



Back to the Future

Riverwomen midfielder Tammi Madden played her last home game as a freshman Oct. 30. But it's just the start for this rising young star.

EDITORIAL

A federal court ruling that deems scholarships restricted by race unconstitutional is a loss for equality.

FEATURES

Valerian T. D'Souza, a UM-St. Louis professor, was honored this fall for a patent he received for artificial redox enzymes.

SPORTS

UM-St. Louis golfer Dave Rhodes says the team has a lot of work ahead if it wants to make the spring the start of something good.

Eye-care center makes East St. Louis' vision clearer



Photo: Beth Robinson

PARTNERS FOR SIGHT: East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush gives thanks to representatives of UM-St. Louis and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, who have teamed up to provide an eye-care center for the city of East St. Louis. The dedication ceremony was Wednesday, Nov. 2.

UM-St. Louis-SIUE partnership makes center possible; Optometry students ready for business

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

Through a partnership between UM-St. Louis and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, optometric eye-care services are again available to the residents of East St. Louis. The last time the city had eye-care services nearby was 10 years ago.

The new East St. Louis Eye Center, located on the fifth floor of the SIUE East St. Louis Center, will provide a complete scope of primary eye-care service for people of all ages. The center will be staffed by doctors of optometry and interns from the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry.

A dedication for the center was held Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the SIUE East St. Louis Center, and was followed by a tour of the new eye center and a reception.

"I think it's an important step in the right direction and it's possible because



Blanche Touhill

the Universities are cooperating with each other," said SIUE Chancellor James Brown.
Carol Meritt, assistant professor at

UM-St. Louis and director of the clinic, predicts that up to 40 patients could be served daily. She said staffing will consist of two staff members and six interns.

"The Eye Center means a great deal to this community," said Sam Smith, SIUE director of News Service. "It's the first time in ten years that we've had eye care available in this area."

SIUE President Nancy Belck opened the dedication by introducing a few people who attended the event. This included Illinois Sen. Kenneth Hall.

"Senator Hall was the one who secured the financial resources to put this in place," said Earl Lazerson, SIUE president emeritus.

East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush was in attendance for Wednesday's dedication ceremony.

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Court ruling affects minority scholarships

University of Maryland expected to appeal case to U.S. Supreme Court

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

The University of Maryland has until Nov. 10 to appeal a court decision concerning minority scholarships, or it can make an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court within 90 days.

The 4th Circuit of Virginia's Federal District Court ruled 3-0 that college scholarships offered to students based solely on their race are unconstitutional.

The University's Banneker Program, which awards promising black students a four-year scholarship, was affected by the court's decision. The Banneker Program was challenged by Daniel Podberesky, a Latino student who was told he was ineligible for the scholarship.

"Of all the criteria by which men and women can be judged, the most pernicious is that of race," wrote Judge H. Emory Widener of Richmond, Va.

Thursday's ruling, though, only affects the states in the 4th Circuit:

Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

If an appeal is made to the U.S.

General Accounting Office said this year.

Susan Mason, UM-St. Louis scholarship coordinator, said the

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—Judge H. Emory Widener

Supreme Court, lawyers on the two sides believe programs throughout the country, similar to Banneker, could be in jeopardy.

UM-St. Louis offers seven scholarships to minority students, and the African American chapter of the Alumni Association recently announced they will award a \$100 book stipend each semester.

About two-thirds of all four-year colleges have at least one scholarship program offered to minorities, the

scholarships are definitely an incentive for minority students to excel in education.

"We have an 18 percent minorities enrolled at UM-St. Louis, which is high," Mason said. "We want to keep it that way, so obviously we do not want anything that would be regressive."

Mason mentioned the Black Faculty and Staff Association scholarship as one of the scholarships offered to minority students. It is for

first-time freshmen and Evening College students, full or part time, who maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

Mason said: "The preference for the scholarship are African Americans who come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds."

Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, said UM-St. Louis has no reason to be alarmed by the ruling.

"I do not think that we have many race-oriented scholarships," Seay said. "Most of ours are based on needs and geographical areas."

"We are working with the schools in the Bridge Program (Normandy, University City, Wellston and St. Louis), and offering all students at those schools the opportunity (to receive a scholarship.)"

"I would hope the present system is constitutional."

Mason said she doesn't know how a nation-wide ruling would affect UM-St. Louis. "But I don't want to find out," she said.

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READY OR NOT: Roz Oberholz, The Visiting Nurse Association, gives Marsha Miller, administrative secretary for University Center, a flu-vaccination shot Thursday.

Forensics Debate squad surpasses goals, records

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Squad has 40 awards in only one month of competition, already surpassing the 37 awards it won during the entire Fall Semester of 1993.

"We are pretty pleased about that," said Tom Preston, director of Forensics. "This bodes especially well since 1993-94 turned out to be a record year. During the 1993-94 campaign, the squad won 134 awards."

Preston and his staff which includes, Lecturer in Communication Sherry LaBoon, and volunteer assistants Wayne Basinger and Trezette Stafford were optimistic about the talent this year's squad possesses.

Varsity debater Wendy Woolery and individual speaking event performers Tim Ennenbach and Rebecca Witte have led the performance. Ennenbach placed first in After Dinner Speaking and Woolery finished second in Lincoln-Douglas debate at Middle Tennessee State University, on Oct. 1 and 2. Before losing 2-1 to Vanderbilt in the final round, Woolery finished with a 6-0 record at MTSU.

The next weekend at the prestigious Kansas State speech tournament, Witte earned a third place pentathlon award. Last year Jerrie Hayes, now a student at

the University of Minnesota Law School, set the school record of 54 awards during a career. Witte's efforts have brought her within 1 award of exceeding the school record.

The same weekend, in a tournament at Southwest Missouri, Woolery placed second. By defeating Central Missouri in semifinals and losing to Arkansas State in finals, she finished with a 5-1 record.

