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SIUC psychology students study 'excuse' abuse

BY JENNIFER WIG  
Daily Egyptian

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — Pete Hahn missed class one day. His excuse? A court appearance.

"That one didn't work," said Hahn, a freshman in business at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Excuses are a common part of student-teacher interaction. As part of the curriculum, Psychology 489 students at SIUC must test different types of excuses and how well they are accepted by professors. The 27 students in the class polled 175 other students and 106 professors in the College of Liberal Arts.

Jack McKillip, the psychology professor who teaches the course, said excuses apply to social behavior. This is the first year he has done the test.

"It's a way to make the material come alive," McKillip said. "There are psychological processes involved [in excuses]."

For the poll, the students were asked which excuses they used in the past and how well they worked. The professors' poll inquired which excuses they heard and which they accepted. The class concluded that excuses blaming external or uncontrollable factors are most accepted by professors.

McKillip said there are four types of excuses: denials, external-cause excuses, uncontrollable-cause excuses and justifications. Denials blame the professor for the error and external-cause excuses blame events such as a death in the family. Uncontrollable-cause excuses fault things such as alarm clocks, and justifications attribute the late homework to quality and busy schedules.

John Davey, a professor in the SIUC Architecture Department, said if excuses are a problem for the teacher, then the teacher did not design his course very well.

To prevent computer-related excuses, Davey requires his students to copy all computer files four times to prevent lost information.

"I don't have any ears to listen [to excuses]," said Davey.

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## University caught in crossfire of charter school controversy

BY SHAVON PERKINS  
staff associate

Officials say that the contract with the African American Rite of Passage group (TAARP) and University of Missouri as the sponsoring agent for the proposed charter school is still valid despite a lawsuit filed by the St. Louis School Board, the withdrawal of Beacon School as the consulting group to TAARP, and the felony record of Lamar Beyah, who was designated to run the charter school.

Mary Fitzgerald, the associate vice chancellor of Academic Affairs said that none of the criteria have been met

for voiding the contract.

"Our contract is still valid despite Mr. Lamar Beyah's conviction and Beacon school pulling out," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said that Beacon was able to void its contract with the TAARP group because certain dates were specified for the start up of the school.

"Beacon School pulled out when the lawsuit hit because the federal money that was to be used to open the school was held up, therefore preventing the school from opening by the specified date," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said that Beyah's felony

conviction from nearly 13 years ago for forging federal money orders is not a major concern.

"If someone wanted to steal money, setting up a Charter school would be one of the most difficult ways. There are a lot easier ways to commit fraud than creating an eight-year curriculum for city children. The curriculum was excellent, the parents loved it, and the enrollment was full," Fitzgerald said.

"Mr. Beyah is very dedicated, he has been teaching African-American heritage in the public schools for 12 years. He is trying to promote the idea that we all come from the same place,

Africa, and that we are all related in an attempt to promote racial harmony," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said that the University of Missouri campuses were drawn into the issue of charter schools by state legislation declaring them the "sponsors" of prospective charter schools in St. Louis and Kansas City. Charter schools are to receive public funding for each student they educate, and they are allowed exceptions from certain public school criteria, particularly in the area of certification. Up to 20 percent of their teachers may be allowed to teach without certification. The school will, however, be required

to demonstrate via comparative testing that its students meet or exceed the level of accomplishment in the regular public schools.

Fitzgerald went on to say that the law uses the term "sponsors" but specifies that the chartering institutions will receive applications and check them for three things: compliance with existing state law, educational soundness and financial viability. If a charter is deemed acceptable on these three grounds, and if the university or community college agrees to issue the charter, the school would

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## Harmon describes vision for city

Mayor details preparation for issues of coming millenium

BY SHAVON PERKINS  
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The Honorable Clarence Harmon, mayor of the city of St. Louis, was the featured guest in the Fall 1999 Distinguished Speaker Series on November 4. Harmon spoke of "The New Millennium: Critical Issues facing the City of St. Louis." Harmon was the first elected official to be featured in the series.

Harmon spoke of his plans for dealing with issues facing St. Louis and for restoring confidence in government.

"Though disillusionment in the political process has been present throughout the ages, the disengagement from the political process to the extent that we are seeing it now is new. Restoring confidence in government was one of my goals in running for office," Harmon said.

Harmon spoke of the four key areas his administration would focus on referring to them as the "vital few".

"When I took office a little more than two years ago," Harmon said, "I promised to make the city of St. Louis a better place to live, work, and do business. I set out to accomplish this by concentrating efforts in four key areas. I call these areas my vital few. They are neighborhood and

economic development, governmental effectiveness, racial harmony, and educational excellence. Each of these areas is key to the success of the city. I believe we have made progress in each one of these areas."

Harmon cited a new convention hotel as proof of downtown revitalization.

"We were able to sign an agreement to develop a 1,000-room convention hotel that will create jobs and expand the city's revenue base. The convention and visitors commission estimates that the hotel will increase the number of conventions held in the city from the 33 major conventions held in 1998 to 56 annually by the year 2003 and bring an additional \$70 million to the city. In addition the project will employ 556 during the construction phase and the hotel will initially employ 600 workers," Harmon said.

Harmon also listed a new Mississippi River bridge and restoration of Eads Bridge as part of downtown revitalization progress.

Harmon said that the common theme in his administration is partnership built around common interest, something that would not be possible without faith in government. Harmon said that he began the process of restoring



Clarence Harmon, mayor of the city of St. Louis, explains his vision of St. Louis as it enters the new millenium. Harmon's speech was part of the "Distinguished Speaker Series" at UM-St. Louis.

faith in government early in his administration by increasing emergency-service response time, increasing revenue collections, and improving the condition of the housing authority and the health department.

Harmon said that his administration has been referred to as dull because it lacks scandal.

"We have achieved so much because we have been undistract-

ed by scandal. We have succeeded in building successful partnership because we can be trusted," Harmon said.

"The backbone of this job is integrity. The job of mayor is still a hard one but I have my morals and principles as compass points by which to navigate me through the daily challenges of holding office," Harmon said.

Harmon was presented with an

plaque by the Chancellor, Blanche Touhill, after a panel of graduate students asked follow-up questions.

The Fall 1999 Distinguished Speaker Series was presented by the School of Business Administration Chapter of the University of Missouri - St. Louis Alumni Association and sponsored by Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP.

## Students pass referendum on full ASUM membership

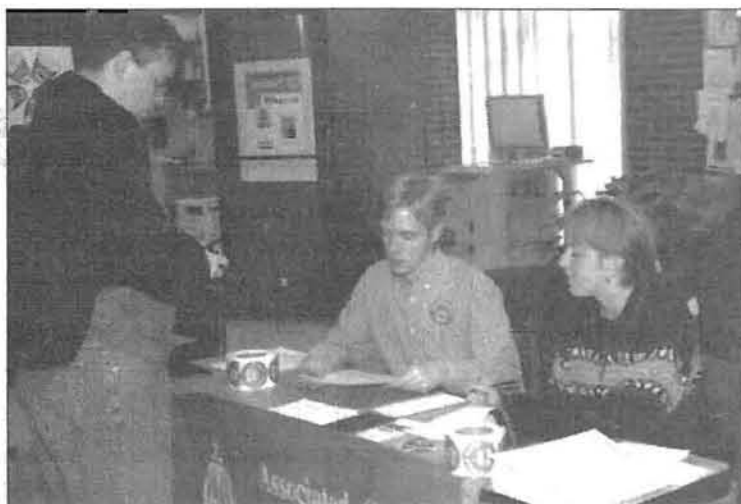
SPECIAL TO THE CURRENT

UM-St. Louis students approved by a margin of 200 to eight the Nov. 4 referendum to join the Associated Students of the University of Missouri as full members. Since last April the campus has been an associate member.

Sarah Welch, student representative to the UM System Board of Curators and UM-St. Louis senior, noted that ASUM worked to establish the position of student curators/regents and during the past legislative session successfully lobbied for the student curator to attend closed meetings.

"By being included in closed meetings I am better able to represent the students of the University of Missouri," Welch said. "This wouldn't have been possible without ASUM."

Students approved a fifteen cent per credit hour fee with a maximum of \$1.50 per student, per semester, which will be collected beginning July 1, 2000. The money will set up an office on the UM-St. Louis campus and the St. Louis students will determine the programs they want to bring to campus. Funding will also be available to establish a lobbying internship program that will begin winter semester



Joe Flees, a sophomore political science major, and Cori Locks, a member of ASUM from UM-Rolla, assist students voting on the ASUM referendum.

2001.

As an associate member, UM-St. Louis was entitled to one voting member on ASUM's Board of Directors. With the vote for full membership UM-St. Louis will be able to elect more representatives. ASUM Board Chair, Beth Hammer, stated that the final number of seats for UM-St. Louis would be determined when final

enrollment numbers are available, since the number of board seats for each campus is based on campus enrollment.

