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Students Illegally Obtain, Use Parking Stickers

Fraternity Members, SGA Officers Admit To Using Stolen Parking Stickers

by Russell Korando, Christine McGraw and Michelle McMurray of *The Current* staff

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Without question, parking for students, faculty and staff has been under scrutiny for years at UM-St. Louis.

Overcrowded lots, and long walks to classes are the cause of the parking dilemma. *The Current* has received information from reliable sources that points out just how far this frustration has gone.

A member of the UM-St. Louis Student Government Association (SGA), two members of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and one member of the Sigma Pi fraternity admitted to obtaining and illegally utilizing continuing education parking stickers.

Charles Andrew "Andy" Masters, SGA treasurer, told *The Current* he received his parking sticker more than a year ago while he was in the Underground. The Underground, the UM-St. Louis Cafeteria, is where many of the fraternity and sorority members gather socially. The continuing education parking lot is connected to the Underground by an elevated ramp on top of parking garage "C".

"Yes, I did have one on my car for a while, but I took it off recently," Masters said. "Apparently, there were several people who had them on and we didn't think it was a big deal. We found out *The Current* was asking questions about this, so we thought we could get in trouble, so we took them off."

"Somebody came down to the Underground, and was passing them out," he said. "He said, 'Hey guys, check this out...Great parking stickers.' He passed them out to probably 20 people. We didn't know where they came from."

Tom O'Keefe, who is a member of Sigma Pi fraternity and the Chairman of the SGA Assembly, said he picked up two of the stickers off of a table in the lobby in the J.C. Penney Building, "sometime in January." O'Keefe said he put one of the stickers on his car window and used the other as a bookmark.

"They were all expired, that's why I tried," O'Keefe said. "If they weren't expired, I would have just left them there because they would have been going to someone else. I got it the day after they expired."

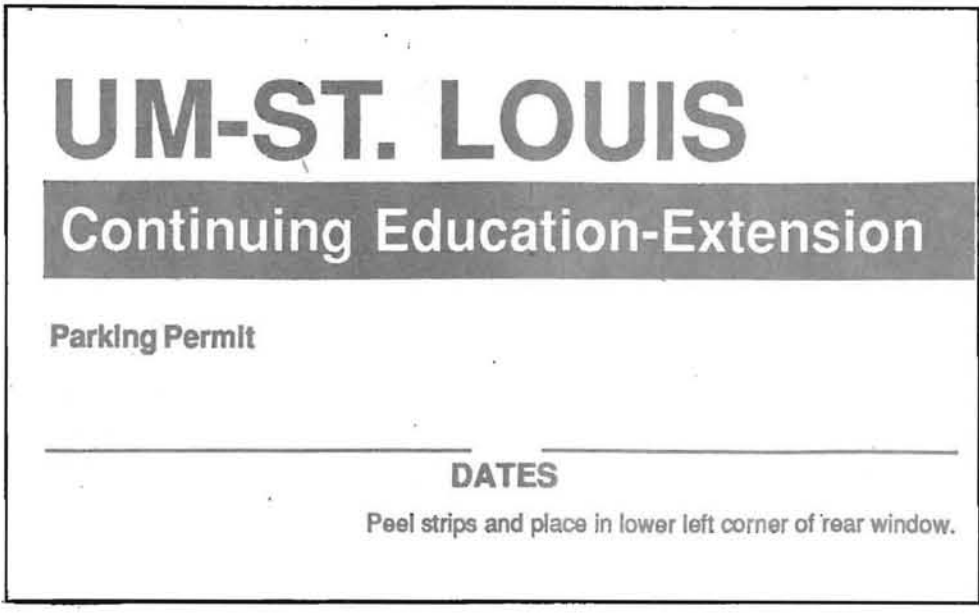
"I don't even know what continuing education is," said O'Keefe, and I haven't heard anything about parking stickers being sold."

Robert Lammert, another Sigma Tau Gamma member, said he got his parking sticker from, "a guy named John, who got them from some girl," no more than a year ago. Lammert said that 'John' doesn't attend UM-St. Louis anymore.

Of the five fraternity members questioned by *The Current*, only one denied ever having a parking sticker in his possession.

The Current has obtained a photo of a black Geo Spectrum, and its licence plate has been confirmed by campus police as being registered to Jason Lukrufka. Even when confronted with the photo, Lukrufka said, "I drive an 86 Toyota, red four-by-four, I have no idea what you talking about."

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The Continuing Education Office distributes parking stickers like this one to people who register for Continuing Education/ Outreach classes and seminars. Five UM-St. Louis students have been using stickers like this one to park illegally in the continuing education lot, on top of garage "C."

Continuing Ed Department Unaware Of When, Where Stickers Were Taken

by Russell Korando managing editor

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Several UM-St. Louis continuing education parking stickers have been stolen and illegally used by UM-St. Louis students. The Continuing Education Office has not yet identified where or when the stickers were taken.

David Klostermann, UM-St. Louis assistant dean of Continuing Education and Outreach, said it would be impossible for a person to walk into his office and take the stickers without being noticed.

"It's possible somebody could have walked by and grabbed some in the lobby of the J.C. Penney Building," Klostermann said. "But the big box [of stickers] is locked up in the storage closet in the back room. The secretaries keep them in their desks when they are going to send them out for a group function."

Charles Andrew "Andy" Masters, UM-St. Louis student government association treasurer, who admitted to possessing and utilizing a sticker, said he obtained the sticker when he was approached in the campus cafeteria, the Underground, more than a year ago.

"As I recall, the guy handing these out in the Underground said he got these things from upstairs in the J.C. Penney Building, and he said, 'Here, who wants one?'" Masters said.

A UM-St. Louis Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity member, William Hentschell, said he was asked if he wanted a sticker while purchasing his books in the campus bookstore. Hentschell and Masters both said they couldn't remember who had given them the parking stickers. Masters is also a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

"Actually, yes I do," Hentschell said when asked by *The Current* if he had a continuing education sticker. "It's kind of a funny story. I was going to buy my books for my classes, and I was down in the bookstore. I saw a guy there talking with his buddy, and I was just kind of walking by, and he said, 'Hey man, do you want

one of these?' I said, 'What's that?' He said, 'Well, it allows you to park in the parking lot near the ramp at the Underground.'"

Hentschell said the person who gave him the parking sticker said they were "just sitting on a table in the J.C. Penney lobby." Hentschell added that the person he got the sticker from said it was "no big deal."

The Continuing Education parking lot is located on the top level of Parking Garage "C" and is connected to the University Center/J.C. Penney Building complex by an elevated bridge that was constructed five years ago.

Continuing education parking stickers are sent from the UM-St. Louis Police station to the continuing education office. A bulk-order of 10,000 stickers was given to the Continuing Education office two years ago.

"We use them for our programs," said Klostermann. "We make efforts to keep them secure. I'm concerned about these things getting out from the standpoint of the university losing parking fees and from spaces being taken illegally."

Klostermann said he has questioned campus police in the past about cars illegally parked in the continuing education parking lot. He added that the department didn't issue the stickers for a full semester.

Reconnaissance of the parking lot by members of *The Current* yielded proof that five fraternity members at UM-St. Louis were illegally using the stickers to park in the continuing education lot.

A search of the records kept by the continuing education office revealed that Masters had not been registered for extension classes and that neither he nor Hentschell had been issued a parking sticker for the continuing education parking lot. Klostermann said that he "couldn't recall" any stickers being given to a university student group.

Klostermann did say that it wasn't unusual for stickers to be stacked on tables in the J.C. Penney Building where people check in for their classes.

Fraternity Member Says Sorority Pledge Offered To Sell Illegal Parking Sticker

by Christine McGraw and Michelle McMurray of *The Current* staff

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A Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member said he was asked last semester by a Zeta Tau Alpha sorority pledge if he would like to purchase a continuing education parking sticker for \$10.

"She said the Zeta Tau Alphas were having a money-maker for the pledge class and she offered me a [continuing education parking] sticker for \$10," said Jeff Scalise.

Scalise denied ever purchasing the parking sticker, but added, "I know they are all over campus."

Amy Fenster, a former member of Zeta Tau Alpha, issued a statement for the member who was accused of selling the stickers.