At Longview Community College, in a tournament held Oct. 15, Ennenbach placed first again in After Dinner Speaking. With that performance, Ennenbach was the quickest to qualify for the national speech tournament in UM-St. Louis history.

Until this year, no UM-St. Louis student had qualified for nationals until November. The national speech tournament will be held at the University of Wisconsin.

Preston is happy with the success of the squad.

"We have bright students who work extremely hard and have experience," said Preston. "A lot of people just like to talk."

Other people who have won awards for UM-St. Louis this fall include: Lisa Garavaglia, Ken Gordon, Nkrumah Zuberi, Dean Nichols, Ron Ribaud.

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Hancock II

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■ For student opinion on the amendment proposal, see page 4.

■ We've heard what the amendment could do if it passes. What about if it fails? Will UM-St. Louis receive its entitled bond issues immediately?

■ Follow coverage of Hancock II, whether it passes or fails, in *The Current*.

'Face to Face' impresses faculty, administrators; actors delighted

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Many books, newsletters and television shows are titled "Face to Face." But for the 90 or so participants who gathered Wednesday in the J.C. Penney auditorium for "Face to Face," the performance workshop, the experience was much more personal than reading any book.

"I thought it was strikingly good," Rosenfeld said. "I was taken by the intelligence and non-cliche quality of the performance. I thought that the entire program was part of what makes this university special."

The theme of Wednesday's workshop, sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity, was "Black/White Race Relations."

January Kiefer, Lisa Watkins and Blake Travis began performing the workshop as part of Black History

month in February of 1993. Since then, the three have delivered their message to high schools, universities, churches and business corporations.

"We were impressed with the offer to perform in front of administrators, faculty and staff members," said Kiefer, who noted that the actors have performed "Face to Face" at Monsanto

her. They often switched to the roles of blacks, whites, males and females. One specific skit had Travis playing the role of a female, and Watkins a male. Watkins purposely demonstrated a macho attitude in pursuit of Travis. Watkins, showing the audience how some females feel, called Travis undesirable names.

"I was impressed with many aspects of the skits," Rosenfeld said, "the way the issues were framed cuts across the conservative approach to race relations."

The audience members then divided into four groups and discussed the skits with a facilitator, ideally one of the actors.

"This serves as a catalyst to discuss and look at relationships between blacks and whites at all levels, but especially at this campus," said Norman Seay,

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Norman Seay

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and Pepsi, Co. "Usually, it's one or the other. For the invitation to be so inclusive is paramount."

The actors performed a series of skits that lasted nearly an hour and a half. The intriguing characteristic of the performance was that the actor's own race and gender did not confine him or

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Hard work, cooperation lends helping hand to community in need

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

In 1983, Jerry Christensen, dean of the School of Optometry, had an idea that would eventually open many people's eyes in East St. Louis.

That idea, and a lot of hard work and cooperation, were enough to open the new East St. Louis Eye Clinic Wednesday.

Christensen described the process as UM-St. Louis and Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville (SIUE) looking for a project that both Universities could team up on to help the community. Christensen said the first idea involved swapping students between SIUE Dental School and the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry with out charging the students out-of-state tuition. This project ran into a few roadblocks.

So, the two Universities started to look for something else they could do

and that the most important ingredient to the mix is usually cooperation.

There is more to the statement, "you should either lead, follow, or get out of the way." Cooperation is also a key ingredient. The cooperation that the many groups shared to get this project off the ground is something many people should admire and try to emulate.



The East St. Louis Eye Clinic is the result of merging interests. It is the result of people seeing that they can reach out and help others and help themselves at the same time. This is what a community, be it a city, state or nation, is all about. We must look for and find ways to unite our interests; this is the fabric of our country.

Problems don't have to remain on the front pages of newspapers forever. The newspaper and other media sources should give us an awareness of a problem. Hopefully this aware-

We have to take time to see the ways that communities, companies, state institutions, and most importantly people, can help each other with problems.

Christensen came up with the idea for the East St. Louis Eye Center in 1983.

His idea was based on his awareness that the East St. Louis area was lacking the services of an Optometrist. "It is a vastly underserved area," Christensen said. "I knew at the time that East St. Louis had ophthalmologists. The area has not had a full time optometrist since 1985."

With the awareness of this need, the campaign to merge the two Universities' resources to get the project going began.

The project enlisted the aid of Illinois Sen. Kenneth Hall to help pass a motion for the sale of more than \$500,000 in Illinois Capital Development Bonds.

This money was the key to renovating the facility.

Next, the Universities looked for the money to staff the facility. A gift in the amount of \$155,000 was given to the project by the East St. Louis Community Fund.

This project took two major Universities, a Illinois Senator, eleven years and \$655,000 to see it through to completion. The people who were involved should be proud of themselves.

"It has been a nice project to work on and everyone just kept plugging away even though it took a decade," Christensen said.

This teaches us that often starting a project that helps our society is not something that gets done overnight,

ness will spark the creativity of people like Christensen—people who can find ways to build mutually benefiting solutions to today's problems.

History has proved that you don't need to be a dean of a college to find these solutions. The average citizen, with a little bit of cooperation and help from their friends, can start finding solutions to helping society today.

The East St. Louis Eye Clinic is a good example of this happening.

What would be even better is if the thinking behind the East St. Louis Eye Clinic spread. What if people realized that we are an interconnected society and that helping your neighbor is really helping yourself, both literally and figuratively.

We all want to reassure ourselves that a problem belongs to someone else. We often pass up an opportunity to help our fellow man and ourselves when we view problems in this way.

War happens when a two cultures stop communicating. In other words they can no longer find ways to be mutually beneficial.

We have to take time to see the ways that communities, companies, state institutions, and most importantly people, can help each other with problems.

