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## U-Wire News

**Truck turns over on interstate, spills ramen noodles**

BY CAMILLE SPENCER  
*The State News*

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich.—A college student's dream came true spilled onto a local highway Wednesday, and all that was missing was a few gallons of boiling water.

A semi truck overturned Wednesday, littering the road with ramen noodles, along with a spilled barrel of brick mortar coloring.

The accident occurred when the truck was exiting northbound U.S. 127 to travel west on I-96.

Matt Hutting, Ingham County, Mich. sheriff's deputy, investigated the crash and said the driver was traveling too fast to successfully maneuver the exit ramp.

"(The driver) was on his cell phone trying to get directions," he said. "As they were telling him to take 96, he was a little too far to slow down enough to get on the ramp. The momentum forced the vehicle on its side."

The truck slid along a guard rail, which ripped open the top of the trailer and caused the ramen and mortar color to spill.

The ramen was packaged and on pallets, but the mortar color spilled on the road and ran into a drainage ditch, Hutting said.

Because the mortar color contained a small trace of formaldehyde, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources were called to determine if there was a possible threat to the environment.

Hutting said the formaldehyde content was minuscule.

"It was something like .03 parts per billion," he said. "The DNR was called as a proper precaution."

There was no major threat found and the spill was cleaned up.

The reason for the strange payload of ramen noodles and mortar color is unknown, Hutting said.

"(The driver) said he didn't know why he was carrying that combination, that's just what his company put on the truck," he said.

The driver was cited for careless driving.

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# SGA delays participation in Campus Week of Dialogue

BY SUE BRITT  
AND JOSH RENAUD  
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The second annual Campus Week of Dialogue has been put on hold by Steven Wolfe, vice president of the Student Government Association.

The program was to include town hall and community partnership meetings to discuss racial and ethnic diversity issues as part of a larger national campaign. Similar events were held at

more than 600 universities last year, and this was to be UM-St. Louis' first year of participation.

The SGA originally planned to host these events during the week of Oct. 4-8, but Wolfe announced Friday that the events were being postponed indefinitely.

"We want to do this right, not just throw it together," Wolfe said.

Wolfe said that there were problems that needed to be resolved before proceeding with the events, but he

declined to explain what those problems were.

"It's an internal matter," he said.

LaKricia Johnson, executive secretary of the SGA, organized the Campus Week of Dialogue, which was scheduled to begin with a town hall meeting.

"The reason why it's a campus town hall meeting is because we wanted to talk about the problems that are on the campus with the faculty and the students," Johnson said, "to make each

other aware of different things that are going on, because one student might feel that they are being discriminated against, and it may not be that way. It just needs to be talked about. Or maybe it can be that way and professors or other faculty are not even aware of the things that are going on at this school."

The Campus Week of Dialogue was inspired by President Clinton's announcement of the President's Initiative on Race during a speech at

the University of California at San Diego in June, 1997.

Richard Riley, secretary of education, and Robert Johnson, assistant to the president and director of the President's Initiative on Race, wrote in a letter sent to universities around the nation that President Clinton's initiative was an effort to build "One America in the 21st century—a nation of people who respect their diversity and embrace the values which unite them."

# UM-St. Louis simulates chemical spill



Stephanie Platt/ *The Current*  
Mike Wientage (left) and Mark Czapliskie (right) of the Ferguson Fire Department respond to the simulated chemical spill in Benton Hall. The simulation was designed to test emergency response in the event of a real accident in the future.

*Drill designed to test emergency response to hypothetical disaster at Benton, Research, Stadler buildings*

BY SUE BRITT  
*staff editor*

The Benton, Research and Stadler buildings were evacuated Monday as area and campus emergency units conducted a drill that tested response in the event of a chemical spill.

Students, faculty and staff were asked to exit and move away from the buildings as firefighters from the Normandy and Mid-County Fire Protection Districts and the Ferguson Fire Department followed procedures they would in the case of an actual chemical spill and explosion.

On the scene the Battalion Chief of Mid-County, Mike Caulley, said that it was a simulation located on the third floor of Benton Hall.

"We have simulated casualties and simulated contamination," Caulley said. "So far, we've [on a simulated basis] called in at least . . . St. Louis County Hazardous Material Team, the on-scene [UM-St. Louis] Hazardous Material Team, a decontamination team to decontaminate the people, and I believe a total of, in simulation, 15 ambulances."

James Hickerson, director of environmental health and safety at UM-St. Louis, said the premise of the simulation was that someone in

Benton Hall tried to transfer a flammable solvent, Hexane, from one container to another, and a spark from the opening of a cabinet door ignited the explosion. In the simulation, there was a leak in a container of another chemical, Acetone. The spills were simulated with cut-out paper and a mannequin represented the person caught in the explosion. A smoke machine generated smoke during the drill. There were three other simulated injuries and a "mobility-impaired" student on the fourth floor.

Although some students participating in the evacuation did not know it was a drill, Hickerson said that there was some warning to all parties involved.

"When we first tried to set up this event a couple of months ago, we were advised by the Fire Department's attorney to not keep it so hush because in their experience there could be panic," Hickerson said. "And we wouldn't want anybody hurt in a drill. It's bad enough in a real situation."

Joyce Corey, professor of chemistry, stood at the edge of the evacuated crowd with the models she had been using during her lecture.

"When I went into class I said [that] there's to be an evacuation

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# Study links school, family to less aggressive tendencies in children

BY JOE HARRIS  
*senior editor*

A study found school bonding and family structure are two important factors that may promote less aggressive behaviors in children who have witnessed and been exposed to community violence.

Lois Pierce, an associate professor of social work at UM-St. Louis, based her findings from her studies with inner-city children who had witnessed community violence. The study consisted of children 8 to 14-years-old and the large majority of the children were African-American.

Pierce said this study was "helpful because it included a number of behaviors relating to aggressive behaviors. Not only did it allow us to look at how the children describe themselves, but also how they describe their peers, their relationship with their family, their relationship with their school and it also enabled us to be able to observe community violence and a number of psychological questions we were interested in."

The study was conducted through a survey given to 223 boys and 207 girls. This survey asked questions about decision-making, outlook on life, school bonding, family bonding, family arguments, self-concept and

self-control among others.

The survey found that boys tend to be more aggressive and have more loss of control; that children exposed to violence and family arguments were more likely to report aggressive behavior; that social support (i.e. family structure, positive peer relations, etc.) also helped reduce aggressive behavior and increased self-control; that exposure to community violence is also related to children being less assertive and having a lower self-concept; and that with boys and girls family bonding led to an increase in self-control.

The survey also found two differences between boys and girls. Girls, when exposed to community violence, showed a decrease in confidence while boys did not. Family and school bonding also helped increase assertiveness and self-concept in boys, while family structure increased assertiveness, school bonding and peers increased self-concept and family and school bonding increased confidence in girls.

"This has implications for schools," Pierce said. "I presented this information at a conference and somebody who worked for a school came up to me and said this was the kind of

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# United Way close to meeting goal

BY CORY BLACKWOOD  
*staff editor*

The 1999 UM-St. Louis United Way campaign ran Sept. 20 through Oct. 1 with a goal of \$49,000. Money collected from the campaign goes to organizations designed to help people in need.

The groups target the 11-county Missouri Illinois area, where one out of three people in that region are helped. Ninety-two percent of the donations go directly to the organizations, and the other 8 percent goes to fund raising, fund distribution and administrative costs.

"We have added more awareness since last year, we added more new

local community organizations," Steffanie Harting, Coordinator of Constituent Relations in the University Relations Division, said. "Last year there were 130 organizations, and this year there are 160."

Wendell Smith, interim vice chancellor for University Relations, is the campus campaign chairperson while Harting is running the publicity for the United Way event at UM-St. Louis. Both are optimistic about meeting the \$49,000 goal this year.

"As of now [Thursday, Sept. 30] we are at 60 percent of our goal," Harting said, "and United Way's campaign goes on until Oct. 25, so I am sure we will reach the goal."

The money given does not ran-

domly go to one group, but all of the money gets distributed between all of the organizations. United Way decides where the money is needed most, and which group needs money more, then disburses it accordingly.

"United Way produces a list of 160 organizations, assesses the need and their ability to generate funds, from a bake sale to a full fundraising committee, then they send the money to where it is needed most," Harting said. "A person can ask for a listing of the groups and have their money go specifically to one of them, like Catholic Charities, and United Way will send it there."