"She doesn't want to speak to anyone from *The Current* after they have

been calling and calling. She doesn't want to speak to them herself. She gave me a quote and I will read it to you." Fenster said. "[She] was wrongly accused of selling stolen parking permits. [She] did not, at any time, have these permits in [her] possession, nor did [she] try to sell them. Anyone implicating [her] of such activity may just have a personal problem with [her] and this is not a fair way to solve it."

Several sources have also accused a former Zeta Tau Alpha member of taking the parking stickers from the Continuing Education Department in the J.C. Penney Building. When contacted by a *Current* reporter, the former member denied having any knowledge of the parking stickers and said she has always had a student sticker on her car.

"I don't know anything about it, I wouldn't have one," she said.

"[Your sources] must be lying to cover their own asses. They must be mostly Pikes."

The officers of Zeta Tau Alpha issued a statement which said, "Zeta Tau Alpha does not condone the selling of these stickers."

Four other UM-St. Louis students have already admitted to obtaining and using continuing education parking stickers, including Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer Charles Andrew "Andy" Masters and Chair of the SGA Assembly Tom O'Keefe.

The parking stickers in question allow recipients to park in the continuing education parking lot connected to the J.C. Penney Building. The parking stickers are distributed to people who register for continuing education classes, seminars and work shops.

"She said the Zeta Tau Alphas were having a money maker for the pledge class and she offered me a [continuing education] sticker for \$10."

- Jeff Scalise Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member



Photo: Jeff Parker

A member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity says that a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority tried to sell him a continuing education parking sticker at a sorority fund raiser.

Parking Woes



The vehicle pictured above was identified by the UM-St. Louis Police Department and traced back to UM-St. Louis SGA Treasurer Charles Andrew "Andy" Masters, who admits to obtaining an illegal continuing education parking sticker in the Underground more than a year ago.



The vehicle pictured above was identified by the UM-St. Louis Police Department and traced back to Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity member Jason Lukrufka, who denied ever possessing the illegal parking sticker that is taped to the inside window of his car.



The vehicle pictured above was identified by the UM-St. Louis Police Department and traced back to Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity member William Hentschell, who admits to obtaining an illegal continuing education parking sticker in the University Bookstore last semester.

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It could be said not enough parking spaces, lots to far from the buildings, and the everyday frustrations of being a student at a commuter campus has led some UM-St. Louis students to take matters into their own hands.

An investigation by *The Current*, led to some student government officials, and fraternity members to admit their part in receiving some stickers from the Continuing Education Department without permission so they could park closer to the campus.

Opportunity and a good bargain appear to be the real reason some students saved money by not having to buy a legitimate parking sticker.

There are as many stories going around as the day is long about where the stickers came from, who took them, and who is selling them. One student admitted to having taken some that were just "laying around," and some others have said someone they don't know and can't remember was giving them away freely. Incidentally, they claim this guy they don't know doesn't go to UM-St. Louis anymore. The most serious offense is the allegations that some students were making a profit by selling stickers that are normally free.

The Continuing Education Department must assume some fault in this matter for leaving the stickers laying around on tables in the halls for anyone to walk by and help themselves. The stickers are made in a large bulk amount for any events and seminars in that department. New procedures need to be implemented so a better tracking system of those stickers is in place.



WARNING: The events pictured are potentially damaging to any political aspirations in the SGA.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Children Should Taught To Accept Homosexuality

Dear Editor:

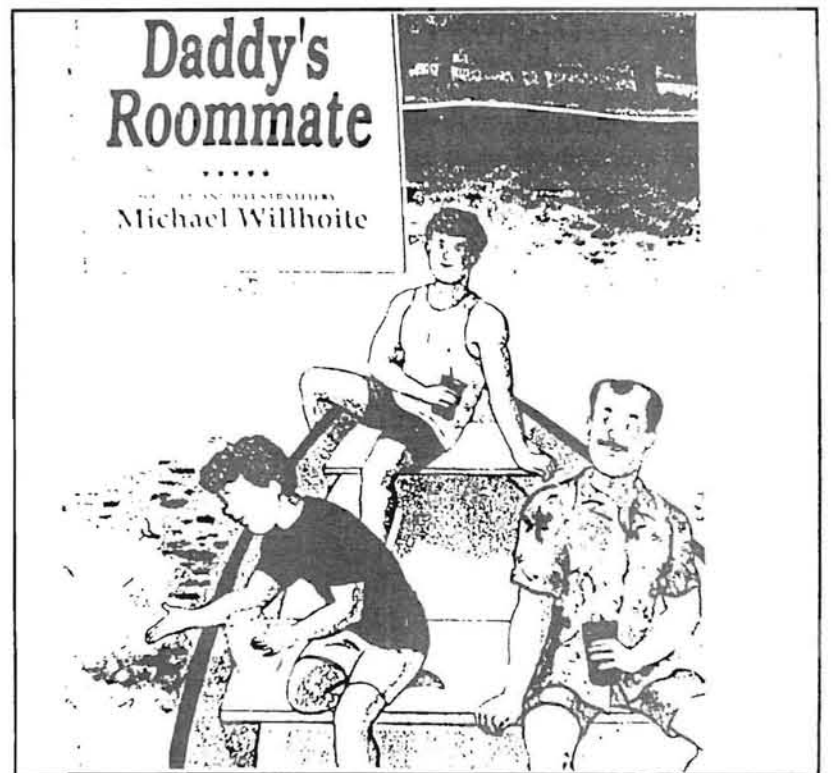
This is in response to the editorial by Christine McGraw in the Feb. 8 issue. What is wrong with teaching homosexuality? The whole purpose of this idea is to "plant seeds" of harmony. And what type of negative influence could teaching homosexuality have? They might accept homosexuality as a part of our society (yea right - I hope you are aware of the fact that people do not choose their sexual preference, they are born with it). They might be a little more open-minded (a little more liberal-oh no!). And heaven forbid, they might accept homosexuals for who they are - regular people, like you and me, who want to be successful in life, be happy and be loved.

Now this is my favorite: "You're an American, you have the same rights that I do." Where the hell have you been? A majority of the states do not recognize homosexual marriage, a luxury "normal" people like us take for granted. Homosexuals cannot be a part of the military unless they hide their sexuality. A new movement is spreading across the country that would allow homosexuals to be le-

gally fired from jobs. And how about the illegal actions taken against homosexuals? Homosexuals are fired from jobs, their property is vandalized and they get the crap beat out of them by narrow-minded, homophobic, law-abiding citizens.

Society in the United States is filled with hatred for people unlike ourselves. Whites blame African-Americans who blame Caucasians who blame Asian-Americans who blame African-Americans who blame ... etc. So, once again, I must ask what is wrong with teaching children the acceptance of others, eventually forcing them to take responsibility for their own lives? Our generation is basically hopeless (as demonstrated by your editorial), but younger generations can still be raised to be more open-minded. Of course, complete harmony will never occur if Star Trek is any indication of our future. We are not asking our future to accept homosexuality, but to just learn about homosexuality so they can make a more educated judgement. Without intervention from someone or something, children will be raised with the same hatred our generation was raised with.

Pam Kozeny



Columnist Confused About Gay Lifestyles; Reader Says

Dear Editor:

In her column, "Should Six-Year-Olds Be Taught Sexual Alternatives?" Christine McGraw seems a little confused. She is apparently under the impression that there is some kind of conspiracy spreading homosexuality through the public schools. Why would homosexuals "indoctrinate" six year olds? Why would they indoctrinate anyone? Why would they have to? Most of us have a pretty good idea what we are once we hit puberty. We don't need to be told by teachers, or textbooks, or MTV.

The book "Daddy's Roommate" isn't about sex at all. It's about lifestyles. Very simply, the book shows two men living together in a monogamous relationship. I don't see the book convincing anybody one way or the other. It might help children validate their own experience if they come from divorced families. What about Mommy's roommate? Who has she been living with since the divorce? Can we only talk about families that resemble Wally and Beaver?

Incidentally, the Barnes Education Library on the South Campus owns a copy of "Daddy's Roommate." Check it out if you're not afraid.

Ted Ficklen

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CLIP AND CONFESS

Anheuser-Busch Supports Tropical Ecology Center With Donation

by Clint Zweifel
Current news reporter

A new conservation and ecology complex will be built at UM-St. Louis with the help of a \$500,000 pledge from the Anheuser-Busch Charitable Foundation Inc.

The complex will be called the Anheuser-Busch Ecology and Conservation Complex and will be located adjacent to Stadler Hall. Victoria Sork, Director of the UM-St. Louis International Center for Tropical Ecology and Associate Professor of Biology, said groundbreaking should begin in Spring 1993 and is hoped to be finished by the end of 1993.