It is up to us. We can see things in a new light and help ourselves and others or walk around in the dark missing the obvious, mutually beneficial solutions.



Court pulls rug on minorities' avenues to success

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor



The 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, Va. has decided that minority academic success is no longer a priority.

The Court ruled, Oct. 27, that scholarships restricted to students based on their race are unconstitutional. The ruling affects five states: Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. A Latino student at the University of Maryland filed suit against the University when he was denied eligibility to apply for Maryland's Banneker Program. The program awards scholarships to deserving black students.

In a different environment, where racism did not exist, the Court's ruling should be applauded. Ethnic and racial

background should not have a direct effect on the ability to achieve a scholarship.

But minorities suffered through years and years of discriminatory policies by those in power, that kept them from obtaining a college degree. Even with overt racism on the decline, subtle, less apparent discrimination still exists.

Minority based scholarships are not the long-term answer to inequality, but until that point is reached, the Court must do its best in promoting success for all citizens. They must provide incentives for all individuals

to attain the knowledge higher education provides. Statistically, minorities may need more incentives and rewards.

Neighborhoods are spatially segregated by race, and because of that, some areas do not provide its residents enough opportunities for success. Since whites have made most of the planning and zoning decisions, many minorities tend to live in areas that do not provide drugs and crime and attend poor school districts. This is not equality. The responsibility to ensure that all races do have equal opportunities for success should lie in the government. Governmental policies have put many minorities at a disadvantage. It is the government's turn to ensure equality through all available means.

The Court's ruling is idealistic, but

idealism and reality do not always mix. All races and ethnic groups should be treated fairly, never giving preference based on ethnic or racial background. History and current reality show, though, that minorities suffered through a merciless array of discriminatory policies. Those policies must be accounted for by those who formed them—the government. The Court seems to be saying since discrimination in any form is illegal, then policies structured for exclusively minority success should be eliminated. The effects of generations of prejudice do not immediately go away because the government wants them to. Until racist animals can be tamed, minority-based scholarships are at least band-aid on a problem that needs a tourniquet. The federal government needs to make amends to those it has wronged.

Voice of the people...

ABC president says organization never made funding request

Dear Editor,

The story regarding the Associated Black Collegians (ABC) requesting \$1,600 from the University Program Board (UPB) is not true (Issue 802, Oct. 12, 1994).

Nkrumah Zuberi is a member of ABC, but not a representative or a

spokesman for the organization. He was not given authority to make proposals for ABC. Your accusing ABC of fiscal irresponsibility is therefore incorrect. We did not ask UPB for any funding.

ABC requests that *The Current* print an apology in the next issue for its inaccurate reporting. In the future, any ABC correspondence will have the president's signature on ABC letterhead.

Nicholas Wren
president, ABC

Editor's Note:
The Current called Nicholas Wren prior to the publication of the story titled "UPB says no to anti-Columbus speaker" (Issue 802, Oct. 10, 1994.) When asked about ABC's alleged request, Mr. Wren would not comment.

Top income earners pay bulk of taxes, deserve same in refunds

Dear Editor,

Page four of issue 803 (Oct. 17, 1994) presents Sen. Wayne Goode's (D-Mo.) concerns about the potential results of Hancock II passing. Mr. Goode purportedly states: "Refunds only go to income tax payers, and that leaves a lot of people out. Fifty percent of Missouri tax returns have a taxable income of less than \$20,000. This 50 percent will share 7 percent in the form of refunds. Approximately 7 percent of Missouri tax returns have a taxable income of \$85,000. That 7 percent would share 46 percent of the refund. That tells an awful lot."

Yes, Sen. Goode, that does tell an awful lot. Who do you think paid the bulk of those taxes?

According to the Labor Department and Joint Economic Committee figures, in 1981, the top 1 percent of U.S. wage earners paid 18 percent of all income taxes collected. In 1988, the top 1 percent of U.S. wage earners paid

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Center from page 1

"We appreciate all the energy and dedication that has gone into the eye center," Bush said. "We have envisioned this partnership for some time and with the opening of the eye center, I think it makes our vision clearer." The educational opportunities

provided by the center are top-notch, said UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill.

"We've all recognized that this is going to be a wonderful opportunity not only for us, but for the students and faculty who will be working in the center," Touhill said.

Jerry Christensen, dean of the School of Optometry, agrees with Touhill.

"We are really excited about the educational opportunities for the students and providing great care for the people in this region," he said.

More than \$500,000 in Illinois Capital Development Bonds was used to renovate the facility and its eight examination rooms. UM-St. Louis is using a \$155,000 gift from the East St. Louis Community Fund and user fees to cover all operating costs.

"This opening is a sign that people of good heart can work together to accomplish common goals," Brown said.

The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and will accept third-party consignments, such as Illinois Public Assistance.

Debate from page 1

Jennifer Czarnik and Frank Richter.

At Wichita State Oct. 29-31, the squad placed second in overall debate and individual performances, and took third place overall in debate.

Remaining tournaments include: Central Oklahoma Nov. 11-13 and two home tournaments Dec. 3 and 10.

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Club hosted the Ninth Annual Gateway Debate and Speech Tournament Nov. 4-6, on the UM-St. Louis campus. Competition in five divisions of debate and fourteen divisions of individual speaking events began Friday afternoon and continued through Saturday. These events were held in every available campus classroom.

The finals of the Comedy competition were held in the King James Room on Nov. 5. Members of the campus community were welcome to attend the competition. This event was the main social event of what was one of the premier forensics tournaments in the nation. The Gateway attracted 49 colleges and universities to the UM-St. Louis campus last year.

Sound off on Hancock II



Tom East
Civil Engineering

'I think that it's destructive. It's a simple answer to a complex problem. It looks good, but it's not.'



Selam Deutschmann
Biology

'Missouri will lose outstanding professors because salaries will be cut even further.'

