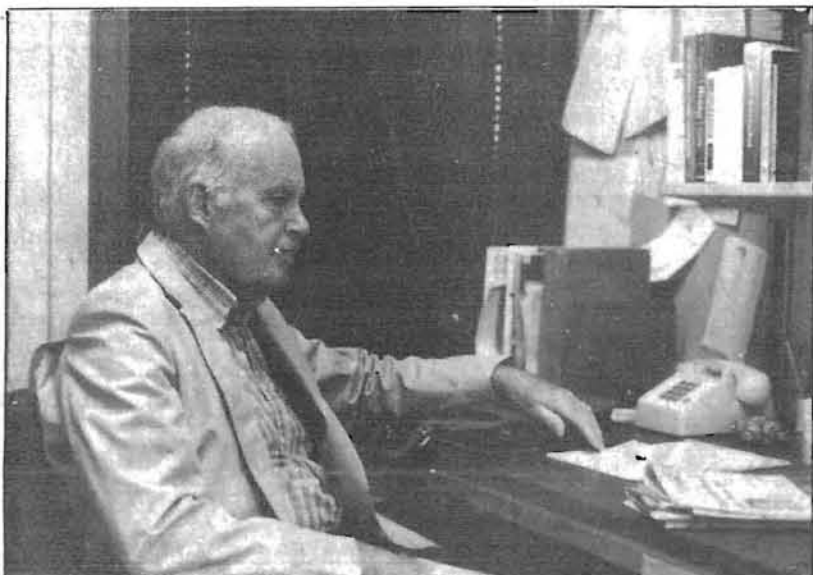
Asked what he would say to an aspiring journalist seeking advice, Lawrence responded, "Write and write and write." He added that learning to type was a valuable skill, and that a future journalist should get as broad an education as he can. "A journalist should know a little bit about a lot of things. Know what you're writing about."

Lawrence himself did not study Journalism in college, rather he majored in English at the University of Kansas.

"I had already done a lot of newspaper work, and I didn't want

to spend my time learning how to do newspaper work. I wanted to spend my time studying history, political science and doing a lot of writing, which led to the English major."

A former student of Lawrence's said, "The most important thing I learned from Jim was how to be fair. He taught us that it is important to have various viewpoints in life." Many of his former students say if another class were offered with Lawrence as the teacher, they would eagerly register for it. With all his many experiences, he can spin off fascinating tales on nearly any subject. His understated wit and amiable manner make his class a pleasure to attend.



# Unconscious Wakes Student Body

by Tom Laufer  
reporter

"The Unconscious," currently one of the most recognized and talented bands in St. Louis, jammed for the UM-St. Louis campus on the University patio last Wednesday.

Because of The Unconscious' popularity throughout St. Louis, there was a strong turnout for the two hour show.

In an interview after the show, vocalist, guitarist, and songwriter, Mike Apirion, was asked to classify the music of The Unconscious. "I

don't really like to classify the band. We maintain a rock sound, yet we sometimes have a reggae or funk beat."

Drummer and vocalist, Matt Tecu, added, "We play a little of everything."

Apparently their "little of every-

thing" approach is working quite well, because The Unconscious have been doing 'gigs' in Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and various other cities throughout the Midwest.

The UM-St. Louis students appeared to thoroughly enjoy the two hour set.

"They're just fab," Melanie Swaine, senior, stated.

Brian Trost, another senior commented, "I think they have a lot of potential."

After wolfing down a slice of pizza, Eric Hundelt, senior, responded to the bands performance by saying, "It's great to see these guys on campus."

One has to wonder what the name of their band represents.

Apirion explained, "The name stands for an alterego or alternative mind set."

As far as musical influences, Apirion and Tecu agree that they have been influenced by many different artists.

"We like everthing from The Stones to Jane's Addiction," Apirion concluded.

The other creative members of The Unconscious are lead guitarist, Darren Ledeer; keyboards, trombone, vocals, John Covelli; bass, John Taylor; and saxophone, Paul Matulef.

The band has been in existence for almost three years.

It has been rumored that the members of The Unconscious will be going on a national tour, but according to Apirion and Tecu, it was "just a rumor" that a local bar owner had fabricated. They both expressed regret that the rumor surfaced. "We had absolutely nothing to do with that," Tecu stated.

So St. Louis need not worry just yet. The Unconscious will continue to play in St. Louis. They can be found jamming at Mississippi Nights, Kennedy's, The Factory, and various other nightclubs around town.

The Unconscious has released two albums thus far. Their latest release is "Never Really Done This Before." It is a live album which was recorded at Mississippi Nights.

Their first effort, which is entitled "The Unconscious," is a studio album.

Both of the albums have an innovative sound and can be purchased at Vintage Vinyl, West End Wax, Euclid Record Store, or any Streetside Record Stores.

Tecu called the afternoon "a kick" since they had never performed an outside show.

Both Apirion and Tecu expressed interest in playing on campus this spring. Let's all hope that comes true.