Sork said the complex will "enhance the activities of the center" which are "to promote education and research on the study of tropical ecology, conservation and biodiversity." She said, "The new structure will support research for some of the people in some of the programs."

Sork said the International Center for Tropical Ecology only had a teaching greenhouse and lacked the research greenhouse that is necessary to enhance the present program.

Sork said a graduate in tropical ecology and conservation and undergraduate in conservation will be offered in the complex with more degrees and programs being instituted in the future.

She said support brought in from the areas of political science, economics and anthropology will be continued, to show the political, economic and social factors involved in environmental research. By bringing in other factors Sork said, "It will help to create a good curriculum and research environment for tropical ecology and conservation."

The new complex will also include more undergraduate programs that the center presently does not have. To attract more undergraduates publicity will be sent out to high schools and junior colleges that "emphasize the strengths of the [UM-St. Louis] campus."

Sork said the Biology program and the Center at UM-St. Louis has an "international reputation," attracting students from countries all around the world." She said that students have been attracted to the center because of the "high caliber of professors and students involved."

The complex has larger implications in that it will educate the community as well as the student body. Sork said a display room is planned for the complex to exhibit research conducted by professors and students.

Mayoral Candidates Visit Campus, Discuss Issues

by Clint Zweifel
Current news reporter

Four mayoral candidates came to UM-St. Louis on Feb. 22 to discuss issues they will be faced with, if elected mayor of St. Louis.

The four candidates invited were Circuit Clerk Freeman Bosley Jr., state representative Anthony Ribaldo, former Alderman Steven Roberts, and Aldermanic President Tom Villa. Villa did not attend the forum but was represented by Steven Vossmeier.

The program was two hours in length, consisting of four 30-minute panels in which three panelists may speak for five minutes each, then giving each candidate a five-minute response on the particular subject in question.

Topics discussed were "The Economy, Housing and Infrastructure," "Diversity, Inclusiveness and Avoiding Polarization," "Education and Children at Risk" and "Crime and the Justice System."

The panelists were Susan Uchitelle, Executive Director of the Voluntary Interdistrict Coordination Council, and Bob Lewis, Chairman of the Task Force for the Infrastructure Implementation Committee, Confluence of St. Louis. UM-St. Louis Public Policy Research Centers also provided 11 faculty panelists for the forum. The moderator for the program was Lance T. LeLoup, Director of UM-St. Louis' Public Policy Research Centers.

While discussing topic of the economy, housing and infrastructure Ribaldo said that St. Louis is not a united city. He said, "The next mayor must reach out to all constituents, set priorities, and lead by example." Ribaldo said he wants to make sure each neighborhood "receives their fair share of funding."

Bosley said, "St. Louis needs a new direction away from special inter-



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Present were (left to right): State Representative Anthony Ribaldo, circuit clerk Freeman Bosley, Jr., former alderman Steven Roberts and a representative for Aldermanic President Tom Villa, Steven Vossmeier

est. I offer plans, not deals and have a major interest of those [residents] in the city of St. Louis." His proposal focuses on stabilization and housing.

According to Roberts, "St. Louis must pull together all of its resources" to compete with larger cities. But, Roberts said that St. Louis does not have a plan that offers for the efficient utilization of resources. He said with a better understanding of business, St. Louis could be "the transportation hub of the United States." As a successful businessman Roberts said he understands how to solve the economic problems of St. Louis, calling it a "great city with a great opportunity."

When asked about crime, Vossmeier said people must be more realistic about the mayors control over the funding for the police. He said the mayor has almost no impact on the police, with the governor holding most of the control.

Ribaldo said, "I don't need a survey or a pole. I walk through the city and see peoples concerns with crime." He proposed adding 200 more police officers in the city of St. Louis, putting

many of them on beat control. He said by putting police on the beat, officers will be able to better communicate the needs of the residents, thus having a larger impact in deterring crime. Ribaldo said, "People need to feel closer to their public officials."

On education Bosley said, "For a vibrant community education is necessary. Schools are like a pillar [in the community]. When you lose a school it further fragments our neighborhoods." He described his plan as "community outreach." He also said a quality working environment between city hall and the board of education is a necessity in providing for quality public education.

"There is no greater tragedy than wasting the opportunity to be educated," said Vossmeier. He said employees coming into the city school are finding that the schools are not successful in promoting a quality educational environment. Vossmeier said, "Tom Villa has proposed an aggressive program to provide safety in public schools. His first priority as mayor will be to provide a safe environment [in public schools], in which the teachers can

teach and the children can learn."

When asked about racial polarization, Roberts said St. Louis must first admit that there is a problem. He wants to "set a new standard" in depolarization in the community. Much of the problem he said arises from politicians. Roberts said, "Racial politics is used by the majority of politicians today playing on [the] uneasiness, fear and suspicions [of the residents]." He plans on forming task forces to solve racial problems. In the past Roberts said he wrote the most comprehensive hate crimes legislation ever written. He said, "When people work together for a purpose it will eliminate myths [about different races]."

Bosley said for the past 12 years the administration in office did not make racial problems a priority. He also listed the print and electronic media as a cause that "perpetuates the problem." He said it must take blacks and whites working together for a city to "recognize greatness." Bosley said, "Racial harmony is essential to the harmony and success of a city."

Senate Elections This Week

Elections for student senators for the University Senate will be held Wednesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 4. 25 student senators will be elected to serve one-year terms.

The candidates, listed with their majors and in the order they will appear on the ballot, are: Steven Young, criminal justice; Lisa DeLorenzo, political science; Chad Reidhead, English/anthropology; Angela Hornaday, accounting; William Ross, political science; Chris Delph, communications; James Penneys, psychology/criminal justice; Sara Wolff, political science/biology; Fredrick Ross, physical education; Cheryl Stevenson, communications; David Roither, political science; Douglas Wilding, accounting/

finance; Michael Jones, business/political science; M. Scot Fague, business/philosophy; Andy Masters, political science/communication; Jerry Riehl, Jr., chemistry; John Russell, history/English; Steven Wolfe, education; Carlo Sanfilippo, finance/German; Warren Price, marketing; Benjamin Ash, political science; Raymond Schmidt, III, history; Lisa Niswonger, history; Stephen Savis, business administration; and Sharron Hilliard, computer science.

Voting locations will be in the Social Sciences Building (SSB) lobby and the lobby of Marillac Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Evening students will be able to vote in the SSB lobby between 5 and 7 p.m. both days.

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Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice chancellor for student affairs, whose department will be responsible for discipline concerning this case, said

that all of the students, faculty and staff who want to park on university property must have a legal parking permit. "Parking is part of the cost of edu-

cation," he said. "It's not fair to the other students who pay for parking."

MacLean also commented on the sales of the parking stickers. "If it can

be found that they were being sold there could be criminal action taken," he said. "There could be conduct proceedings and criminal proceedings."

See the choice at Kennedy's March 5 and 6.

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What's The Point? Alternative Radio Hits St. Louis

by Dana Cook
features editor

For people who tuned their radios to 105.7 to hear their favorite adult contemporary music on the Fox may have been quite shocked to hear the theme songs to different television shows such as Green Acres and Gilligan's Island. No, the Fox didn't turn into the T.V. theme song radio station, it was what was being aired to work out the last minute details of St. Louis' newest radio format. The Point, KPNT, finally has brought an alterna-

tive music format to town.

The station started their actual program on Feb. 17 and features such bands as Red Hot Chili Peppers and Pearl Jam. The Point also plays mainstream artists like U2 and Peter Gabriel.

Programming Consultant Ken Anthony says he has problems with the term "alternative."

"I think alternative to what? Alternative to seventies stuff but mainstream to the eighties and nineties," Anthony said. "I think people get hung up on terms."

Anthony said after looking at sev-

eral format options, a need for an alternative format seem to stick out like a sore thumb.

"If you just cruise around University City area and go to some of the clubs you see that there is an alternative scene. Also, six of the top ten records sold last year from Streetside were alternative based records," Anthony said.

The Point also plays new music like The Beloved and Anthony said the new music is the real exciting aspect of

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Homecoming Queen Participates In Black History Month Celebration

By Amy Welch
Current features reporter

Trezette Stafford, a junior at UM-St. Louis, shared in celebrating Black History Month at the final program held Friday, Feb. 26.