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# Walk for Hunger is more than walk in park

BY SHAVON PERKINS  
*of The Current staff*

The St. Louis Food Pantry Association's 11th annual Walk for Hunger has expanded. This year the participants may Run, Walk, Rock, or Roll to support their neighborhood food pantry.

The event, which takes place on Saturday, Oct. 9, 1999, is the association's largest fund raiser. All the pledges collected stay in the St. Louis Metro Area to support neighborhood food pantries. This year's

goal for the event is \$75,000.

This year participants can get involved by running a 10K run, walking the 10K path around Forest Park, by rocking in a rocking chair, by rocking and rolling to two different bands or by rolling the 10K path on roller blades, bicycle, wagon, wheelchair. All events begin and end in the Upper Muny parking lot in Forest Park.

Glenn Koenen, secretary of the St. Louis Metro Food Pantry Association, said that the changes in this year's event were made to get

more people involved and make it more of a family event.

"It's easier to collect food than it is to collect money," Koenen said, "but pantries need money to pay the bills and subsidize donations with such items as eggs, milk, bread etc. so that families can have a balanced meal."

Koenen said that pantries have become a safety net for families as government programs cut back. "We used to be an emergency fallback for families in transition but now we are

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# Bulletin Board

## Tuesday, Oct. 5

• **Tell A Friend Tuesday**, sponsored by University Health Services. Interested students can come to 127 Woods Hall and make phone calls to their female friends, family and co-workers age 40 and over, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and ask them if they have had a mammogram in the last year. If not, the students can encourage the friend to get a mammogram. For more information call Amy Schoenberger at University health Services at 5671.

## Wednesday, Oct. 6

• **Bible Study** at Seton Hall living room,

first floor. For more information call Betty Chitwood at 385-3455.

• **Conservation Forum**, to be held at The Living World, Saint Louis Zoo, from 5 to 10 p.m. This event, sponsored by the International Center for Tropical Ecology, UM-St. Louis, will feature Meg Symington. For more information and reservations contact Bernadette Dalton at 6203.

• **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

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All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

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. 7

• **Depression Screening Day**, sponsored by Counseling Services, will provide confidential screening questionnaires for those who wonder

whether they are experiencing "the blues" or a real depression. Screenings will be done between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the University Center Lobby, at the Counseling Services office (427 SSB), outside the Women's Center (211 Clark), in the Marillac Hall Lobby between 4 and 5 p.m. and evenings by appointment at Counseling Services. For reserving appointments and more information call the office at 5711. Open to students faculty and staff.

## THE CAMPUS CRIMELINE

### September 17, 1999

A construction worker reported that his wallet, checkbook and day planner were stolen from his truck which was parked at East and Mark Twain drives. The theft occurred between 6:45 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### September 20, 1999

A student reported that sometime between 1 and 1:50 p.m. her wallet was stolen from her bookbag while at 102 Benton Hall. The wallet contained cash, credit cards and personal identification.

A student reported that her University Meadows apartment was burglarized between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Stolen was a Nokia cellular phone, 40 compact discs with a carrying case and three video games. A window was found to have been left open.

### September 23, 1999

A visitor to University Meadows was arrested as a fugitive from the cities of St. Peters and Chesterfield.

A student reported that between 3:30 p.m. and 3:32 p.m., his Klein mountain bike was stolen from the front of

the South Campus Residence Hall at 3036 Bellerive Drive. The bike had not been secured.

### September 24, 1999

A staff person from the Grounds Department reported that between 8 and 8:20 a.m., a weed eater was stolen from a site near East and Mark Twain drives. The Groundskeeper was assisting a student with a stalled vehicle when the lawn equipment was stolen.

### September 27, 1999

A person wanted on outstanding arrest

warrants was arrested on the campus and released to St. Louis County Police.

### September 28, 1999

A student residing in a University Meadows reported the theft of a blank check from her checkbook. The discovery was made at 1 p.m. on Sept. 27, 1999.

A student reported that between 9 and 1:45 p.m., her parking permit was stolen from the windshield of her vehicle while it was parked on Lot "E". The vehicle top 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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# THE BIKES ARE BACK IN TOWN

The lost art of cycling is coming back into style on campuses for busy college students always on the go

By AMY LOMBARDO  
staff editor

A once-forgotten mode of transportation in St. Louis is making quite a comeback these days. Bicycles are popping up in places all over the area, including the UM-St. Louis campus. Witnesses have reported the rack in front of the Thomas Jefferson Library overflowing with bikes. Others have noticed a number of rebels chaining their rides to the nearest tree or pole.

According to the National Collegiate Cycling Association (NCCA), more than one in every three Americans owns a bicycle. They also say it is currently the most common form of transportation on college campuses. The message is ringing out loud and clear—the bikes are back in town.

This news flash is old hat to a select few local students who have known the benefits of biking-it for years. Tim Ranek, a senior in elementary education, is the president of the UM-St. Louis Cycling Team. The team is part of the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference (MCCC) which includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Back in 1989 when Ranek started the club at the University of Missouri-Columbia, there were only 14 Midwest schools participating. Today, there are 26.

Ranek has also noticed the recent escalated interest in cycling. He believes that this is partially due to more national coverage with the X-Games and Lance Armstrong's victory at the Tour de France.

"It used to be when I was in high school a million years ago, that I played soccer, baseball, basketball and that was about it," Ranek said. "Now, there's a lot more alternative sports out there."

The MCCC is part of the NCCA which works to promote, develop and regulate collegiate cycling across the country. The U.S. is divided into sections by geographical area, which compete against each other to determine the best in the region. Those winners then race for the national title.

The flyer for the UM-St. Louis team describes the levels as: Women A - Fast; Women B - 1st Year; Men A - Very Fast; Men B - Think they're fast; Men C - Know they're not fast.

"If it's your first year, you don't have to go and

get killed and want to quit," Ranek said. "It's a good building-tool actually."

The UM-St. Louis team consists of 10 members, including one woman. The current season is fall mountain biking and next semester will be spring road racing.

Chris Neumann, a senior majoring in education, raced in his first collegiate race on Sept. 25. Although taking 19 hours and working part-time can make it difficult to fit riding into his schedule, he always finds the time.

"Mostly I like mountain biking just because it's a different strategy than road biking," Neumann said. "With mountain biking you have to be strong, but it's mostly how you finesse your bike and how you handle your bike."

He explains that the trails can have 'rhythm sections,' or stretches of ground with little bumps,

rocks, sticks, and various other hazards. People that rail right through, called 'bashers,' just end up getting a flat.

The ultimate goal of the club is to expand membership in both male and female divisions, and develop other areas of cycling.

"We're looking for people at any skill level... There's a lot more that could be done with the team other than racing. We could organize group rides and stuff like that," Ranek said. "All it is, is a matter of getting awareness up on campus. From there it's kind of up to [the students] what they do with it."

The revival of the bicycle has spread across St. Louis. MetroLink installed racks on the trains to accommodate city-cyclists. This is a practical option for those campus commuters who are getting a little car-sick.

Metropolis is a non-profit organization trying to give down-town a face-lift through grassroots projects.

They created 'The Ride' over a year ago to help bring about awareness of bike safety and other related issues. The participants - ranging from numbers of 5 to 50 - ride a planned route that is designated for a future bike lane. The last Friday of each month, a group of people meet at Kiener Plaza—rain or shine—and pedal to Forest Park and back.

Carrie Zukoski, one of the Metropolis committee members that formed the program, is concerned about the safety of less-experienced riders.

"I know what it was like for me when I first started riding on the road. Cars are afraid of bikes, and bikes are more afraid of cars," Zukoski said. "I've noticed more and more that cyclists don't know what they're doing on the road. There needs to be some more education."

More information can be found via the Internet. The UM-St. Louis Cycling Team is under Student Organizations at [www.umsl.edu](http://www.umsl.edu) and Metropolis has a website at [www.mstl.org](http://www.mstl.org).



Freshman Joe Dirkus rides to class on his bike.

Gay Norris / The Current

## International Performing Arts Series will premiere

By ANNE PORTER  
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Infatuated Bob dedicates a song to Dream Date Suzy as a way to communicate his feelings for her without actually saying the words. Like Bob and his dedication, different cultures also can represent their beliefs, values and norms in the conveyed dialogue of music.

The Center for International Studies created the International Performing Arts Series to demonstrate the power of harmonies in a very entertaining way.

Joel Glassman, director of the Center of International Studies, has worked very diligently to make the Performing Arts Series possible.