The Unconscious are one of the hottest act in St. Louis. Check them out—you'll have a great time.



JAMMIN': The Unconscious, a local band, plays "a little bit of everything" for the UM-St. Louis student body (Photo by Kurt Hoffmann).

# Douglas, 'Black Rain' Flood Theaters



by Jeffrey Hill  
movie reviewer

From the director of "Alien" and "Blade Runner" comes a mystical mystery of murder and intrigue set in the magical country of Japan.

Ridley Scott brings to the screen "Black Rain," starring Michael Douglas as New York detective Nick Cocklan.

As the movie opens, Cocklan is

being investigated by Internal Affairs for his possible participation in the theft of drug money.

While Cocklan and partner Charlie Vincent (Andy Garcia) are having drinks at a small restaurant, three Japanese men enter with automatic weapons. One of them approaches two other Japanese gentlemen sitting at a table with two Italians. After taking a small box from the Japanese, he kills both of them. Cocklan and Vincent pursue the men and eventually apprehend the leader.

After the Japanese embassy speaks to the State Department, Cocklan and Vincent are assigned to escort the prisoner back to Japan. Yakutu Matuka plays Sato, a semi-leader of the Japanese mafia.

Once, Nick and Charlie reach Japan, they are approached by men

posing as police officers, and they unknowingly turn Sato over to his own men.

While on the trail of Sato, Cocklan meets Joyce (Kate Capshaw) an owner of a restaurant/nightclub where Sato has killed someone. Capshaw's role is unessential to the story, except as Nicks only American friend who speaks the language and knows the town. Her role would not have been missed and could have been shortened or cut out altogether.

One night, as Cocklan watches helplessly, Vincent is murdered by Sato, and now Cocklan and Masashiro team up to track down Sato on their own without the help of the police force.

It seems that Cocklan has landed in the middle of a war between two Japanese mafia members. Sato and

Sugai, who are battling over territory and counterfeit money-making plates. Cocklan and Masashiro have no luck apprehending Sato, and the police put him back on a plane to the states. Cocklan sneaks off the plane and enlists the aid of Sugai, Sato's rival and enemy, asking for his help to set-up Sato and rid them both of their problem. Cocklan and Sato have their final battle in a fast-paced, action-packed scene when the heads of the mafia are meeting.

Although the film is long (over 2 hours), Ridley Scott chose his cast members very well. Michael Douglas gives an eye-grabbing performance as the cop who plays by the rules, just bending them a little when necessary.

Andy Garcia brings a touch of comedy to the film with his sarcas-

tic dialogue, and Ken Takakura is outstanding as a Japanese policeman trying to understand American values. Garcia and Takakura are extremely entertaining together, particular in a scene at the nightclub.

The role that stands out is Matuka's portrayal of Sato, the psycho-path climbing his way up the latter of the criminal world.

The film was shot on location in Japan until they went over budget and had to move all shooting back to Los Angeles. However, Ridley Scott's unusual artistry gives us a visually impressive look at Japan and its people.

If you saw "Blade Runner" with Harrison Ford, you will notice similarities in films.

"Black Rain" is a first rate film with a first rate cast.



# If You Could Change One Thing On Campus

## speakeasy

by J. Michael Todd  
photographer/reporter



"The parking lots, because you can never find a space. You are always driving around in circles." —Karen Mohoric, graduate student, Mathematics.



"Student involvement in the concerts. Maybe it's lack of p.r., or else people just aren't interested in socializing or talking to anyone else." —Ann Kauffman, sophomore, Communications.

"I've had some real problems with financial aid. I've been dealing with them for the last three months, and it seems it's a never ending process. If they could just narrow it down, I'm sure the beaurocracy can't be that they can't get me through in a couple of weeks to a month." —Jeff Kuhn, 2nd year masters program, Accounting.



"It would be adding kind of like escalators in between the buildings so you can just hop on it and cruise onward electronically, kind of like in department stores." —Jeff Moriarty, junior, Marketing.



"Better parking. Eliminate some of these wasted green areas and put in some parking lots. You could add more levels on the lots we have. Get them fixed up." —Paul Jenkins, senior, Biology.



"When it comes time to book buy-back—the little quota they have when you buy back books—it's always full when you go back to sell your book back." —Lisa Tucker, senior, Accounting.

## ICE Helps Foriegners

by Greg Albers  
associate features editor

The InterCultural Exchange (ICE) is a student organization formed in the spring of 1988. The goals of the group are to help foreign students become more familiar with life in the United States and to promote the Anthropology Department.

Anthropology is the study of man. A division of this science is cultural anthropology, which is the study of man's society. It follows, therefore, that the culture that foriegn students bring with them — as well as their adaption to American culture — would be of great intrest to those involved in the field of anthropology.

Members of ICE get the chance to learn the culture and traditions of other societies from the people themselves. ICE also works to get foreign students more involved in campus interactions, to make them more a part of the campus as a whole, and not just part of a group of their fellow countrymen. ICE tries to help these students get settled in their new enviornment. "We set up apartment guides, took them shopping, helped move furniture. We got donations of furniture and we work in the International House with them, too," said Laura Paige, who is the vice president of ICE in charge of international relations.