The program included a list of various cultural displays. Stafford added poetry reading to the list. Her readings included Langston Hughes' "Mother to Son," Mia Angeleo's "Still I Rise" and "For my People," by Margaret Walker.

"The poems all carry a theme of encouragement, hope and success. From encouragement we get hope and with hope we can reach success," explained Stafford. "When we succeed, we can't forget that from which we came and we have to remember those who paved the way for us."

Stafford became involved with poetry reading through the Students

Support Services Program, a support system for minorities on campus, in 1991 when she first read for one of the annual programs. She now competes for the UM-St. Louis debate team in the poetry interpretation category. Stafford said when most people find out she's involved in debate their first question is "Which issue do you debate?" Stafford explained that there is a lot more to debate than political issues.

"It builds confidence and prepares me for the future," Stafford said.

"Basically I hope to continue with poetry reading in church for spiritual growth."

As the UM-St. Louis homecoming queen for 1992, a former Current reporter and an active member of the debate team, as well as, a member of the Students Support Services program, it only seems natural to see Stafford participating in the UM-St. Louis celebration of Black History Month.



Photo: Alfie Ali

Trezette Stafford adds poetry reading to her list of talents. She was elected homecoming queen, in 1992, at UM-St. Louis's first homecoming in nine years.



Photo: Alfie Ali

Point disc jockey D Day does the Afternoon Drive show. He doesn't agree with critics who say the station isn't "weird" enough.

Concert Reviews: Coffin Break And Extreme

by Brad Touché
entertainment editor

These past two weeks have been busy ones for concert critics. So here's what I saw.

Thursday, February 18

Coffin Break - West Bank Club

There isn't a lot to be said for a band that sounds a lot like other grunge bands. The show was energetic, even crazy at times, but the songs were loose interpretations of other grunge already available.

Coffin Break is another Seattle-

born group with more volume than Nirvana but less flavor than any of the city's other groups. Aside from the completely stupid album cover, the songs show promise but never quite deliver. They're worth keeping an eye on if your diet consists of lots of grunge. Look elsewhere.

Friday, February 19

Extreme/Saigon Kick - American Theater

Wow! All I can say is Wow! Saigon Kick knows how to warm up a crowd. I was one of many who were surprised to find out how heavy they actually

were. Their two hit singles, "Love Is On The Way" and "Without You" are acoustically-based, but the rest of their sound was a killer surprise. Saigon Kick can kick a crowd's ass.

But the night belonged to Extreme. Opening with "Warheads" off the new album and following it up with a six song medley before Gary Cherone even officially greeted the crowd. Though his vocals were a little rough at first, they kicked in halfway through the show. And as far as the rest of Extreme went, they never sounded better. Tight, clean, and mean. The harmonies were

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Students Learn To "Get Wellthy" At Health Fair On Campus

By Bill Ross
Current features reporter

Bronzed Adonis-like gods, sculpted as carefully as the greatest temples of Greece, glisten with the light of the sun reflecting from the depths of the cool water onto their bodies. Shadows of darkness dance across the muscle folds, as they flex with grandeur.

With visions of the not-so-distant summer dancing in our heads, we begin to pay more attention to the condition of our bodies. Spending the winter in a hibernated state, with seconds of the holiday turkey stuffing, or maybe it was a slice of Aunt Linda's pound cake; whatever the case, those extra pounds just bushwhacked us when we weren't looking.

To assess the damage done, students had the opportunity to attend the "Let's Get Wellthy" fair, an event to promote health and wellness sponsored by Horizons and Recreational Sports.

Jeep Hague, director of Horizons, said she was very pleased with the turn-out at the first occurrence of the event. It was held in the University center last Wednesday.

"We, in Horizons, concentrate a lot on stress reduction and time management, because the focus of our goals is health and well-being. Janet, from Recreation Sports, and I planned this event at the beginning of the year."

Blood pressure testing, body fat testing, an exercise bike to test fitness level and even a five-minute neck massage were among the events at the fair. Many students hovered around the tables filled with information concerning everything from a healthy diet to AIDS. Food charts and a professional dietitian were on hand to provide answers to any questions about fat consumption and nutrition values. The students who walked away from the event had a better understanding of their strengths and weakness in health, and they knew what to do to improve their condition.



Photo: Dave Floyd

STRESS RELIEF: Students received free neck massages at the "Let's Get Wellthy" Fair held Feb. 24.

Janet Evers, Fitness Coordinator for Recreational Sports, said the fair seems to have gone over well with the students and hopes that it can become a yearly event on the UM-St. Louis campus. Horizons is a peer counseling

group located in 427 Social Sciences Building. They are UM-St. Louis students who wish to help their fellow students by offering advice on career planning and other concerns of the students.

This Week in Campus History

From the early files of *The Current*

by Dana Cook
features editor

30 Years Ago - March 3, 1963

- The Current was, at that time, called the Tiger Cub and UM-St. Louis was called the St. Louis Campus.
- The St. Louis Campus Student Court voted last Friday that the recent Senate elections are "...null and void on the basis that procedures for voting were handled improperly."
- Radios, records and group singing have been banned in the St. Louis Campus student lounge.
- The St. Louis Campus Cubs clinched the Greater St. Louis College Conference basketball championship by overwhelming Logan Chiropractic College 94-61.

25 Years Ago - Feb. 29, 1968

- Constitutional revision and an improved student government caused many resignations on campus including: Student Association President Mike Hughes. Rick Galosky left his position on the Chancellor's Advisory Council as did Vince Schoemehl, who in addition, resigned from the student-faculty Committee on Student Affairs.
- On March 2, Delta Zeta, the largest national sorority initiated its 175th chapter at UMSL.
- UMSL's men's basketball squad won their first road game of the season. Jack Stenner broke two UMSL scoring records when the Rivermen defeated Illinois College at Jacksonville 88-70.

15 Years Ago - March 2, 1978

- The UM Board of Curators voted to raise student fees 12.9 percent. New fees were set at \$39 per credit hour for students taking nine or more hours.
- UMSL adopted an energy conservation plan because of a continuing coal strike. Reduction or elimination of lighting was the most visible of the reductions.
- Delta Zeta sorority celebrated its tenth anniversary on campus.
- The UMSL Rivermen basketball team finished their season by losing to University of Wisconsin, 106-75. The cagers finished with an 11-14 record.
- Riverwomen basketball team lost to Meramec, 91-66, in their final game of the season.

10 Years Ago - March 3, 1983

- Two members of the Hare Krishna were asked to leave campus after a student reported that he was harassed by them.
- Library privileges were revoked from people who weren't members of the UMSL community.

5 Years Ago - March 3, 1988

- UM-St. Louis considered providing an engineering program targeted for non-traditional students.
- Carol Peck, professor of optometry was awarded a five-year, \$600,000 federal grant to study how the eyes respond to stimuli.

Chatter Box

What's The Craziest Thing You've Ever Done Over Spring Break?

by Dave Floyd
Current photographer



"I studied for a chemistry test."
- Suzy Barakat
biology junior



"Made love on a deck of a cruise ship."
- Chuck Shaffer
architecture



"On a cloudy day at Jacksonville Beach, I hit golf balls from the tenth floor of our hotel room onto a crowded beach."
- Chris Dumm
business junior



"We were tossed out of a hotel in Panama City, Fl. after we trashed the room."
- Jack Hinton
criminology junior



"Rode 50 miles on the roof, using a bungee cord, on the way to South Carolina."
- Brian Deffaa
political science senior

UM-St. Louis Campus Club Corner

by Steve Konopka
for *The Current*

Newman House

The Newman House is a campus organization which represents the presence of the Roman Catholic Church at UM-St. Louis. How does it do that? It sponsors a variety of activities that allows students a good balance between the social, spiritual, physical, emotional and academic aspects in their lives.

Everyone is welcome to every event regardless of religious affiliation. Parties, retreats, float trips, Mass, barbecues, dances, hayrides and volleyball games are just a few of the activities. The Newman House wants to meet your needs. Any suggestions are welcome. Also available are a Resident Chaplain, Father Bill Lyons, and two campus ministers, Steve Konopka and Rose Piel. They are happy to meet with

students at any time to lend an ear, or provide for spiritual needs, such as Reconciliation, Mass, and others. A spring break retreat is held at the Trappist Monastery in the beautifully wooded region of the Ozarks. This is a great way to refresh yourself in the midst of a busy semester. There is no agenda and no deadlines. Time is spent as you like, enjoying the outdoors, reading or spending time with God. The dates of the retreat are Saturday March 5 through March 13. If you cannot come for the whole week, come for as many days as you can.