"We are very proud of [the International Performing Arts Series]. We work with many ethnic groups, and we have tried quite successfully to involve them. Music seemed to be a common meeting ground," Glassman said.

Terry Williams, coordinator for the Center for International Studies, helped plan the inaugural series.

"The Center for International Studies has a very long track record in hosting lectures, seminars, workshops, and conferences, but those are more academically oriented," Williams said.

Before Williams began working on the Performing Series, some scholar-musicians spoke at UM-St. Louis. Altan, a group from Ireland, was one of those, and they will be performing in the upcoming series.

"Before, we've talked about political, environmental [and] historical issues... now we have an opportunity to visit a culture through their art. This is the first year the center has produced this type of experience," Williams said.

Williams considers this another natural extension for the Center for International Studies.

"It's another way for the center to have an in-depth presentation about other cultures. It's an expansion of our services to the international community of St. Louis [so they can] learn more [about] other countries," Williams said.

An objective of the Performing Arts Series is to build an audience through the reasonable ticket prices. Through the audience, it is hoped the series will become self-supporting and able to host future international performances.

"We are inviting [the audience] to think of UM-St. Louis as a place that does produce performing art," Williams said.

Other missions of the series include an illumination of international cultures, a desire to provide the highest quality entertainment possible, and the potential to increase intercultural communication.

For next year's season, Williams looks to add more shows with the possibility of a Cuban performance to compliment the opening of communication with Cuba.

This year's concert schedule includes the following shows and dates.

On October 12, 1999, Vuka

Uzibuse, the Zulu dance and drumming troupe which includes 24 dancers, drummers, and singers, will bring to life rituals of South Africa. These marriage, war, birth, and death rites embody the culture and life of the performers and their ancestors.

On Nov. 10, Nikos Toulaitos will play ancient Byzantine, Demotic, folk, and modern music.

On Jan. 26, 2000, Altan, mostly from the northwestern countries of Donegal and Derry, plays an Irish and energetic Celtic concert containing ballads, jigs, and modern folk-based tunes.

On March 31, 2000, erhu virtuoso George Gao will perform. Gao has been Emmy-nominated for his delightful and exhilarating erhu performances. His music has been featured on television dramas, such as "Earth: Final Conflict" and movies.

Apr. 13, 2000, Kati Karoda, who starred in the off-Broadway version of The Joy Luck Club, performs nine characters in her solo performance. These characters incorporate the Noh and Kabuki styles with poetic elegance.

All performances are at 8 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$11 for seniors over the age of 65, and \$7 for students with ID's. For more information on the Performing Arts Series, call (314)516-7299.

"I guarantee [the audience] will see some of the finest acts brought to St. Louis, so they will not be wasting their time, money, or energy. They will be very well rewarded for attending the performance," Williams said.

## Running for it Traditional fun run brightens campus

By AMY LOMBARDO  
staff editor

A gathering of UM-St. Louis students and faculty was spotted making a run for it on Tuesday. They weren't trying to avoid classes, however. Instead, they were joining in the annual Campus Fun Run.

The race, which takes place every fall, has been a tradition for many years. It gives both dedicated athletes and energetic amateurs a chance to strut their stuff on campus.

Although the latter part of the day was drenched in rain, the early afternoon was clear and dry. This semester the turnout was a little low, but the overall feeling was still positive. The group of 10 met at the Mark Twain Building at 12:30 p.m. and chose between a 3-mile or 1.5-mile course. The run is designed mostly for enjoyment purposes, but it still has a bit of a competitive edge.

Al Carson, a graduate student working on his master's degree in

education, has run in the event for the past four years. This time he won "best student" in the 3-mile category.

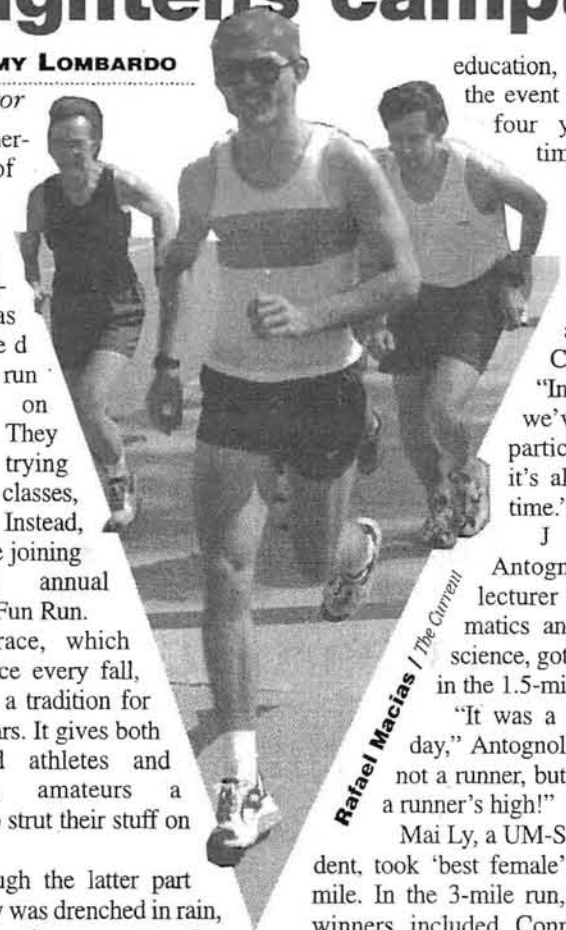
"It was a blast," Carson said. "In years past we've had more participants, but it's always a fun time."

John Antognoli, senior lecturer in mathematics and computer science, got "best male" in the 1.5-mile category. "It was a really great day," Antognoli said. "I'm not a runner, but I'm having a runner's high!"

Mai Ly, a UM-St. Louis student, took "best female" in the 1.5-mile. In the 3-mile run, the faculty winners included Connie Jeffries, department specialist in continuing education, as "best female" and Robert Marquis, associate professor in biology, as "best male." T-shirts were awarded to the victors.

Crossing the finish line is not just about beating the other participants. It's about an individual doing his or her personal best.

"You run for yourself. You just try to push yourself and do a little better each time," Carson says.



Rafael Macias / The Current

## Harsh reality of job market lowers high expectations



OUTSIDE IN

BECKY RICKARD

I'm a dreamer but not a daydream believer (or a homecoming queen for that matter). When I was a full-time college student, I used to imagine what my first "real" job would be like. In fact, I used to doodle my corporate signature all over my notes in Spanish II. I didn't realize then that I don't sign the paychecks.

I had a pseudo-real job during the summer breaks of my freshman and sophomore year. The first summer, I thought it was cool to have a nametag dangling from my belt loop or blazer pocket, until I lost it about five times and paid a grand total of \$50 to replace the mysterious nametags, which are now located in

my junk drawer as a reminder of the Ghost of Crappy Jobs Past.

I kept that job the next summer because it was decent money and good work experience, or so I convinced myself. That was the summer I realized that this company could've paid a trained monkey to do what I did. Actually, I think the monkeys at Grant's Farm enjoyed their jobs more than I did.

After a three-year stint of waiting tables and finishing my English degree, TADA! I got my first job. I had been through so many interviews that didn't lead into job offers that I wasn't picky about where I worked because I just wanted a job. BIG

MISTAKE! If you want to talk about setting yourself up for failure, I'm fluent in the subject.

I told everyone I loved my job for the first two months because I loved having a job that didn't involve wearing a tuxedo shirt. Then the reality set in. I was the lowest person on the totem pole. Sure, I made more money than a lot of my friends, but I was in an industry that appeared last on my career interests list. Not only was I in this industry, but it was also my job to know everything about the industry and its new developments in the U.S. and St. Louis markets. I set myself up for unhappiness, which ultimately led to failure.

I imagined myself being a part of a team that made decisions to better the company. Of course, I also imagined myself as the first professional woman baseball player after the '82 World Series. I wanted to be relied on, the gal that could get the job done right. In reality, I was the proofreader of all office memos. I was the "idea girl" whose ideas were never used. I was the perfect example of everything I never dreamed I would be.

I currently have a job I enjoy. It isn't important that this is my third week at this company or that I still don't know exactly what I'm doing. All I know is that this was a good

career move. Although I don't have everything I ever dreamed of at this job, I have much more than I had at my first job. Now, I have an office instead of a cubicle. I have my own printer in my office instead of sharing with 10 people. I actually need a Rolodex for all the business cards I receive, and I couldn't live without my planner. I'm not asking to be a decision-maker anymore. All I ask is to have a job that I can tolerate, to work with people I enjoy, and to be busy with partially interesting tasks. Isn't it funny how reality can change your dreams?

