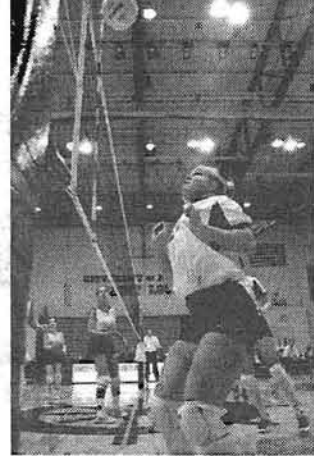


You win some, you lose some: Volleyball had some tough losses, but hockey emerged victorious once again. Read all about it on the sports page.

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Administration defends admission-standards exceptions

BY SHAVON PERKINS
staff associate

Chancellor Blanche Touhill and others defended a University report that shows a higher exception rate for this fall's incoming freshman and offered a more detailed look into the figures at the University Senate meeting on October 19.

The report shows that 40 percent of this fall's freshmen at UM-St. Louis failed to meet all admissions criteria. This rate is higher than the other three campuses. The rates were 24 percent at Kansas City, 23 percent at Rolla,

and 17 percent at Columbia.

Chancellor Touhill expressed concern over a column by Bill McClellan in the Oct. 18 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"I believe the column could lead the average reader to conclude that we are not a quality institution, and that we have an accreditation problem," Touhill said. "Nothing could be farther from the truth."

Gary Grace, vice-chancellor for Student Affairs at UM-St. Louis, has submitted a commentary to the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" to clarify the numbers and defend the students

admitted as exceptions.

Grace said that 201 of the 490 first time full-time freshmen admitted were admitted as exceptions based on case-by-case studies.

Grace said that students did not meet the admissions standards for a variety of reasons.

"A primary requirement we make exceptions for are students who have strong test scores and class ranks but might be missing a high school course. The most frequent course deficiency at [UM-St. Louis], like two other UM campuses, was due to a missing math unit," Grace said. "Many of the stu-

dents admitted with high school course deficiencies scored in the high 20s or low 30s on the ACT exam. This performance ranks them in the 94th to 98th percentile nationally.

"Another primary reason for allowing exceptions is that not all high schools rank their students," Grace said. "Should we automatically deny admissions of these students who come from institutions such as Chaminade, De Smet or St. Joseph's Academy?"

"The equation that making exceptions to the admissions standards equates with admitting students who

are otherwise inadmissible or dumb is very far from the truth," Grace said. "We knew going into this fall that we would have more exceptions; in fact, it was an intentional decision. We used research to guide our policy decision to admit more exceptions."

Grace said that the increase was anticipated when UM-St. Louis adopted a new evaluation procedure developed by Joseph Martinich, chair of the UM-St. Louis' University Senate Committee on Admissions, Recruitment, Retention, and Financial

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U-Wire News

Queen Mary haunts visitors with ghosts from history

BY DON WEBERG
Daily Forty-Niner

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif.—Stories about a mysterious woman in a white dress roaming the halls and the woman who has been seen diving into the first-class swimming pool, despite its lack of water, have been reported ever since the Queen Mary came to Long Beach Harbor and only seem to add to her allure, particularly in October.

"I had no idea the ship had ghost stories," said Jessica Moran, a California State University-Long Beach student.

During World War II, the Queen Mary was one of the most feared ships in the North Atlantic. She enraged Adolf Hitler with her elusive speed and maneuverability, prompting him to place a \$25,000 bounty on her and promise an Iron Cross to any U-boat captain who could sink her.

The Queen Mary's speed coupled with light gray coloring instead of the more easily recognized red, white and black motif made her nearly invisible to other crafts in the water.

Forty years later, a television crew left an audio recorder running overnight in the spot where the accident took place. When the tape was played back the next day sounds of banging and pounding could be heard. People who have been in that area of the ship claim they have also heard screams in the night.

In the third-class playroom, late at night, people often report sounds of a crying child.

During the ship's 60-year history, 49 deaths have occurred within her steel walls. Many people report hearing or seeing spirits from some of those tragedies every year.

Visitors to the Queen Mary have reported seeing a young, bearded man in blue coveralls walking the length of Shaft Alley in the confines of the engine room. People often ask tour guides who he is and what he does. According to Queen Mary personnel it is likely to be the spirit of John Pedder, who was crushed by a watertight door while working on routine drills.

Judge jails Butler temporarily

Butler's work release is suspended until Nov. 4 after he attended a hearing without legal counsel

BY SUE BRITT
staff editor

As the Student Government Association was meeting to discuss the future of its president Darwin Butler, Butler was at a hearing in Clayton regarding revocation of his work-release agreement.

The hearing resulted in the temporary suspension of Butler's work release. He will not be allowed to leave jail before Nov. 4 when a new hearing will be held to determine if the revocation shall become permanent. Judge David Lee Vincent III could not rule on the case permanently because Butler was not represented by legal counsel.

William Gavras, an attorney who represented Butler in a prior case said that neither he nor his partner, John Shelhorse, were representing Butler at this time.

"We weren't representing him for this," Gavras said. "We had represented him previously on his criminal matter but we were not retained to represent him in this proceeding."

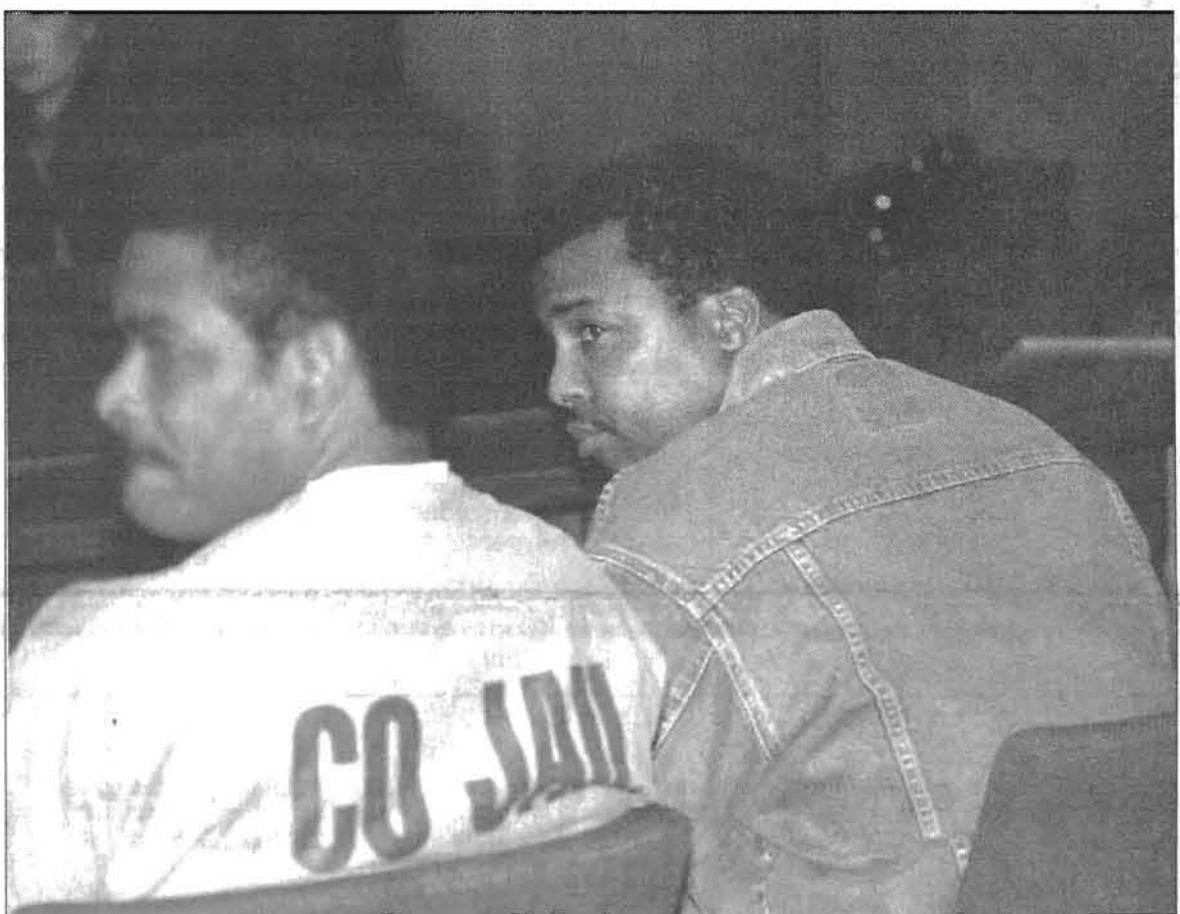
The State of Missouri filed a motion to withdraw Butler's work release authorization on Oct. 12. It said Butler had driven with a suspended license and no car insurance and that he did not have permission from Work Release to drive. The State also said that he had violated the terms of his work release when

he was given a breathalyzer and registered .11 percent. The State also mentioned a 30 day suspension of work release that had been recommended. Also, by the time of the hearing the State said they had become aware that Butler had a warrant issued from Carson City, Nevada.

In a letter in his file, Butler denied he registered a .11 percent on the breathalyzer, as the State alleges, but that he registered zeros. He also said to the judge that even though he registered zero on the machine he was sanctioned two weekend passes from work release. The Current obtained an incident report from the date to which Butler was referring which stated that when Butler reported to the Work Release program, May 10, he tested at .11 percent at 9:30 a.m. and at .00 at 1:05 p.m. Butler denies the initial test was ever conducted.

Butler also stated that he appealed the 30-day suspension of his work release recommended by the Superintendent of Work Release Center, Milton Mitchell, and that Mitchell revised his recommendation to allow Butler to serve the 30 days during weekends and the break at the end of the semester. The Current confirmed the appeal decision through court documents.

"I pray that this court recognize my efforts and good behavior in the work-release program," Butler



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Darwin Butler awaits his hearing in the St. Louis County courtroom of Judge David Lee Vincent III on Thursday Oct. 21. The hearing was to determine if Butler's work release would be revoked.

wrote, "and uphold Dr. Milton Mitchell's decision to allow me to finish the current semester and serve my (30) day suspension beginning after the semester."

Regardless of the outcome of any hearing on revoking Butler's work release in Missouri, said Alan Hart, program assistant of the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation, Butler may not be released because of

the active warrant from Nevada. Hart said the Interstate Compact Agreement, that has been signed by both Missouri and Nevada, supersedes any work release agreement Butler had with the state of Missouri.