"We'd also like there to be a stronger awareness on the campus with the other students," said Paige, "so that we can have a larger cultural fair."

Other goals of the group are to set up a tutoring service for foreign students, to increase the enrollment in the anthropology department and to improve the quality of the classes offered in this branch of study.

ICE is open to all students. Meetings will be held every Friday at 1 p.m. Meetings will periodically feature guest speakers from the Anthropology Department and from the administration. Contact Laura Paige at 553-5104 for more information.

## Chuck's Yuks

by Chuck



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## Rivermen Finish Strong In Michigan

by Mike Van Roo  
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis men's soccer team rallied this past weekend to gain a tie with nemesis Oakland University 1-1 on Saturday, and came from behind to post a 3-2 decision over California State University-Sacramento on Sunday in action from the Marriott Soccer Classic, which was hosted by Oakland U. of Rochester, MI.

"It was a great effort for the kids on the comeback at their (Oakland's) home field," says UM-St. Louis coach Don Dallas. "Oakland and us have been the main soccer powers in the region, and it shows we're capable of playing with Oakland."

Freshmen defender Doug Wiese from Hazelwood Central became the hero for UM-St. Louis as he scored his first goal of the season with just four minutes and 23 seconds remaining in regulation against Oakland.

Senior forward Warren Dey who was named the most outstanding offensive player in the tournament scored the first goal for the Rivermen against CSU-Sacramento. He also assisted on the next two Rivermen goals.

Brian Hennessy duplicated Wiese's heroics from the day before by scoring the tying goal against CSU-Sacramento with less than three minutes remaining in regulation on a header.

Craig Frederking connected on a similar play at the 87:16 mark to put



ABOVE: UM-St. Louis Craig Frederking (10) centers the ball as Oakland's University Emmanuel Charles (4) goes for the block. The Rivermen scored a late-goal to register a 1-1 tie last Saturday. RIGHT: Rivermen player Brian Hennessy (7) and Warren Dey (14) go up for a header in Sunday's match against Sacramento State. Don Dallas' soccer team won 3-2 in overtime and finished second in the Marriott Tournament in Rochester, Mich. (Photos by Jeff Kuchno).

the win in the Rivermen's column.

"Warren continues to have an outstanding season," Dallas says. "His effort is inspiring for everyone to watch. He just never quits."

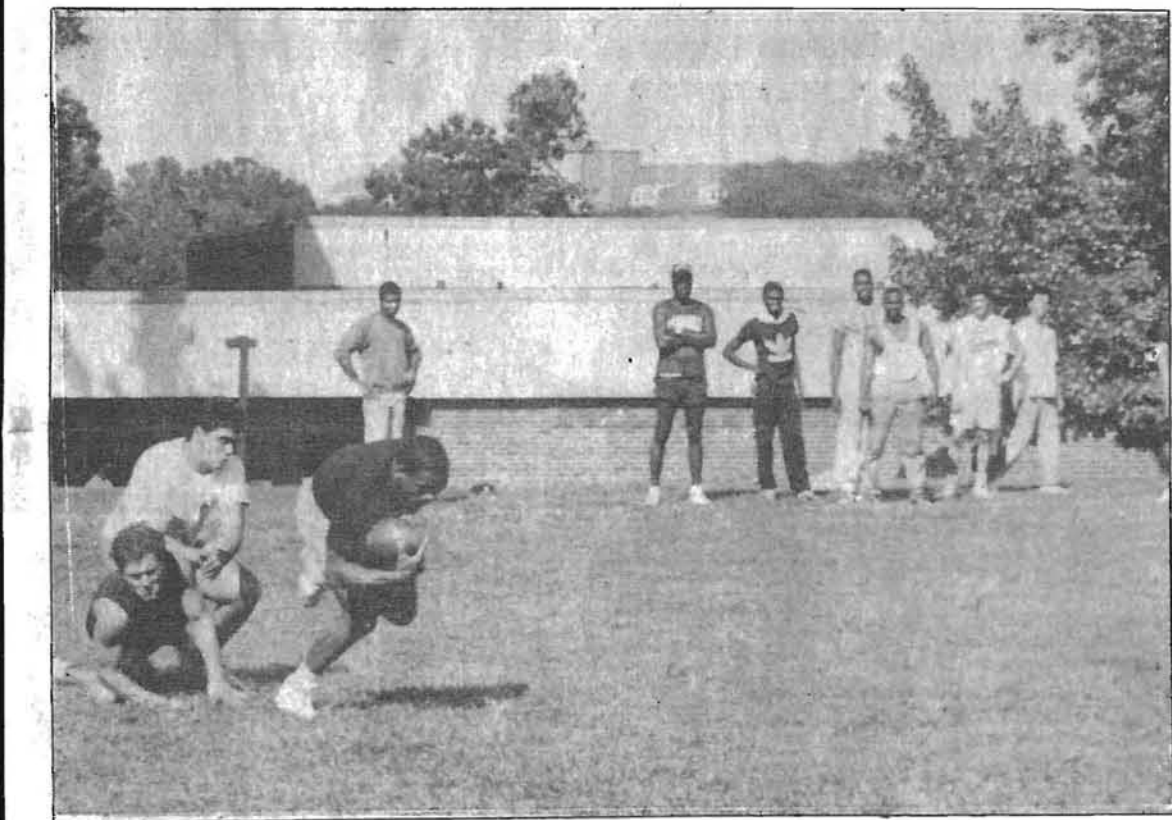
Pat Mulvaney was in the nets for the Rivermen and made some key saves in both games.