And that's my view from the outside in.

# FEATURES

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### Thoughts for Today

"Husbands are like fires. They go out if unattended."

-Zsa Zsa Gabor  
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Ever Said

"The first duty of a revolutionary is to get away with it."

-Abbie Hoffman  
Credit: www.people.goplay.com/quotecity

"Victory goes to the player who makes the next to last mistake."

-Savielly Grigorievitch Tartakover  
Credit: The 1,911 Best Things Ever Said

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

-Theodore Roosevelt  
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"If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion."

-George Bernard Shaw  
Credit: Peter's Quotations: Ideas For Our Time

# OPINIONS

## OUR OPINION

### Plan to divide University Senate limits students' voice

#### The issue:

The Conference Committee on Governance has proposed that the current University Senate be split into two governing bodies - The Faculty Senate and The University Council. The Faculty Senate would deal with issues pertaining directly to the faculty. The University Council would deal with other campus-wide issues such as the Budget and Planning Committee and the Committee on Physical Facilities. Students would still have representation in the latter of the two bodies.

#### We suggest:

This division of the University Senate just limits the students' ability to vote on important matters. This is a great injustice to the students of this campus. The Student Government Association, under the leadership of Darwin Butler, is taking a strong stance against this proposal, as is *The Current*. We suggest you do too.

#### So what do you think?

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

It is time to look at what the Conference Committee on Governance is really trying to accomplish in their proposal to streamline the University Senate. Disguised as a way to strengthen faculty governance, it is actually a blatant attempt to try to strip more decision-making power from students.

The draft proposes that the current University Senate be replaced by two bodies: a Faculty Senate and a University Council. The Faculty Senate would deal with issues of faculty interest. This includes committees of appointment, tenure, and promotion, among other things. The University Council would deal with campus-wide concerns, such as budget and planning.

Mark Burkholder, chairperson of the committee, said in the Sept. 20 issue of *The Current* that the composition of the various committees would not be changed, especially those which involve students. However, he later said this cannot be guaranteed.

This plan is a travesty of justice to every student at UM-St. Louis. The faculty senate members appear to be taking a divide-and-conquer approach to the already embarrassingly low 21 percent student representation in the senate.

Under this new system, anything the faculty wants to enact would simply go to the Faculty

Senate. There appears to be no safeguards against interpretation of what is a faculty issue and what constitutes a campus wide issue.

It is bad enough the faculty violated the students' trust and wishes by approving faculty use of student parking spaces while not reciprocating the offer to students. Now they want to insult our intelligence in the name of streamlining the senate, by virtually taking away what little voice the students have left.

It is time to send a message to faculty members who may have forgotten who actually pays their bills. Student fees make up about 47 percent of this University's operating budget which is the highest in the whole University of Missouri System. Simply put, no students, no University.

As students, now is the time to make our stand. It is time to stomp out the apathy that has affected student life on this campus for so many years. This is the issue that can do it, and now is the time.

Darwin Butler, Student Government Association president, has taken a strong stance against this proposal. The Current stands behind Butler and SGA's stance against the faculty bullies. We urge all students to do the same and rally behind our student leaders in their fight for representation.

### Blast from the past brings high hopes

I learned something last Friday: this truly is a small world.

For those that do not know, I am a stringer for another paper in the St. Louis area. I have the job to get experience and to make ends meet. I write for their sports section, so there is no conflict of interest.

My assignment last Friday was to cover a local high school football game. This was not an unusual assignment. I cover high school football for the other paper every Friday.

I showed up at the game at my usual time, about half an hour before kickoff. The game was a blow-out, and the result was not in doubt early in the second quarter.

With the game dragging, I found several people on the sidelines to talk to. I do this regardless of the score because most of the people on the sidelines are with one of the teams, and they know more than the statistics can tell. For example, by talking to one guy last Friday, I found out that one of the players is being heavily recruited by some of the top football schools in the country. In fact, this player was flown by a very prestigious school to their campus in the school's private jet. Needless to say, that little piece of information gave me an angle I didn't know to look for.

So while I'm talking to people on the sidelines, I came across another gentleman who was obviously a member of the press. I found out his name and for what paper he was writing.

Instantly I recognized the name. This guy was a former editor-in-chief of *The Current*!

I told him who I was, and we started talking. We talked about the game, various topics in local sports, and about our experiences at *The Current*.

When the topic of *The Current* came up, we instantly had many things in common. He asked if certain administrators were still at UM-St. Louis, if certain professors were still there, and if *The Current* was still at its same location.

We compared notes about different problems and situations that affected our tenures as editor.

The results and stories were very similar. In five minutes of conversation, we found at least 10 different things that happened to both of us. Of course, I then picked his brain at

how to solve these dilemmas. The experience was very insightful and worthwhile for both of us. I got some new ideas on how to handle old problems, and he, in his own words, "saw himself five years ago."

The experience was very eye-opening for me. Lately I have had more complaints about this job than good memories, but after talking to this former editor, I began to realize what a wonderful opportunity I have this year.

His experiences helped him grow as a person and helped him along in his career. After Friday night, I have no doubts that the same will happen for me.



JOE HARRIS  
editor-in-chief

### College newspaper censorship wrongly defended in court

A major blow was struck several weeks ago when the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a previous decision that allowed Kentucky State University to confiscate 2,000 yearbooks.

The University ruled that the yearbook's cover-page colors were wrong, and the current events page was of poor taste. The University blew things out of proportion. In turn, the courts failed the students.

The 1988 Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeier decision, which allowed high school principals to censor publications, was

a major reason the ruling was upheld. Kincaid vs. Gibson was doomed as a result of the ruling on high school publications.

There is a major difference between high school students and college students. At the college level, censorship is silly. The writing core is made up of adults who, by law, are free to speak their mind. The Kincaid decision causes major doubt as to whether adults will be able to speak their minds in university-sanctioned yearbooks.

If universities will censor for trivial reasons, they will take the

opportunity to silence students who wish to speak out against the system. Therefore censorship of any kind is a danger to all.

This is the reason why journalism ethics exist. These ethics talk about minimizing harm and of seeking the truth and reporting it. The ethics serve as guidelines for journalists so censorship would not threaten the American public's freedom of speech.

Any sort of censorship, be it from the university, government, or individual citizen, is not only alarming, but it is a threat to each person's rights.

### Sick of hearing radio stations sell-outs

I've been suffering from radio burnout lately. If I hear Smash Mouth, Bush, Citizen King or Sugar Ray one more time I'm going to scream.

Don't get me wrong. Each band is good in its own right. I like each group and own a copy of each group's disc. The problem comes when radio stations play the same music over and over all day.

I know they get requests and if they don't play that all-important Backstreet Boys request then someone else probably will. That doesn't make it right.

Most of the time I listen to the radio to hear a somewhat familiar song. But lately the same song I had wanted to listen to is haunting me. How many more times do we really need to hear "Scar Tissue" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers?

Too many people let their listening pleasure be decided by MTV. A secret of success has been to throw a band over and over into peoples faces on television. It spells sales for the label. The label then has more money to pour into MTV's advertising, who then will play the same video over and over again. How else do you explain someone like Mariah Carey? Her new single is almost laughable yet it still is in rotation on every video show and radio station. That is what's wrong with music today.

The general public isn't being exposed to enough good new music. We keep getting the same rereads throwing their music out. Rabid fans go out and buy the same artist over and over. They let mainstream radio decide what is 'good music' and never attempt to look for themselves.

I was once one of those people who only listened to what had already hit. I listened to a lot of oldies and top-40. The older I got the more mundane these genres had gotten for me. So I started listening to stations such as KDHX which play a variety of music.

Most bands the everyday person has never heard of and probably never will. Another station 93.3 FM also plays music many people have never heard. The difference is KNSX plays new music from popular artists. Instead of playing the same tracks over and over it debuts the new singles from popular artist. And while "The Point" claims to play new music first they are often scooped by 93.3.

I'm not trying to bash any of the radio stations. I realize that each is trying to fill a specific niche in St. Louis. It all comes down to business. They need to make their money, hence they play what is popular at the moment, even if that means playing the same Britney Spears single 35 times a day.



KEN DUNKIN  
managing editor

## LETTERS

### Best transportation on campus available for free at admissions office in Woods

Just imagine, wouldn't it be great if you could get a ride to school each day and on the way relax and read the paper or do the last minute reading for your first class? Or how about a catnap? What if I also told you that it would be free? No more parking fees, fighting for spaces, being late or receiving tickets. Sound too good to be true? Well it's not! In fact we already have the option.