Hart said that in June 1996 police in Carson City, Nev. were called to a domestic dispute and that Butler had left the scene before they arrived. Hart said that when Butler left he had

taken his girlfriend's car keys and gold necklace. His girlfriend pressed charges and Butler was convicted of larceny from a person. The judge gave him a two-year suspended sentence with probation. Hart said that one of the conditions of Butler's probation is that he may not commit any criminal offenses. The cases Butler is

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Mobile mammography unit provides campus screenings

BY SHAVON PERKINS
staff associate

Missouri Baptist Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit was on campus Oct. 20. The mobile unit was parked in the J.C. Penney parking lot until 3 p.m. and was visited by over twenty women seeking a screening.

The unit was invited by University Health Services for the fourth year in a row. Diane Mitchell, a staff nurse at University Health Services, was pleased with the outcome.

"We always have a good turnout when the mobile unit visits, and we will definitely invite them back again," Mitchell said.

The mobile unit is staffed by Janey Morgan, secretary, and Kay Wittenborn, mammography technician. These women take the mobile mammography unit all over St. Louis and even as far as Wentzville every day, except Sunday and two Saturdays of the month.

"The idea of the unit is to make it more convenient for ladies to get screening mammograms," Morgan said. "You get the same thing here as you would in your doctor's office, but here it is a little quicker. We take walk-ins, but it is best to schedule an



Gay Norris/The Current

Janey Morgan, a secretary for BJC Health Systems, takes health insurance information from an UMSL staff member.

appointment."

The service provides patients with a two-view screening mammogram and educational information. An X-ray evaluation and report from a team of radiologists is then forwarded to the patient's physician.

"We take the ladies' information. Then the technician gives the mam-

mogram, [and] the patient gets dressed while the technician checks for positioning in the films. The whole process usually takes ten to twenty minutes depending on how busy we are," Morgan said.

Morgan went on to say that at the

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Senate split seems likely with student support

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
of The Current staff

The proposal to modify campus governance by splitting the University Senate into two bodies is now closer to becoming a reality.

Mark Burkholder, chair of the ad hoc committee that generated the proposal, said in his report at the Tuesday Senate meeting that changes in the document had been made to reflect questions and comments raised at hearings held over the past few weeks.

The proposal calls for dividing the current University Senate into two separate bodies. One would be a Faculty Senate, charged with carrying out business that is of primarily faculty interest. The other body, the University Assembly, would address broader issues that pertain to the whole campus.

Burkholder said changes made in the proposal include the addition of another voting student member and giving the SGA president a non-voting, ex-officio role.

"We made the Student Government Association president a non-voting member and this meant that the students had 13 votes plus

then a non-voting representative. This was in direct response to the students' comments at the open hearings we held," Burkholder said.

He said the number of staff representatives was also increased to three. Burkholder said that under these changes, the total number of voting members in the Assembly would be 61.

Burkholder said in his report that only two of the committees, the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Bylaws and Rules, would be required to have a faculty senator as chairperson. He said the Chancellor would chair the Budget and Planning Committee.

Ryan Metcalf, head of the Student Senator Organization, said the rationale for making the SGA president non-voting was that, while the president is an elected student representative, the SGA and the Senate are separate, with separate agendas.

Metcalf lamented the absence of SGA representation at the committee's open hearings.

Steven Wolfe, interim vice president of the SGA, attributed the absence of SGA members to con-

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6:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25

• **Israel at 52:** Art and Culture in a Society of Diversity, featuring Marie Shek, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Southwestern Bell Telecommunity Center. A reception will follow and admission is free. For more information call 7299.

• **Percussion Ensemble,** featuring Scott Ney from the University of New Mexico, will perform in the J. C. Penney Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Don Parker at 6646 or the Music Office at 5980.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

• **Flu Shots Anyone?** For \$10 flu shots will be available in the Marillac Hall Lobby from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., the Seton Hall Lobby from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., the University Center Lobby from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Lucas Hall 3rd Floor Lobby from 5 to

• **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.

• **Interested in Catholicism—** The Newman Center will be sponsoring a lunch at 8200 Natural Bridge. For more information contact Betty Chitwood at 385-3455.

Thursday, Oct. 28

• **Scary 70's film fest,** UPB and the Spanish Club present *The Shining* at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the U-Center Lounge.

Friday, Oct. 29

• **Halloween Party at Sig Tau** will begin at 10 p.m. with admission \$3 and all proceeds going to *Books For*

Kids. There will also be costume contests throughout the night. For more information call 428-5431.

• **"The 13th Hour"** Litmag presents a scary story reading in the U-Center Student Lounge from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Come listen to the stories of the old masters or bring your own to share. Pizza and cookies will be served.

Saturday, Oct. 30

• **Halloween Bash '99,** sponsored by Sigma Pi Fraternity, will begin at 9 p.m. and will be located at 8645 Natural Bridge Road (across from Taco Bell and Popeyes. Admission is \$3 and \$1 with a costume. There will also be a costume contest with cash prizes. For more information call 426-0078.

Monday, Nov. 1

• **"Much Ado About Nothing"** The artistic director, Steve Woolf, and actors from the St. Louis Repertory Theatre will discuss this Shakespeare comedy along with Jane Williamson, associate professor of English at UM-St. Louis and Bruce Longworth, associate professor of theatre at Webster Conservatory of Theatre Arts. The presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m. in room 229 J. C. Penney Conference Center. For more information call 5699.

• **Flu Shots Anyone?** For \$10 flu shots will be available in the University Health Services, 127 Woods Hall, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

THE CAMPUS CRIMELINE

October 13, 1999

Staff at the Mark Twain Building reported that between Oct. 12, and Oct. 13, \$40 in cash was stolen from an office in the building.

October 15, 1999

Staff at the Social Science Building Computer Lab, Room 134, reported that between 12:50 and 1:45 p.m., a Hewlett-Packard lap top computer was stolen. A security cable had been cut.

A campus visitor reported that at 5:30 p.m., an unknown male entered the women's restroom, first floor of the Social Science Building.

The person proceeded to watch her from an adjoining stall. All attempts to locate the person were unsuccessful.

A student reported that between Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. and Oct. 15, at 5:30 p.m., a pair of headlight covers were stolen from his vehicle which was parked at the Honors College.

October 16, 1999

University Police responding to a loud party and screaming at 2 a.m., arrested a student for peace disturbance and assault. A second person who was not a student was also arrested for peace disturbance.

Warrants will be applied for at the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office.

A staff person reported that between 5:30 and 7:55 p.m., her vehicle was broken into and various clothing items inside a yellow Nike bag were taken. The right passenger side window was broken out while the vehicle was parked at the Kathy Weinman Center on South Campus.

October 18, 1999

A student reported that on Oct. 15, between 11 a.m. and 12:05 p.m., her student handicap parking permit was stolen from her vehicle which had been parked on the first level of parking

garage "C". The doors of the vehicle had not been locked and the parking permit was lying on the dash.

A person was arrested on campus on outstanding arrest warrants from the City of Bel Ridge.

October 19, 1999

A faculty member reported receiving a threatening telephone call from a former student on Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. The message was left on the faculty member's voice mail. The investigation will continue.

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

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Trick Or Treat

From Austin Powers to Anakin everyone's dressing up

BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

Christmas wrapping paper may be lining the shelves, and some stores may have already put up their Christmas trees, but that does not justify any reason to forget the festivities of Halloween. That would be the best part, which entails getting the chance to return to childhood and dress-up in any costume.

Many trends this Halloween will shock and delight, maybe even cause an evil cackle, when willing ghouls and ghosts don their scare gear.

If anyone felt sad last Halloween leaving their favorite pooch at home while they adorned a costume and partied, they should not face that problem this year. One of the biggest trends this year is Halloween costumes for dogs.

The daily defenders of their masters, these loyal pups should be thrilled (or maybe chilled) when they are dressed to be Dracula or that '70s dog with a tie dye shirt.

For the adults who are really children at heart, the popular get-up this Halloween includes Austin Power's costumes in the decor of the '60s and '70s, or to go in a different direction in the same genre, try the discoteque look.

Another hot this year are costumes of new Star Wars characters such as Darth Maul and Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Jenny Overkamp, of Halloween Express in Chesterfield Mall, gives

this advice to parents selecting a disguise for their children. Kids do not want to be Anakin Skywalker because the character is a child. Children do not want to dress as their own age, Overkamp said, as it tends to destroy the fantasy motif of Halloween.

Overkamp also has noticed that Teletubbies have lost their popularity with children as well.

"One new thing is jelly-filled blood [containers] for masks and chest s," Overkamp said.

These new types of gore include a pumpable heart with a clear plastic membrane so that the moving liquids are visible.

Overkamp says the standard leopard costumes have remained fashionable. All that is needed is a body suit with ears, a tail, and whiskers to transform anyone into a feline, canine, or pig.

Other easy looks include the nerd look with the pocket protector, taped glasses, and bow tie.

One trend that surprises Overkamp is that this year many people are shopping early for their Halloween selection.

For the cross dressers, the look can be achieved by kits like Hula Dancer Harry, Pom Pom Paul, Beauty Queen Bubba, or Marvin the Maid.

For more traditional participants, the Renaissance look has made a return to the Halloween scene.

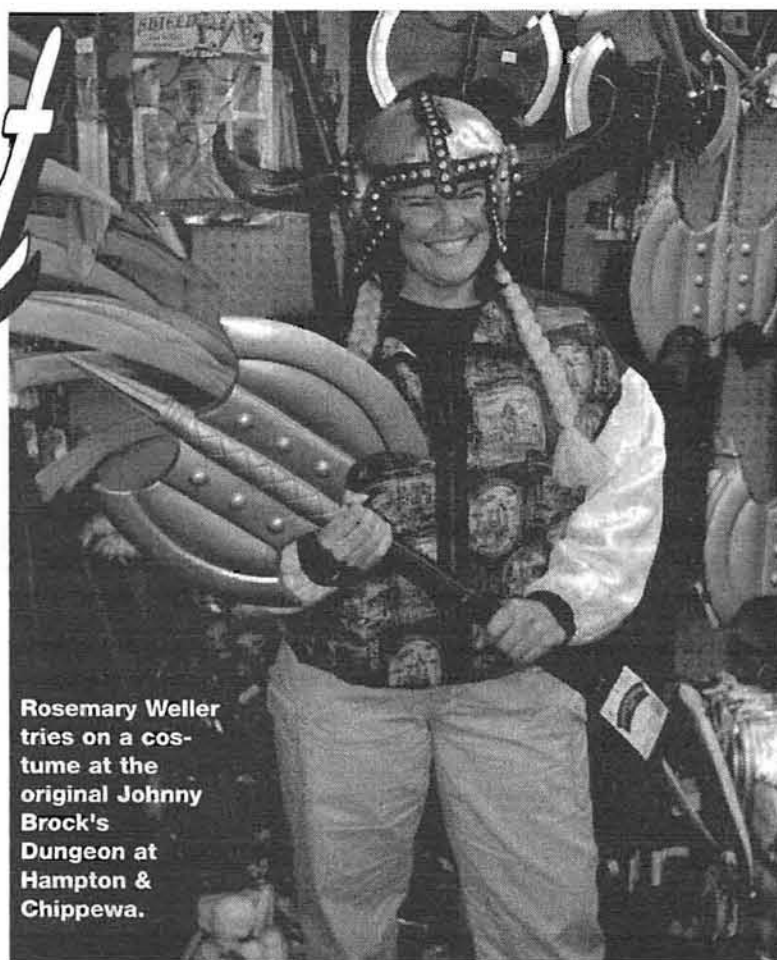
Places such as Johnny Brock's

Dungeon and Party Trends and Halloween Trends provide the best selection of costumes for any budget or look. Last-minute shoppers can find costumes at Schnucks or Walgreens, but they won't find they selection that they would at specialty shops.