"I would expect UM-St. Louis to have four board members," Hammer said. "They will be elected in the spring and take office in July, 2000."

For more information contact Joe Flees at 516-8608.

## Detainer on Butler's release makes judge put case on hold

BY SUE BRITT  
staff editor

Darwin Butler, president of UM-St. Louis' Student Government Association, appeared before Judge David Lee Vincent III Nov. 4, but the case was generally continued by Vincent because there was a detainer on Butler's work release agreement from Nevada.

The detainer was put in place by Nevada because Butler violated his probation of that state when he was convicted of committing another crime. That violation occurred when Butler pleaded guilty to felony credit card fraud and felony stealing in April, 1999.

Prosecutor, Thomas Dittmeier, was asking that Butler's work release agreement be revoked because Butler had been violating the agreement by continuing to drive on a suspended driver license.

Steven Wolfe, acting president of UM-St. Louis said that he had requested Butler's salary for the position of president be ended since Butler was unable to be on campus to carry out the duties of the office. As reported in The St. Louis Post Dispatch, Butler's pay was stopped.

Wolfe said that unless Butler is



Darwin Butler walks into the courtroom of Judge David Lee Vincent III at the county courthouse in Clayton.

impeached he is still the president of the SGA.

"According to the constitution I'm still acting president," Wolfe said. "He could be president technically until December."

# Bulletin Board

## Monday, Nov. 8

• **Art in the New Pacific**, sponsored by the Center of the Humanities. This lecture is a slide talk with Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris, director of the Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity, in which she will discuss her research on contemporary art forms in the countries of the Pacific Rim.

## Tuesday, Nov. 9

• **Weekly Prayer Group** at Newman Center (8200 Natural Bridge) at 7:30 p.m. Free pizza got Chris here. Free hot dogs got Ron connected. What does it take to bring you??? For more info call Betty at 385-3455.

• **Percussion Workshop II** in the Music Annex from 4 to 6 p.m. learn and hear more Greek rhythms with Nikos Touliatos and the UM-St. Louis Percussion Ensemble.

## Wednesday, Nov. 10

• **Rhythms of Greece** with Nikos Touliatos will perform at 8 p.m. in the J. C. Penney Auditorium. Tickets are available, \$15 for adults, \$11 for

seniors, and \$7 for students. For more information and phone in orders call 7299.

• **Diabetes Information Day:** stop and pick up facts on Diabetes and receive a free blood glucose check from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Center Lobby and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Lucas Hall 3rd floor lobby. Sponsored by University Health Services.

• **Soup and Soul Food**, a simple free meal and a time for prayer and devotion, from 12 to 12:50 p.m. at the Normandy United Methodist Church. Sponsored by Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry.

• **Bible Study** in the Seton Hall Living room, 1st floor.

## Thursday, Nov. 11

• **Millennium Countdown Film Series**, UPB and the Spanish Club present *Night on Earth*, an independent American film by Jim Jarmusch. The cast includes Winona Ryder and

### Put it on the Board:

The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all submissions be posted at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Erin Stremmel, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63121 or fax 516-6811.

All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

Rosie Perez. Show times are scheduled for 2 and 8 p.m. in Lucas 100.

## Friday, Nov. 12

• **Evening at the Symphony** is being presented by the office of Student Activities. Come listen to John Adams' and Jon Kimura Parker's renditions of Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninoff, and Adams. Tickets are available in the Student Activities office with a limit of two per valid UMSL student I.D.

• **Harry Mark Petrakis** will be in the Convocation Hall of the Pierre Laclède Honors College at 12 p.m. to read from his work and answer questions. Sponsored by the Hellenic-Government-Karakas Family Foundation Professorship in Greek Studies of the Center for International Studies and the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Program. For more information and

to R.S.V.P call 6845.

## Saturday, Nov. 13

• **Wacky Warrior Paintball**, come hit the battlefields with your friends. A shuttle is provided to the Belleville Wacky Warrior facilities and the event is free to all UMSL students.

## Sunday, Nov. 14

• **Catholic Mass** will be held every week at 6 p.m. at South Campus Residence Chapel.

## Monday, Nov. 15

• **Hunger Awareness Week** running through the 17th. Information tables will be in the University center lobby. A soup line will be in the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there will be opportunities to donate to hunger relief projects in Honduras through Karen House and Oxfam. For more information or to help contact Roger Jespersen at 385-3000 or Betty Chitwood at 385-3455.

## THE CAMPUS CRIMELINE

### October 22, 1999

A student reported that on Oct. 20 between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., her parking permit was stolen from her vehicle while it was parked at the New West Drive Parking Garage. The windows had been left partially open.

A student reported that his parking permit was stolen from his vehicle on an unknown date while the vehicle was parked on Lot "I". The doors were not locked and the windows were open.

### October 25, 1999

A student reported that on Oct. 18, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., her parking permit was stolen from her vehicle which was parked on parking Lot "G." The vehicle was not locked.

### October 26, 1999

A student reported that between Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 5 p.m., his parking permit was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked on the third level of the New West Drive Garage. The vehicle doors had not been locked.

At 10:05 a.m., the University Police were requested at 103 Social Science Building for a student failing to show a student I.D. card for lab entry.

### October 28, 1999

A student reported that her purse was stolen between Oct. 25 at 11 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. from 323 Research Building. The purse contained cash, two credit cards, and personal identification. The purse had been left on a countertop.

A student reported that on Oct. 27 prior to 2 p.m. her parking permit for the student lots was stolen from her auto while it was parked on Lot "Y" on the South Campus.

### November 3, 1999

A student reported that on Nov. 1 at 8:45 a.m. he discovered that his student parking permit was missing from the window of his car while the car was parked on Lot "I". A window had been left open.

The Campus CrimeLine is a free service provided by the UM-St. Louis Police Department to promote safety through awareness.

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## Pirates of Penzance

a UM-St. Louis  
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 production



Auditions for the spring production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *PIRATES OF PENZANCE* will be held on **Tuesday, December 7** and **Wednesday, December 8**, in Room 205, Music Building. There may be additional callback auditions on Thursday afternoon, **December 9**. An accompanist will be provided.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the music office. Audition pieces will be excerpted from the show. **Pick up copies of music from Dr. Haggans or Dr. Richards.** You may also be asked to do a script reading during the audition.

### Audition Packets

will be available after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11. See Dr. Haggans (Rm. 406) or Dr. Richards (Rm. 316) to pick one up.

Questions? Call Dr. Haggans, 516.5343.

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# Romeo

Shakespeare's play performed at UM-St. Louis

BY AMY LOMBARDO  
staff editor

The original star-crossed lovers dropped by UM-St. Louis on Nov. 5, in the tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*. The National Shakespeare Company, hailing from New York, performed the play to a full house. There was such a good turnout, extra chairs were held on stand-by to help with overflow.

The company chose to stick to the classic storyline for the most part, taking a few artistic liberties to create a more contemporary effect and some laughs.

The set was bare and the actors wore minimal make-up. The stage contained three marble columns to create an exit/entrance, and one stone slab which served as balcony, bed and tomb. In the background hung an image of an angel and a woman floating together on a starry night. On a few occasions, like the costume ball, classical music is heard.

Although the cast is made up of only eight members, there are 17 roles to fill. This required the players to take on two, three or even four different parts. The familiarity of this particular story allows the changes in character to be indicated simply by costume alterations.

Tom Evans, who plays Capulet, Friar Laurence, and Abram is no stranger to William's wit. He finished his college career doing Shakespeare, and his first paid acting job was in one of the great comedies.

"I can, at any point, imagine myself being in one of the positions [Shakespeare] creates," Evans said. "It's timeless."