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-Susan Sanders

## Under Current

by Rafael Macias  
staff photographer

If you could ask the Under Current question, what would it be?



Kyle Miller  
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Who is H.D. and what is Black Tar?



Chris Carlson  
Doctoral Student in Criminology

When are we going to get rid of Blanche Touhill?



Dustin Ries  
Senior/Marketing

Where did the \$8 Million go, and does this mean the Pikes will be recognized?



Noelle Fearn  
Doctoral Student in Criminology

Where does my parking fee go?

# Offensive woes plague men

R-men earn split, score only once

BY NICK BOWMAN  
special to The Current

The Rivermen looked to improve their conference record in contests against Southern Indiana (4-2-1, 1-2) and conference rival Quincy (3-4-2, 2-1-1), but could only muster one goal over the two game span.

"We need to capitalize on our scoring opportunities if we are going to compete in the Great Lakes Valley Conference," senior midfielder Bobby Carter said. "It is a very open conference this year and if we can create more turnovers, we can win."

The first match, against Southern Indiana, featured a superb defensive showing, led by sophomore goalkeeper Adam Barnstead, who started in place of Kevin McCarthy, who was pulled out due to a hip injury that has recently bothered him.

The defenses for both teams played with an extremely high intensity level, and in the 27th minute things got a little too high as senior midfielder Ryan Inkley of UM-St. Louis and defenseman Brian Peroutka of Southern Indiana got into a fight in the 27th minute, which resulted in red cards being drawn on both players.

The 10-on-10 soccer that resulted was very beneficial for UM-St. Louis, as the Rivermen outshot Southern Indiana 8-1 in the second half.

The only goal of the game came in the 88th minute on a beautiful 20-yard left-footer from dead center by freshman Ryan Smith, with an assist recorded to Justin Clanton.

"That second half was ours," Redmond said. "We dominated the offensive side of the ball. (But) we really need to capitalize on our scoring opportunities."

The Rivermen won the contest 1-0.

The second match, against conference rival Quincy, was a very competitive and very defensive-minded



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Riverman midfielder Drew Wilson (4) defends against a Quincy attacker in last Sunday's Great Lakes Valley Conference battle. The Rivermen lost the game 1-0, dropping UM-St. Louis' GLVC record to 1-3.

game. McCarthy was back in the nets for this contest, and it showed as the whole team settled in for a great defensive effort, allowing only six shots on goal. But again, the Rivermen failed to capitalize on any of their eight shots on goal, as they were shut out for the fourth time this season 1-0.

Matt Mader of Quincy scored the only goal of the game, on an assist from Matt Vollink in the 60th minute.

"When a team starts lacking in the scoring department, a coach first wonders if his team is creating good scoring chances," Redmond said. "(Our) team is creating them, we just don't seem to be in any sort of groove. (Jeff) Stegman seemed to be earlier in the season, but nobody has picked up his momentum, and that shows as we have only scored two goals in the last five games."

The Rivermen's conference record stands at 1-3, but the record does not

show the mentality of the team.

"We still have the entire second half of the season to go, and (we) still have a lot of room for improvement before the end," Redmond said. "Our main focus at this point is finishing plays. We need to get downfield a lot quicker than we have been, keep the opposing defenses from regrouping on us, and stay forward. We have a very potent offense, they just need to capitalize on their opportunities."

Alumni honored during halftime

BY DAVE KINWORTHY  
staff editor

At halftime of the men's and women's soccer games, members of previous Rivermen/Riverwomen teams were honored in the UM-St. Louis Soccer Alumni Day.

The event was part of the group effort led by the Development Officer of Athletics, Mike Meyer, to get the alumni more involved at UM-St. Louis. Meyer stressed the importance not to lose touch with those players that move on from the University.

"It is not unusual for former athletes not to be really contacted by their former teams," Meyer said. "We are trying to get people back and help support our programs. We have over 10,000 lost alumni, but it is getting a lot easier to follow them through other contacts."

Arlene Allmeyer, who played for UM-St. Louis from 1981-82 and was part of the Riverwomen's team that advanced to the Final Four that season thought the event was a success and enjoyed it.

"I thought it was great that they made the effort to bring the alumni back together," Allmeyer said. "It is great rekindling old friendships."

Beth Ernst, a 1997 alumni, thought the idea worked well and wishes more success down the road.

"I think it is a great idea," Ernst said. "It is important for the program and for the alumni. I was kind of disappointed that more people did not show up, but they are headed in the right direction."

Recent alum Trent Woodrick, still misses the action, but believes the program is getting stronger.

"It is very difficult especially when you played ball with these guys who

see ALUMNI page 10

## R-Women win roller coaster thriller 3-2

Siemens' overtime header erases second half defensive break down

BY DAVE KINWORTHY  
staff editor

The Riverwomen soccer team has had its ups and downs this season, but like the wind, the Riverwomen were able to change directions and are headed in the right direction.

UM-St. Louis played host to Quincy University in a very aggressive and emotional game.

The Riverwomen were outplayed in the first half, in large part due to the wind factor in favor of Quincy.

One of the lone scoring chances came by Carrie Marino in the first half, but the shot sailed over the cross-bar.

Still in the first half, Marino made a nice cross to Sarah Kalish who pounced on the opportunity and scored on a headball.

At halftime, the Riverwomen led 1-0.

Quincy came out strong in the second half as they scored to even the contest only three minutes into the

half. The Riverwomen, although giving up the goal, remained patient and dominated the play from there on out.

UM-St. Louis finally got an opportunity and scored with 15:54 left in the game on a goal by Cory Chik.

But Quincy persisted and scored with 1:01 left in the game to send the match into overtime.

Maintaining a lead has been a recent problem for the Riverwomen, and the answer is simply said, but not simply done.

"Beth Goetz Riverwomen Soccer Coach

"In the first half, we almost gave up a goal towards the end of the half," Head Coach Beth Goetz said. "They definitely lacked a focus and the concentration. We don't want to score a goal leading 2-1. We are fighting the clock more than we are the opponents at that point."

In overtime, the Riverwomen

see WOMEN, page 10

## Volleyball loses heartbreaker

BY DAVE KINWORTHY  
staff editor

The Riverwomen volleyball team took on Wisconsin-Parkside at home in a thriller.

In the first set, UM-St. Louis got behind early 4-7, but mounted a comeback to even the contest 8-8.

Holly Zrout broke UM-St. Louis from an even game 11-11 as she served three straight points pushing the lead to 14-11.

The Riverwomen then continued

to roll from there winning the first set 15-12.

In the second set, Wisconsin-Parkside led from the beginning and never looked back. Wisconsin-Parkside served three aces in the set.

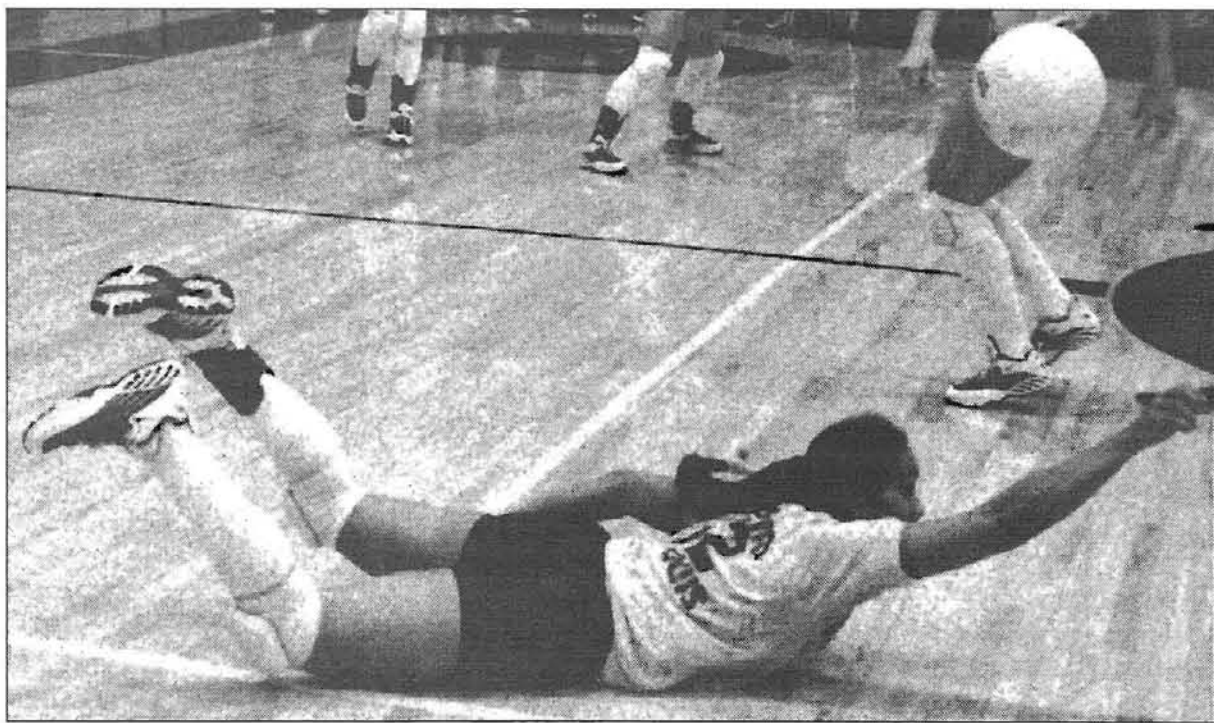
The Riverwomen came as close as 6-10, but never came back from the deficit.