Jennifer Breeding, an associate at Johnny Brock's Dungeon in Ballwin, has sold the same items as last Halloween.

"It's just the basic blood, guts, and gore. Just the same stuff," Breeding said.

Jesse Figueroa / The Current



Rosemary Weller tries on a costume at the original Johnny Brock's Dungeon at Hampton & Chippewa.



(From left to right) John Pinkowski, Rebecca Hayes, Cindy, and Rick Pinkowski at the Original Johnny Brock's Dungeon at Hampton & Chippewa.

Women's Fair stages issue discussions

BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

More community organizations were represented at the Women's Education Fair than meet in the J.F.K. Airport in New York City on any given day.

The fair was held at Prince Hall Family Support Center from 9 until noon on Oct. 23. Prince Hall, located at 4411 North Newstead in St. Louis, provided a local meeting ground for all attending, and it was the first time any event of this sort has been held there. The fair was free and open to the public.

The idea of the Women's Educational Fair originated with the Women's Forum two years ago. The

concept evolved when students wanted to make the event more community oriented. The ending result became the fair.

UM-St. Louis sponsors the gathering of resources and also includes some University offices, such as the Office of Financial Aid and Alumni Association.

Different panels discussed issues entailing "Academic Success and Coping Stress" and "Career Decision Making."

Pat Hall, a counselor in the S.T.A.R.S. program, worked on the two panels for the fair.

"We are hoping that our message will encourage the women to take the next steps to attain additional education," Hall said.

Bridgette Jenkins, a psychologist in Counseling Services, helped

arrange this event with Linda Royal, the interim director of the Women's Center.

"We thought 'What do we need to know in order for women to reclaim their dreams?'" Jenkins said.

Jenkins explained that many times women lose sight of their desires when they have children.

Money also hinders many people from continuing their education as well.

"Many people will be concerned about how are we going to pay for this," Jenkins said.

To show potential students their options, Jenkins and Royal decided to offer three presentations called "Where's the Money?" and a table with data about scholarships and grants.

"Free money is great money," Jenkins said.

The idea about achieving any dream is represented by many groups and organizations, both private and public.

The U.S. Army, Navy, and Marines were in attendance along with many universities such as Webster and Maryville.

The St. Louis Community College took part as well.

To serve those with other ambitions, Vatterott College, Sanford Brown College, St. Louis Hair Academy, and Elaine Steven Beauty College will be represented.

"We knew [last year's event] validated the need for women that attended. Many left asking when there would be another," Jenkins said.

Jenkins believes that when students participate and inquire about such events, it shows what vital role they have in the community and the University.

"The Women's Education Fair is a community service event. One goal is to reach out to the people of St. Louis and take the show to them," Royal said.

Many of the government agencies in Prince Hall, such as Work Ways, and Futures (BCCCP), have publicized this fair to their clients, which is one of the advantages Royal feels the location provides.

"We have had a large number of responses, and we have a lot of support from offices on campus and from the offices at Prince Hall," Royal said.

For more information or to register call Jenkins at (314) 516-5711.

Campus residential life houses diverse student population

BY CHARMANE MALONE
special to The Current

The University of Missouri-St. Louis has a new growing community. According to Lisa L. Grubbs, campus housing director, it makes up only 2 percent of the population but has won the University's Outstanding Student Organization Award for the past two years. This group is the Residential Hall Association (RHA).

UM-St. Louis, traditionally a commuter campus, opened its first dormitory in 1991 at Honors Hall. The first residents were 19 students who resided with nuns in the convent. Since then, the residential community expansions have included the acquisition of Honors Hall (a coed dorm), Seton Hall (the women-only dorm), South Campus Residents Hall (the coed 20-and-over dorm) and a few

condos in Mansion Hill but the residents of the condo must be 21 or older to live in the condos. Residents' fees vary according to room size plus the cost of the food plan. The dorms are 98 percent filled with a waiting list.

Who lives on campus?

"We do not have a typical student... We have freshmen, returning older students, graduate students, and international students," Grubbs said.

With growth comes problems. The RHA serves as an advocate for resident students who want to keep fees from rising, who don't want to pay fees for parking their cars at the dormitory, want to have 24-hour visitation rights on weekend, and want food service between 2:30 p.m. on Friday and Monday morning.

These issues are just some of the things the nationally and regionally award-winning RHA addresses. The governing board and its many com-

mittees are made up of residents. Each hall elects two representatives to participate in the two monthly meetings and the one executive board meeting of an elected official. The association works closely with the residential life office and Grubbs, the RHA staff advisor.

The main objectives for the RHA this year are to continue to get feedback for student activities from the residents, to possibly increase fees, to develop policy and to change visitation rules.

UM-St. Louis' residential community is small in comparison to other area universities - University of Missouri-Columbia, St. Louis University and Washington University - which are traditionally residential colleges.

"There are benefits to us being a small community... People are sometimes surprised when they call my

office inquiring about a student and I can tell them from memory if the student is one of mine and which hall they reside in," Grubbs said.

Adam Billy, a graduate student studying criminology, can see the drastic differences in being part of a large residential community as opposed to a smaller one. While attending Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, he was one of 6,000 living on campus for five years. Billy says one of the positive things about living in such a large community was the 24 hour access to food services. Now a residents assistant (RA) in South Campus Residents Hall, he enjoys the closeness of a smaller community.

"I was thinking about living in an apartment when moving to St. Louis, but I am happy I chose to stay on campus because I didn't know anyone," Billy said.

Ann Bremer, a transfer student from the University of Michigan, agrees with Billy on the positive reasons for living in a smaller community. Bremer is also the RHA representative of South Campus Residential Hall.

RHA not only provides a voice for its residents, it also shares in the responsibility of making a difference in the surrounding community. This year, they are having their annual haunted hall in Seton Hall on Oct. 31 which is open to the neighborhood children. On Nov. 2, they are having a "Drive-by Raking" where residents drive around the Bel-Nor community and ask for permission to rake the owner's yards.

For any questions concerning upcoming events, RHA meetings, or residents information, contact Lisa Grubbs at the residential life office, 516-6877.

Revenge of the nerds: Why Urkel's hot and Fabio's not



GET THIS!

AMY LOMBARDO

I have this thing about guys that are, shall we say, somewhat lacking in the area of "cool." In other words, I always fall for the dorks.

A few years ago, I waited for an hour after a comedy show to meet John Stewart. (I still have the flyer he signed, "Amy- You in fact rule! John Stewart". Sigh!) I have seen every Adam Sandler movie ever made and know the words to "Medium Pace" by heart. I watch the television series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" religiously, but it's not the dark brooding hunk that catches my attention. My idea of an angel is the fumbling sidekick, 'Xander,' played by Nicholas Brendon. I even stayed home on

many a Friday and Saturday winter night in order to watch Kurt Browning figure skate in countless competitions. I even videotaped the performances. And yes, I am considering seeking help for this particular obsession.

Needless to say, I started to develop quite a complex. Was I some kind of freak? Why was I fawning over the Urkels when there were all these Pitts out there?...That description may not have been as phonetically convincing as I intended, but the essence is sound. I was under the impression that most females went for the tall, dark and handsome smooth-talkers that could sweep a girl off her feet

quicker than an experienced janitor. (I made that comparison up all by myself!) Wasn't the typical heart-throb the spitting image of James Bond with his suave ways and natural coolness. But, I figured I could be wrong. It had happened once before. I decided to ask around and see if any other girls suffered from this weird phenomenon.

I found out I have plenty of company. In fact, the vast majority of girls I asked preferred Chandler to Joey. I was not alone!

The world is just full of dork-lovers. If there is a large number of women out there who shared my views, there must be a reasonable

explanation.

Taking a closer look at what all my picks have that Fabio doesn't, there is one constant throughout my line-up: a good sense of humor.

My boys aren't full-fledged nerds, they are more on the level of class clown. They actually have a very distinct blend of characteristics.

Laughter is the best feeling in the world.

Well, it's up there in the Top Three. When someone can make you giggle or guffaw, there's an undeniable positive connection. There's nothing mysterious about being attracted to someone who makes you feel good. This theory explains so

many questions I had about pre-scandal Woody Allen fans, by the way.

For those women who feel guilty for having fantasies about Conan O'Brien, or even Andy Richter for that matter, stop.

Don't be embarrassed, we've all done it. It's a perfectly natural way to feel, nothing to be ashamed about at all. I think if more women have the courage to admit their true feelings, we can make the world a more friendly place for the cool-challenged. Or, we could keep it to ourselves and save all the geeks for ourselves.

I suppose it's too a little late for that, though. Oops!

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Thoughts for Today

"Living with a saint is more grueling than being one."

-Robert Neville
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Anybody Ever Said

"A city is a large community where people are lonsome together."

-Herbert Prochnow
Credit: Famous Quotations Network

"Before I met my husband, I had never fallen in love, though I'd stepped in it a few times."

-Rita Rudner
Credit: Famous Quotations Network

"Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else."

-Ogden Nash
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Anybody Ever Said

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OUR OPINION

Felons, no-confidence, no requirements, oh my!

The issue:

The UM-St. Louis campus has been under fire lately for a number of reasons: our SGA president has been found to be a convicted felon, several faculty members have made a vote of no confidence in Chancellor Touhill, UM-St. Louis has been accused of admitting too many students who are not qualified.