Seay from page 1

director of the Office of Equal Opportunities.

Seay has scheduled many events this semester that concentrate on race relations, including the "Face to Face" workshops. Seay is finalizing plans to bring Maya Angelou, a renowned poet,

to campus in February as part of Black History Month.

"I hope that we can get students involved," Seay said. "We want to have something of this nature (Face to Face) every year, and possibly make it part of the curriculum."

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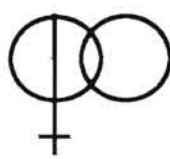


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Shirlee Taylor Haizlip, the author of the "Sweeter the Juice" was a guest of the University (Center for the Humanities and the Office of Equal Opportunity [OEO] on October 18). Later, during the evening, Haizlip spoke in the auditorium of the St. Louis Art Museum.

Haizlip's book has created another excitement level in genealogy as Alex Haley did in his book, "Roots."

Gregory Freeman, from the Post Dispatch says "...During an interview, Haizlip showed pictures of various people. One picture was of several members of a Midwestern, white-appearing family. Haizlip explained, though, that those in the picture were her cousins."

"When I give talks, I like to show pictures of my grandfather and his brother," Haizlip said. "They look like ordinary white folks."

"There are many African Americans with white heritage and lots of whites who have black heritage who don't know it," she said. "According to some geneticists, 95% of 'white' Americans have various degrees of black heritage. Some 75% of all African Americans have at least one white ancestor and 15% have predominantly white blood lines, and 80% of all of us have Native American heritage."

Haizlip was angry when she first learned how what her grandfather and other relatives had done--not because they were "passing," but because they had abandoned her mother. But as she came to realize that they had done so for economic reasons--her family had concluded that the best way to survive was to become white--she began to understand major truths about race in America and how we perceive on another.

Haizlip's book is about her family and about a legacy of slavery, the belief by some that light skin is to be desired and dark skin is to be disdained. She says the legacy continues today. Her travels around the country have made her aware that many fair-skinned African-Americans today make a conscious choice to live as white people, leaving their hometowns to take up new lives in other cities. They hide their heritage and eliminate contact with their family and friends to "pass" as whites.

"I think people do it today because they feel that they will be unburdened from the hassles that we have as blacks," said Haizlip, who is herself very fair-skinned but not enough for her to "pass."

Just a Thought

by Don Barnes
features editor

Wishing for a life and a dry place to stand



The big wigs here at *The Current* are attending a newspaper convention in New Orleans this week, so I'm gonna seize the moment and rant about a few things.

A conversation:
"Are you going to that graduate school seminar?"

"I'm thinkin' about it. You?"

"I'm thinking about it."

"I guess you're plannin' on going to graduate school then."

"Yea, most likely. But not right away. I'd like to find out what it's like to have a life again."

I heard that!

Speaking of life, I hope everyone enjoyed Halloween. If you didn't, you must not have dressed up. I used to throw a Halloween party every year, and costumes were mandatory—no exceptions. I never understood why people didn't want to dress up. I still don't.

This year I was a French-Canadian fake fur trapper, and I went around speaking in a loud, French-Canadian accent all night. People kept calling me Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett, which started gettin' on my nerves towards the end of the night. But it was still a blast! I just wish I would've taken more silly string with me.

Also, I have a suggestion on improving Halloween. From now on, if trick-or-treaters are faced with a night like we had this year, cancel

it and hold it the next night.

We have the technology to make it happen. Something quick, like the televised lotto drawing or a special news bulletin. Or we could use those tornado/invasion sirens they test the first Monday of every month. If trick-or-treating is a go, let loose with the sirens and watch the candy fly. I think it would be kinda neat if they let those babies howl a little on Halloween night anyway, just for the fun of it.

Now where'd that transition go? Oh yea, I was talking to some classmates the other day about Halloween as we stood in the rain smoking outside of Clark Hall.

In the rain I say!

I don't mind having to go outside to smoke. Even when it's really cold, you will seldom hear me complain about standing in it to drive a nail. And I carry an umbrella; a really big umbrella. So the rain usually doesn't bother me either.

But really. Could the University care a little less about smokers?

I know we are unnatural devils that choose to be subjected to the elements rather than walk the path and quit our evil obsession. And if we just quit smoking we wouldn't have this problem. That, of course, is never gonna happen though.

People will be smoking as long as

see Thought, page 6

UM-St. Louis assistant professor awarded patent for artificial enzyme

by Scott Lamar
associate features editor

Valerian T. D'Souza, an assistant professor of chemistry at UM-St. Louis, was honored this fall for a patent he received for artificial redox enzymes.

These synthetic enzymes are used by industries as a catalyst in chemical reactions.

D'Souza said even though the enzyme is in its infant stages, it could mean millions of dollars to the University and hopefully help the environment by cutting down on chemical waste.

"If we develop something that industries can use," D'Souza said, "they may want to license it. If they do, the University will receive a license fee."

The University will get two-thirds of all the proceeds from the enzyme. D'Souza will receive the remaining one-third, which he will share with his former graduate student, Ding Rong, who was a co-inventor of the enzyme.

When D'Souza first arrived at UM-

St. Louis in the fall of '87, he said his goal of coming up with an artificial redox enzyme was clear.

"When I was applying for a faculty position, I had already formulated the idea," D'Souza said. "It evolved from the work being done all over the world. People have been working with the idea for [an artificial enzyme] a long time but it was for a different enzyme. I figured, why do what everyone else is doing? Why not try something new. I knew that the redox enzyme could bring about at least a dozen different chemical transformations,

which would be a lot more useful."

It took D'Souza five years to come up with the basic model for the enzyme. During this time he was funded

by Mallinckrodt Specialty Chemicals, UM-St. Louis internal funding and the University of Missouri Research Board. D'Souza estimated that he spent about \$50,000 a year on the project.