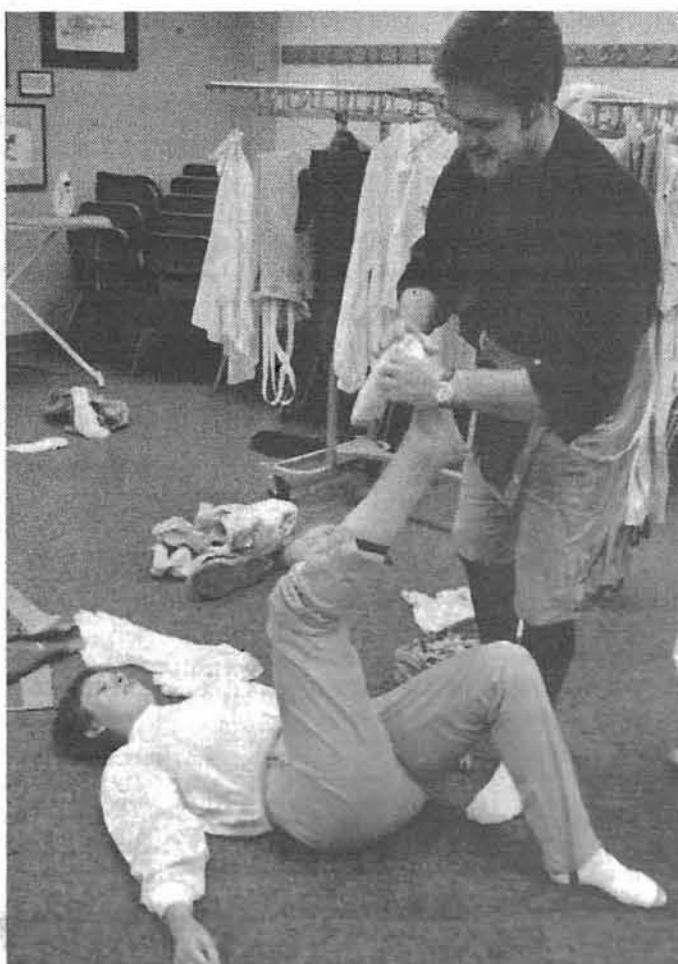
The Friday night performance



## and JULIET

TOP: Julie Polk prepares for her role as Juliet in the Shakespearean play *Romeo and Juliet*.

RIGHT: Actor Tom Evans, who plays Capulet, Friar Laurence and Abram in *Romeo and Juliet*, helps Amanda Johnson, who plays Lady Capulet and Gregory, put her sock on before the performance Friday night in J.C. Penney auditorium. New York's National Shakespeare Company put on the performance, which played to a full house.



Photos by Stephanie Platt

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## Philler Up

### Philosophy club allows for debate

BY LISA M. PETTIS  
staff writer

Is there a place on the UM-St. Louis campus where students can discuss philosophical issues outside of the classroom? Yes. It's the Philosophy Club.

Chandra Kellison, a senior in philosophy, participated in the revival of the club at UM-St. Louis.

"There was a philosophy club," Kellison said. "I don't know how long ago, but it died out, so this is a renewal of the club."

Kellison said that Paul A. Roth, chairperson of the philosophy department at UM-St. Louis, wanted to see the philosophy club up-and-running again. The club is intended to provide students with an opportunity to gather in an informal atmosphere where discussion of philosophical subjects can go on without direct relation to academia.

The first meeting of the philosophy club commenced on Oct. 19 in Lucas Hall. Members of the club decided to make an itinerary that includes speakers as well as discussion sessions.

There is no hierarchy in this club, and all suggestions are welcomed. Participants are encouraged to submit suggestions of topics or speakers, and speak themselves on a particular topic. Although the majority of students in attendance were philosophy majors, Kellison assures all members of the UM-St. Louis community that it does not have to remain that way.

"Students from all majors are welcome," Kellison said. "There are no dues; it's free of charge."

The first speaker, Lynn Hankinson-Nelson, is a professor of philosophy at UM-St. Louis. Hankinson-Nelson will speak Nov. 9 on Willard Van Orman Quine (W.V.O. Quine).

Many of those who attended the first meeting spoke highly of Hankinson-Nelson's ability as an

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## Thoughts for Today

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set I go into the other room and read a book."

-Groucho Marx  
Credit: Peter's Quotations: Ideas for Our Time

"I'm just a person trapped inside a woman's body."

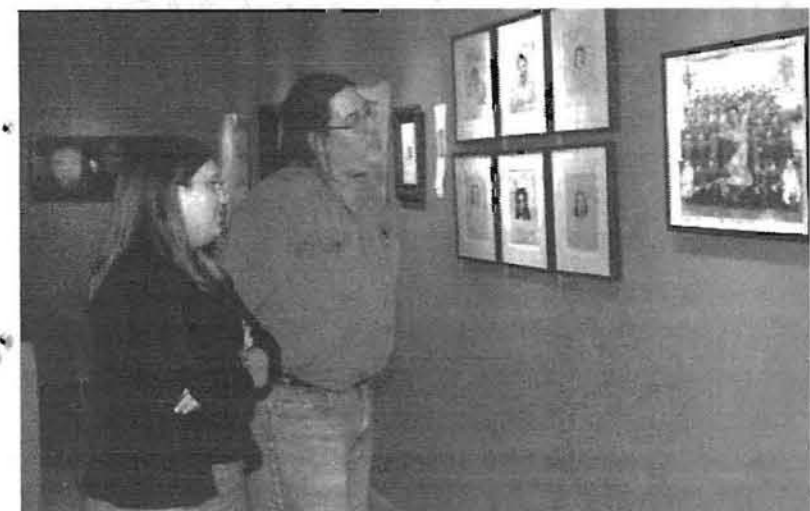
-Elayne Boosler  
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Anybody Ever Said

"We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."

-Will Rogers  
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Ever Said

"If you are afraid of being lonely don't try to be right."

-Jules Renard  
Credit: Peter's Quotations: Ideas for Our Time



Wendy Jeffries and Dave Gellman, of Campus Computing browse artwork at the Kit Keith Exhibit in Gallery 210 in Lucas Hall on Nov. 4.

## Keith exhibit gives mixed media show

BY ANNE PORTER  
staff associate

Pin-up girls from the 1940's are making a comeback at Gallery 210. Kit Keith, a nationally-known artist who was born in Springfield, Ill., has returned to St. Louis for her exhibit "Some Girls."

Kit Keith, raised in Florida, found her first jobs in a circus as a trapeze performer and a sign painter.

In 1984, Keith attended the Art Institute in Chicago. Since Keith has exhibited most of her work in New

York, she has not done a show in St. Louis for eight years.

"Some Girls" will be on display through Dec. 3 at Gallery 210, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Some Girls" will feature her most recent works utilizing mixed media such as wallpaper, mattresses, a suitcase and a cake tin.

"I have taken inspiration from images of women from the 1930s through the 1950s," Keith said in a

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## Health Beat

# Potential problems plague fad dieting

BY ANNE PORTER  
staff associate

Fads do not discriminate. They cover all areas including clothes, jewelry, and home furnishings. Not even eating habits are safe. Recently many people have partaken in these dieting trends with programs such as Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution, the Carb Addict's diet.

The basic premise of these diets is that they cause the body to burn more fat through the depletion or severe limiting of carbohydrates.

Trisha Franscavitch, a registered dietitian, instructs patients on weight reduction at St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles.

"For an overall long-term weight-loss program to keep the weight off, [the high-protein diets] are not successful. Typically the diets are so limiting or so restrictive that it's very difficult for an individual to adhere long term. They are built for failure, and a lot of diets ignore the exercise component," Franscavitch said.

Not only may the diets be ineffective, but they also can damage to the

The best was to lose weight is to restrict caloric intake and count calories, combined with an exercise program.

John del Rosario  
Medical director, Sisters of St. Mary's rehabilitation unit

body. Franscavitch explained that when the caloric intake is restricted to less than 1,200 calories a day, the metabolic rate slows down. When normal eating behavior resumes, even more weight than was lost can be gained.

With Dr. Atkins' Diet the body reacts with a ketogenic, or fat burning, state. This empties excess ketones into the bloodstream which can cause headaches, nausea, fatigue and bad breath. In her classes Franscavitch uses a model of guidelines for success in a diet. Those include regular exercise, an increase in daily activity, adequate social support, internal motivation and a positive focus. In order to lose weight

safely, one has to cut 3,500 calories per week, the equivalent of one pound. The ideal weight loss, Franscavitch indicated, was one to two pounds per week. In the first weeks of the diet, most of that will be water weight. After that initial weight is lost, the body must adjust to its new condition.

"We have a set point and our bodies automatically want to go back to that set point. It takes a while and our bodies have a plateau where it is readjusting," Franscavitch said.

Franscavitch recommended asking six questions before embarking on

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# ...that all men are created... uh, wait a minute



GET THIS!

AMY LOMBARDO

I have finally figured out the root of all the problems in this country. (No need to thank me, your shameless gratitude is reward enough.) It all leads back to one thing: the Declaration of Independence.

Don't worry, I'm not a communist, a socialist or even a Scientologist. I simply think that, although our founding fathers had good intentions, parts of the document no longer serve a useful purpose.

I don't mean to assume that I know better than our original leaders, but I do. Back when John Hancock first penned his signature, the men were just trying to make everyone feel normal. The original huddled

masses were escaping persecution from the overbearing British rule that had punished them simply for being a little different. Now, that I think about it, take out the word 'British' and that describes almost every group that has found exile in the 50 states since then.

In an attempt to make everyone happy, the words were written that everyone is created equal. That's a very sweet, idealistic statement with a touch of child-like optimism for flavor. Unfortunately, there's the one little glitch in the plan. I hate to be the one to spill the beans, but - brace yourself - not everyone is created equal.