In the third set, UM-St. Louis made crucial mistakes while serving the ball. The Riverwomen served the ball out of bounds five times during the set.

UM-St. Louis and Wisconsin-Parkside were tied at 9-9, but Parkside eventually won the set 9-15.

In the fourth set, UM-St. Louis led early 7-2 and never looked back as they won the set 15-10 forcing a fifth set. Anne McCord led the Riverwomen in the set with numerous blocks at the net.

During the fifth-set tie-breaker, the lead switched nearly every possession and was tied at 15-15 before Wisconsin-Parkside pulled out two points for the victory.



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Yorhena Panama (12) dives for a ball in a recent match against Southern Indiana. Panama will be a key for the Riverwomen as they try to rebound from a slow start against conference foes IUPU-Fort Wayne and Southern Indiana this week.

## And baseball's most valuable player is . . . Chipper Jones



LATEST SCOOP

DAVE KINWORTHY

Is it Mark McGwire or is it Sammy Sosa who will win the National League Most Valuable Player this year?

The answer is neither. Granted, both McGwire and Sosa have had productive seasons hitting the longball, but the two just have not helped their team, as Sosa did last season, contend for a playoff berth. The key ingredient to selecting the MVP is how much of an asset the player truly is to his team.

McGwire, you could argue, because of his 500 home runs over the length of his career and the towering moon-shots that he hits, attracts more fans than a light

attracts mosquitos.

Sosa is a good candidate as well, but his team has done equally as bad as the Cardinals this season. Granted, Sosa was the first man to hit back-to-back 60 home run seasons, but without a well-rounded team and depth in the pitching category for the Chicago Cubs, Sosa will not be considered.

A case could be made for players like Craig Biggio, who has led the Houston Astros to another successful season, but the pitching success Jose Lima has also been a pleasant surprise for the Astros.

The case could also be argued for Tony Gwynn. This 3,000 hit man has done the impossible. His

batting average alone each and every season is impressive. With the core of the San Diego Padres gone, Gwynn has still remained passionate towards baseball.

Maybe we should consider Ron Gant for the MVP award. The new MVP award will now be given to the player who strikes out the most in a single season while holding a grudge with his manager over personal matters.

But the answer to the question is quite easy: Chipper Jones.

His play over the past two weeks has been the saving grace for the Atlanta Braves.

Along with his quick glove at third base, Jones has been swinging

a red-hot bat all year long as he has amassed over 40 homeruns and over 100 RBIs already.

The decision came quickly for me when I saw Jones play against the New York Mets this past week. Jones was the standout leader of the Braves, hitting countless crucial home runs that won the game for the Braves.

Let's face it, if the Braves did not have Jones, they would not be where they are right now—having already clinched another division title.

The Braves have been slumping all year long, and Jones has been there to rescue them in their time of need.

The Braves, with struggling starting pitching earlier in the year, counted on their offensive power to win the ballgames.

With a lineup featuring Ryan Klesko, Brian Jordan, and Bret Boone, the lineup was secure with Jones as the other addition.

But the Braves struggled, Jordan went down with a series of injuries, and Boone and Klesko struggled at the plate.

Jones has restored the Braves to the top of their division once again. Losing is not a thing that Atlanta fans have become accustomed to, and Jones will not allow it to start now.

# SPORTS

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### Upcoming Games

#### Men's Soccer

vs Kent. Wesleyan  
3:00 p.m., Sat., Oct. 9

vs Bellarmine  
3:00 p.m., Sun., Oct. 10.

#### Volleyball

at IUPU-Ft. Wayne  
TBA, Fri. Oct. 8

at Southern Indiana  
2:00 p.m., Sat. Oct. 9

#### Women's Soccer

vs Kent. Wesleyan  
12:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 9

vs Bellarmine  
12:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 10

### Next Week In Sports

Men's Soccer  
Women's Soccer  
Volleyball  
Kinworthy's Column

# Health Services reaches out to students

BY KEN DUNKIN  
senior editor

Looking to get more students to come to their facilities, the University Health Services held an open house last Wednesday. The event was held to inform students about the new women's health clinic on the UM-St. Louis campus. The clinic opened last April but wasn't heavily promoted as the semester was near a close. With students on campus, the center is looking to get

more students into their clinic. The event drew around 100 people. "We wanted to increase awareness on this campus," said Jill Arnold, a nurse practitioner. "We wanted to inform women that they can come to us to have their exams done." Included in the exam for women are a physical and pap smear test. The cost is \$15, and appointments are required. The available times are on Mon.-Thurs. from 2-5 PM. Three women can be helped per day as appointments last one hour.

University Health Services will celebrate Health Awareness Day on Oct. 6. The event will begin at 10 am and go to 4 pm in 127 Woods Hall. Free to the first 15 people who attend will be a cholesterol check, a TB test, a hearing screening, and a pregnancy test. "We try to have two awareness days a year," Arnold said. "We hope it encourages people to come in and see what we can do for them."

# Breast cancer awareness month designed to raise awareness

BY JENNY THALHEIMER  
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis.— To create awareness of the leading cancer diagnosed in American women, October has been declared National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Statistics from the National Cancer Institute report that each year more than 180,000 women in the United States learn they have breast cancer. "Breast cancer can be successfully treated when detected early," Christy Smith, a breast cancer survivor, said.

"It begins with learning about, being comfortable with and knowing the changes happening in your body." Smith, 25, said she began performing self-examinations after reading about the growing number of American women who are diagnosed with cancer each year. "I was afraid I would become another statistic," she said. "I didn't feel immune to the disease." The Susan G. Komen Foundation recommends that clinical breast examinations should begin at least every three years for women, beginning at age 20 and annually after 40. Become familiar with the normal look and feel of your breasts, the foundation suggested. If any change

occurs, you should have a clinical breast examination, it added. The most effective method for early detection of breast cancer found by the ACS and NCI is a mammogram. A mammogram is an X-ray picture of the breast with an ability to reveal any breast changes that may be cancer, prior to any visual or palpable symptoms. The NCI has issued a list of symptoms women should be aware of when performing a self-examination. It advises women with a lump or thickening near or in the breast, change in size or shape, tenderness or discharge, as well as any change in the look of the skin of the breast, to take immediate action.

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### CORRECTIONS

In issue 964, the names of Ann Morris and Doris Wesley were switched in a photo caption, and Wesley's name was misspelled. The story incorrectly identified Wesley. She is the author of "Lift Every Voice and Sing: St. Louis African-Americans in the 20th Century." The title of this book was misspelled. We regret any confusion this might have caused.

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**DISASTER, from page 1**

exercise, we just don't know what time it is, and there were notices on the front door of Benton Hall. We knew that there was a specific exercise today," Corey said, "because there was an e-mail message on Friday afternoon."

Hickerson said this simulation was the first at UM-St. Louis on this large scale, and that they are considering doing simulations of earthquakes or tornadoes that could involve the entire

campus. He said when those kinds of disaster affect the surrounding communities UM-St. Louis may become isolated.

"On the outside world, outside of campus, hospitals and schools, elementary and secondary, those [institutions] would have the high priority," Hickerson said. "So, it may take them a day or so to get to us. We would need to be able to take care of ourselves."

**HUNGER, from page 1**

seeing more structural poverty from families that are employed and need us every month to remain stable."