We suggest:

Things are not as bad as they seem. People need to look at the whole picture. Some of these facts are distorted. There are two sides to every story and these issues need to be looked at in more of a neutral fashion.

So what do you think?

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

The *Current* staff would like the world to know that we chose to come to the University of Missouri-St. Louis because we wanted to be represented by a convicted felon. We wanted to avoid experiencing student life. We wanted to have to park on the far side of the moon. We wanted to be in class with students that don't qualify to be here. And most importantly, we wanted our University to be guided by a Chancellor that no one has any confidence in.

But before we or any other students attempt to transfer out of state or hide the true identity of our degrees, we need to be realistic and look at the whole picture.

True, the student body is being represented by a man that is a convicted felon. Okay, so Darwin Butler's actions have negatively affected the image of the school. On the up side, we are sure that more people will be voting in next years SGA election. It was a difficult lesson to learn, but we believe people have finally realized that their vote does count.

To address the never-ending complaint about student life, we would like to say that UM-St. Louis does have a student life, just not on campus. Students do get involved with volunteer organizations and make a difference in

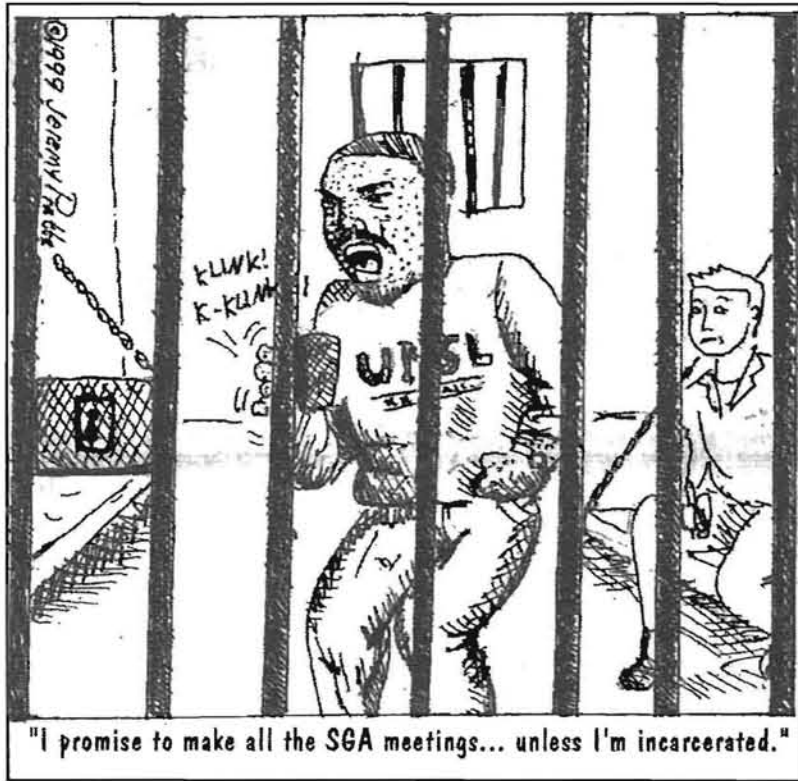
other people's lives. But for those of you that want to do something on campus, open your eyes. There have been several great lectures and performances on campus in the last month. Some people still complain that this does not constitute "campus life." We're sorry, but we doubt that the University will be sanctioning any drunken orgies in the near future to promote campus life.

The lack of close parking has been improved by a new garage with 600 parking spaces on West Drive. But if that is not enough, you could always petition the chancellor for a parking space in the middle of the Founder's Circle.

Returning to a more serious topic, *The Current* would like to applaud the University for taking a chance on students that did not fulfill all the requirements of the University of Missouri system. Most of those students lacked only one high school unit of math. UM-St. Louis students come from many diverse backgrounds. Not all high schools in the area offer enough units of a subject to let the student qualify for the UM system. Should this exclude these students from getting further education? No. When this story was first reported on in *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the writer used percentages extensively. The percentages did not tell the full facts behind the story. The article did not fully answer why UM-St. Louis chose to enroll these students. It also failed to ask how these students are now performing in college. Believe or not, UM-St. Louis is full of intelligent and qualified people.

The Current would like to also point out that it was a select committee of the Faculty Council that voted no-confidence in Chancellor Touhill's leadership. There are only ten members on the committee. We believe that it is unfair to say the University as a whole does not have confidence in the Chancellor when the entire Faculty Council has yet to come to a decision on the matter.

So with these issues straightened out, we know that students will realize that they do not have to transfer to a different school and that they will receive a quality education from a reputable university.



"I promise to make all the SGA meetings... unless I'm incarcerated."

LETTERS

Take another look at what's going on

While Darwin Butler, president of SGA, may not be the "traditional" student president, he does serve a need of the student body, discussion of several relevant areas:

1. Race prejudice
2. Apathy of voters
3. Stereotyping (Felons)

Yes, race prejudice is alive at UM-St. Louis. Note the lack of black instructors. I have taken 13 classes at UM-St. Louis and have not had one black professor. Not the lack of black construction workers on the large construction projects on campus. The *Current* reported this last year.

These are glaring facts and amazing considering the surrounding large black population with a wealth of talent, abilities and skills. Yes, I am sure someone can come up with all kinds of technical justifications, but it pretty much comes down to white institutions and their prejudice rules and networking

(good old boy/girl system). Isn't this exactly why groups were protesting by shutting down I-70? Now if this is what is glaring on the surface what subtle forms are underneath? Ignorance is not bliss; it is death. Take a lesson.

Mr. Butler won the election not because of apathy but because he got out there and worked for it. He met and asked the student body for their vote. A breath of fresh air to most of the students who hold full-time jobs and work toward our degrees. See we aren't apathetic, but a non-traditional student body, most of which don't live on or hang out on campus through the day. We live very busy lives, and the student government needs to recognize that fact. Take a lesson.

Butler's felony conviction brings up the area of living in reality. A felony conviction can range from murder to getting into a disagreement with a policeman over a

ticket. There are lots of felony acts committed daily by lots of regular and "good" people, most are not prosecuted. Why? Lots of reasons: money, safety within a group, privilege. Many people have lived a life that has not placed them in jeopardy for prosecution. It does not mean they have not committed a felony act. Take a lesson.

The ethics of business are not what is legal, but a question of cost comparisons of an action. Is it cheaper to stay within the law or to defend against litigation (attorneys fee, wrongful death litigation, bad customer reaction to such litigation, fines and penalties) or change the law (lobbyist, campaign funds, etc.) Take a lesson.

We need to use this opportunity to discuss, listen and learn. Mr. Butler has given us quite a gift.

-Carol Klaus

Take pride in your University while you're still here

Last week I got an e-mail from a former *Current* editor. The e-mail contained information about other former editors and what they were currently doing career-wise.

Then I went to the Executive Forum fiasco. After the smoke had cleared, I started putting that e-mail and my experience with Student Government Association presidential situations together. I began to think about graduation, and more specifically, what it means to be an alum of UM-St. Louis.

I was never supposed to even be here, let alone graduate from here. I started at another school in the University of Missouri system but came back when an internship opportunity became available in St. Louis.

When I first started here, I was your typical apathetic student. I came to campus as late as I could and left as early as I could. I was ignorant of my surroundings and how they affected me as a student. I had an off-campus job and off-campus friends, so I really did not want to be around campus any more than I had to be.

Through my internship opportunity, I became involved with the paper and my views started to change. I became interested in the politics of the campus and current events. My awareness increased and so too did the number of friends I had on campus.

I realized that the quality of education I was getting here was far superior than that of its counterpart to which I had attended. My campus pride increased at that time, and I started spending more and more time on campus.

So I am thinking of the personal changes within myself during my time here and I'm thinking of the e-mail while the ring-

ing from the Executive Forum's noise level was still in my ears. I realize that graduating from this University has a lot of benefits.

UM-St. Louis is well-respected in the St. Louis area, and I have met a wide variety of people in my time here. Having a convicted felon as the student body president may be an embarrassment for some, but instead I focus on the good times I have had as a UM-St. Louis student.

The late nights putting the paper together, the interesting people I have met, and the friends that I will have for a lifetime are just a few of the memories I will take with me long after I walk down the aisle in May.

I realize now that these memories are what makes up the most of what it is to be an alum. Memories instill pride, memories can take us back to happier times when we are down, and most importantly, no one can take them away.

So I glance back to the e-mail. The editors on this list have been very successful. I think back to the former editors I know who are not included on the list. They are doing well also. I begin to think that I am just another in a long line of journalists with a proud heritage—UM-St. Louis' heritage.

I wonder if any of them ever took the time to think about what it is to be an alum of UM-St. Louis. I wonder what memories they have.

Then I go to class and see the typical apathetic students rushing to get off campus as soon as possible. What memories will they take away? How much pride will they have in being a UM-St. Louis alum?

The truth might be pretty sad.



JOE HARRIS
editor-in-chief

Preparation for the coming of 2000

When I was a kid, the year 2000 seemed so far away. It seemed like forever before the year would get here. Maybe it was all the hype with movies like "2001-A Space Odyssey" or even the Jetsons, but something really made me look forward to the year, as if the year 2000 was a marker by which everything would change. With just a little more than two months left in the old century, I could care less.

When I was a kid, I remember sitting around trying to figure out how old I would be. The closer the actual New Year gets, the less important it really seems. Not that any new year is really much different from the next. The celebration this year was going to be different. Maybe all the Y2K hype

really took a lot of the edge away. The thought of total anarchy from computers crashing doesn't really make me look forward to that day. With all the preparation, though, I doubt much will go wrong. A few Colecovisions will

crash, but all else should be fine. The hype has gotten too much though. Every new music album seems to have 2000 in it. It is the new "in" thing. Give it a rest already people. Time has been going on for billions upon billions of years.

What does our year have anything to do with disaster?

Aren't the Chinese in Y4K already? While I am disappointed with the hype surrounding the new year, I think it will be kinda neat to write 2000 for the first time.



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Under Current

by Rafael Macias
staff photographer

If they made a movie of your life, what Hollywood actor would play you?



Anani Adzoh
Freshman/Mech. English

"
Denzel Washington, because he is a natural actor.
"



Cryslynn Biggs
Sophomore/Mass Comm.