Mass is held each Wednesday that the university is in session. The time is 12:00 p.m. in Room 266 of the University Center. The schedule for Ash Wednesday Masses, to be held in Room 75 of the J.C. Penney Building, are 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at these masses. Mass is every Sunday at 8:00

p.m. at the Newman house regardless of whether school is in session or not. The Newman House is located at 8200 Natural Bridge Road. If you are interested in becoming involved with any of these activities or have any questions, call Father Bill Lyons or Steve Konopka at the Newman House. The number is 385-3455.

by AOSA Members
for *The Current*

American Optometric Student Association

The American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) is an international organization that represents optometry students at all the schools and colleges of optometry in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. The AOSA is a professional student organization that projects to the public and to optometry the professional ethics and attitudes of students as future health care providers. Last year, 98 percent of over 4,800 optometry students became members of AOSA. At UM-St. Louis over 95 percent of the 153 optometry students joined AOSA.

Each school or college of optometry has a trustee who acts as a liaison between the school and the AOSA Executive Council. This Board of Trustees meets twice a year to develop student programs and benefits, while increasing student input into the optometric profession at the national and local level.

The local AOSA chapter at UM-St. Louis works toward providing services to the community as well as acting as a professional and social group for optometry students. AOSA members provide vision screenings for local school-age children in an attempt to alert parents and teachers to a potential vision or eye health problem. Such problems may be overlooked, especially in those children who do not receive regular eye health and vision exams. Catching some problems early, however, often improves successful remediation.

Last year AOSA began hosting a blood drive on South Campus in response to the need for donors expressed by the American Red Cross. The location on South Campus makes it convenient for education, nursing and optometry students who want to give

blood. With last year's successful blood drive, AOSA intends to make it an annual event.

AOSA members have also worked to organize and host the annual AOSA Conference that was held at the Hyatt-Regency Union Station in January. This conference allows students from all optometry schools to meet, explore and gain knowledge about optometry through lectures, presentations and optical exhibits. Through these national events students are able to coordinate with major optical corporations, local companies and other optometric professional groups for speakers and educational events that are held at UM-St. Louis School of Optometry.

Membership in the national and local chapters includes many benefits which include notebooks, clinical books, hand-held clinical equipment and contact with local doctors as well as membership in the American Optometric Association (AOA) which represents doctors of optometry, students and paraoptometric. Its purpose is to improve the quality, availability and accessibility of eye and vision care, to represent the optometric profession to the government and the public and to assist members in conducting their practice with the highest standards of patient care and efficiency.

Optometry students at UM-St. Louis are active members in AOSA in order to enhance their education, provide vision care and other services to the community and to ensure the future of the optometric profession through their support of this organization.

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the station. "There's a lot of great new music out there that needs to be exposed," Anthony said. "There's been an explosion of new rock in the last ten years and there hasn't been too many outlets to play it. When we start playing new songs, within a week the most requested songs are the new ones."

A special program The Point airs is New Music Sunday with Les Aaron from 7:00 to midnight. But Anthony and General Manager John Gutbrod are discussing some programs that the station is developing such as a show featuring local and regional artists. Local musicians such as Pale Divine can be heard on The Point now.

"We're also looking at doing some kind of dance, techno-industrial type show," Anthony said. "We're going to have some features around lunchtime, like we may play reggae one day."

Gutbrod and Anthony said they feel the public response to the station has been great but they can't be sure until the ratings come out.

"The ultimate factor in all of this is that it's new and exciting and everything but how new and exciting will it be six months from now?" Gutbrod said.

Gutbrod said he feels the station will be a success.

"We're most likely going to be the station to discover the next Nirvana or Pearl Jam. We'll discover them and the other guys will start playing it."

Anthony said the new station is fun and exciting. He said the disc jockeys have a lot of fun with the alternative type format.

"I'll be honest with you. I've gotten a lot of calls from KSD and KSHE jocks," Anthony said. "They've called and said 'Do you have any openings?'"

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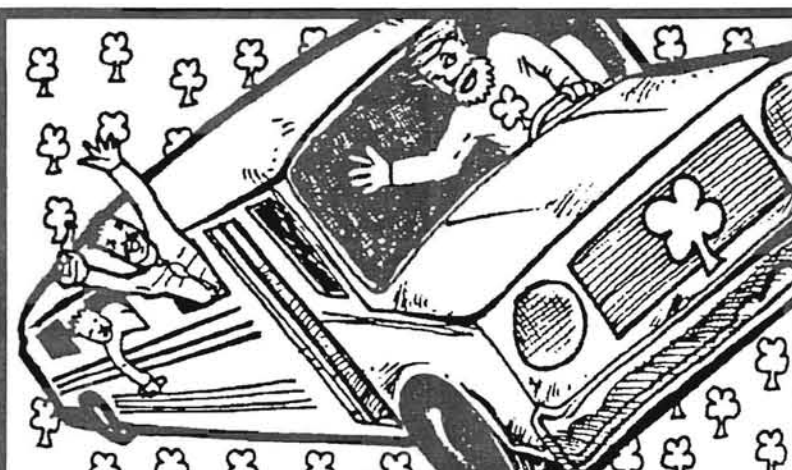
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Fire In The Sky Based On A True Story

by Brad Touché
entertainment editor

UFO sightings aren't as trendy as they were in the 1970's, that's for sure. But many people still think there is intelligent life out there on other plan-

ets. It's that belief that helped D. B. Sweeney take this role in the new film, *Fire In The Sky*.

Set in 1975, Sweeney plays Travis Walton, a logger who is abducted by aliens.

"I have no reason to doubt him," said Sweeney in a recent interview. "If I thought the story was fabricated, I wouldn't have accepted the role. But when I read the script, I thought 'This is different. I like it.'"

What he means by different is this

movie is not your typical sci-fi flick.

"This is not a movie where Luke Skywalker leaves the farm and becomes a Jedi knight," he laughed. "This is a real story where a Luke Skywalker type of guy gets abducted and has to return to the farm without anyone else seeing Darth Vader."

Sweeney, who has finally gotten some recognition after the successful starring role in *The Cutting Edge*, said that this could be the big movie.

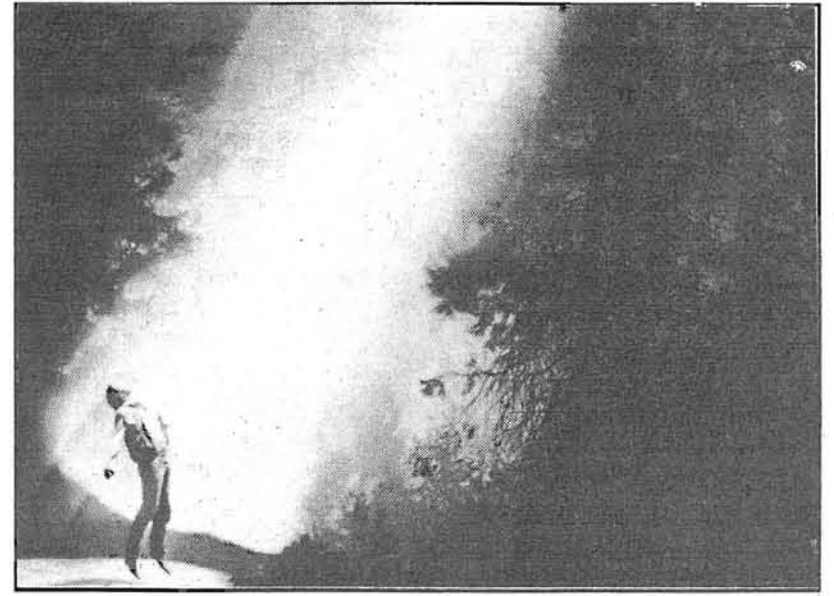
"I hope that this is the one. I mean,

Eight Men Out was good for me, *Gardens Of Stone* and *Memphis Belle* helped, *The Cutting Edge* made some money, . . . I think this is just another brick in the wall for me - at least I hope so."

His preparation for the film was kind of unorthodox, too.