Betty Chitwood, campus minister at U.M. St. Louis, also works to feed the poor.

"Without these pantries there would be people tonight with no food on their plates," Chitwood said, "They provide meals for thousands of fami-

lies in St. Louis."

Koenen said that the 425 independent neighborhood food pantries provide for 300,000 people in the metro area.

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**CHILDREN, from page 1**

support they needed because they have been trying to implement programs, trying to get more parents more involved in these schools and that this information supports the need for that."

Pierce said the study's findings also indicate that schools should be sensitive towards gender differences when developing support programs.

"Because boys and girls respond to violence differently we have to be very much aware of developing dif-

ferent programs for boys and girls in schools," Pierce said.

Communities, and agents within communities also have to get involved, Pierce said. Programs designed to keep children safe when school is over are needed within the community.

Pierce said she believes schools are becoming more aware of their role in protecting children from violence, but that attention should be focused on events outside of school.

"Children in an urban environment see much more violence in their community than they'll ever see in their schools," Pierce said. "So I think that for these children, we need to be concerned about what's going on outside of school."

Pierce said these children view school as a safe place. She said these children reported feelings of anxiety when school ended because that meant they were out on the street.

Pierce presented her study in a lec-

ture entitled "Children and Violence" Sept. 27 in the J.C. Penney building. The study originated from her work in the Be A Star substance abuse program designed to steer children clear of alcohol and drugs. The study started when many of the children reported witnessing numerous acts of community violence. The lecture was a part of UM-St. Louis' Monday noon series.



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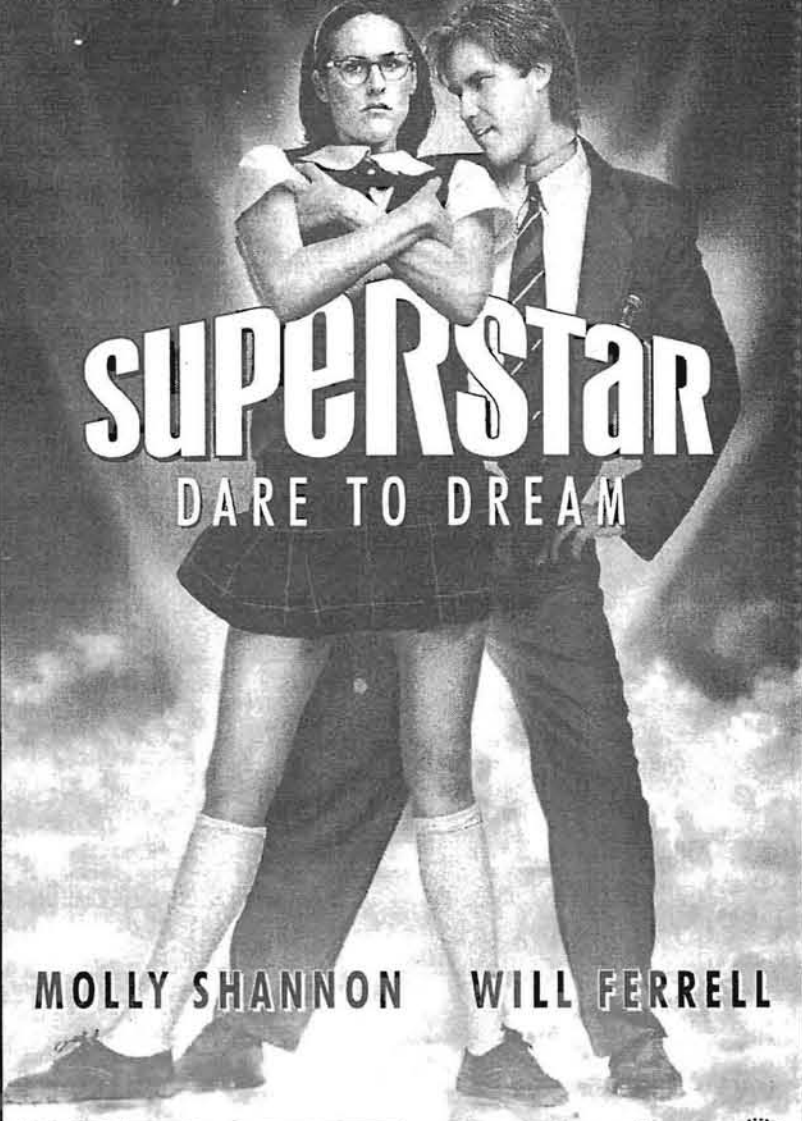
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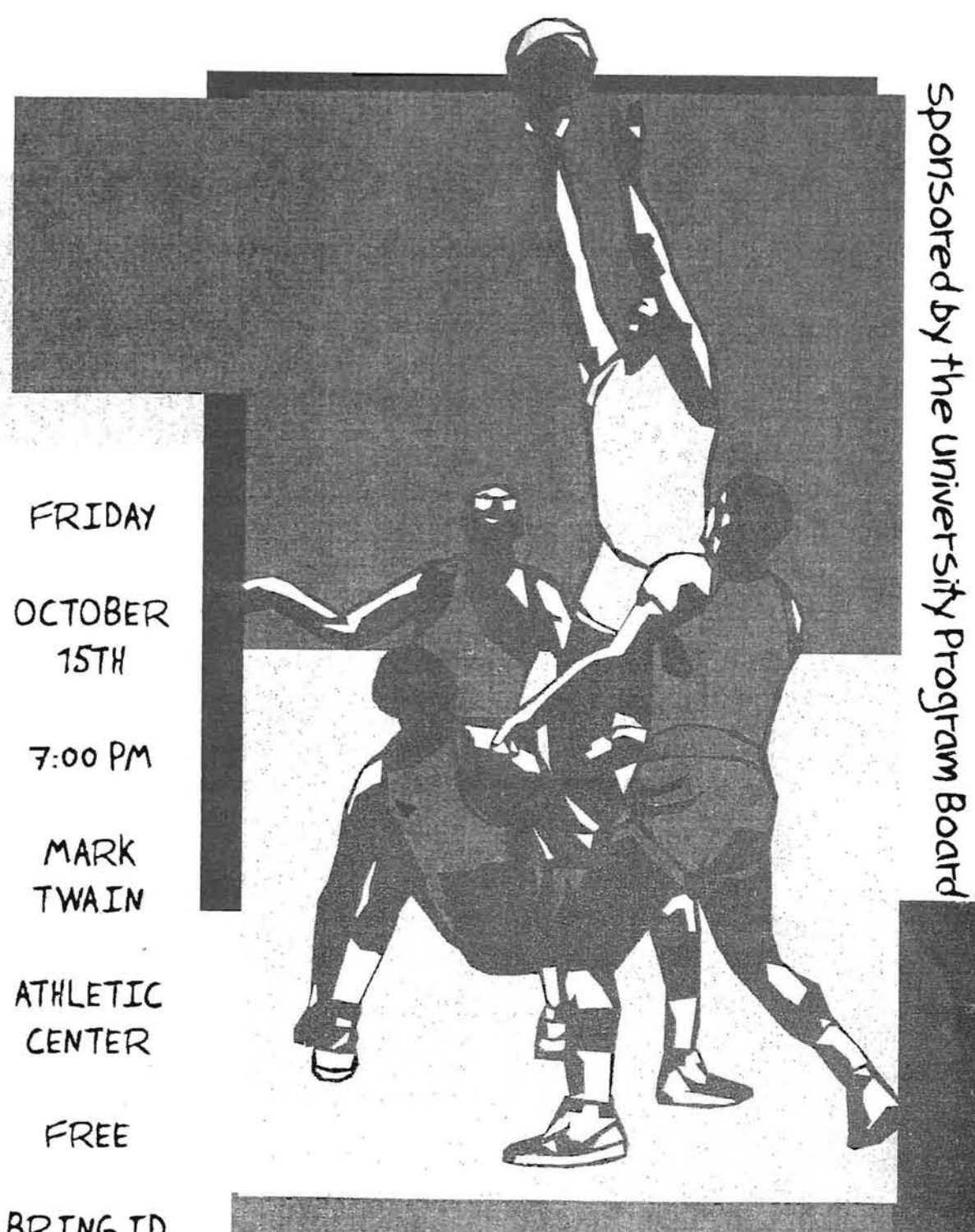
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# Credit card companies target students

BY GAVIN PRATT  
Yale Daily News

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Promising free T-shirts, frisbees and dry-erase boards, credit card vendors at Yale University and other schools routinely invade campus areas, manning tables until they get ejected by university officials. They reflect a growing trend of “under-age” credit marketing that has aroused national concern over student debt.