The Rivermen who ran their record to 4-2-1 had some good performances by all this past weekend. "Everybody stood out this past weekend, the kids played great," said Dallas. "We showed a lot of effort in both games. This is something we'll need to build on in order

to be successful down the road."

The Rivermen are back on home turf this weekend as they play host in the UM-St. Louis Budweiser Classic at UM-St. Louis.

Joining the Rivermen for the competition will be Missouri Southern, Benedictine and Southwest Missouri State.



INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL ACTION: The Posse (dark uniforms) beat the Pikes (light uniforms) 20-0 in a match from last Monday. Other results from Sept. 19 include a 0-0 scoreless match between Die Deutsch Brigade and TRW. Results from Sept. 21 have the Steelers beating Sig Tau by the score 12-0; Indy's defeated Sigma Pi 6-0 and the Charleston Chiefs scored a 26-0 victory over Tau Kappa Epsilon. (Photo by Kevin Kleine)

## Netters Take Three At CMSU

by Barb Braun  
associate sports editor

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen took three out of four matches in the first round of the MIAA Round Robin Tournament last weekend at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo.

The team lost only to CMSU in three out of four games. CMSU is currently ranked eighth nationally in NCAA Division II. The Riverwomen beat Pittsburg State and Washburn.

Head Coach Denise Silvester was excited about the team's results in the tournament. She said it was the "best we've played in four years. It was the first time we beat CMSU. It was a good weekend."

She also feels "the team is starting to come together. We've had lots of long practices lately, and we're finally starting to reap the benefits of our hard work."

She knows the team has hit a "peak" in their performance, and she hopes that they will not only continue to perform powerfully, but also begin to reach and push themselves beyond their limits.

"We need to work harder. We need to continue to rise above it (the level we are at) and not drop down below it," she said. "I'm afraid this might be a down weekend against Metro State."

Pam Paule was also pleased with the results of the tournament. "I thought we played great."

Other players shared the same feelings as Paule. Claudia Weismiller, replacement setter for the injured Geri Wilson, is happy with the team's performance and her position. "At first it was a slow, tough adjustment. But then things started to pick up. We reached a good plateau that we wanted to beat

and we pulled together as a team (against CMSU). It doesn't stop there."

Stephanie Jensen agreed with Weismiller, and believes that practice makes perfect. "If we maintain the hard practices we'll improve even more and compete with higher level teams. We're going to become an even better team."

Silvester is looking forward to an intense weekend. She is also looking forward to having Wilson back. Silvester is going to play Wilson cautiously because she doesn't want the setter to worsen the broken thumb she is recovering from. "We're gonna go slow putting her back in position."

Silvester wants to win at the Central Missouri Invitational Sept. 29-30. "This weekend will be an opportunity to give our program credibility," she said.

As for another prediction of the tournament, Weismiller says, "You can never be totally satisfied."

## Riverwomen Bounce Back

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team came up big this weekend against some strong competition. Last Saturday the Riverwomen gained a 1-1 tie with highly regarded and host school, the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

On Sunday the Riverwomen topped 5th ranked Adelphi University with a 2-1 overtime win in NCAA Division II action.

Kim O'Hare scored the only goal for UM-St. Louis against UNC-Greensboro with the assist credited to freshmen forward Monietta Slay.

Slay from DuBourg High School enjoyed a productive weekend for the Riverwomen as she also scored the tying goal against Adelphi.

Junior midfielder Jennifer Zingg

scored the game winner for the Riverwomen in overtime against Adelphi.

UM-St. Louis coach Ken Hudson was pleased with the Riverwomen's performance this past weekend. "I can't argue with that" says Hudson. "This is the first time we've played well against outstanding teams this season. The team is very confident right now."

The Riverwomen revamped their defense for the two games as Sue Lammert started both games as sweeper, as Julie Intagliata moved from sweeper to stopper, and Mary Pat Timme shifted from stopper to wingback. Karen Merlo, normally a starter at wingback, played in the

midfield. "I'm pleased," says Hudson. "We're supporting each other a lot more and we're getting more communication on the field."

Goalkeeper Linda Allen played in goal for the Riverwomen last weekend and played very well, especially against UNC-Greensboro, where she stopped two breakaway shots.