"I got up in the morning, ate a good breakfast, and went to work. I mean, how was I supposed to prepare for this role? I've never experienced anything like that. The only thing I could do was try to imagine what would be going through my mind if it had happened to me."

The movie also stars Robert Patrick (the bad terminator in *Terminator II*) and James Garner. This movie is getting a lot of hype, which usually means it's a winner (unless, of course, it's a sequel). It's worth checking out.



D. B. Sweeney portrays the life of Travis Walton who says he was abducted by aliens in 1975.

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strong. The quality was top notch. The show was non-stop entertainment.

Extreme even went so far as to bring out four horn players in zoot suits to jam with them for the majority of the show. The boys from Extreme jammed with them, as opposed to treating them as extras. It made for a type of wild show that hasn't been seen in St. Louis in a long time.

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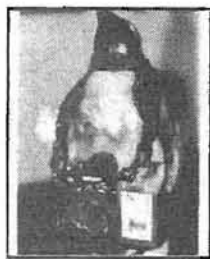
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Shooter's Sight



Women's Sports: They're The Fairer, Not The Lesser

Sports Editor's note: This is a guest column by a member of the Current staff.

by Shooter of The Current staff

Is there a legitimate, unbiased measurement for pride? No, but each and everyone of us is able to and we continually make subjective measurements of those we meet.

Attend a UM-St. Louis women's inter-collegiate game sometime and take note. When Danielle LaMette, guard for the basketball team walks out onto the court, watch how high she holds her head. When Kim Miller, striker for the soccer team, strides onto the field, look at how long her strides are. Take measure of their pride. Believe me, it's no less than that of a Darren Hill, forward for the men's basketball team, or any one of the male athletes you often see in the Mark Twain building.

These women work, practice and play hard for crowds that only show up at the men's game. They fight that uphill battle to get an equal share of allocations, an equal priority to space and an equal amount of fans to come see them in the uniforms they are no less proud to wear.

When a law disallowing gender discrimination in schools took affect in 1972, young ladies found that they had better facilities, extra equipment and more scholarships. A law and funds provided by the institution can only go so far in improving conditions. Consistent progress requires additional revenue, oh, let's say like the one generated from attendance!

While gender discrimination in collegiate sports is unheard of now, it certainly seems that equal revenue will never exist. At least not while everyone is so quick to dismiss women's games.

You simply must allow for the chance that there's equal attraction in women's games. I mean, let's use our heads here, boys and girls. Each of us attend men's games for different reasons; excitement, highly physical competition, hot dogs and popcorn or to see muscles and men in uniforms. Let's look for motives, both good and not necessarily good, to make it to a women's game.

First, women's games often precedes men's. Getting there earlier can only mean more time to eat hot dogs and possibly a better seat.

The all important second reason; it could mean a parking space closer to the game, which actually, and this just occurred to me, means a much shorter route to the snack stand.

Lastly, for the guys, surely you cannot fail to imagine how good female athletes are. The abilities of some of these players are just as good or better than the men.

We attend games for the competition, to observe first hand the ecstasy of victory and the writhing agony... The UM-St. Louis women athletes bring no less joy to those attending when they win and they deserve to share that with as many as they can.

There are many students, especially at this school, engaged in efforts to boost attendance at all games, especially those in which the fairer ones participate. Persevere, for you are reaching us. Well, at least one of us, but that's how everything starts.

UM-St. Louis Golfers Ready To Swing Season Underway

by Russell Korando of the Current staff

During the Mid-America Athletic Conference championships last spring, UM-St. Louis golfer Morgan Gonzales was near tears because of his play on the front nine holes.

Nothing had gone right for Gonzales at Tan-Tar-A that day. That is, until Rivermen coach Jim Niederkorn offered him some advice.

An inspired Gonzales took the advice to heart and shot par on the back nine to help the Rivermen to their first-ever MIAA team championship.

"I'll never forget the look on Morgan's face when he came off the course after the front nine," Niederkorn said. "He shot a 49 and had wanted to place well so badly for this. All I said was 'do your best' and (he) went out and shot an even on the backside."

Gonzales, a junior, was not the only one from the family on the UM-St. Louis squad that made his first trip to the NCAA championships. His brother Levi, a sophomore, made the trip as a freshman and was the no. 4 player on the team.

Both are graduates of Wentzville High School.

Morgan held an unsteady club during the spring season and played better in the fall. Levi played consistently in the spring. He shot a second-round 80 at nationals and the Rivermen won by one shot.

"It's the Gonzales jinx," Levi said. "When one of us plays good, the other plays bad. Personally, I had a bad spring. I was playing the ball down all the time."

Niederkorn, who is in his 14th season



Photo: Alfie Ali

UM-St. Louis golfers Levi and Morgan Gonzales are two key players that head coach Jim Niederkorn are counting on.

as coach of the Rivermen, said Levi played a vital role in the MIAA crown.

"Lee was just as big a part of our conference championship as (David Rhoads) because he played smart golf," Niederkorn said. "I told him to play a sand wedge and put the ball on the fat part of the green, and two-putt to get a five. If we win by one or lose by one, that's the best choice to make. He did exactly that and we won by one shot."

Morgan is one of two mainstays on the team.

"When I signed, I was looking for a good school," Morgan said. "Jim was building a good program and I didn't feel like my game was up to Division I. Chris Sanders and I made it through the first year together and nobody else did."

One of the mistakes freshmen make during their first year of college golf is not realizing the pressure of being around more

experienced golfers. Lining up at the tee and placing the peg into the ground for the first time may be an unnerving experience.

Gaining confidence in a young golfer's ability is something Niederkorn looked for while putting together his current squad.

"I met Morgan at Lake St. Louis through my association with the Gateway PGA," Niederkorn said. "I told him if he came to school and played in the top three, we'd talk scholarship. Well, he played second that year. He and Chris Sanders are the two kids I built this foundation with."

Morgan said it has been an exciting two years at UM-St. Louis, and Niederkorn has had a lot to do with that.

"(Niederkorn's) a great guy," Morgan said. "He cares just as much about the school work as anything else. He's helped me the

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Heveroh Ready For NCAA Nationals Only UM-St. Louis Swimming Member To Qualify

by Jack C. Wang sports editor

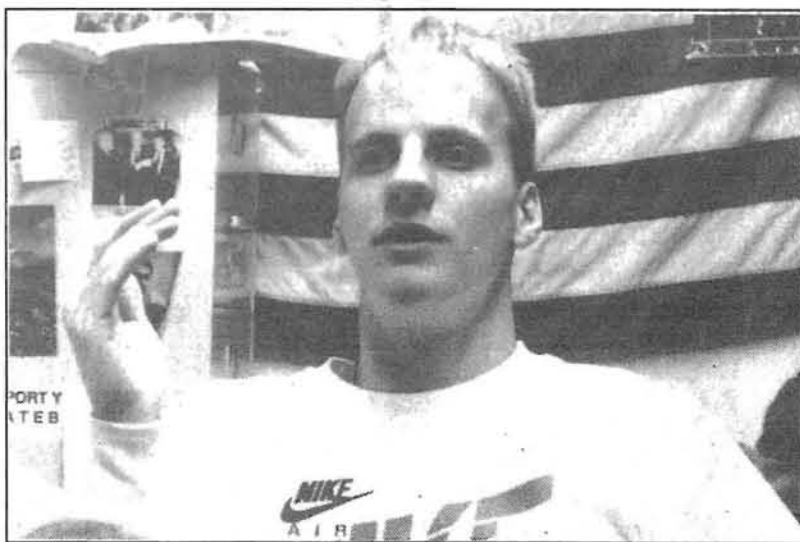
Although the 1992-93 season may be a disappointment to the UM-St. Louis men's swimming team, head coach Mary Liston does have something to be pleased about.

Senior captain Jeff Heveroh qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Nationals in Canton, Ohio, on March 2-7, after swimming the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 58.02 seconds at the Midwest Classic in Indianapolis, IN on Feb. 18-20.

Heveroh, who also specializes in the individual medley event, will also swim in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard breaststroke at Nationals.

Heveroh is ecstatic to have qualified for nationals.

"I am very, very pleased," Heveroh said. "I was nervous at first because



Jeff Heveroh

everyone expected me to qualify earlier. But I've swam real well the last week."

Heveroh wasn't the only one wor-

ried. Liston also admits to being a bit nervous.