"
Angela Bassett. She is really strong, although she doesn't look anything like me.
"



Greg Reynolds
Junior/History

"
Corey Haim. He is a smart ass.
"



Heather Ramsey
Junior/Business

"
Sandra Bullock, she may have to dye her hair a little bit, but she's fun.
"

Hockey thrashes Wheaton

Defense keys 13-2 victory, Ice men go 3-0



Stephanie Platt/The Current

John Winkler (16), Matt Hessel (3) and Joe Figgemeier (24) celebrate a Rivermen goal in their 13-2 win against Wheaton Friday.

BY NICK BOWMAN
special to The Current

The Rivermen continue to romp through the Midwest American Collegiate Hockey Association, this time with a 13-2 dismantling of Wheaton, Friday night at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Chesterfield.

Anchored by forwards Dave Hessel and John Winkler, the offense has been nothing short of spectacular, scoring 33 goals in three games.

"Dave has been on fire this year," said Goaltender Nate Frankenburger, "and his effort has really helped this team's morale."

The defense is playing like never before, allowing only 1.7 goals per game, while scoring 2.3. Brothers Jason and Matt Hessel have combined for seven points and a plus/minus rating of +24. Team thug Craig Duffy's 12 penalty minutes leads the team, giving them a physical presence.

"When your defense is playing at this high of a level, that really brings up your team's intensity," said Frankenburger. "This gives our goal-tenders a lot of confidence, and our offense really benefits. They always seem to have possession, and they are

great at converting these to points."

Goaltender Dan Shuerman showed his confidence, as he stopped 28 of the 30 shots that he faced in the contest, keeping his save percentage at 90.48%.

This team shows great transition between the zones, and the results of this have been marvelous. With 142 shots on goal, the Rivermen defense is outshooting the offense two to one.

If there is one flaw in this team, it would have to be the power play, which has only produced one goal, scored by Matt Hessel.

But the penalty killing unit has more than picked up the slack, as the Rivermen have four shorthanded goals, while maintaining a 100 percent kill percentage.

The Rivermen are currently ranked No. 2 in the MACHA, and UM-St. Louis is starting to be considered the favorite to take the postseason tournament in February. However, first the team has to stay focused throughout the season.

"We have a great team, but we also have a young team," said Frankenburger. "In order to take the tourney this year, we have to stay focused all year long, and not let suc-

cess early on spoil our concentration."

The next game for the Rivermen is against conference leader Illinois and it will be a challenge. Illinois stands at 6-0, and they have put up very similar numbers to UM-St. Louis. If the Rivermen can beat them, they will sit alone at the top of the standings.

Then the only challenge will be to stay there.

Top Five Rivermen Plus/Minus Leaders

Name	Rating
1) Matt Hessel	+17
2) John Winkler	+17
3) Craig Duffy	+15
4) Dave Hessel	+13
5) Two tied at	+11

Men lose two key games

BY NICK BOWMAN
special to The Current

The Rivermen soccer team lost two 1-0 games to Great Lakes Conference rivals Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis.

The first game against Wisconsin-Parkside tested the Rivermen stamina as the game ran well into the evening hours before Wisconsin-Parkside won it well into the second overtime.

"It was a very long game," said Chris Stockman, "but our team never felt like we were out. The intensity was there throughout the entire match."

Stockman, along with defenders Kevin Pierce and Eric Wilson, showed great defensive effort throughout the entire match holding Wisconsin-Parkside to seven shots, and really giving goalkeeper Kevin McCarthy a chance to read the Wisconsin-Parkside attack.

"McCarthy was outstanding throughout the game," said Head Coach Tom Redmond. "This weekend he was up against some incredible talent, as both our opponent's goalies were All-Americans."

The defensive three suffered a setback toward the end of the second half as Stockman went down with a concussion, and was forced to sit out the rest of the weekend.

"I really don't remember the play that well," said Stockman. "Another player and I were both chasing an errant ball, and we just collided."

Midway through the second overtime, Wilson received a red card and on the restart Wisconsin-Parkside put the game away with a crossover goal at the 111th minute.

The second game was against conference leader Lewis (7-0-2).

The Rivermen had some holes to fill in their backfield due to the losses of Stockman and Wilson, but benefitted from another solid game by McCarthy.

Lewis' All-American goalie Andrew Barks let nothing by him, stopping all 13 shots faced.

It was a very tight game until late in the 86th minute, when Lewis finally found the back of the net for the game winner.

Volleyball loses marathon match

BY RACHAEL QUIGLEY
special to The Current

The disappointing season for the UM-St. Louis volleyball team continued as they played host to Bellarmine in a crucial conference match-up and lost in a grueling, two hour five set, 15-13, 15-13, 10-15, 6-15, and 7-15.

Defensively, St. Louis played a good game with 117 defensive digs and 13 total team blocks. Bellarmine had 108 defensive digs and only seven total team blocks.

The Riverwomen started out strong, coming from behind to win the first two sets, recording 31 kills and keeping Bellarmine to 25 kills.

Defense and a two set lead were not enough for UM-St. Louis to hold onto their momentum, however, as they allowed Bellarmine to climb back into the match, making several errors and serving poorly.

The Riverwomen committed 16 errors in the last three sets compared with just eight by Bellarmine. Overall, St. Louis had 28 errors to Bellarmine's 20.

Bellarmine also dominated the service game with 11 aces and holding St. Louis to just four. The Riverwomen also recorded 15 service errors to Bellarmine's 11.

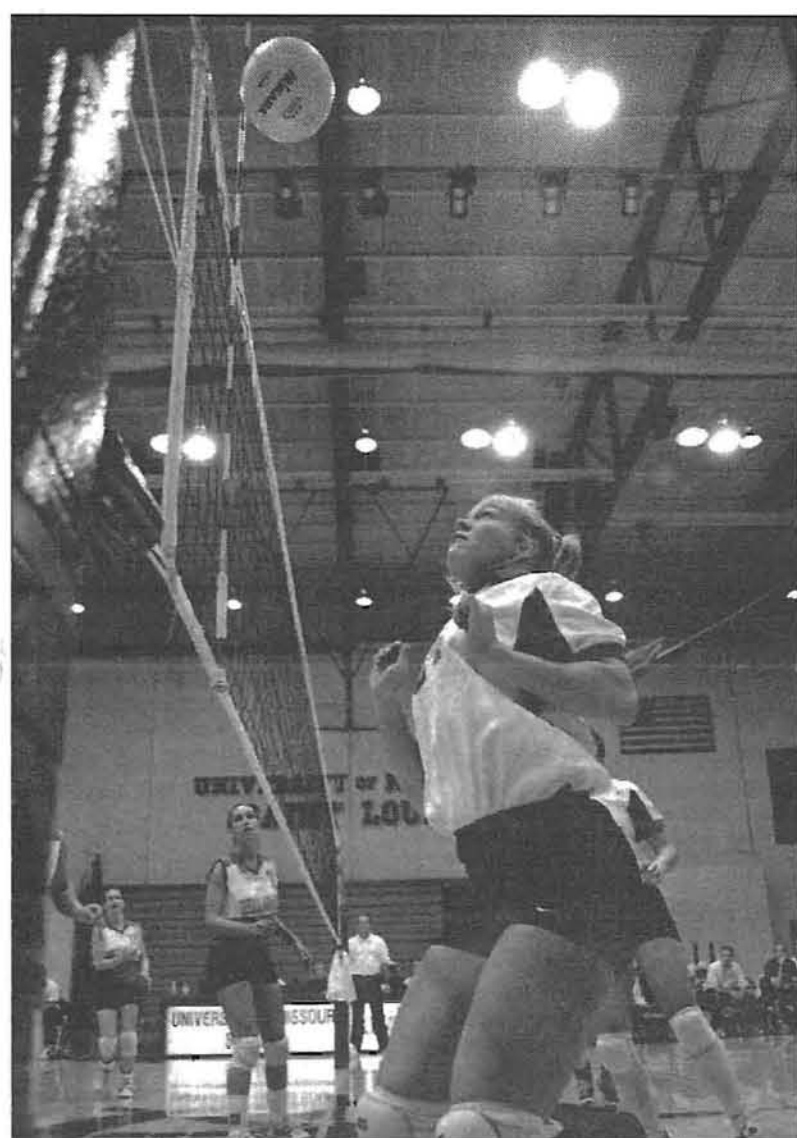
Leaders offensively for St. Louis

included Holly Zrout, who lead the team with 17 kills, along with teammates Michelle Hochstatter and Nicole Wall, who each recorded 13 kills.

With the loss, the Riverwomen are now 7-13 overall and 3-7 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

STANDINGS

Team	GLVC Record
Blue Division	
1) IUPU-Ft. Wayne	11-1
2) SIU-Edwardsville	9-2
3) St. Joseph's	7-5
4) Wisconsin-Parkside	6-5
5) Lewis	5-6
6) Indianapolis	4-7
Green Division	
1) Northern Kentucky	11-0
2) Bellarmine	7-5
3) UM-St. Louis	3-8
4) Southern Indiana	3-9
5) Quincy	2-8
6) Kentucky Wesleyan	0-12



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Nicole Wall sends the ball back over the net in UM-St Louis' five-set loss to Bellarmine.

Wins improve women's tourney chances

BY RACHAEL QUIGLEY
special to The Current

With their postseason hanging in the balance, the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team traveled to Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis for two must-win conference match-ups. The Riverwomen were not denied and posted wins against the two adversaries, keeping alive their Great Lakes Valley Conference title hopes.

The Riverwomen's first must-win game came against Wisconsin-Parkside. UM-St. Louis came out firing, dominating the first half offensively with five goals.

"We came out great in the first half," said Head Coach Beth Goetz.

"We shot some corners, which we had been having problems with, and scored three goals off the corner kicks."

The second half, however, brought trouble for the Riverwomen as their defense broke down, allowing Wisconsin-Parkside to climb back into the contest.

"In the second half, we had a horrible 15-minute period," Goetz said. "We played terrible, and they got three goals."

The offensive explosion in the first half proved vital for UM-St. Louis as they held on to edge out Wisconsin-Parkside by a score of 5-4.

The Riverwomen's next hurdle to postseason play came against Lewis.

It was a hard fought game that was decided by defense.

"We've had trouble with our defense," said Goetz, "but we played the best defense we've had all year."

UM-St. Louis played aggressively and refused to back down in a game that became treacherous.

"The game got pretty rough," Goetz said. "We had a couple of girls taken down in the box. They took another girl down, and we ended up getting a penalty kick, which Carrie Marino tucked right in."

Marino's penalty kick was the only goal in the game and was enough to help the Riverwomen post a 1-0 win over Lewis.