This weekend the Riverwomen will play host to the Budweiser UM-St. Louis Tournament being played at both Soccer Park and UM-St. Louis. The other schools in the tournament will be Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Mercyhurst, Quincy, Xavier and Dayton.

## What Goes Up Must Come Down

by Mike Van Roo  
sports editor

One of the nice things about organized sports, both collegiate and professional, is the cyclical nature in which they are contested. On top one year, at the bottom the next, ranked in the Top 20, or unranked, unwanted and unappreciated.

A lot of well known teams over the years have played on this seesaw, up and down, up and down, spinning the same record over the years routine.

Much to the delight of the fans and the home team, they love it when the opposing competition is not as it once was. It makes for some easy wagering in the office betting pool, and helps the coach keep his job safe for at least another week.

With each passing year and newly crowned champion in sport, goes the inevitable dictum of another possible "dynasty." But those comments nowadays are pretty much out the window, at least in the professional ranks.

In this era of big-dollar, guaranteed, no-cut contracts, and the continued rise of parity in sports, the days of domineering teams pretty much come and go like the latest fashion styles.

The "hunger" to win, simply isn't there. With the fast approaching 1990s, there probably will no longer be the two or three domineering teams in professional sports, such as the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics, who had a virtual monopoly on pro basketball throughout the 1980s.

In recent memory, I don't think two teams totally ruled a sport in a decade like the Los Angeles and Boston juggernauts. If they weren't playing each other for the title (which they did seven times in the decade, including five years in a row), then one or the other was playing someone else for the crown.

And speaking of the decline of sports teams, what about those perennial giants, the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Yankees. After both teams had successful tenures in the 1970s, they have fallen far from grace during the 1980s, probably more so than any

other recent "riches to rags" drop-off of a sports team.

The Yankee problem is most obvious in the fact they have one of team sports most pompous and unorthodox owners — George Steinbrenner. His constant musical chair approach to hiring and firing of managers at will; especially Billy Martin, can only wonder what the players think of the man who signs their pay checks.

*"In this era of big-dollar, guaranteed, no-cut contracts, and the continued rise of parity in sports, the days of domineering teams pretty much come and go like the latest fashion styles."*

Playing in the glass bowl menagerie of the Big Apple under the watchful eye of the New York media makes this team more fun to watch than a soap opera. And you wonder why they call it the "Bronx Zoo."

The Dallas Cowboys once given the title of "America's Team," are suffering their own maladies these days. Tom Landry who certainly will go down as one of the more successful, if not subdued coaches in National Football League history, was passed up in favor of a more youthful image. Landry just got too old for the game and was left standing on the sidelines as more innovative and imaginative coaches and teams sought that goal of playing in January for the Super Bowl.

Trying not to play favorites, there are numerous other teams in sports that have suffered the same fate. The St. Louis baseball Cardinals, successful in the 1940s, 1960s, and 1980s, did virtually nothing in the 1950s and 1970s. I wonder what the 1990s offers them?

The New York Islanders, domi-

nant in the early 1970s have skated on thin ice since, and are probably one of the more meager teams in the National Hockey League today.

Likewise my pride and joy — the Green Bay Packers, "THE" football team of the 1960s — they too have fallen on hard times, and have a ways to go before they can be classified as a "contender" versus a "pretender." And there are other teams that would fit in this category,

the list goes on and on... The list in college sports isn't so suspect. Sure there are the Oklahomas, the USCs, the Alabamas, the Notre Dames in college football. But can anyone name Notre Dame's coach before Lou Holtz? You also have the Georgetown, the Indians, the UNLVs in college basketball.

About the only thing these schools have to worry about is filling the stands and making sure they don't have too many Proposition 48 cases.

College sports offer glamour, excitement, and probably a more innocent approach to the game. But the bottom line is winning, always has been, and always will be. But wouldn't it be nice to speculate on a Green Bay — Tampa Bay Super Bowl in 1992? Or probably more like 1999! How about a Chicago White Sox — Philadelphia Phillies World Series? Or better yet, how about Kansas State playing Miami of Florida on January 1, 2000 for the National Championship in the Orange Bowl. Only time will tell...

## What's Next

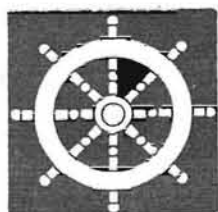


**Men's Soccer—HOME** against Missouri Southern, Sept. 29, 8 p.m. If they win that game, next action would be HOME on Sept. 30, 8 p.m. If they lose to Missouri Southern, next game would be HOME on Sept. 30, 6 p.m. HOME against Webster, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Soccer—HOME** against Mercyhurst, Sept. 29, 4 p.m. (St. Louis Soccer Park). HOME against Xavier, Sept. 30, 5 p.m. (St. Louis Soccer Park). Home against Dayton, Oct. 1, 3 p.m. (at UM-St. Louis).