I know, I know. It comes as a great

shock, I'm sure. The screamingly obvious fact is, people are different. We differ in our intelligence, talents, looks, finances, geographical locations, social status, fashion sense and emotion. Let's face it, we're a bunch of snowflakes, no two are exactly alike.

It's possible that what the Declaration of Independence is alluding to is that everyone should be equal. That we should all have the same opportunities, etc. That no one man should be more important than the next. That may look good in black and white, but it's impractical to think that this could ever work in the real world. The human race is too diverse. Plus, and this is what really

scares me, it would be so boring. There would be nothing to strive for, nothing to long for, nothing to achieve.

Equality is not really all it's cracked up to be. I think that's partially because it's such an impossibility, some tend to glorify it a bit. It's put on a pedestal, as though it is something to work towards, and so it becomes a fantasy without faults. But when I think about it, I would never really want to reach that level. It reminds me of idolizing a rock star or famous actor. It's been my experience that even if a person spends hours imagining what it would be like to meet him or her, there's bound to be a certain amount of disillusion-

ment if the event actually takes place.

Here's my idea: Instead of saying everyone is equal, let's say "Everyone is created with varying characteristics that make them unique and distinct... and that's okay."

Wouldn't that be great? There would be no pressure to conform to a uniform mold. There would be freedom to vary from the norm if one so desired. Wait a minute, "norm" wouldn't even exist. There would be nothing to rebel against. Alternative thinking would be so widespread it would become common. A single individual would be different, just like everybody else.

Hmm... I guess it's back to the drawing board.

# OPINIONS

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## OUR OPINION

# UM-St. Louis athletics largely overlooked

### The issue:

Sports is one of the greatest recruiting tools and sources of school spirit in a university. UM-St. Louis has not done a good job with campus athletics.

### We suggest:

This is a problem that's just holding UM-St. Louis down and must soon be remedied.

### So what do you think?

Write a letter to the editor about this issue or anything else that's on your mind.

With all the recent improvements to the university there is one glaring hole: the funding of the UM-St. Louis Department of Athletics.

What many fail to realize is that campus athletics bring national exposure to a campus. Sad to say, but many outstanding athletic achievements go unnoticed. Athletics draw exposure to a university that they otherwise would not receive.

The athletics department has flourished over recent years attracting many great coaches to go with an already good roster of coaches. Allocations have risen slowly. However, many of the programs need much more revenue than they are given. Something needs to be done.

The Mark Twain Building is in good physical shape, but other areas need to be addressed. The

Rivermen baseball field has not been improved due to the realignment of Interstate 70. With these plans nearing finalization, the new field/stadium needs to be built. The program is thriving, but with the current makeshift area the team currently occupies doesn't always present a nice atmosphere.

In the future, the administration will need to think about becoming a Division I University. Many programs move to Division I and fail. The chances for success are greater when a university is in a major metropolitan area. The increased cost for the sports would be paid for with the increased student enrollment that would likely come from the exposure.

UM-St. Louis needs to realize it has a valuable commodity in its athletic department and should make a greater commitment to it.

## LETTERS

# Parking for students of sciences

There is a serious shortage of student parking spaces for those of us who work and/or take classes in the science complex (Benton, CME, Stadler & Research). Now that the spaces along West Drive (available to students after 4:30 PM) have been eliminated, the new garage offers the only student parking anywhere near the science building. If you get to campus between 9 and 11 AM, it's virtually impossible to find a space. All you see is

a long line of cars slowly circling the garage from one floor to the next, over and over again. Or even worse, people sitting in their cars, hovering and blocking traffic, waiting for someone to leave.

I've heard that many students going to SSB or CCB, or even Clark and Lucas, are using the new garage since it's centrally located and offers easy access to the "Quadrangle" buildings. But it's just as easy to get to SSB and CCB from garage N, and to Clark

and Lucas from garages C and D. The new garage, on the other hand, is the only one close to the science buildings.

It would be a big help to those of us in the science complex if students who don't work or take classes here would park in one of the other student areas, especially in the morning.

-Elizabeth A. Amin  
Graduate Student

# Poor journalism exploits Butler

I've been watching the Darwin Butler headline festival at *The Current* newsstands over the past few weeks, and have to wonder what caused the color shift in the paper. Was it a pack of roving dogs urinating together on the printing press, or was this just an exercise in yellow journalism from *The Current* staff?

Due to the disinclination of roving packs of dogs to climb ladders, I am left with only one conclusion. Shamie, shamie.

The reporter's job is to fairly and accurately report the facts of a situation. The editor's job is to ensure the reporter has done that. The effluence of inflammatory "quotes" against Mr. Butler and

lack of hard facts regarding his tenure as president lead me to believe that neither party did the job well. Can they spell im-par-shul?

I do not know the facts surrounding Mr. Butler's SGA presidency, and feel sure that I will not get them from *The Current*, due to the tone of the articles and questionable selection of pullquotes. Muckraking replacing the news? You betcha.

Or perhaps he's just easy fodder. Notice how quickly the news about the faculty's vote of no confidence against the Chancellor went away. (Side note to the editor: an administrative/faculty rift involving misassignment of uni-

versity funds is far more important to the average paying student than Mr. Butler's personal dilemmas. Go ahead- take a poll.)

I can say that I feel truly sorry for the victims in this debacle. Mr. Butler has suffered a vicious personal crucifixion in *The Current*. *The Current* has suffered a dearth of impartiality. The greatest sadness, however, is reserved for the staff of *The Current*, who while suffering the delusion of being responsible journalists, wouldn't know journalistic integrity if it bit them on their collective posterior.

-Michele Gaddy

# Good Samaritan spirit still alive

In the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (Matthew 15), Jesus wonderfully illustrates the joy that comes when someone finds something of value that they have lost. I personally experienced such joy the week of Oct. 25 when visiting the UM-St. Louis campus.

I somehow managed to lose my wallet. The lost wallet was found by an UM-St. Louis student and later turned over to UM-St. Louis policeman Tom McEwen. Officer McEwen did some research and was able to leave me a message notifying me that my wallet was

found and to contact the UM-St. Louis Police Department.

I recovered my wallet in less than three hours. The most amazing thing is that all of my contents were still in my wallet including some money and some very important documents.

In this evil and corrupt world we live in, it is always get to hear of acts of goodness and kindness. Whenever I read Matthew, I will be able to better relate to the joy of experience by each of the individuals in those parables. The old axiom that I grew up with "Losers weepers, finders keepers" is for-

tunately not always true. Thanks you officer McEwen and others involved at the UM-St. Louis Police Department, and a special thanks to the angel (student-name unknown) that found my wallet and turned it over to the police authorities. Please contact the police department so I can make arrangements to thank you personally.

-Grateful Loser  
Bill Doze

# Tragic losses show need to smell roses

They say bad things happen in groups of three. Unfortunately for the sports world this has not been the case.

In the past week and a half, not three but four major sports figures have died. Last week I wrote a tribute to Payne Stewart. Stewart was one of my favorite golfers, but he was also a great man. His style and contributions to the golfing community may never be matched.

Aside from the loss of Stewart, the sports world has lost Wilt Chamberlain, Greg Moore and Walter Payton.

Chamberlain was arguably the most dominating center in NBA history. No other player will score over 100 points in a single game, average over 30 points and 20 rebounds a game over a career, and have the charisma that Chamberlain possessed.

Moore, a race car driver, died in an accident during the Marlboro 500. The accident itself was horrific. Moore lost control of the car while going more than 220 miles per hour. It flipped a couple of times, crashed into a retaining wall and the car ended up resting upside down while bursting into flames.

Amazingly, Moore managed to survive the initial accident, but was pronounced dead a little over an hour later at a hospital due to massive head injuries.

The thing that struck me most about Moore's death was his age. He was just 24-years-old. I am 23, and the thought about dying never occurred to me until now. His death has helped me appreciate what I have because you never know when your time is up.

Payton was the greatest running back of his time. Many say that Jim Brown is the best of all time, but I have never seen him

play. Payton is the best that I have seen.

His 16,726 yards gained is the most ever. His 275 yards in 1977 against Minnesota was the most by one running back in a game, and this was done behind mostly inferior offensive lines.

Payton's nickname, sweetness, most accurately describes him. His moves, never-say-die attitude and toughness personified him. Though slight in stature, Payton only missed one game due to injury through 13 professional seasons.

It was Payton and the 1985 Chicago Bears that first made me an avid football fan. Until then I was exposed to the mediocrity that was the Cardinals. Payton, the Bears, and the Super Bowl shuffle exposed me to a different side of football. Now,

largely because of that team, football is one of my favorite sports.

Why write this column? I guess because until now I have viewed sports as just a hobby. I did not realize what a profound effect it has had on me as an individual.