UM-St. Louis' title hopes were not

the only thing that made the game exciting for the Riverwomen. Senior Carrie Marino, who added five goals in the matches against Wisconsin and Lewis, is now just five points away from shattering the all-time scoring record for the women's soccer team, held by Jenni Burton with 151 points.

The wins against Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis have made the goal of postseason play likely. Lewis would have to win their next two games, and UM-St. Louis lose their next two games, for the Riverwomen not to make the GLVC tournament.

The wins improve the Riverwomen's record to 7-8-1 overall and 5-4 in conference play.

Same teams, different year makes World Series boring



LATEST SCOOP

DAVE KINWORTHY

I don't know if it is just me, but this year's World Series is boring. We get to see the Atlanta Braves and the New York Yankees play in a contest that we have already seen before.

I was just devastated when the Mets walked home the winning run in Game Six of the National League Championship Series.

The Braves have control of the National League and it is getting very old, very quickly.

Are the Braves going to choke again this year when it comes time to face a team with equally as good pitching as them? It really doesn't matter to me because there is no

point to watch the two dominant teams of the 90s battle it out again.

It might just be me, but the World Series would have been more interesting if either team did not make it.

In the American League, if Boston were to make it back to the World Series, I would have loved to see Pedro Martinez shine in the spotlight while viewing St. Louis' own Brian Daubach, the potential Rookie of the Year in the American League.

Boston would have been a challenge for the dominant Atlanta Braves pitching staff. What would the Braves do if the pitching could

not get it done? Chipper Jones to the rescue again?

In the National League, if the Mets would have beaten the Braves, the state of New York would go into a frenzy and go crazy for the remainder of the '99 season. An all-New York World Series would have been a fantastic thing to watch. Seeing the Mets' great infield play versus the versatility of the Yankees would have made headlines every game.

I know that it is worthless to continue harping on the absolutely boring World Series this one will be, but I just don't like seeing the same team hoisting the champagne

every year.

What it all boils down to is money, and these franchises have the currency to spend to make a contender a champion. If this dictatorship between the all-superior, financially secure teams doesn't stop soon, the smaller markets will be forced to bail out of the professional league all together.

Baseball is America's pastime, but with the way things are headed in Major League Baseball, what's next?

Will the Milwaukee Brewers be forced to go under because they cannot compete for top-of-the-line players? Will the Montreal Expos

become extinct because of the currency in Canada and the lack of fan support? Will the Detroit Tigers ever get off the ground in their newly built stadium?

The only solution for this is to create a real salary cap where each team is limited to spending certain amounts each year. The ballclubs that are never in contention will then have the opportunity to compete for players like Greg Maddux or Bernie Williams.

Baseball is a great sport to watch and play, but the Major League owners should not allow money to control and dictate which team makes the playoffs each year.

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2 p.m., Sat. Oct. 30

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Creepy Crawl

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Buck-O-Nine, The Rabies
& Link 80
Mississippi Nights

Live w/ Cibo Matto
American Theatre

Modern-day adaption of Bard's classic comedy is now running at St. Louis Repertory Theatre

BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER
staff editor

"Much Ado About Nothing" is one of the most popular Shakespearean comedies, with good reason. It's both accessible by all and funny. The story centers on two couples: one pair, Claudio and Hero, a more conventional romance; and the other pair, Benedick and Beatrice, who needle and bait each other endlessly. It is this second pair that provides most of the comedy in the tale.

This latest production of the play is now running at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. The time period and locale of the play changes from its original Italian villa in Shakespeare's time to somewhere in the American Midwest shortly after the end of World War I. Shifting a Shakespearean play to a different historical period and location is a popular technique in stage productions and films, like Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet set at the turn of this century.

The entire play takes place on a single set, with different portions of the set serving for different scenes.

As is usually the case with plays at the Rep, the actors are wonderful. Don Burroughs as Benedick carried a lot of the comedic focus of this version. His energetic slapstick performance was funny and appealing, with great interaction with the audience, which is possible because of the Rep's stage configuration (surrounded on three sides by the audience). Great comic use was made of a pool of water under a bridge at the center of the stage, one

of the best touches to this production. Christa Scott-Reed as Beatrice was tart, funny, and sharp. Joneal Joplin, as Hero's father Leonato, is wonderful, as always, and Robert Elliot as Dogberry is delightfully bizarre, in a performance reminiscent of Michael Keaton's in the Kenneth Branagh film version of this play.

The shifting of the comedy to America at the end of World War I seemed to add little to the play, while not detracting from it either. While the actors looked appealing in the World War I uniforms, the other costumes were less convincing and not a lot else was done to create the feeling of the time period. However, the slapstick approach to the material, especially in the performance of Benedick did fit well with the era of Charlie Chaplin and Keystone comedies. If the director hoped to evoke the beginning of the century here at the end of it, then more effort to evoke that time was needed. The play's notes indicated that the director was hoping to Americanize the play by using the Midwest and this century, and the play lacks attempts at English accents, but overall this reframing is a stretch in a tale that features common people referring to the main characters as "your Lordship," not a typical American phrase.

Despite this minor shortcoming, the performance was delightful and provides a wonderful evening's entertainment.

(Now appearing at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis in Webster Groves, through Nov. 12)



Much ado about nothing



FILM REVIEW

Despite decent acting, 'Body Shots' is ridden with holes

BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER
staff editor

The promotional material said, "One night will change eight lives" and "The film to define this generation." I don't think so.

With a script by David McKenna, the author of last year's powerful "American History X," and direction by a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning author director, Michael Cristofer, I anticipated that this film would be a worthy offering. The story of how one night changed the lives of eight 20-somethings (four men and four women) seemed like a promising premise. However, what appeared on screen was much less than what was promised.

The tale is about the social and sex lives of these youths in Los Angeles who meet for an evening at a club. One couple is in the beginning stages of a romance; each bring along three friends for this night out. The major focus of this film is the sexual behavior and mores of this group and their peers in late '90s Los Angeles. Information I received on this film included remarks that the director re-wrote the film to focus on the search for love, rather than just sex, but little about love comes through in this story. Each one gives a little talk to the camera about their attitudes on dating in groups and the quest for sexual encounters. One of the characters plainly comes out and says that admitting to looking for love is "not playing the game," and



Jane (Amanda Peet) confronts Sara (Tara Reid) in 'Body Shots.' Trent (Ron Livingston, right) walks down the street.

may be seen as a weakness. This sexual focus of the film is reinforced by titles that are inserted periodically to describe phase of the film, starting with "Foreplay." Despite this, the film's almost clinical approach makes it seem almost documentary-like at times, rather than a hot sexy tale of a night out. The talkative manner of the film gives it a somewhat "stagey" effect that is not dismissed by photographic effects that are interspersed. The cool tone of the story keeps us at a distance from what these people might be feeling or who they are as people, leaving the viewer uninvolved with the characters. We only learn about their thoughts on sexual mores and behavior.

During this night out, an event occurs to divide the group, women against men, and change the nature of the night. However, instead of this event leading to character change and a resolution, no one seems to change and the audience is left hanging about the resolution of the events. While the acting and photography are nicely done, they are not enough to overcome the obstacles created by the story's treatment. Although the director may have meant this as a cautionary tale on the emptiness and dangers of this lifestyle, its emotional distance and talkative approach just make this film dull. The fact that this director is not a member of the generation in the film makes its superior tone



'Body Shots'
Length: 105 min.
Rated: R
Our opinion: **

somewhat objectionable. There are times when it seems that the script hints that a different kind of story was intended, and it's tempting to speculate that this may be a case of the director being at odds with the material. The film was uninvolved rather than bad and is very short for a drama. I certainly wouldn't consider it one of the must-see films of the fall.

Film festival ready to roll this weekend

BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER
staff editor

St. Louis film fans, here it comes! The Eight Annual St. Louis International Film Festival starts this weekend and runs through the following weekend. The opening weekend special events include:

Oct. 28 - Pre-opening Night Special Screening "The Big Brass Ring", by St. Louis filmmaker George Hickenlooper 7 p.m. at the Esquire

Oct. 30 - Spin Magazine Party - Meet the Filmmakers and Stars, sponsored by Absolut Vodka. (must be 21 or over). 9:30 p.m. at Blueberry Hill.

Oct. 31 - Halloween Special "The Phantom of the Opera" 9:30 p.m. at the Tivoli

This year's program features over 100 films, including classic films, foreign language films, documentaries, short films, and independent films. These are all well-chosen treats, some of which wouldn't otherwise appear here, and others, which will run here throughout the coming year. Special programs include the Documentary Sidebar, African-American Sidebar, Critic's Choice Showcase, Young People's Sidebar (for teens and younger), and the New Filmmakers Forum. Complete listings of films, with descriptions and times, can be found on the St. Louis Film Festival website (www.sliff.org) or by calling their hotline (367-FEST). Other special events, such as panel discussions and parties are also planned. A great treat for Halloween.

High-brow pizzeria opens eyes of one formerly ignorant pizza lover



RANT & ROLL
CORY BLACKWOOD

There is a scant supply of really worthwhile pizzerias in the St. Louis area. Mass-produced chains seem to dominate the region, leaving most of the independent pizza joints without enough money to make a successful establishment.

There are some small local places have infiltrated the chains' strangleholds on the city, giving St. Louisans a taste of real pizza, not the cardboard, greasy taste of the giant chains, and not the joke billed as St. Louis style pizza. (This is where I make enemies with St. Louis style pizza fans, so I apologize in advance.)

St. Louis style pizza is not pizza,

it is basically a cracker with a bizarre blend of cheeses that creates Provel cheese. Provel's main quality is the amazing ability to stick to the roof of your mouth while searing any skin that was once there. Plus, St. Louis pizza is cut into square shapes. Call it what you will, but it isn't pizza.

I was never a pizza aficionado, until I got a job at a little pizza joint down in the Delmar Loop. Last March I started working at Racanelli's, a New York pizzeria, as a driver. Since then, friends have stopped eating pizza with me under almost any circumstances. See, once I started working at Racanelli's with some of the best pizza cooks in town,

I realized what I had previously assumed was good pizza was actually junk. The three Racanelli brothers, Johnny, Sammy and Vito quickly taught me what real pizza was, the real way to eat pizza, and many other tricks of the trade.

There are methods to follow when making a true pizza, from simple things like ALWAYS cutting the pie like a pie (triangles people, NOT square!) to putting the toppings on top of the cheese, not underneath, or else you can't call it a topping. The only kind of cheese that goes on a pizza is mozzarella, anything else just isn't right.