The average college student owns three credit cards, and 24 percent of them got their first card through an on-campus representative, according to national surveys.

Because buyers stay loyal to their first credit card for an average of 15 years, competition to be a student's first is fierce, and credit card issuers have recently been reaching towards ever younger market segments in an effort to beat the competition.

Companies typically sign up 60 students a day for credit cards when at Yale, a Citibank representative said.

At the same time, even credit card companies admit they border on targeting a population unready for the freedom of unlimited credit.

“They’re getting these credit cards and many students don’t even know what credit really is. One missing payment could screw you, but this is how we make money,” confided an on-campus sales representative for Visa and MasterCard, who wished to remain nameless. “I get \$1.50 for every student I sign up.”

Due to growing concern over student debt, as many as 750 to 1000 campuses nationwide have prohibited on-campus credit card marketing. Experts project that number to grow by 400 during the next three years.

The average college student has \$2000 of revolving debt, and, according to the 1998 National Student Loan Survey, almost half of all students who drop out do so because of debt concerns.

Students are solicited by an average of 15-20 on-campus credit card representatives annually, and in recent months this activity has driven more than 10 states to introduce legislation that would restrict marketing credit cards to students.

Last March, the activity of guerrilla sales tactics attracted national attention, prompting U.S. Congressman John LaFalce, D-NY, to introduce legislation that would

prohibit marketing of credit cards to individuals under the age of 21 without consent of a parental guardian.

The bill, which has yet to be voted on, reflects a growing unease that companies lure students into accumulating debt they cannot pay.

The fact that many parents can wind up footing their children's unpaid bills makes students even more of an attractive market for credit card executives.

“Students are a better credit risk for us than the general population,” a Citibank sales representative said.

In New Haven, Conn., Yale students seem just fine with the current situation — many seeing the credit card deals as jokes anyway, simply signing up under false names to get free items.

“Everyone does it,” said Aaron Nagano, a student at Yale. “It’s not fraud, it’s a free T-shirt.”

## UNITED WAY, from page 1

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SPORTS OPINION

Trinidad / De La Hoya leaves much desired

BY SCOTT HOWZE  
special to The Current

While many red-blooded American men packed themselves into sports bars, lined up for chips and dips, and fried/grilled/sauteed a variety of beef and pork products a couple of weeks ago for the Da la Hoya/Trinidad fight, many were let down.

It wasn't because it was arguably the most boring 36 minutes of boxing many of us have ever seen.

It wasn't that the fight between a former Playboy model and another woman was the best fight on the card. It was that De La Hoya/Trinidad was compared to Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Thomas "The Hitman" Hearnes, the defining welterweight fight of our generation, and it just came up short.

There was none of the heart we

have come to expect from De la Hoya, even in the mist of questionable victories over Ike Quartey and Pernell Whittaker.

There was too much respect in Trinidad, usually a relentless headhunter as he wildly threw uppercuts that always seem to miss by a mile.

The first eight rounds were about even. You could make an argument for your favorite boxer after each round; it was that close. However, since De la Hoya runs for 2 minutes and 50 seconds and then, like clockwork, throws a fury of punches the last ten seconds, it is easy to give him four of those rounds.

The last four rounds were definitely Trinidad's. In rounds 8-12 De la Hoya fought not-to-lose vs. fighting-to-win. Using the old adage, you can't win a fight by running, I think the

judges were right on point with their decision. Trinidad won a majority decision 114-114, 115-113, 115-114.

Neither fighter ever really seemed ready to hit the other guy. Both fighters were just getting "the feel" of the other.

Usually that is ok to watch, but not when it lasts the entire fight. De la Hoya/Trinidad was over-analyzed, over-hyped, and at \$50 a pop, over-priced.

To the promoters of the fight, who are undoubtedly going to set up a rematch, further drawing parallels to the Sugar Ray Leonard/Thomas "The Hitman" Hearnes fight, I have but one thing to say. I saw the Leonard/Hearnes fight, the Leonard/Hearnes fight is a favorite of mine, De la Hoya/Trinidad was no Leonard/Hearnes.



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Keghan Kenney (red) goes for a header over a Quincy defender.

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finally put the game away for good as Lindsey Siemens scored the game-winner with 5:07 left in overtime.

"A win is a win," Goetz said. "To be honest, we just needed a conference win. We made a lot of unforced errors. They are really working hard and I think they are just about to click. We are not going to know why it was today or even yesterday, but we know it is going to happen."

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you played with last season," Woodrick said. "With a weekend like this and when they honored the national champion team from 1973, it is what makes being an alumni fun."

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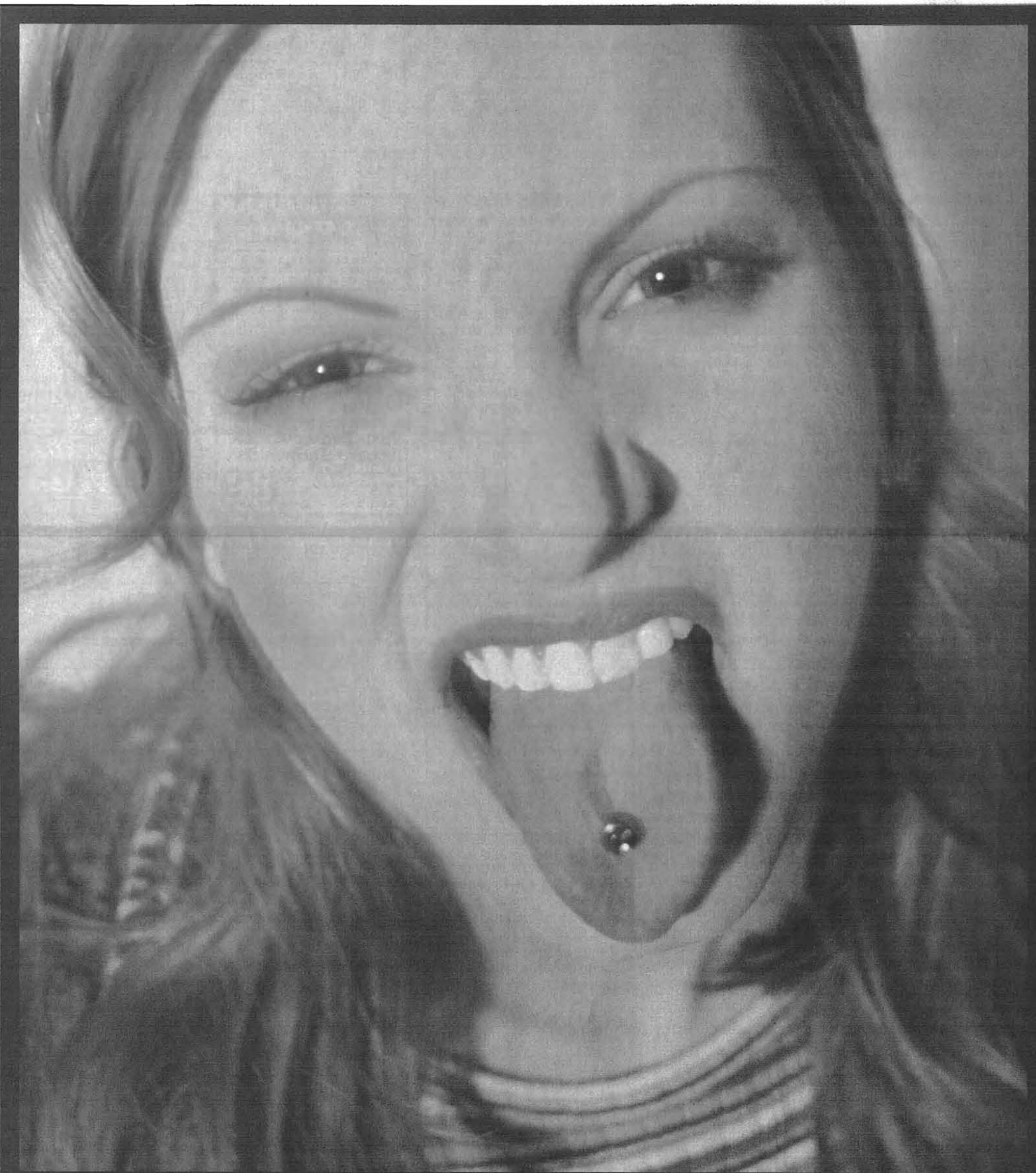
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