It took these tragedies to get me to look more introspectively on what sports, and sports figures, mean to me. I realize now that I am not invincible. If these physically superior athletes can die so young, then it can happen to me too.

Now I am trying to enjoy the moment more and to not be so future oriented. I want to enjoy the rest of my time with my family and friends, whether it be only for the next day or the next 50 years.

I realize now that the next time I get into my car or even go to sleep, it might be my last. It's time for all of us to smell the roses while we still can.

# Sad story makes honesty a question

While in Atlanta a few weeks ago I had the chance to talk to an interesting guy. His name was Tony.

Two other *Current* staff members and I were walking back from a bar heading back to our hotel. It had been a long night. A

guy came up to us and asked if he could talk to us. Now Tony wasn't your everyday guy, he was homeless. He was dirty, and the time he had spent on the street had obviously taken a toll. Despite all of this he was very articulate and seemed very sincere which made me believe his story even more.

He began to tell us about his family. He said he had called home recently and found out his dad had a heart attack. All this while his sister was dying of AIDS. He had been on bad terms with all of them for quite some time for what he'd done several years ago. Now with everyone sick he was quite a distance from them and poor to boot. Now he may have been laying it on pretty thick. But I couldn't tell.

I can usually judge people

pretty well. I can catch whether they're trying to run a scam or whether they are legit. With Tony I couldn't tell. In a weird way I hoped that he was lying about his problems. I wouldn't wish his situation on anyone. Yet I found myself hoping that he really was

telling the truth and we helped him out by talking to him and giving him the few dollars that we could spare. Most homeless people I have talked to have been all-out scammers. I have had several homeless people who (after a little coaxing) will fess up that their stories are false. They lay it on

thick to get more sympathy. Honesty on the streets is like trying to find a fan of the Bay City Rollers, you're going to have a tough time finding it. But Tony seemed different. He said God was guiding him and he hoped everything was going to work out. If his story was true what could we really do? I felt pretty helpless.

I'll never know whether Tony was telling the truth. For the first time in my life I'm glad I don't know the truth.



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# Under Current

by **Rafael Macias**  
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What did you dress up as for Halloween?



**Mary Beth Wells**  
Freshman/Early Childhood Ed.

" I was a suicidal cheerleader on Saturday, a dead one on Friday. "



**Matthew Chambers**  
Sophomore/Communications

" I was a fashion-challenged pimp. "



**Traci Byington**  
Junior/Mass Comm.

" I was a shaman, complete with a real voodoo doll. "



**Brooke Center**  
Freshman/Graphic Design

" I was a medieval gothic vampire "

# Rivermen reach finals

## First round upset keys UM-St. Louis run

BY NICK BOWMAN  
staff associate

The seventh seeded UM-St. Louis Rivermen soccer team advanced to the finals of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

UM-St. Louis' run started with a 2-1 defeat of second seeded Lewis.

This contest showcased the UM-St. Louis defensive unit. Anchored by Nick Carron and Eric Wilson, it held Lewis to six shots on goal.

"Before the game, I talked to the team about the importance of a solid defense," Head Coach Tom Redmond said. "They really came

through when we needed them the most and played their best soccer of the season."

Goalkeeper Kevin McCarthy played a solid game in net, allowing only one shot to find the back of the net.

"This was an especially sweet victory for Kevin," Redmond said. "Lewis scored on him with three minutes left in regulation during our last meeting, and McCarthy was extremely pumped for this game."

The solid defensive play led to transition for the offensive zones, which in turn led to some shots on goal.

There was no scoring during the first half, but in the second, UM-St. Louis broke the silence with an unassisted goal by Kevin Pierce early in the 46th minute.

Lewis countered this goal in the 70th minute with a goal from Carlos Stremi, knotting the score up at 1-1, and sending the contest into overtime.

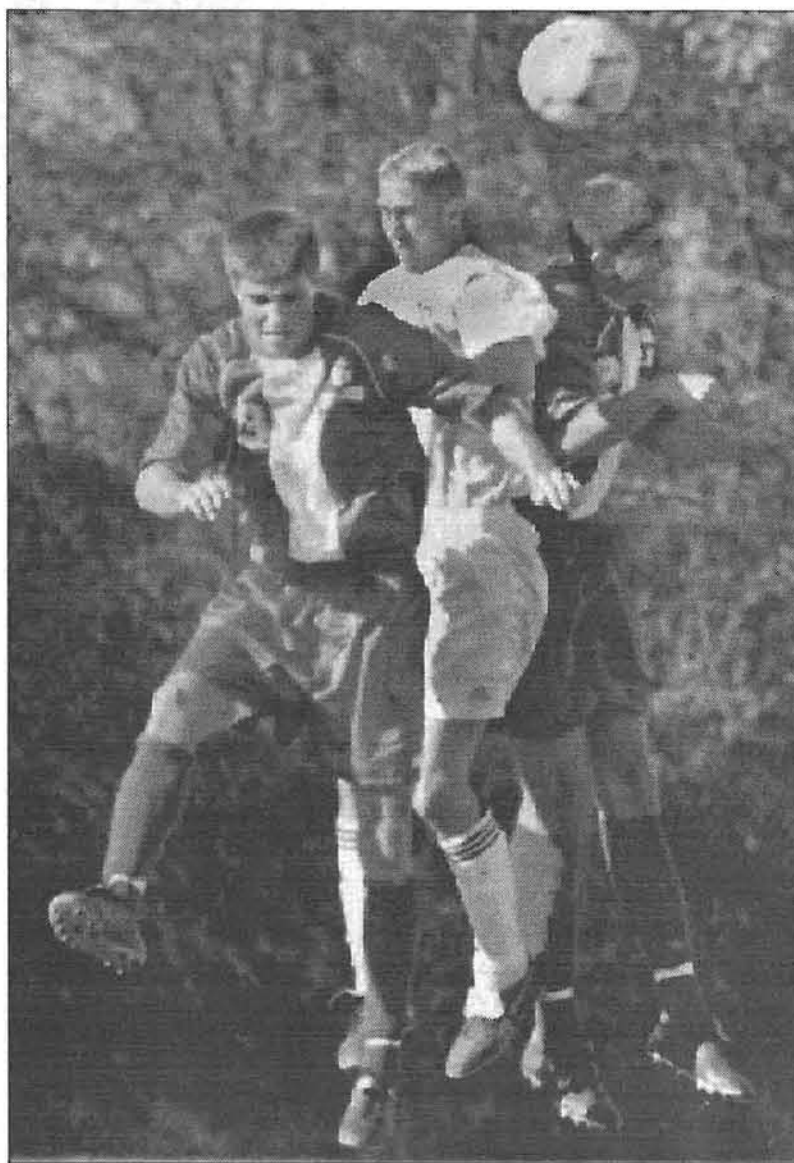
The Rivermen shut down the Lewis attack, but failed to generate any offense of their own, pushing the game into double overtime.

But seven minutes in, senior Ryan Inkley redirected an errant shot from Drew Wilson, and kept UM-St. Louis alive in the GLVC tournament.

"This is a great time for Rivermen soccer," Redmond said. "We have only been affiliated with the GLVC for four years now, and we have qualified for the post season each year."

The Rivermen continued their tournament run Saturday with a 4-1 win over Indianapolis. After falling behind early, UM-St. Louis got goals from Inkley in the 17th minute and Carron in the 34th minute. The Rivermen got goals from Scott Luczak and Derrick Kasper in the second half.

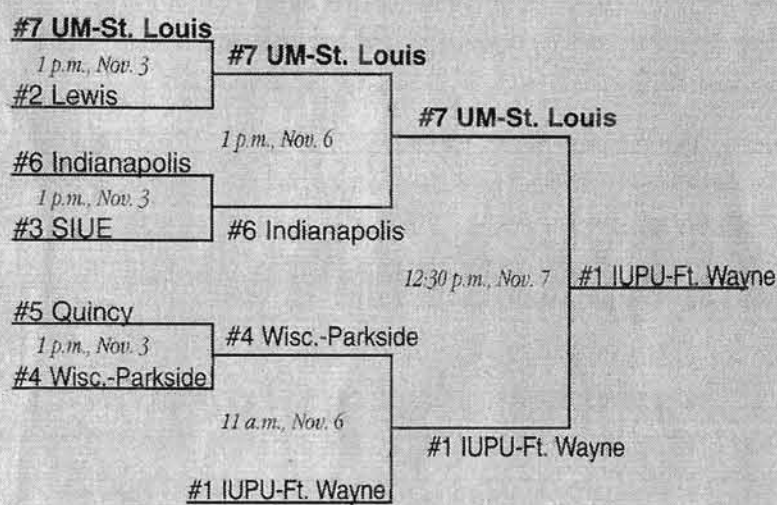
The win moved the Rivermen into the tournament finals against the No. 1 seed, IUPU-Ft. Wayne on Sunday. UM-St. Louis' run ended abruptly as IUPU won the game 4-0, and captured the GLVC title.