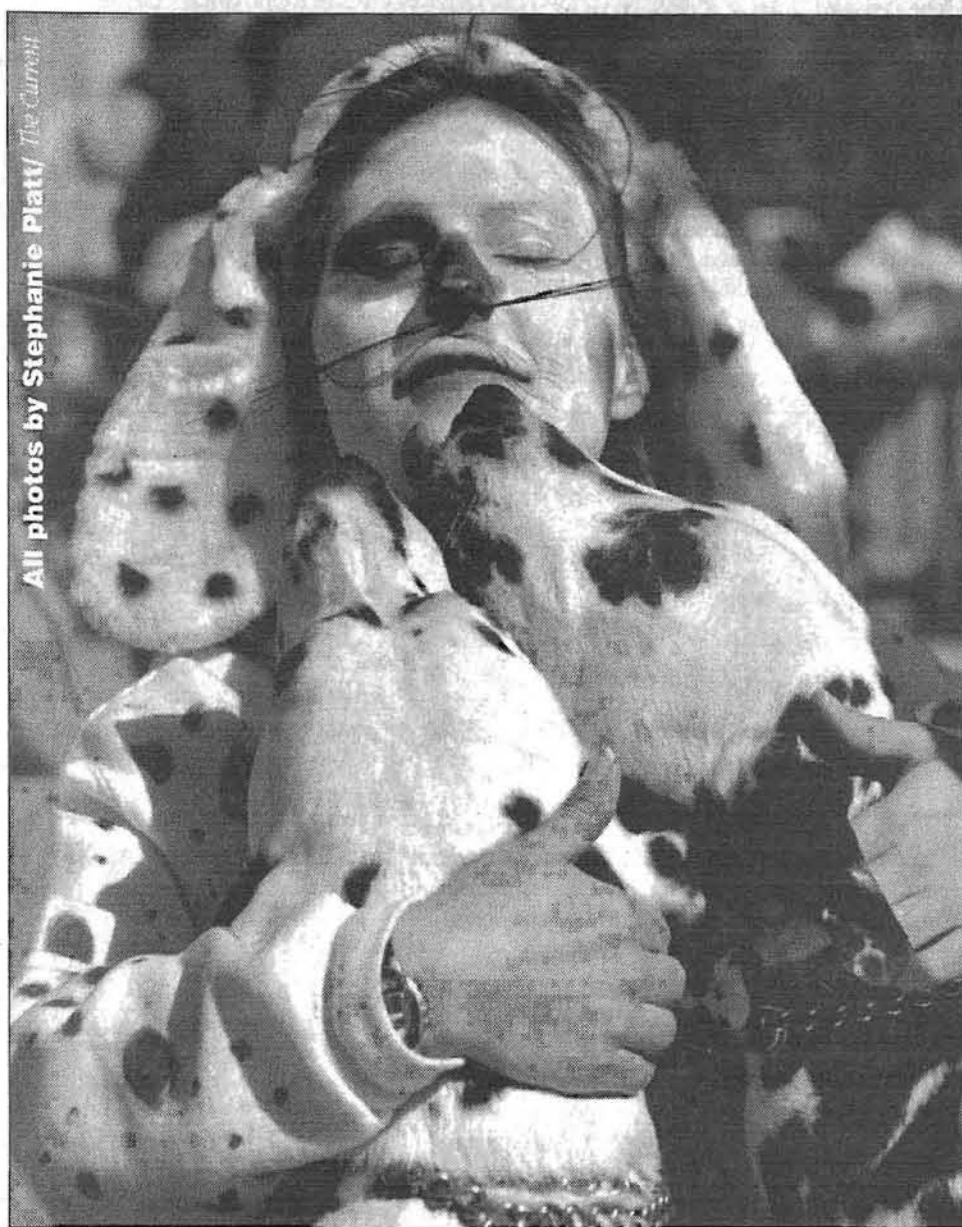
One truly sad thing I found is that

those annoying Pizza Hut "New York style" commercials actually got one or two things right. They were right in showing a slice of pizza folded in half, and they were right in saying true New York pizzas are big. Then they foul everything up by saying how big their large pizza is — 16 inches. I have to laugh at that, because a 16 inch pizza was a medium at Racs, and that wasn't including the store pies — all 22 inches.

People would come into Racanelli's, explain that they were from some part of the New York area; The Bronx, Long Island, Manhattan, however, and then exclaim their love for the only true

New York-style pizza in St. Louis. The New York moniker wasn't just a gimmick. The Racanelli family grew up in the Bronx. Sammy went so far as to have "Da Bronx" tattooed on his chest over a Yankees symbol. The sign of a true fan, I've always said, is a tattoo.

Anyway, here's my brief summary on pizza: Imo's isn't pizza at all, but some other late night snack. It's not bad, but it isn't pizza. Toppings go on top. Giant chains have no character, and relatively no taste. Lastly, and most importantly, I have to admit one thing. Pizza is like sex, even when it's bad, it's still pretty good. Unless it's Pizza Hut, of course.



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Paws and Claws

BY ANNE PORTER
staff associate

The Paws for Claws first annual dog adoption has made it easier to obtain date bait, the kind that walks on a leash and is so "cute and cuddly" that potential amorous partners simply cannot resist an invitation to stroll through the park.

Paws and Claws began at noon, Oct. 17 and reached its goal by 5 p.m.

Kelli Hinze-Bemis, the president of the Golden Key National Honor Society, collaborated with Shannon Kesting, the vice-president, to plan this event.

"We do hope to make this an annual event," Hinze-Bemis said.

"There was a lot of interest—that can-I-have-your-number, can-I-talk-to-my-husband-about-it deal," Kesting said.

Jenny Fassero, the vice-president of the Pre-Veterinary Club, attended Paws and Claws.

"Every shelter there was so enthusiastic," Hinze-Bemis said.

"I thought it was really successful,"

Fassero said.

Four people adopted dogs at Paws and Claws. Four others filled out applications to adopt dogs.

Organizations at Paws and Claws included Rescue Racers, who save greyhounds from the tracks, and Spotlight Savers, who provide dalmatians with safe homes.

Purebred Rescue also generated interest among the crowds, but they are very careful to make certain that these dogs are not used for puppy mills.

In order to ensure this, all dogs are spayed or neutered before going home with a new owner. If the dog is too young, a contract is signed determining that the dog will be when it is old enough.

Both Hinze-Bemis and Kesting noted that one of the main reasons for this event was to save dogs from puppy mills.

"There are so many pets out there that need adopting, it's such a shame that there's a market out there [for puppy mills dogs]," Kesting said.

Due to the cold weather and the rain, some shelters did not attend. But Hinze-Bemis and

Kesting were appreciative of that.

"We are kind of glad it was small this time. We learned a lot," Kesting said.

The most important reason for this event was the welfare of the dogs.

"We are both pet fanatics and wanted to do something to help out our animals," Hinze-Bemis said.

"We wanted to get animals adopted to good homes," Kesting said.

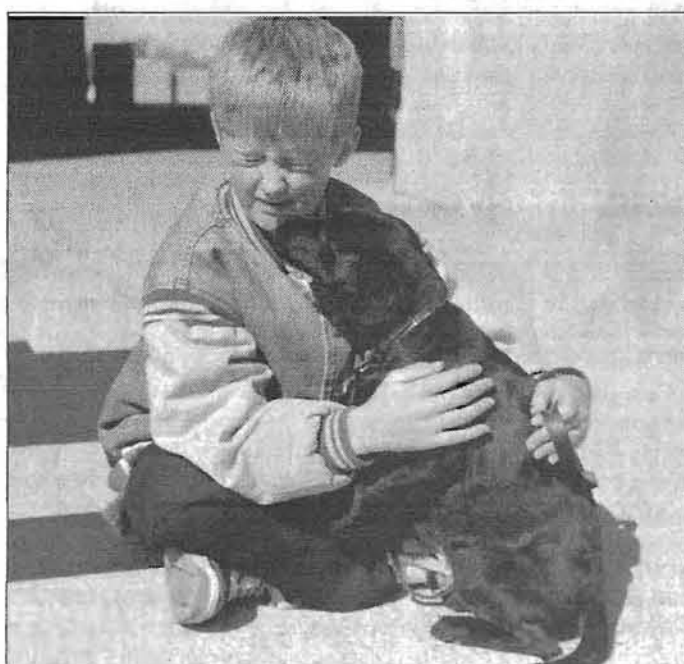
Next year, Hinze-Bemis and Kesting plan on a larger scale attraction. They hope to add educational speakers, including pet psychologists and veterinarians, more vendors with food samples, border collie shows, and a more festive atmosphere.

The most impressive part about Paws and Claws is that it was almost an entirely student-run event; they managed and created the event. The only thing that UM-St. Louis provided was an umbrella insurance policy.

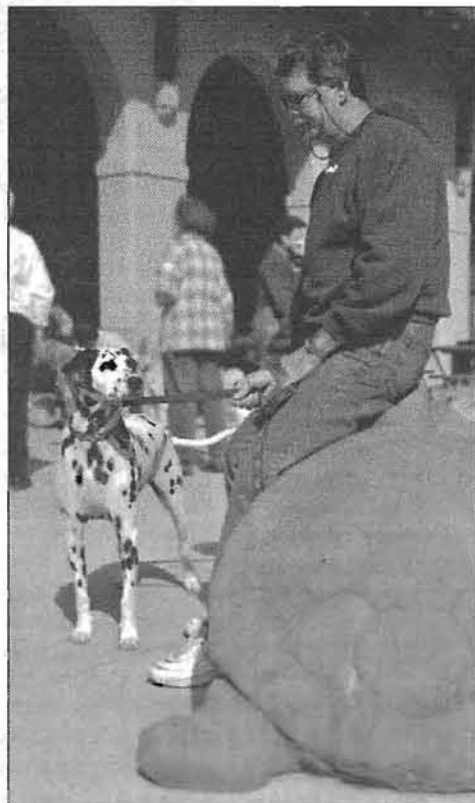
"We don't want people to adopt on impulse, but if it strikes an interest, maybe... it would be perfect for them," Kesting said.

For more information on Paws and Claws, please call Hinze-Bemis at (314) 516-GOLD.

ABOVE: Jenny Fassero, vice president of the Pre-Vet Club at UM-St. Louis is licked by Figet (left) and Grace (right), two rescued dalmatians.



RIGHT: Ryan Crook, 8, plays with a puppy he later adopted. The dog is a black Labrador retriever mix.



LEFT: Terry Manker from Waterloo, Ill sits with his dog McGwire while waiting to adopt another dalmation.