The way enzymes function in a reaction is to bind the molecules, while another part makes the reaction go faster. The problem with some enzymes is that they are unstable, D'Souza said.

"You make alcohol by using fermentation methods with natural enzymes," D'Souza illustrated. "However, natural enzymes can become inactive if they are taken out of their physiological conditions."

Now that D'Souza has the patent for the enzyme, he plans to work on it until it is something that industries can use, which it is not quite ready for.

"This is the first step," he said. "I've made the first one which is fairly good, but it is not everything I want it to be. I've learned the science of fine-tuning it and I hope to build an artificial enzyme that anybody can use."

Along with speeding up chemical reactions, D'Souza said that using his enzyme allows less amounts of chemicals used, therefore cutting down on a lot of waste.

D'Souza said, "My whole idea is to take the chemistry that is already known and see how it can apply to situations that can really help society. That is why I like the idea of artificial enzymes."



Valeria T. D'Souza

Changes to affect (314) area callers

by Jack Dudek
of *The Current* staff

In accordance with federal law, the Missouri Public Service Commission has mandated ten digit dialing for all long distance calls within the 314 area code.

As of November 1, 1994, every long distance call made within the area code of 314 must be dialed to include the area code. In the past, it was only necessary to dial a 1, then the seven digit number of the party you wished to reach for long distance calls within the 314 area code. Now you must dial 1, then the area code (314), then the seven digit number.

Larry Westermeyer, director of the Office of Computing and Networking

Services at UM-St. Louis, said the change was needed to prevent a lack in the supply of telephone numbers.

"We are running out of phone numbers," he said.

and a four digit line number.

"Pagers, fax machines, and cellular phones all need telephone numbers to operate. The explosive growth of these technologies has, for all practical

2. On January 1, 1995, this will be lifted so that the second digit can be any number, increasing the number of telephone numbers available.

"Theoretically speaking, the amount of phone numbers that will be available is 100 billion minus one," Westermeyer said.

This change will allow for the possibility of hundreds of new area codes, but it will also allow the possibility of area codes and exchanges that are identical to one another.

The dialing process for local calls is not going to be affected. Long distance calls made without the proper dialing procedure will simply not be connected.

For more information on the new procedure, please call 553-5582.

"We are running out of phone numbers."
-Larry Westermeyer
director of Computing and Networking Services, UM-St. Louis

In North America, telephone numbers are based on the North American Numbering Exchange (NANP). The NANP is a familiar pattern of a three digit area code, a three digit exchange,

purposes, exhausted the supply of telephone numbers in North America," Westermeyer said.

Right now, every area code in North America has a second digit of a 1 or a

Certificate in conservation to be offered in '95

by Brian A. Dashner
reporter

In January 1995, UM-St. Louis will begin offering a certificate in conservation biology. The program will be sponsored by Victoria Sork, director of the International Center for Topical Ecology, and was recently approved by the UM-St. Louis Academic Senate.

Sork said, "The certificate will give valuable experience and credentials to those majoring in biology or a variety of other subjects."

The conservation certificate program will have an emphasis on temporal climates, like Missouri's.

"We felt it was important to establish a multi-disciplinary program which would offer a certificate to those who are interested in temperate ecology," Sork said.

Temperate climate conservation biology will enable students to enhance their understanding of conservation in "their own back yards," while allowing them to specialize in this fast growing field of study.

The certificate is a result of the growing number of courses offered

by UM-St. Louis that relate to conservation biology. Many departments, including anthropology, economics, political science, history, social work and sociology, will be participating in the program.

The certificate will be available to undergraduates and postgraduates, and participants will be able to choose which field they want to study.

A practicum with an environmental or conservation agency is also part of the program.

The practicum study will be headed by Godfrey Bourne of the UM-St. Louis chapter of the ICTE. This part of the program will give participants hands-on knowledge of conservation and ecological sciences. It will also allow them to learn their field of study and it's applications while working with professional organizations who specialize in conservation.

Sork said the certificate is more than a minor but less than a major.

Only students serious about completing the program should apply for it because of the limited availability of internships, a situation Sork feels will change in time.

"Each year," she said, "we will get more [internships], but we haven't decided yet how many to offer this year."

The applications will be processed on a first come/first serve basis, so individuals should apply as quickly as possible.

ICTE is an organization which specializes in ecological studies in tropical climates, so the certificate is somewhat divergent from the organization's normal area of study.

"The first mission of the ICTE was to promote degrees in tropical biology and similar programs," Sork said. "We decided to offer this certificate for those interested in temperate ecology due to the growing interest in conversation around the world."

For more information on the certificate in conservation biology, contact John Blake of the ICTE at 553-6578.



Victoria Sork

The Rat's reviews: four cds worth a listen

by Michael J. Urness
of *The Current* staff

PSYCHO FOLK
22 Brides (self-titled)

Out of the jungles of New York comes an intense new duo, Carrie and Libby Johnson, aka 22 Brides. The pair have recently released a self-titled album on the Zero Hour label.

These two are world travelers in the truest sense, and their travels have given their music a worldly quality few others possess. Being military brats, the young Johnson girls moved around a lot. Eventually, they settled in Nairobi, Kenya where they spent a good part of their remaining childhood. Libby began playing piano at 7-years-old, and Carry the guitar at 9. By the time they were in their teens, each had begun writing music and they began playing in and around Nairobi.

The pair eventually played on "Mamba Leo" (Swahili for "News Today"). They came to New York, named themselves 22 Brides after a folk tale they had heard as children, and began playing the New York City area. After New York, they began touring the whole east coast, and in 1992 they cut a demo. That brings us to the present.

This new release is full of intensity.