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Nick Carron (3) and Bobby Carter (12) go airborne for the ball while sandwiching a St. Joseph's defender in their game on Oct. 23.

### GLVC MEN'S SOCCER BRACKET



# Hockey team keeps rolling with two wins

BY NICK BOWMAN  
staff associate

The Rivermen Ice Hockey club continues to dominate the Mid-American Collegiate Hockey Association, the latest victims being Carthage University and the Illinois State Icebirds.

The first game, at ISU, was arguably the most competitive game that the Rivermen have played all season. Freshman goalie Shaun Kasten played his first full game, and recorded his first win, stopping 25 of 28 shots, and keeping his goals against average at 2.76.

"Kasten played very solid in the

net," said senior goalie Nathan Frankenberger. "He really showed that he can compete the whole 60 minutes and can maintain his composure when the team needs him most."

After the first two periods, the score was dead-locked at 3-3, and neither team had shown signs of letting up.

"The first two periods of that (ISU) game were some great hockey," said Frankenberger. "Both teams played extremely physical, defensive-minded hockey, which really made for an intense contest."

But early in the third period forward Keith Gaines, off of the face-off, split the ISU defense, and chalked up

what turned out to be the game winner, a backhand from between the points.

"That goal by Gaines really shifted the tempo of the game in our favor," said Frankenberger, "after he scored, our whole offense really rose to the occasion, and the game was ours."

The final score: UM-St. Louis-7, ISU-3.

The second game was more of a blowout, with the Rivermen racking up the score to the tune of a 20-1 victory over provisional Carthage University.

This game started out fairly competitive, with Carthage immediately taking a couple of quick shots on Frankenberger, who earned his second victory of the season, saving nine of nine shots on goal, and keeping his save percentage at 100 percent on the season.

But Carthage's early success was not a sign of things to come, and Carthage fell behind 9-0 after the first 20 minutes of play.

"After that first period, both teams agreed to go to a running clock," said Frankenberger. "after those initial saves, the Carthage attack was almost non-existent."

Most of this can be attributed to physical presence of defender Craig "Thug" Duffy, who continues to stop opposing attacks before they have a chance to develop any sort of momentum. Factor in brothers Matt and Jason Hessel, Rocky Alberti, Nate Frost, and Josh Ulrich, and there is good reason opposing teams are averaging just more than 20 shots per game, and why UM-St. Louis is outshooting its opposition by a 7-1 ratio on the season.

This game gave the Rivermen a chance to showcase some of its bench talent, notably forward Tom Kraichley, who scored his first three goals of the season, and Matt Kineally, who received his first points of the season, with a pair of assists.

The next game will be at home against Meremac.

# Riverwomen's season ends with 2-0 loss

BY RACHAEL QUIGLEY  
staff associate

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team finished its season with two losses on the road and failed to advance in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament.

In their last regular season game, UM-St. Louis traveled to Rockhurst and lost 0-2.

The Riverwomen had only five shots total with only one shot on goal. Rockhurst pounded UM-St. Louis with 12 shots and eight shots on goal.

"We just never got clicking," Head Coach Beth Goetz said. "They got an early goal and we just never got any momentum."

Rockhurst scored in the second and fifty-sixth minutes of the game.

UM-St. Louis then opened its conference tournament play with a loss to Northern Kentucky, 0-2.

Northern Kentucky dominated offensively with 28 shots, while UM-St. Louis was again held to five shots.

It was not a total blow-out for Northern Kentucky due to UM-St. Louis goalkeeper Samantha Grashoff's defense of the net. She made 10 saves to hold the nation's 10th ranked team to just two goals.

"Our goalkeeper had a great game against Northern Kentucky," said Goetz. "She stopped a lot of shots."

The loss to Northern Kentucky ends an up and down season for the Riverwomen. Overall, the Riverwomen ended with a record of 7-12-1.

# Volleyball enjoys three game winning streak

BY RACHAEL QUIGLEY  
staff associate

The roller coaster that has plagued the UM-St. Louis women's volleyball team seemed to take an upturn during a road trip in which UM-St. Louis faced three conference rivals.

UM-St. Louis traveled to meet Kentucky Wesleyan in a game that was dominated, and won, by the Riverwomen in three sets, 15-0, 17-15, and 15-6.

The Riverwomen out-killed and out-blocked Kentucky Wesleyan throughout the game. St. Louis recorded 47 kills and eight team blocks to Kentucky Wesleyan's 23 kills and six team blocks.

UM-St. Louis' second match pitted them against Southern Indiana, with the Riverwomen winning in a tough five set match, 12-15, 15-10, 18-16, 7-15, and 15-11.

Riverwoman Michelle Hochstatter led both teams with 21

kills. Susan Claggett posted 11 kills, while fellow teammates Holly Zrout and Nicole Wall each posted 10 kills.

The two wins provided the Riverwomen with a much needed boost and propelled them into their next match against rival Quincy University in which UM-St. Louis fought 2 hours and 15 minutes for a five set win, 13-15, 15-11, 10-15, 15-10, and 15-9.

The Riverwomen dominated defensively posting 12 team blocks and 0 blocking errors.

Wall led the team with 18 kills, followed by Zrout with 16 and Michelle Hochstatter with 15 kills. Also posting double digit kills were Claggett with 12 and Susan Kleinschnitz with 10.

The three wins give St. Louis some momentum going into their last two regular games of the season. The Riverwomen now stand at 10-14 overall and 6-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.



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Keith Gaines (17) punishes a Wheaton defender against the boards in the 13-2 Rivermen win against Wheaton Oct. 15.

# Seattle will miss Griffey's talent, attitude and demeanor

Ken Griffey Jr. is finally leaving the Seattle Mariners.

The minute I heard that, I thought that he deserves to leave. Griffey has paid his dues to the Seattle organization, and they have not provided him with enough talent on the team to produce a winner.

Hitting home runs may be one thing for Griffey, but it was the love for the game and a winning attitude that he longed for. He did not want to be stuck on a team with no pitching and be the lone All Star caliber player on the team.

Griffey wishes to pursue his options in the south near his home

in Florida. Potential teams that may have an interest are the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Florida Marlins, along with the always financially secure Atlanta Braves.

If Griffey decided to go further north, he would probably consider going to the Cincinnati Reds where his father played as a professional. Any of these teams would be more than happy to add Griffey into their starting lineup for the '00 season, but who can actually afford Griffey?

Tampa Bay is a newer team in the American League, but the team lacks a dominant, healthy homerun hitter. Jose Canseco is not the

answer with all of his petty injury problems. Their indoor stadium would be a great fit for Griffey if only the fans actually went to half of their home games.

The Florida Marlins have the money to pursue Griffey, but they won't even bother with him because their owner is too occupied with trying to save money instead of spending it.

Griffey could revitalize a team that won the World Series and then crumbled.

The Atlanta Braves seem to be the favorite to get Griffey right now. They have an owner who is willing to spend money on talented

players (Brian Jordan) and expects to win every year.

The Cincinnati Reds may have the inside track on Griffey though because of his father's past encounters throughout the Reds' organization. There goes one Griffey and now steps in Griffey Jr.

Wherever Griffey Jr. goes, the team will benefit from his attitude and love for the game of baseball. Griffey Jr. is considered most likely to challenge Hank Aaron's all-time home run mark.

With an aging Mark McGwire, someone has to take the initiative to step his game up a level and emerge as a new home run king.

Griffey is the man for the position. He does not play every home game at Wrigley Field (which is one reason why Sosa has hit so many home runs in the past two years) and has a great sense of the game on the defensive side.

While Griffey is roaming the outfields of his new designated team, I just hope that the fans will take kindly to what he has done for the game of baseball.

You never hear anything negative about Griffey (spitting in an umpire's face) and he always handles the game in a professional way. Seattle is losing a good thing.

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LATEST SCOOP

DAVE KINWORTHY

# Campuses across nation respond to meningitis scare

BY FELICE BAJORAS  
Columbia Daily Spectator

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Meningococcal meningitis, a fatal form of the meningitis virus that has a very quick and devastating effect, has become a major issue on college campuses nationwide.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the annual incidence of the disease among 15 to 24-year-olds has doubled since 1991. Recently, 83 cases, six of which were

fatal, have been reported at various academic institutions, including Dartmouth and Muhlenberg Colleges, and Eastern Illinois, Michigan, and Lehigh Universities.

Most of these cases were reported among college first-years. The CDC reported four cases per every 100,000 first-years, and 3.8 cases per every 100,000 first-years living in dormitories. The rate for all 18-to-22-year-olds was one case per 100,000.