ABOVE: Sydney, a miniature pinscher, chews on a pig ear.



RIGHT: Stephanie Hayden scratches a dog. She attended the event to find a dog to adopt.

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Students pass no-confidence measure, prepare to impeach SGA president

BY CORY BLACKWOOD AND JOE HARRIS
staff editors

The Student Government Association assembly passed a vote of no-confidence against SGA president, Darwin Butler at Thursday's meeting.

The resolution was introduced by Aaron Farmer, a sophomore majoring in political science. It states: "I make a motion of no confidence in Darwin Butler as SGA president, due to his non-attendance at the meeting today, which is repetitive behavior for him. This lack of attendance demonstrates his failure to perform his duties responsibly with obligation and commitment to fully represent the entire student body and this assembly. With this stipulation we motion for a vote of no confidence and the initiation of impeachment proceedings."

The resolution was passed with three abstentions and no nays. Impeachment proceedings could not begin, though, with this resolution's passing because a quorum was not present at the meeting.

A quorum is achieved when a simple majority is present. Interim SGA vice president Steven Wolfe called for the quorum.

"For any resolution made, to be binding, [it] needs a majority of the

representatives here," Wolfe said. Once the absence of a quorum was established, Farmer made a motion to suspend the rules, meaning the resolution could be passed without a quorum. The motion passed.

D. Mike Bauer, chair of SGA, said the no-confidence can be passed, but impeachment proceedings cannot begin without a quorum.

"I think that the sentiment is pretty strong among the student body right now, and Darwin is going to have a lot of work to do if he wants to remedy this," Bauer said. "A vote of no confidence not only sends a message to Darwin himself, but it also sends a message to the division of student affairs, and they will be taking the vote of no confidence into consideration. They have the unilateral power, with Chancellor Blanche Touhill, to simply remove him from office."

Michael Rankins, graduate school representative and former SGA vice president, said the no-confidence vote sends a strong message about Butler's leadership.

"This makes a very serious statement that those students in this room and, we would assume, those students they represent, which adds up to a huge number have no confidence in the leadership of Mr. Butler

and want him out," Rankins said. The number of Butler's absences, Rankins said, including Butler's absence at the most recent SGA meeting, may be a concern for some students. Rankins said that impeachment would have to be decided by the Student Court, or Student Affairs if it is appealed, but that there might be some grounds for it.

"I guess I would have to give my own interpretation and say that I'm very concerned about them," Rankins said, "and it looks to me as if they might be impeachable offenses."

Farmer has started a petition to get enough names in order to start the impeachment process. The SGA constitution states the petition must have 5 percent of the student body, or 604 students, to start impeachment proceedings.

Farmer said he was happy that the resolution passed, but he wished there had been a quorum present.

"It would have been nice if there had been some more members here so the vote could have been official," Farmer said. "We will get enough signatures and send [the petition] off to the Student Court for the vote of no-confidence."

Farmer said he hopes to have enough names and the petition submitted by next week.

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Aid. Martinich said that the intention is to construct admission requirements around the data.

"What this campus decided to do was to modify those admission standards, so that we accept students if the data indicates that they will do well. In previous years many students we accepted were part-time and did not count on the report in the past. This year, we bit the bullet, and students with a high probability for success were admitted as full-time students. Students who did not appear to have a

good chance were not admitted," Grace said. "Due to this policy, the number of part-time students admitted went down and the number of full-time students went up."

"I know that 40 percent sounds large, but there are only 80 more admitted this fall than last year. Of those 80, 68 were part-time, so in essence you are only talking about 17 more students admitted this fall than a year ago," Martinich said.

Grace said that Martinich's two year study demonstrated that 66 percent of the students admitted with cer-

tain exceptions completed their initial semester at a 2.00 GPA or above.

UM-St. Louis "adopted the new evaluation procedure with the knowledge that more students would be admitted as exceptions, but confident that they had the ability to succeed," Grace said. "In other words, we took a chance on admitting more good students with a calculated risk that they could perform well. We believed in those students when we admitted them. We believe in them today."

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serving time for in Missouri are a violation of his probation, he said.

"Our warrants are no bail," Hart said.

Hart said that Butler would not be allowed to fight the extradition.

"A condition of being accepted to another state for supervision," Hart said, "is that he would not contest extradition."

Nevada has started the extradition proceedings.

Upon entering the courtroom Butler denounced the presence of *The Current* staff members and made a comment regarding the coincidence of the scheduling of the hearing that day.

"It's very ironic," Butler said, "they have this court date set on the same day as the [SGA meeting]."

Crystal Blake, student secretary of the SGA said that all SGA meetings for the semester were decided on at the Sept. 17 meeting of that organization, to be the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.

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flicting schedules and "other business."

Metcalf said there were still some other points of student interest to be worked out, such as student membership on the various committees of the Senate. He said the idea had been pro-

posed to have non-voting student representatives attend the committee meetings to help balance student input.

Metcalf said that, barring any unforeseen changes, he expected the student senators would support the proposal.

"I think for the most part the student senators support the proposal. Obviously, there's 28 of us and everybody has their own point of view. The degree of support varies, but so far I have not heard a student senator say 'I am totally against this.'"

MAMMOGRAMS, from page 1

end of the day the unit heads back to Missouri Baptist and turns the films in to the radiologists. A report is faxed to the physicians and a confirmation letter is sent to the patient in a couple of weeks to inform them of the outcome.

"We do basic screening. Women with breast implants, or women who need further diagnosis would have to be seen by their doctor and probably done at a hospital," Wittenborn said. "The great thing about our unit is that we are self-contained, so we are pretty quick which makes it more convenient for women. Most women have to take a day off work to have a mammogram done, but we have corporations invit-

ing us to their parking lots so that women can do it on their lunch breaks."

Morgan agrees that the convenience of the unit is very helpful to the women they see.

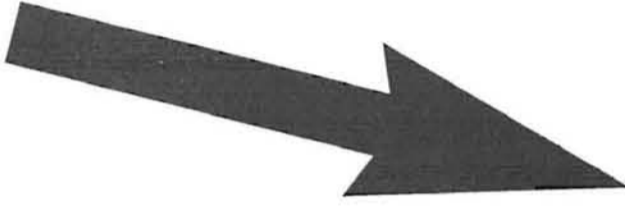
"Most women push off their mammograms because they want to make sure that everyone else is taken care of first. Then they say, oh I'll do that next week. Another major concern is that it is going to be painful," Morgan said.

"It's uncomfortable; you can't get around that because you are compressing the breast," Wittenborn said, "but it should not be painful as long as the women communicate with us and tell

us what's going on during the screening."

"Breast cancer can be treated successfully when detected early and treated promptly. Self breast examinations and yearly mammograms for women 40 and over are some of the best tools for detection," Wittenborn said.

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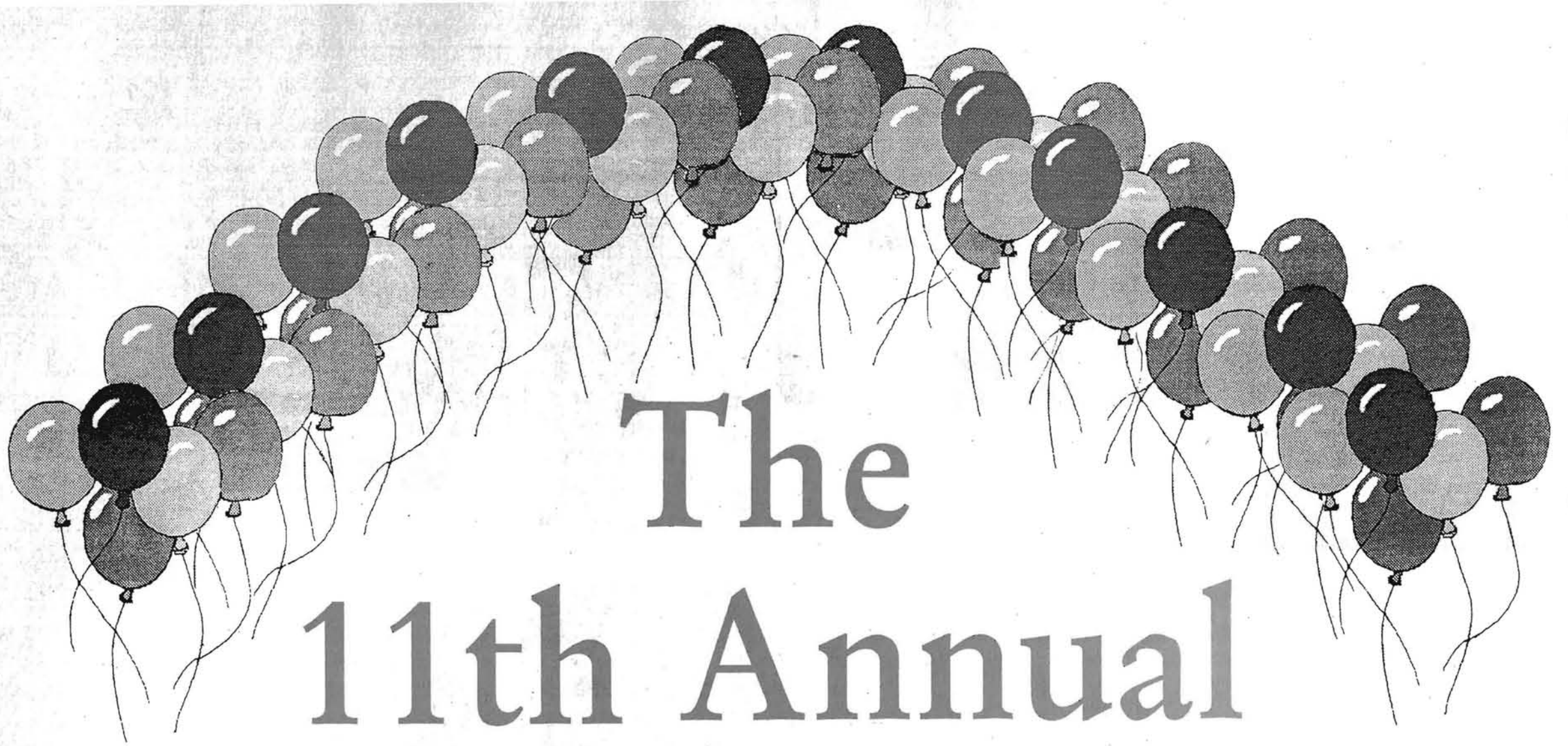
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