"King For A Day" finds the pair in the head of a serial sex killer as he goes through his methods and motives for killing women. In it are the lines:

*oh i wait for weeks i hunt them down
drive my pickup around the town
i'm so smart haven't been caught yet
anyway they're all bitches
who deserve what they get*



22 Brides: Carrie and Libby Johnson

Far and away my favorite song on this release is "Visions Of You," featuring Carrie's powerful lead vocals. Other similarly impressive songs include "City Of Brides," which tells of the practice in India of poor families selling young daughters to wealthy old men in neighboring countries, and "Silence," about an abused wife and mother having to leave her abusive husband.

I wasn't impressed with the pro-

duction of this release, but I'll give Zero Hour the benefit of the doubt and chalk the problem up to a poor quality tape. But, regardless of any production problems, the talent came through loud and clear.

Melodic, hypnotic and enigmatically dark, these women are gifted songwriters, phenomenal vocalists, capable musicians and for icing on the cake they're easy on the eyes too. It's no wonder their fan base is so rapidly swelling.

SINGER/SONGWRITER
Robert Earl Keen—"Gringo Honeymoon"

"Gringo Honeymoon" is the name of the latest offering by Robert Earl Keen, the Austin-based singer/songwriter. On this, his fourth Sugar Hill release, Keen again proves worthy of the international acclaim that each successive album has brought him.

On "Gringo Honeymoon," Keen enlisted the help of 13 other musicians, as well as 11 back-up singers, to produce what will surely outsell his previous works.

"Lonely Feeling" is one of the most poignant blues-inspired songs ever, with lyrics that anyone could relate to and featuring some awesome blues guitar.

In the press release that came with this disc, Iris Dement, the new kid on the singer/songwriter block, said, "between the tickets and the beer, I've spent more money going to see Robert Earl Keen than any other artist I know. I only regret the beers."

"Merry Christmas From The Family," is the epitome of dysfunctional (spelled alcoholic) family songs. It's lyrics will have you either rolling with laughter or on the brink of tears with such lines as:

*Carve the turkey turn the ball game on
Fix some Margaritas when the eggnog's gone*

Send somebody to the Quick-Pick store

We need some ice and an extension chord

A can of bean dip and some Diet Rite

A box of Tampons and some Marlboro Lights

Hallelujah everybody say cheese

Merry Christmas from the family

In addition to the above songs, I thoroughly enjoyed several others including "Think It Over One Time," "Tom Ames' Prayer," "The Raven and the Coyote" and the title track "Gringo Honeymoon."

Keen's singing on "Gringo Honeymoon" sounds like a cross between a countryified Tom Petty and John Prine. He has the ability to blend the best of the Austin music scene with that of the Nashville scene, and the resulting music is uniquely Keen's.

Like Prine, Keen has the ability to create colorful characters in his songs and involve them in real-life situations that everyone can relate to.

On a 1 to 5 scale, the Rat gives "Gringo Honeymoon" 5 chunks of cheese.

BLUEGRASS

The Rarely Herd—"Heartbreak City"

The Rarely Herd, named "Entertaining Bluegrass Band of the Year" at both the 1993 and 1994 Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) national contests, has recently released a new album.

"Heartbreak City" is the second of the band's albums released on the Pinecastle/Webco Records label. And according to critics nation wide, it's their best one yet. After hearing it myself, I find it little wonder that these guys are the labels top selling artist.

The Rarely Herd are: Jim Stack,

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they're allowed to. Something needs to be done. SSB, Lucas, and Stadler are the only buildings that provide an adequate degree of shelter from the elements for smokers. That leaves smokers with business in CCB, Clark, the library, U. Center, J.C. Penney, Benton and Woods out of luck and in the open.

I'm not too sure about Mark Twain, but who cares? It's a gym, right? Not totally. The Marine Band performed

there recently. I'm sure a few of the old soldiers were looking for a place to light up. Hopefully it was a clear night. In closing, I would like to congratulate the University and our Forensics and Debate team on a successful weekend. UM-St. Louis was host to the largest university debate competition in the nation over the weekend, with 54 universities in attendance. I hope they remembered their umbrellas.

Music from page 5

guitar and lead vocals; Alan Stack, mandolin, fiddle, baritone and lead vocals; Jeff Weaver, bass and tenor vocals; Dan Brooks, dobro; and Calvin Lepout, banjo. "Heartbreak City" finds the band doing traditionally-flavored bluegrass numbers with such tunes as "Mystery Train" and the gospel-inspired "If God be for Us." Both feature fantastic three-part harmonies and impeccable musicianship, as do the remaining songs on the album.

The Rarely Herd end the album with the instrumental "Hekyl & Jekyl," which shows off each members mastery of their respective instrument (just

in case the listener was too mesmerized by the vocals on the earlier tracks to notice). In addition to recommending that you add "Heartbreak City" to your collection, I would urge you to contact your representatives in student government and remind them that UM-St. Louis and the J.C. Penny building have a rich history of hosting bluegrass concerts—a history that of late has been ignored.

POP/ROCK
The Bottlerockets—"The Brooklyn Side"

I was surprised to learn "The Brooklyn Side" was produced by a band with strong St. Louis ties. Three of The Bottlerockets current members are former members of the former St. Louis band Chicken Truck.

After the coop caved in on Chicken

Truck, Brian Henneman, Mark Ortmann and Tom Parr went their separate ways. Henneman, who remained active in music, eventually signed on as a guitar technician and sometime second guitarist for Uncle Tupelo. Tupelo members were instrumental in getting Henneman signed by East Side Digital.

Their new release, "The Brooklyn Side," is named for a bowling term, but don't be misled. These guys could sound like ignorant red necks if they wanted to, and they often do, but they can also play sophisticated hard driving rock tunes. Besides, stupid red necks couldn't possibly come up with such consistently good lyrics.

The first cut, "Welfare Music," tells the tale of a young unwed mother on welfare who, according to the song, has little hope of every having much more. These guys are great! I feel so stupid for not having checked them out until now. They have the country influence I love so much (not unlike Uncle Tupelo's) and they incorporate subtle doses of social and political commentary into it.