According to the American

College Health Association (ACHA), which represents nearly one-half of colleges with student health facilities in the United States, between 100 and 125 college students get meningitis each year, while between five and 10 die from it.

There are specific characteristics of college life that put the 18-to-22 year-old age group at risk. Crowding in dormitories, drinking, exposure to tobacco smoke, and contact with people from geographically diverse areas promote passage of many different kinds of bacteria from one person to another, the health association states on their web site. The stress of being away from home and an altered social behavior can drastically lower a student's immune system, allowing many different forms of bacteria to enter the bloodstream, the web site says.

Meningitis is the name given to any disease that causes an inflamma-

tion of the brain. There are two forms of the infection: viral meningitis and bacterial meningitis. The form of the disease that has been causing panic recently is called Neisseria meningitis, a form of bacterial meningitis. Also called meningococcus, it is an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain, according to the ACHA.

The symptoms of meningococcus are much like those of influenza: a high fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, rapidly progressing rash, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion, and sleepiness. The microbe in the bacteria, Neisseria, is transmitted through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions, which is often done by sharing eating utensils, kissing, sharing drinks, or sneezing in someone's face, health experts say. The virus contaminates the kidneys and can

result in amputation to stop the infection. Outbreaks tend to reach a peak from late winter to early spring, but can occur anytime, the doctors say.

Two years ago, the ACHA released a statement recommending that "college health services [take] a more proactive role in alerting students and their parents about the dangers of meningococcal disease" and that "college students consider vaccination against potentially fatal meningococcal disease."

On October 21, a CDC panel stopped just short of recommending that all college students be vaccinated, according to a report in the York Daily Record.

The advisory committee did not go further in its recommendations because "current meningitis vaccines are no more than 90 percent effective and don't work on all strains," said Dr. Nancy Rosenstein of the CDC's meningitis branch.

Many colleges and universities across the country are now urging their students to get the vaccination, despite its unreliability. At Columbia, however, the Administration prefers to take a different approach to the issue, health officials said.

Students can protect themselves from the disease by getting the vaccine, but also, according to Dr. Jane Bedell, director of Columbia University Health Services, by staying healthy. If one eats properly, sleeps well, and tries to live a healthy lifestyle, one's immune system will remain strong and have a better chance of fighting any bacteria, she said.

The medical experts have been closely monitoring the rise and fall of this disease, and are working on newer and more effective forms of the meningococcal vaccination in the hope that the number of cases begins to level off.

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# College bookstore group sues varsitybooks.com

BY GREG PESSIN  
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C.—The National Association of College Stores alleges that Varsitybooks.com has been misleading students about potential online savings.

In the midst of its initial public stock offering, the nation's first online textbook retailer is now fighting to make sure its stock does not flatline when it hits the market.

In a suit filed at 10 a.m. Nov. 1 by the National Association of College Stores, Inc., Varsitybooks.com has been accused of making false and misleading advertising claims about its discounts and on-campus stores' pricing schemes.

NACS, an organization of 3,000 college bookstores is seeking an injunction against the site for its insistence that it offers texts at 40 percent below the "suggested price."

NACS officials say this price standard does not exist in the college textbook market and that the web site's prices only rarely beat on-campus stores by 40 percent.

"We want them to stop making claims about a suggested price," said

Cynthia D'Angelo, senior associate executive director of NACS. "There are very few textbooks that offer a suggested price. They advertise a discount of 40 percent, yet that's not the industry standard."

Varsitybooks.com officials declined to respond specifically to the charges, in part because they involve litigation and also because of the company's pending IPO of up to \$75 million worth of shares. The Washington, D.C.-based company announced the forthcoming move a few weeks ago.

"The lawsuit NACS filed against Varsitybooks.com is completely without merit. I think that will be borne out as we proceed," said Jon Kaplan, vice president for communication and strategic planning for Varsitybooks.com. "But Varsity has tried to bring choice and competition to the college textbook marketplace and it's unfortunate that NACS would proceed in this manner against us."

College textbooks are a \$5 billion per year industry. Although Varsitybooks.com claims less than 1 percent of this figure, NACS officials are concerned about the leading

online business's practices in the burgeoning market.

"It's not like we're complaining about online bookselling. If anything, we're looking into it..." D'Angelo said. "It's not that we're against competition, we just want there to be a level playing field. Businesses shouldn't try to dupe and take advantage of the college student."

In the suit, NACS claims that Varsitybooks.com's supposedly drastic discounts easily trick college students, who often experience "sticker shock" at the high prices of textbooks at on-campus bookstores. D'Angelo explained that students often think their college bookstores are taking advantage of them and become particularly receptive to discount offers.

Varsitybooks.com is gearing up for a "David vs. Goliath" battle against NACS, Kaplan said.

"Varsitybooks.com is going to focus on what is most important, which is continuing to work hard to provide college students with choice and discussion in the textbook marketplace," he said. "We're keeping our eyes on the ball, and not focusing on this matter, but on the real purpose of serving students."

# New legislation could mean funding for women's cancer treatment

BY KERI HYATT  
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES—A government program that currently provides free mammograms and pap smears to women may begin to help pay for cancer treatment as well.

The legislation, which would cost the government \$315 million over a span of five years, was approved by the House of Representatives Commerce Committee on Oct. 28.

In 1990, Congress created a program that has since provided 800,000 women without private insurance free mammograms to screen for breast cancer and free pap smears to screen for cervical cancer.

"Early detection is wonderful, but it has to be accompanied by medical treatment," said a spokeswoman for Rep. Karen McCarthy (D-Mo.). McCarthy is a major supporter of the bill.

Thousands of women who have discovered that they have breast or cervical cancer have not been able to afford treatment and are ineligible for either Medicaid or Medicare because their incomes are too high or they are too young to qualify for these government health insurance programs,

according to supporters of the bill currently in Congress.

The legislation would allow states to make these women eligible for Medicaid funding for breast and cervical cancer treatment.

The legislation approved by the House committee also included an amendment requiring condom manufacturers to include warnings on packaging that condoms do not prevent transmission of human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted disease that can lead to cervical cancer.

Representative Tom Coburn (R-

Okla.) has demanded the condom labeling amendment accompany the bill because most women who contract cervical cancer have HPV first.

Many lawmakers question the efficacy of the amendment because it is difficult to stop the transmission of HPV and symptoms often do not appear for decades.

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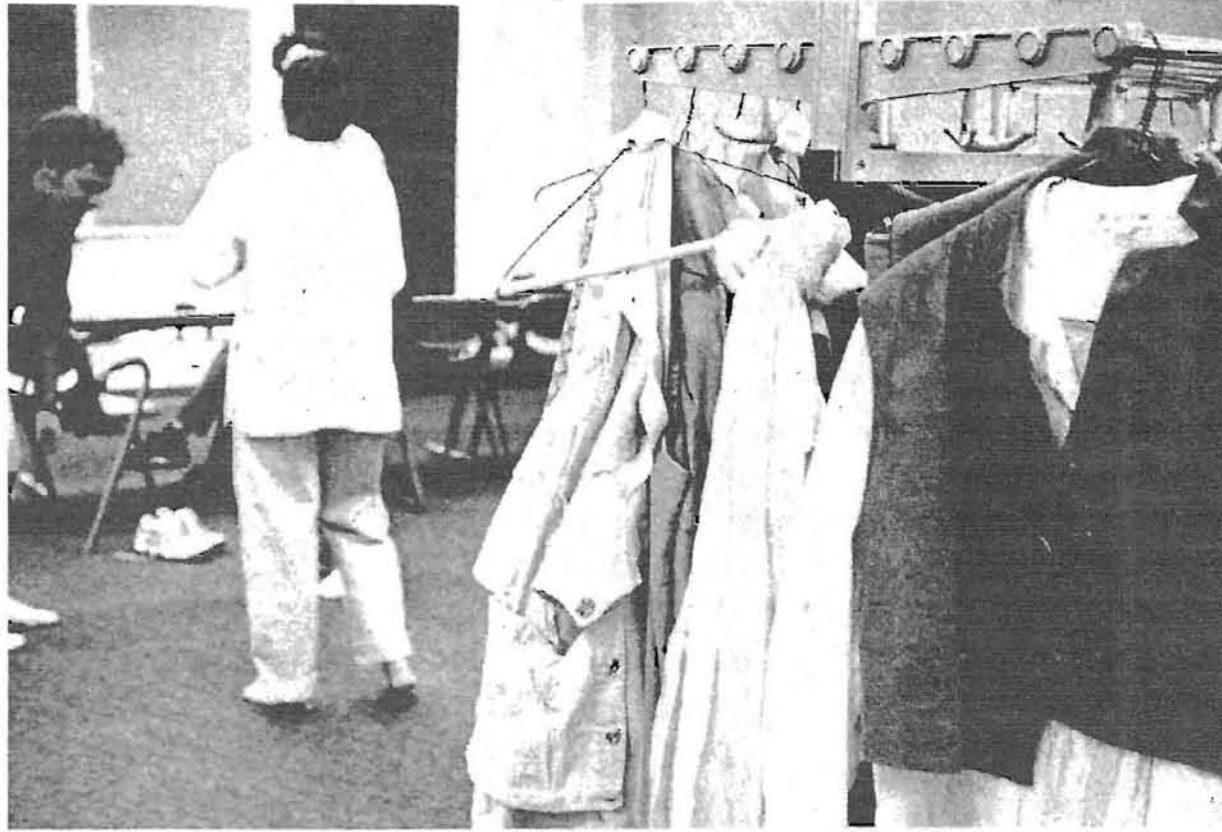
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was an enjoyable one all around. The fight scenes were choreographed well, and the emotional level was believable. It was the humor that stole the show, however. Mercutio, played by David Foubert, had the audience laughing from his first line to his last breath. Another benefit of the *Romeo and Juliet* production and other events like it, is that they are free. Rick Blanton, director of student activities, believes in putting the students' money back into student life. "It doesn't make a whole lot of sense to charge [the students] for the activity fee and then charge them for a ticket," Blanton said.