**Volleyball—AWAY** at Central Missouri Invitational, Sept. 29-30.

**Softball Tryouts—The UM-St. Louis women's softball team is conducting tryouts for the 1990 spring season. If interested, contact Coach Lisa Thayer at 553-5637.**





## Meritorious Service

Since coming here in 1986, Chancellor Marguerite Barnett has raised more money for this campus than any other individual.

But now we might be faced with the loss of the person who has turned this university into a major power across the state. Barnett may possibly leave the university for an appealing job offer in sunny Florida at the flagship campus of the University of Florida system at Gainesville.

At various times, the Current has been less than satisfied with the attention given to science and technology at the expense of the arts, but we have still acknowledged the accomplishments of the chancellor in bringing millions of dollars to the university. Without her efforts, we would still be known around the state as "UMSL" (pronounced uhm-suhl) rather than UM-St. Louis as is the standard now. The chancellors new improved version of the campus name commands more respect than the previously "slurred" version.

In addition to monetary gains for the campus, Barnett has given the students something they can't get in class: pride. Many students who attended school here before the Barnett era considered this campus to be second-rate. To them, it was a place to come after a couple semesters of overzealous partying at an out-of-town university. Students who go here now are here mostly because they want to be. Barnett is to be credited a great deal in changing the community's attitudes toward this campus. It is now respectable to be a student at UM-St. Louis thanks to her efforts.

All this praise is an attempt to show the chancellor that she is appreciated (even if not always agreed with) here and that to lose her to another school would indeed be a great loss to the campus. The Board of Curators would have a tough time finding someone to fill Barnett's shoes.

## A Modest Proposal

Here it is the end of September. Garage "D" is still not finished.

The parking situation is somewhat better due to people skipping class and so forth, but spaces are still at a premium during peak hours and we are still 700 spaces short of parking that could even be considered inadequate.

Students should expect to have a spot to park on campus. After all, some students are paying as much as \$45 for a parking sticker which doesn't guarantee them a space.

A possible way to make the powers that be move quicker on the situation could be for the entire student body to refuse to buy parking stickers for the upcoming winter semester. Call it civil disobedience if you will. Just think, you could tell your grandchildren what a "wild and crazy" college student you were when you and 12,000 others protested the parking situation and caused utter chaos and confusion among the campus police and administrators.

But then again, the money used for the temporary repairs on our temporary garages comes from the parking fees and tickets. Maybe it does go for good use. Maybe the state or the city of St. Louis should take some responsibility in funding the repairs and maintenance.

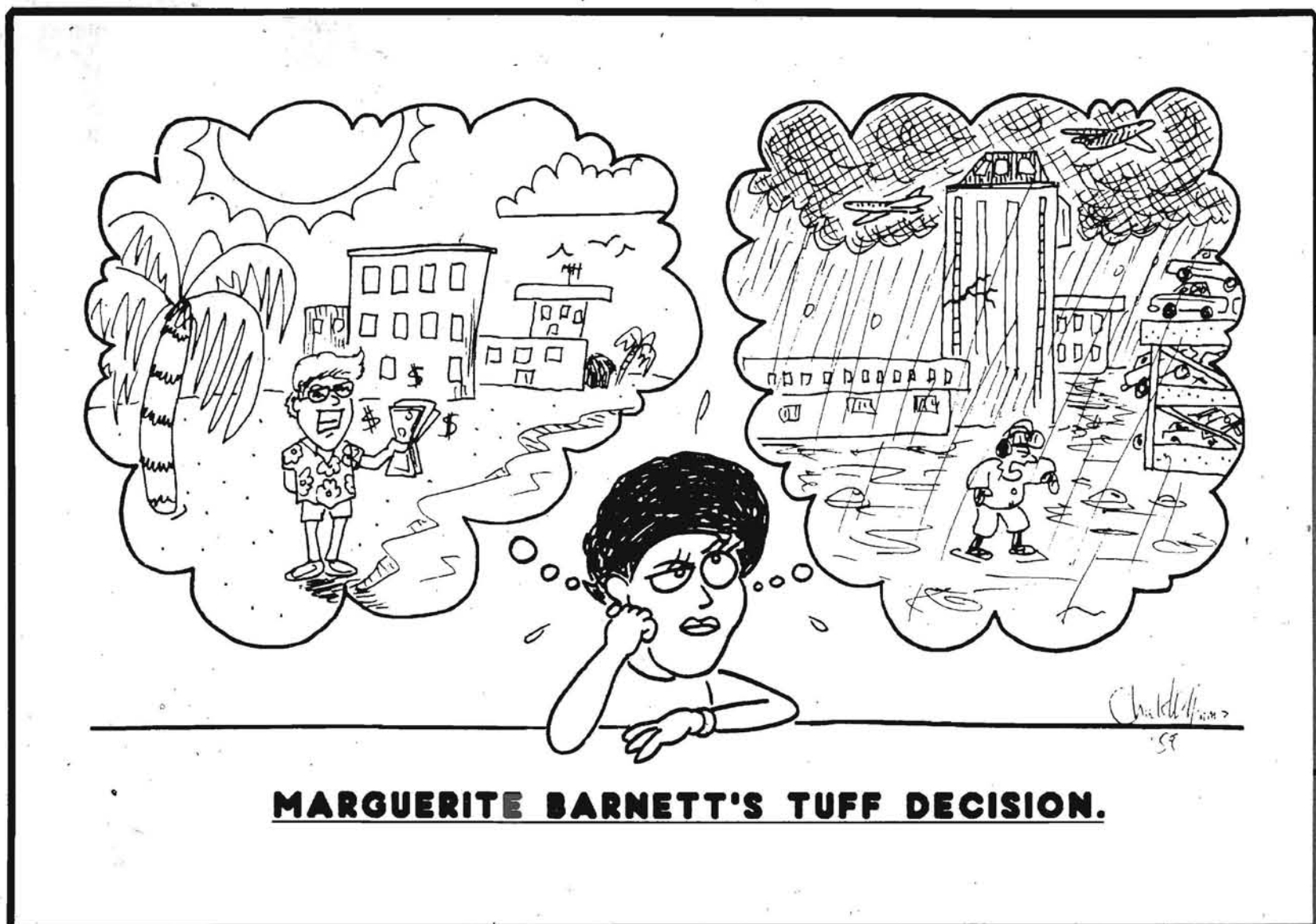
Picture Joe Student pondering this dilemma. A miniature devil appears on his left shoulder.