These guys are as versatile as the day is long. They can range from hard guitar-driven pop as on "Gravity" to crying in your beer country as on "Idiot's Revenge." They even throw in a little rockabilly on "Take Me To The Bank."

The Bottlerockets are on their way up. If you like country-inspired rock with an occasional burst of country, and if you like thought-provoking lyrics, you won't be disappointed by "The Brooklyn Side."



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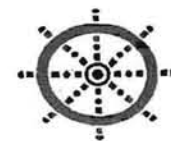


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Out in the open



by Rob Goedeker
associate sports editor

What exactly is considered a sports scholarship in today's money-conscious society? A scholarship is defined as a specific gift of money or other aid, as by a foundation, to help students continue their studies. In today's society, it seems that sports scholarships are being used as a gift of money to persuade athletes, mainly in men's football or basketball, to discontinue their studies and get rich fast.

Don't get me wrong, I agree with the concept of giving out rewards to individuals who have worked hard. I think a sports scholarship gives a young adult a wonderful opportunity to broaden their education, but what I don't agree with, is hearing about an athlete dropping out of college to turn professional.

It's wrong for an athlete to use a college education as a stepping stone to professional sports. If an athlete accepts a four-year sports scholarship, then he should at least remain loyal and committed to fulfilling that educational opportunity. When an athlete agrees to accept a scholarship, he's agreeing to play a specific sport under the condition that he maintains a certain grade point average (GPA).

What kind of message is that sending across, when an athlete goes to his coach and tells him that he's giving up his opportunity for a college education to go on to the pro's? If it wasn't for the coach noticing his athletic talents and awarding him the scholarship in the first place, he would most likely never have had the opportunity to make it to the pro's.

Every year more young college athletes are setting aside their college educations to do this. What ever happened to loyalty and commitment? When a coach offers an athlete a scholarship, he's offering him the opportunity to get an education, along with the possibility of becoming a professional athlete. What an athlete needs to realize is that not everyone makes it to the Pro's, and a college education should be their main focus.

In the case of the athlete who has what it take to make it to the pro's, a college education should still be their main focus.

I've heard some of the reasons why an athlete would drop out of college to go on to the pro's, and I've realized that they're all focused around money and wealth. After all, isn't that the most important thing in life?

An athlete always has the option of going back to college to continue his studies. With a guaranteed professional contract in the range of millions of dollars, he can go to any college he chooses. But seriously, if someone drops out of college for the sake of money, what makes you think they'll return to finish college after they've lived a life free of financial worries? I do applaud those who do go back and complete their studies.

An athlete also feels if he doesn't take the opportunity to go on to the pro's now, he won't have it later. He's afraid if he waits, he has the chance of suffering a career-ending injury, that would wipe out his chances to make the big bucks in the pro's. But even if that does occur, he still has the opportunity to get a college education and live a fruitful life with a career in something other than sports.

Of course, this is just my moral opinion of the way things should be, and it's unfortunately not the way things are.

Riverwomen finish season strong

by Rob Goedeker
associate sports editor

The Riverwomen ended the 1994 soccer season with a record of 11-8-1. Even though the record didn't change a lot from last year's record of 10-9-0, there still was a noticeable improvement.

When the final Division II polls came out last week, the Riverwomen were ranked 16th in the country. At the end of last season, the Riverwomen were ranked 20th.

The Riverwomen started the 1994 season cruising at full speed. First, they traveled to Rensselaer, Ind. and with a victory and a tie, they won the St. Joseph's tournament.

After returning home and beating Washington University 2-1, the Riverwomen swept their very own Kickoff Classic. Before they knew it, they had a record of 4-0-1. Then, the Riverwomen came up empty at the Budweiser Midwest Classic, and the season started to fall apart.

The Riverwomen lost their first game of the season 2-1 against Northeast Missouri state, and then lost 7-0 to Quincy College.

"That was the start of the downfall to our season," head coach Ken Hudson said.

Downfall may have been an understatement. The Riverwomen



Photo: Ken Dunkin

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE: Riverwoman midfielder Tammi Madden (#3) kicks the ball in the Riverwomen's last home game against the Lewis Flyers Oct. 30. In the years to come, Madden should be an impact player.

started to sink fast, losing seven out of their last nine games and their record fell to 6-8-1.

"We started to play a little tentative at that point of the season," Hudson said. "You can't play that way at the collegiate

level. You have to play aggressive and hard all the time."

The team chemistry never seemed to be in balance. Then to make matters worse, the Riverwomen lost Senior midfielder Angie Kaighin to a season-

ending foot injury.

The Riverwomen started to make some changes and turned the second half of the season around, winning five out of their last six games.

"Everybody's attitudes started to

change," forward Jenni Burton said. "We didn't worry about our past record. That makes it easier for us to win."

One of the highlights of the season was beating rival SIU-Edwardsville 3-1, who at that time were ranked 17th in the Division II polls. Right after that, they beat 10th ranked Metro State and Hardin-Simmons to win the TJ's Pizza/Coca-Cola Classic.

Burton had another spectacular season. She led the team with 22 goals, breaking her old record of 20, that she set last season. She added four assist for 48 points.

"Jenni is a good player," Hudson said. "To score 22 goals and be a marked player, that's just phenomenal."

Another pleasant surprise for the Riverwomen was the play of freshman midfielder Tammi Madden. She was second in scoring with nine goals and nine assist for 27 points.

In the final game of the season, Marcie Scheske broke the single-game assist record by recording four assist against Bellarmine College.

The Riverwomen are hoping a winning attitude will carry over into next season.

"We're going to build on what we did in the last six games," Hudson said.

Golf team hopes for good start in spring

by Ken Dunkin
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen golf program has been very successful in past years, so it came as a surprise for the team to have an average season.