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written statement. "I find this period interesting because women were represented in a more realistic way. They were sexy without revealing every bit of their skin, and didn't have bodies sculpted by plastic surgeons. The work of "Some Girls" is a tribute to all women." Jennifer Richardson, a junior majoring in art history, works in Gallery 210. "Kit Keith is a very innovative artist who pushes boundaries to show the feminist side of life through the use of her fabrics and

mattresses," Richardson said. "By her painting faces on a different medium, it puts a name to something that's really not much of anything." Terry Suhre, director of Gallery 210, first saw Keith's work a few years ago and was so impressed by her talent he decided to make it an opening. "Keith's work shows important social issues and gender relationships relevant to our time," Suhre said. Keith has exhibited in New York

at high-prestige galleries such as Exit Art and OK Harris. One focus of Keith's work is the body image of women. "Keith calls for respect of hard-working women and the appeal for a right to a sense of sensuality of being a woman," Suhre said. Keith achieves this through the use of pin-up girls from the 1930's through the 1950's. In New York, Keith first used mattresses because they were easier to find and less expensive than stretched canvas.

Not only were mattresses more accessible, but they also convey many ideas about the history and context of beds. "Ice" is a portrait of a cold hard woman. "'Ice,' the old lady on the mattress just screams the 1940's old woman who was so traditional she just couldn't look at you if did anything new," Richardson said. "Keith's works... evoke nostalgia and naiveté. They are easy for us to enter," Suhre said.

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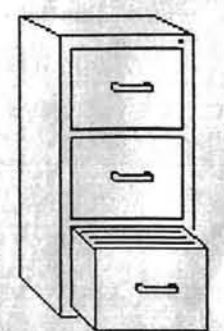
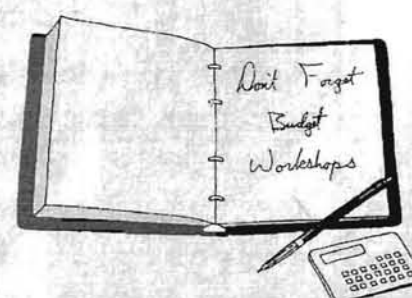
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# Beatty hints in Harvard speech that presidential run is unlikely

BY KERI HYATT  
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass.— Warren Beatty, star of the movies "Dick Tracy" and "Bulworth," took the ARCO Forum platform at Harvard University last night to voice his political views, while dispelling rumors about a run for the presidency in the upcoming election.

After fueling expectations for a more active role in politics in an opinion piece he wrote for the New York Times in September, Beatty drew attention to issues important to him during the speech, which was sponsored by the Institute of Politics.

Beatty, who last week received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from the Southern California chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, opened his speech by disputing the general feeling that America is thriving economically.

He pointed to statistics to dispel that idea, saying that one out of every three children born in L.A. live beneath the poverty line and homicide is still the leading cause of death among children under 18.

The actor bemoaned the increase in the disparity of wealth, targeting the astronomical rise of salaries of CEOs.

Harvard student Heather A. Woodruff opened the question-and-answer session by pointing to the incredibly high salaries of actors, leaving Beatty speechless.

Beatty expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of activism around these problems from the Democratic Party and asked, "Do we belong to a party that sweeps this stuff under the rug?"

He criticized the current Democratic front runners—Al Gore Jr. and Bill Bradley—for drifting too far towards the center and not offering the American people a real

choice in the elections.

The crowd broke out into applause when Beatty declared, "We don't need a third party. We need a second one."

When asked whether he would run for president, Beatty responded that he had no political consultants, but he did not block out the possibility of running in presidential elections in future years.

Diffusing attention from himself, Beatty voiced support for Mario Cuomo and Jesse Jackson, among others, as potential presidential candidates.

Throughout the speech Beatty called for extensive campaign finance reform and universal health care.

Discussing the extent to which special interests and rich lobbies control Congress, Beatty said, "If we trust democracy, it's time to pay for it," he said.

Beatty reaffirmed his pro-choice

stance on abortion and stated his opposition to the death penalty.

He also pushed for gun control, but said that nothing will happen until big money interests are taken out of politics and power taken from the lobbies, particularly the NRA.

"It's all about the money," was a mantra Beatty repeated during the talk.

Beatty represents a recent trend of pop culture figures, including Jesse Ventura, Donald Trump, and Cybill Shepherd, who are using their recognition to enter and affect politics.

Mickey Edwards, a former member of Congress and Adams Lecturer in Legislative Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, explained this recent phenomenon in an e-mail message. He wrote, "people who have achieved some measure of celebrity sometimes also achieve an over-inflated sense of their own importance."

# Bush nearly hit by truck that flipped on highway

BY KERI HYATT  
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas— Construction debris flying from an overturned tractor-trailer narrowly missed Gov. George W. Bush as he jogged on Town Lake Monday, but sent a Department of Public Safety officer to Brackenridge Hospital for about three hours.

The truck, which belonged to Longhorn Disposal, was traveling on Cesar Chavez Boulevard at 12:06 p.m. when it flipped onto its side, the Austin Police Department said.

Bush suffered minor bruises to his right leg and hip as he dove to avoid the falling debris. He was treated and released at the scene and flew to New Hampshire after the accident, the governor's office said.

"There's an old baseball term called a strawberry," Bush said in a statement. "You get a strawberry when you slide hard. I've got a

strawberry on my hip and on my leg."

Bush was on his daily jog along the Town Lake hike and bike trail with DPS Staff Sgt. Roscoe Hughey, who was escorting Bush on a bike.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said Hughey suffered no major injuries and was released from Brackenridge Hospital Monday afternoon after medical exams found a few minor bruises.

"He's very sore -- he took a beating -- but he'll be okay," he said.

Joe Cardenas, pipeline investigator for the city, was helping clear a storm drain about 70 feet away from the scene. He said he heard a loud noise that scared him.

"I turned around and there was a big crash," Cardenas said. "I said, 'Oh, my gosh, a truck just flipped over.'"

Cardenas added that once he came closer to the scene, about 20 DPS agents swarmed the site within a minute.

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be left to operate on its own for two years. At the end of two years the chartering institution would conduct a thorough evaluation of the school. In the unlikely event that the chartering institution learns that the charter school is breaking the law, the chartering institution can rescind the charter at any time prior to the two-year review.

"The quality of the proposal is the only legal ground on which the university may exercise its judgment in issuing a charter," Fitzgerald said. "To do so otherwise is to invite a lawsuit, and the legislation offers no protection in that event."

The St. Louis Board of Education charged in the lawsuit that the charter school would violate the Missouri Constitution by spending public money for private use, said Kenneth Brostron, attorney for the school board.

Brostron also claims that the Charter violated the law by not approving the charter within the 60 day time period.

"There has not been a proper

approval, therefore the charter is invalid," Brostron said.

Brostron also said that University of Missouri had no authority to reverse its initial denial. The lawsuit also claims that Columbia is the primary campus of the University system and by law, the charter must be located in a county adjacent to Columbia.

In response Fitzgerald said, "Charter schools are public schools according to the legislation. They are supported by public funds."

"Resubmission of the application is possible. We only called it a denial because it needed revision."

"There are no criteria for proper approval. The procedure is left up to the university."

Fitzgerald also said that using Columbia as the primary campus is a technicality.

Fitzgerald said that University officials recently met with TAARP to discuss replacing Beacon School.

"We are all waiting for the outcome of the lawsuit. The judge is expected to rule by December 13," Fitzgerald said.

"We are asking the judge to rule that this charter is invalid. University Missouri-St. Louis has filed a motion to dismiss the case since the school has not opened," Brostron said.

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