"Go ahead, blow off the parking fee," the devil says. "It should be free to park in the grass anyway. Besides, look at what all those morons did to the side of your car when they tried to squeeze through that narrow little space."

An angel appears on the other shoulder.

"Don't do it, Joe," the angel says. "It would be breaking the rules. Even though you have been wronged, you shouldn't retaliate."

Joe Student takes the angel, stuffs it in a pickle jar, closes the lid and pops it into the fridge.



MARGUERITE BARNETT'S TUFF DECISION.

## Racism Questioned, Quotes Defended

### Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe  
managing editor

St. Louis heralded the birth of a new newspaper this week, The Sun; and the return to the list of cities with two newspapers. But as many were celebrating the new kid on the block, many at UM-St. Louis were lambasting the existence of another and its coverage of minority affairs.

The Current has received more criticism this week about a quote that appeared in the September 14 issue than the Supreme Court did when it ruled flag burning was protected by the Constitution. In "Speakeasy," Kurt Hoffman was asked, "Name your worst job." He responded, "Doing dishes in Colorado in a smelly cafeteria with just a bunch of Mexicans. No one spoke English except me."

The quote has brought several arguments to light. Was the quote racist? Was the Current racist for printing the quote? Should the Current have edited or deleted the quote? The answer to all of these questions is an emphatic NO.

Racist is a popular catch phrase which is overused. The true definition of the word is someone who believes his race is superior to another. It is rarely used in that sense, however.

Hoffman was speaking about the problems encountered while working with a group of foreigners who did not speak English. His comment was legitimate and one I

made in this column that same week.

Everyday we read or hear about reports of mass immigration to the United States. Latinos escaping economic depression, easterners escaping communism, Russian Jews escaping religious persecution: citizens of the world seeking a new life in America's melting pot. In most cases, we welcome them with open arms.

But there are problems with our newest citizens. Their presence has placed an economic strain on every aspect of our economy: from unemployment, to education, to housing. But there is a more disturbing issue to be addressed — the failure of many to assimilate our culture and of many more to attempt learning our language.

Some suggest that the U.S. should become officially bi-lingual (Spanish being the suggested language), but that is wrong. For over two centuries, those migrating to the U.S. have struggled to learn to speak their adopted country's language. It is necessary to speak a common language, and English is that language.

If we were to adopt a second official language, why Spanish? Why not Russian, the language of our greatest political adversary; or Japanese, the language of our greatest economic competitor; or French, considered by many, including the UN, to be the international language of diplomacy? Why not? Because for over 200 years, English has been the tongue of the land and that is how it should remain.

The larger issue in the debate

over Hoffman's comment is whether the Current should have edited or deleted the remark. Again the answer is a definitive NO.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of the press as well as freedom of speech. Hoffman has the right to express his comments and the Current has the right to print them.

Many have suggested that it was inappropriate for the Current to print such "insensitive" remarks. I disagree. Even if the remark was insensitive or racist, which it was not, the Current had a responsibility to print the remark.

The "Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual" is the bible for practically every newspaper in the country. According to the Stylebook, "...Do not use racially derogatory terms unless they are part of a quotation that is essential to the story."

The quote contained no derogatory terms, the phrase "just a bunch of Mexicans" could have been switched to just a bunch of Germans, French, Italians or practically any other nationality in the world. The fact is that Hoffman happened to be working with Mexicans. He can't help that they weren't some other nationality. The point is, they didn't speak English.