The Rivermen had come into the season with high hopes, but over the course of the season, those hopes diminished.

"We have the potential to be a top team in the conference," UM-St. Louis golfer Dave Rhodes said. "We didn't play up to that this fall."

Consistency has been a major problem with the team. This was especially noticeable in the conference tournaments.

"We would play well on the first day of the tournament," head coach Jim Niederkorn said. "We would be in the top three. But on the second day of the competition, we would fall out of contention."

A major problem was the inability to pick up other players scores. One player having a bad day soon led to every player having a bad day, soon there was no one to lower the total score.

"We didn't play well as a team," Rhodes said. "It is important as a team if

'We are all working hard in the off season to prepare for a good spring.'

-Dave Rhodes, UM-St. Louis golfer

one guy does bad, the rest of the team needs to pick him up. Unfortunately we would catch days where we would all play bad at the same time."

Many problems that occurred this season were very new to the usually

highly ranked team. The disappointing session just gives the team something to prove in the next session.

"We didn't prove that we were a good team," Rhodes said. "The last three years we were ranked in the top twenty teams in the country. So for us to play this poorly kind of gives away all the things we have worked for in previous years."

The Rivermen will have one more shot at the division this year. Unlike seasonal sports, golf is held throughout the year. The team will begin practicing in March, and the first tournament begins later that month.

"Other teams in our conference are very tough," Niederkorn said. "I hope they rise to the occasion. They are competitors."

The Rivermen are a team with talent, and could play their way back to glory. This will take a lot of work.

"We are all working hard in the off season to prepare for a good spring. We all have a long way to go."



Photo: Ken Dunkin

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS:

Riverman golfer Dave Rhodes hopes his team can blossom when spring rolls around. The team hopes to bounce back from a dismal performance this fall. Consistency has been the team's main problem. The team will play in another tournament in March.



by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

Athletic Director and Men's head basketball coach Rich Meckfessel.

Birthplace: St. Louis, Missouri.

College: Washington University.

Favorite college memory: Scoring 18 points and adding 12 rebounds in my first college start against Southwest Missouri State.

One thing I can't stand is: Laziness.

People who know me in college will say: That I was in too many activities. I played two sports, was

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Men's Basketball Coach

the sports editor of the school newspaper, was in fraternity's, etc..

Fantasy: To be the Head Basketball Coach at one of the military academies.

What I like best about coaching: Taking a group of young men from different backgrounds, with different skills and putting them together to make a good product out of it.

If I could change one thing about myself: I would like to be younger and I would want to be more patient.

What I'm reading now: "October 1964" by David Halberstan and "Secret Formula", which is the story on the making of Coke.

Greatest game I ever coached: When we beat St. Louis University 75-70 on January 9, 1983 at the Kiel Auditorium. It was my first year as coach and it made me a legitimate coach by defeating a Division I school.

Most disappointing game: When we lost to Washburn in February of 1991. We were ranked 16th in the nation and they beat us in the first game of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Tournament. We had beaten them two

weeks earlier. The loss kept us out of the NCAA Tournament.

Favorite sport (other than basketball): Golf

My favorite golfers: No, I just enjoy the game.

My impressions on the way sports have become a business: I think the strikes and the lockouts have poisoned the way the games are perceived by the people. The sad thing is, the average fan can't afford to go to the games because they are getting priced out of the market.

Favorite movies: "Chariots of Fire."

Favorite restaurant: Pasta House.

Favorite fast-food: Wendy's.

Favorite childhood memory: Going to church on Christmas Eve right after World War II had ended. It was a beautiful snowy night and they gave the kids chocolate after mass. You couldn't get chocolate during the war because they sent it to the troops over seas.

What would I want people to remember about me: That I was a person who worked hard and was honest.

Swim Team victorious in first meet of season

by Ariel Kelly
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis swim team started the 1994-95 season with a satisfying victory over Northeast Missouri State University. The score of the meet was 114-80.

A solid team effort was highlighted by double winner Cliff Morlan, a freshman from Missoula, Mont. Marlan swam the 1,000 yard free style in 10:37.20 and the 500 yard free in the 5:08.08.

Also, freshman Trevor Bilhorn, from Parkway West, won the 200 free with a time of 1:52.92 and combined with fellow swimmers Chad Fowler, Brian Widener, Kelly Droegge, Scoot Calhoun, Thom Bick and Loren Shelton to win the 400 medley and the 400 free relay.

"The times were solidly competitive for this time of the year," said coach Mary Liston. "Our dual meet schedule is very challenging and allows us to compete against a wide variety of talent. To swim this fast in our first meet means one of two things, either we aren't working hard enough or we are real fast so we need to work harder."

The other first place finishers were Scott Calhoun in the 100-yard free with a time of 50:74 and Thom Bick in the 200-yard breast stroke with a time of

2:23.83. Both swimmers are returning letterwinners.

The team includes four women who are returning from last year.

"Our women swam against one of the top 10 women's team in the country and we held our own," Liston said.

The relay performances were very solid with new lineups compared to last season.

The addition of junior transfer Chad Fowler in the butterfly and the return of Brian Widener and Thom Bick gives flexibility to the medley lineup.

The free lineup is lead by junior sprinter Scoot Calhoun and the returning freestyler Kelly Droegge. The freshman duo of Bilhorn and Loren Shelton round out the foursome holding down the relay spots.

"There are several swimmers in position to challenge for relay spots," Liston said. "Traditionally free style is our strong stroke and relays our strong events, so nothing is carved in stone and anyone can grab a spot."

Missing from the lineup was senior captain Andy Hilmes, who is a red-shirt this season.

The Rivermen traveled to Milliken University in Decatur, Ill. on Friday Nov. 4 and to Chicago for the Hawk relays on Saturday Nov. 5.

The swim team is off to a good start.

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