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Rivermen End Season On Down Note Lose School Record Nine Straight Games

by Mike Hayes Current sports reporter

After having been in intensive care for the month of February, the UM-St. Louis men's basketball team finally passed away last week. The lowly Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State upset UM-St. Louis with a 69-65 victory as the Rivermen's leading scorer, Darren Hill watched from the bench with a broken bone in his right hand Wednesday night at the Mark Twain Building.

Conference foe Missouri Western presided over the funeral, handing the Rivermen their ninth consecutive loss as they scrapped out a 91-83 overtime win Saturday night in St. Joseph, MO.

The Rivermen closed out this year's campaign with a 11-15 overall record and a 6-10 mark in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics association (MIAA).

Meckfessel's team, one that had showed much promise earlier in the season, had just been, for all practical matters, eliminated from qualifying for the MIAA post-season tournament in which the top eight teams go on.

Even though the Rivermen had comfortable leads a number of times in the first half against Northwest, Rivermen head coach Rich Meckfes-

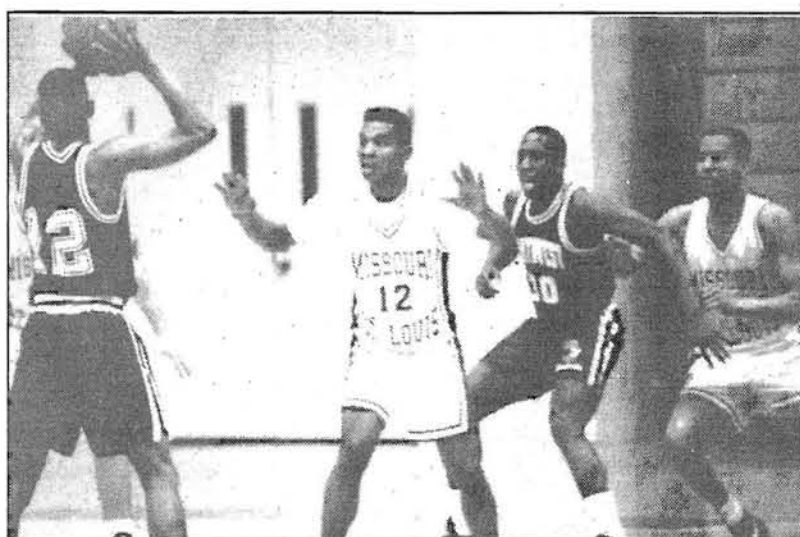


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Forwards Malcolm Hill and Scott Crawford try to avert the pass inside.

sel stormed up and down the sidelines in front of the Rivermen bench working the officials. He pleaded with his players to press on. Meckfessel and the Rivermen had to have this game and it showed.

But for all Meckfessel's foresight, there was no stopping the February nightmare. The Rivermen have lost every game they have played this month setting a school record in losses.

As Meckfessel made his way up to do the post-game radio show he looked

as though he had just been sentenced to the electric chair.

He spoke in a depressing tone as a look of emptiness radiated from his face.

"If we can't win a game like this, we don't need to play anymore," a dejected Meckfessel said. "One more game and out on the recruiting trail."

February's wicked spell was not

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Reporter's Notebook: Heartbreaker: Riverwomen Lose Last Two Games Of Season

by Cory Schroeder associate sports editor

"Did it really happen?" was the question on the minds of the UM-St. Louis women's basketball team after the game ended and the scoreboard read 85-84 in Northwest Missouri State's favor.

15 seconds left on the clock in overtime, and freshman guard Nicole Christ drives past two defenders to nail a jumper to give the Riverwomen the lead 84-83 lead.

"I just came down looking to get the ball inside," Christ said. "The shot was there and I took it."

The clock now read four seconds and the Riverwomen's head coach Bobbi Morse calls a time-out to gather the troops for the final defensive stand. The Bearkittens throw the ball inside and manage to get it to their leading scorer, senior forward Jamie Long. Riverwomen senior Liz Squibb applies pressure on Long and is called for a questionable foul. The fans screamed in agony and Squibb pleads her case with the official to no avail.

"They were making lousy calls all night," Squibb said. "There was no reason why they should stop then."

Long was not only the Bearkittens leading scorer but also reigned as the Mid American Intercollegiate Athletics Association leader in free throw percentage. Long stepped to the line and coolly sank both free throws to give the Bearkittens the win with two seconds to play.

"We were trying to get her the ball," said Northwest Missouri State head coach Wayne Winstead. "It was fortunate we got the call."

Consistent free throw shooting by the Bearkittens proved to be their strength as the game was sent into overtime due to Northwest Missouri center Sara Hemminger connecting on two free throws, tying the game 73-73.

Long led the Bearkittens with 24 points and buried six of seven free throw attempts. Senior guard Stacy Rockhold added 21 points and Hemminger scored 20.

Overshadowed by the Riverwomen's devastating loss was the incredible effort by junior forward Nancy Hesemann. Hesemann was a constant on the floor, diving after loose balls and using her 6'2" frame to swat many an errant pass away. She finished with 22 points, equaling her season high. She also pulled down eight rebounds and banged home three three-point field goals.

"You could see the fire in her eyes," Long said. "Her intensity was tremendous."

The Riverwomen ended the season on a less than positive note, losing to



Photo: Alfie Ali

Forward Rhonda Patterson and center Liz Squibb fight a losing battle for the rebound.

Missouri Western 69-61 Saturday night in St. Joseph, MO. Nancy Hesemann led the team with 13 points, followed by Danielle LaMette with 12 points.

BAD TIDINGS. Things were bound to take a turn for the worse against Washburn (Feb. 20) when UM-St. Louis senior guard Danielle LaMette picked up three quick fouls in the first half. Washburn went on to win 81-54.

"They (the referees) were making lousy calls all night"
- Liz Squibb Riverwomen center

"That was a big factor," said Riverwomen head coach Bobbi Morse. "She is the guard we have that is an experi-

enced ball handler."

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR. Junior forward Rhonda Patterson showed signs of what to expect next year, scoring 16 points and pulling down 14 rebounds against SIU-Edwardsville (Feb. 22). UM-St. Louis beat the Cougars earlier this season but they couldn't hold on this time losing 77-60.

REBOUND. Hesemann started off the week missing all of her eight shots against SIU-Edwardsville. She turned things around against Northwest Missouri State making six of eleven field goal attempts.

HEARTBREAK. Heads hung low after the Riverwomen's loss to the Bearkittens. "I feel angry. They were letting us play the whole game and they called that foul on Liz," Christ said after the game.

THE BIG SCARE. Before losing to Washburn, the Riverwomen gave the number one ranked team a little scare. UM-St. Louis led with nine minutes to play in the first half before eventually trailing off.

"We weren't running the offense long enough," Washburn head coach Patty Dick said.

Leading UM-St. Louis Basketball Scorers

ppg= points per game
rpg= rebounds per game
apg= assists per game

Rivermen

Darren Hill (f)
17.8 ppg, 7.8 rpg

Steve Roder (g)
12.9 ppg, 3.4 apg

Mike Moore (f-c)
9.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg

Scott Crawford (f)
7.5 ppg, 4.3 rpg

Riverwomen

Liz Squibb (c)
14.9 ppg, 8.6 rpg

Nancy Hesemann (f)
10.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg

Regina Howard (g)
7.9 ppg, 5.7 rpg

Danielle LaMette (g)
7.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg

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most with the mental part of my game. Game management and the 100-yard wedge shot have been the two golfing parts."

The Rivermen held an organizational meeting last week, and they will put on their golfing shoes tomorrow for the first day of practice.

They have only two weeks to prepare for the first tournament of the 1993 campaign.

The Rivermen last competed in the Bradley Invitational, where they shot 920 as a team and finished second to Illinois State.

"If I were a basketball coach, I'd say absolutely not," Niederkom said when questioned about being able to prepare for the season in just two weeks. "I make the kids qualify for the first tournament by playing 36, 54 or 72 holes."

Niederkom realizes the Rivermen must live up to the high expectations set by their record play a year ago.

Dave Rhoads has his putter aimed at being the best golfer in Division II. And although the Gonzales brothers have more

modest goals, each said he would not concede anything.

Morgan, who is a marketing/business major, received a one-third split in a scholarship offer from the Missouri Golf Association.

Levi, who is also a business major, would like to join the professional circuit if his game improves accordingly over the next three years. Levi first tried golf when he was 13 years old and also lists hockey and wind surfing as athletic hobbies.