Some question whether the Current should have edited the comment and either changed the word Mexicans to foreigners or contacted Hoffman and asked him to reword the quote. It is not the job of any newspaper to aid in the formation of quotes. What people say off

the top of their heads is very often what they mean. Why do you think politicians avoid answering surprise questions? In any case, that would have changed the job of the Current from reporting the news to making the news, a situation I am sure few desire.

Others question whether the quote was essential to the story. The story was about what your worst job was. Hoffman had a worst job and the reason why was pertinent to the story. Would the story have been just as complete without his quote? Perhaps, but that puts the newspaper in very precarious situation. To decide whose opinion is important to a story and whose is not is a very difficult task at best, but judging whether a quote will offend someone or not as a determining factor in its use is unreasonable.

A good quote will often stir controversy, this one did, although people missed the point — non-English speaking foreign nationals have reached a critical level in certain parts of the country. That is what we should be debating about, not whether Latinos take umbrage at how someone said something. To be quite honest, if Hoffman had been talking about East Germans or Russian Jews, this whole discussion would be moot. Some people can be overly sensitive.

If you want to read a story or a newspaper with all objectionable quotes and material removed, you either enjoy reading public relations propaganda or the Soviet flag is flying in the air above you, comrade.

## Letters to the editor Crank Clarifies Philosophy Misinformation

Dear editor,

The column entitled "Philosophers Crash With Chancellor" written by Shawn Foppe, in the Sept. 14 edition of the Current, proves more than his belief in illogical argumentation. The column also contains examples of a sensationalist headline, misspelling, typographical errors, and, most disturbing, the use of incorrect facts. Coupled with his fear of philosophical brainwashing, Foppe uses his rampant misinformation to totally misrepresent the dynamic agenda of philosophy found at UM-St. Louis and throughout the discipline.

The most aggravating questions raised by the column are: What did the headline mean? Was Chancellor Barnett crashing in conjunction with philosophers or into them? If "into" them, did the chancellor crash into them because of the allegedly questionable curriculum? If the latter was implied, it is false. I asked the chancellor if she did in fact have a problem with the philosophy department, and her reply was an emphatic "No."

Secondly, I find the statistic Foppe used, namely that there are

three philosophy majors on campus, impossible to accept. I know of at least five majors, mostly upperclassmen. This leaves freshmen and people who have switched majors unaccounted for. Furthermore, three philosophy majors graduated last May, in addition to the two who finished over the summer.

Thirdly, the range of topics discussed within philosophy is much greater than Foppe's interpretation of them as "worthless logic." One finds philosophy addressing the ethical aspects of science, medicine, and law. Current sociological debates are the common topics. Also, queries into religious doctrine are frequent and vital to the curriculum. These things are in addition to the study of metaphysics and the patterns of "logic" philosophy.

Fourthly, Foppe makes the point about some good philosophers not holding university degrees in philosophy. This causes Foppe to wonder whether a philosophy degree, or a formal study of thinking actually produces great philosophy. Fortunately, the obscure work of a man called Aristotle provides an

example to provide an answer to this question. Furthermore, Aristotle's extreme deviation from his teacher's thoughts serves to refute Foppe's claim that studying philosophy at centers for higher learning "is similar to the brainwashing those people at the airports go through." Another reflection of the effects of studying philosophy is noted in a survey published in the Chronicle of Higher Education. The survey ranked the scores of three traditional graduate entrance exams, for 1981-82, according to one's undergraduate major. Philosophy majors ranked higher than virtually all other majors on each test.

Lastly, the burning question of "What can one do with a philosophy degree?" seems to be asking what job can one get with such a degree. Simply put, any damn job one wants! The fact that philosophy emphasizes conceptual learning as opposed to memorizing indices of data does, of course, mean that one is not primed to fill the shoes of an ousted, obsolete, white-collar worker. Interestingly enough, conceptual tools aid one in working

through the relevance of any type of data, editorials, etc. The fact that philosophers often remain in academia and continue to promote mind expansion rather than job specialization does not mean that they are bound to only that profession. Many large corporations, for example, have found it useful to employ an ethicist. Moreover, a notable number of the nation's chief executive officers also have strong backgrounds in the liberal arts, which rightly include philosophy. If Foppe or anyone else wants more information concerning the career options available for philosophy majors, a booklet prepared by the American Philosophical Association's Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession and Committee on Career Opportunities is obtainable from the philosophy department free of charge.

If, in the future, Foppe chooses to continue only to recognize and not check his arrogant, self-important, pompous opinions, I suggest that he write about his weekend, vacation, or whatever. That way if he gets his facts wrong, no one will care.

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### Professor Comments

Dear editor,  
In his "attack" upon the utility of Philosophy departments (Current, 9/14/89, p.3) indeed Shawn Foppe is a very generous and polite arguer — much of what he says is on Philosophy's side of the issue! At least three of his ten paragraphs show specific lapses in logic, not to mention other infelicities in grammar (used to be called "Minor

Logic") and spelling in the article.


Philosophy faculty and majors ought to look forward to more articles from Mr. Foppe and to rejoice that they have such an influential advocate on campus.

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