"I would like to work for myself after college," Levi said. "If I finished anywhere in the nationals where I would win a medal, I guess it would give me inspiration to try and get on the pro circuit."

"I told myself I had to cut a few strokes off my (game) because I got new clubs."

New clubs or not, the Rivermen will pressed to repeat as conference champions.

"Last year, they blew the lid off all my expectations and goals I set for them," Niederkom said. "They got a taste for what it is like to play big-time college golf. And now it's up to them to advance to the next level."

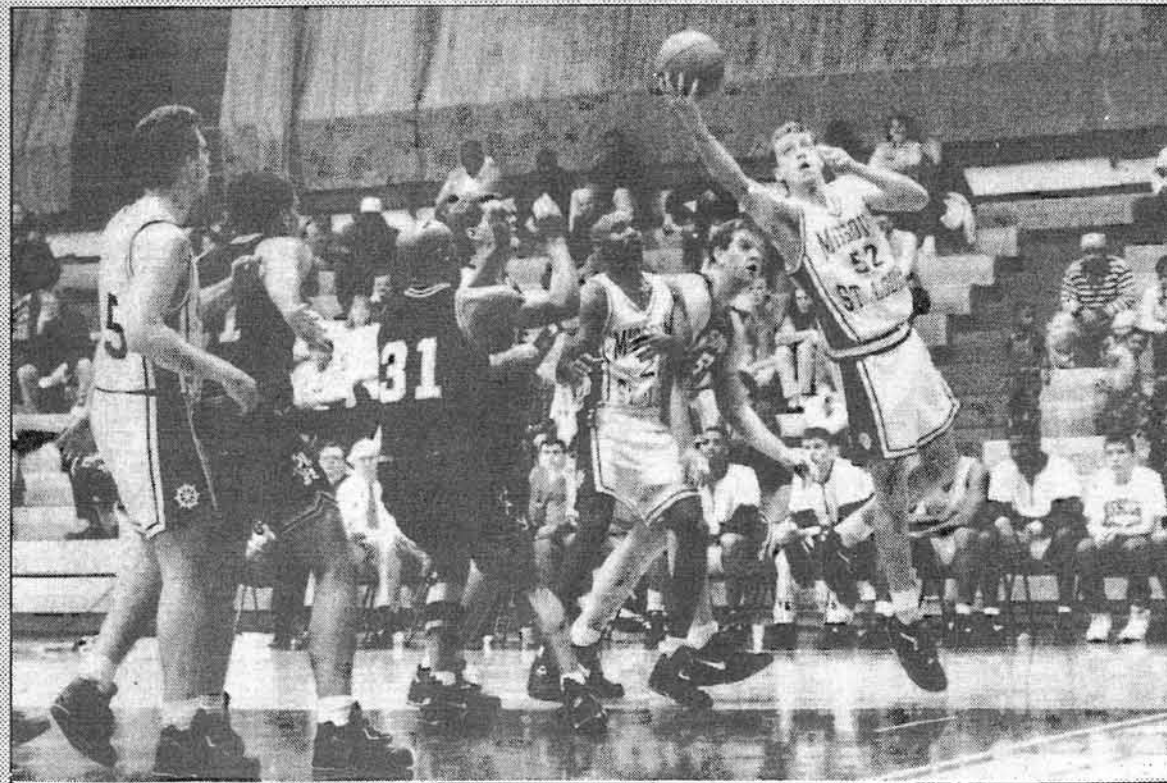


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Guard Steve Roder and forward Darren Hill look on as center Mike Moore drives towards the basket for a layup.

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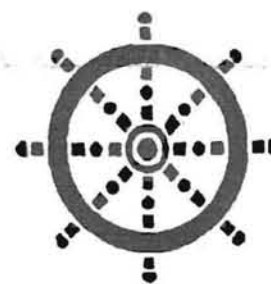
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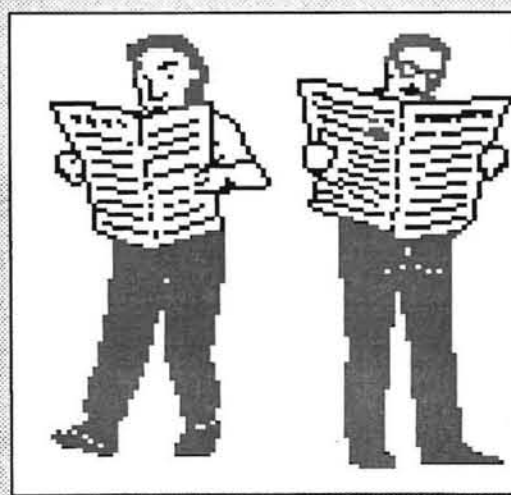


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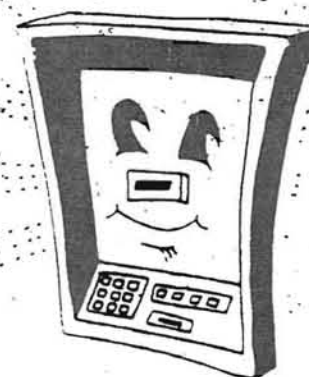
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"I was getting worried because it was close to the end of the season," she said. "He made it interesting."

The 6-foot-3-inch, 185 pound senior also has mixed emotions as the season, and his swimming career at UM-St. Louis, winds down.

"It's kind of depressing," Heveroh said. "This is my last year, and I won't swim after this year."

But concentrating on the upcoming nationals is what's on Heveroh's mind now.

"Right now, I'm excited about everything. I'm swimming as well as ever, and I'm fit as ever. I feel great in the water, and I want to go out in a blaze of glory."

Heveroh began swimming when he was a child.

"I learned to swim underwater at the YWCA at age three, and I've been swimming on a summer league team since I was eight."

During his high school years at Oakville, Heveroh was also on the swim team.

"I was a better than average swimmer," Heveroh said.

But the surprising fact about Heveroh's swimming career is that he believes he has become a better swimmer while at UM-St. Louis.

"I learned most everything in college. I think it's a result of better conditioning and more pool time and practice," Heveroh said. "I guess practice makes perfect."

As captain of the Rivermen, Heveroh must sometimes get his teammates ready for a meet.

"I try to get them pumped up. But everyone has different ways to get pumped up," Heveroh said. "There are certain things to get them pumped up, either mentally or orally. But you try to not hurt anyone's feelings."

One teammate that looks up to Heveroh is freshman freestyler and individual medley swimmer Danny Schultz.

"Jeff is a good role model. He's got great swimming ability and he's the number one man. I respect him a lot.

But most of all, Jeff is so competitive. He wants to win."

Liston also thinks highly of her senior captain.

"He has been a consistent point scorer and leader for our team," Liston said. "He has had an impact on our program in a very positive way. I have never had a swimmer of that caliber before."

Anyone unfamiliar with swimming must realize that competing in an event such as the breaststroke isn't the easiest event.

"It's the most difficult stroke to learn," Heveroh said.

Teammate Schultz agrees.

"There's a certain rhythm and technique needed for the breaststroke," he said.

Heveroh gives a lot of the credit to his development as a better swimmer to Liston. Although Heveroh and Liston didn't always see eye-to-eye, it's obvious that Heveroh admires his coach.

"She's a great coach," Heveroh said. "She's been a big influence in

different ways and times. I've tried to prove her right as a senior."

Liston agrees. "Between his freshman and sophomore year, he knew a lot. But in his sophomore year, he was willing to learn. He will be sorely missed."

Reality has also begun to set into Heveroh's mind. Although he's leaving swimming behind for the time being, does he see himself getting back into swimming in the near future? Heveroh doesn't believe so.

"I did coach a summer league and it was fun," he said. "But I don't see myself as a coach in the long run. Maybe sometime down the line, but not right now."

Heveroh is setting his sights on finishing his academic work to enable him to graduate next semester. He'll have a degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing.

"I'm sad about leaving the team," he said. "But there is a whole new world beyond swimming."

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limited to games alone. Hill was injured last Monday when junior guard Scott Crawford's unintended elbow during practice caused Hill's injury and knocked him out of action.

At the end of January the Rivermen were 11-5 with a four-game winning streak after defeating Pittsburg State. Who would have known that would be the last game the Rivermen would win?

Meckfessel has coached college basketball for 25 years. He's endured losing seasons before, but not like this.

"I had a 6-20 team in West Virginia and this season is twice as disappointing," Meckfessel said.



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