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University of Missouri — St. Louis
“Your Guide to Homecoming Week
Festivities”

February 14-19, 2000

Get ready for delightful dinner, dance

The Homecoming 2000 Dinner and Dance is only a few days away. Once again, you can share this affordable and memorable night with a friend, someone special, or a whole group of friends. The event will be returning to the America's Center, which is in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The doors open at 7:00 and dinner will be served at 7:30. This year's dinner will include salad, chicken al-forno with vegetables, and chocolate cheesecake. Additionally, there is a vegetarian plate available consisting of mixed vegetables over rice. There will

also be a couple cash bars throughout the room. After dinner there will be a short awards ceremony, followed by the crowning of the king and queen. After that, we will dance the night away. This year we will have music from a local St. Louis band. The dance will conclude at midnight.

Dinner and Dance tickets can be purchased in the Bookstore, the U-Mart, and in Mark Twain. They are \$15 per person, \$27 per couple, and \$125 for a table of 10. There are three ways to reach the America's Center. First, you

can ride the Metrolink down and get off at the Convention Center stop. If you ride the Metrolink, please remember it stops running at midnight. Second, there will be a bus running from campus down to the dance. Seating on the bus is limited. Third, you can drive down and park in one of the several garages around the America's Center. There are maps of downtown and the Metrolink stops, as well as bus information available at the three ticket purchase locations.

Grab a date or a group of friends and come join us!

Need a ride to the dance friday night?

6:20 p.m. - UMSL Bus arrives at Honors College for pick-up

6:30 p.m. - UMSL Bus arrives at University Meadows for pick-up

12:15 a.m. - UMSL Bus leaves Convention Center for campus

**Call Student Activities to reserve seats
Deadline to reserve is 5:00 p.m. Thurs.**

Cast your vote for HC Court

After a highly competitive selection process, we are pleased to present these fabulous UM-St. Louisans as members of the 2000 Homecoming Court.

Christine Biondo:

Christine Biondo is an undergraduate senior with a biology major and chemistry minor. Biondo is an active member of Delta Zeta Sorority - UMSL Chapter (serving as Social Chair and Risk Manager), Biology Club and Pre-Veterinary Club. She also currently serves as a Student Ambassador and works for Cloud Veterinary Center as a Veterinary Technician.

Maggie McGuire:

As an undergraduate senior with a Special Education major, Maggie McGuire is pursuing certification in Elementary Learning Disability and Behavioral Disability. McGuire is currently serving as President of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority - UMSL Chapter. She currently volunteers at Our Little Haven, working with children who are abused, neglected or HIV positive. McGuire is also a Student Ambassador. She works as a Registered Nurse with St. Louis Children's Hospital, and as a substitute teacher for the Special School District.

Kelly Reece:

Kelly Reece is a senior undergraduate majoring in accounting and is currently the President of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority - UMSL Chapter. She also takes on the task of serving as the Vice President of Finance for her sorority. To complement her academic major, Reece is a member of the Accounting Club. Reece also serves in the Student Government Association as Chair of the Social Committee and as an Executive Committee member. Reece is in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Aaron M. Kohrs:

As an undergraduate senior majoring in English, Aaron Kohrs has throughout his college career served in the UM-St. Louis Instrumental Ensemble (currently as president). He actively participated in the 1999 annual Fall Leadership Developed Retreat. Kohrs has also assisted the University by promoting school spirit at athletic events and campus activities.

Tom Albrecht:

Tom Albrecht, a senior undergraduate student with a major in Finance, is an active Student Ambassador and serves on

the Student Senate as Chair of Student Affairs. He is currently a member of the Student Activity Budget Committee. Albrecht is also currently the President of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Joe Flees:

As a sophomore political science major, Joe Flees also holds a minor in English. He has remained the President of the Residence Hall Association since 1998. He directed the Big Event Project in 1999 and is doing so again this year. In the past, Flees has served on the Student Court as a Senior Associate Justice, and currently serves as a member of Students With Disabilities (STARS Program). He is also the founder and board member of the Associated Students of the University of Missouri - St. Louis Chapter.

Final elections will take place Tuesday February 15, and Wednesday February 16. Write-in votes will be accepted. Ballot boxes will be open between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on both days at the main lobby of the Student Center and Marrillac Hall. A ballot box will also remain open from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the main lobby of Lucas Hall for our Evening College Students. Best of luck to our candidates.

Main Events

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Court Election Begins
Ping Pong Tourney

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Court Election Completed
Pep Rally - 6:30 p.m.
Rec Sports Day - all day
Ping Pong Tourney Continues
Big Man on Campus

Thursday, Feb. 17

Student night at Basketball Game
Court Presentation at Game
Ping Pong Finals at Game

Friday, Feb. 18

Happy Hour
Dance
Crowning of King and Queen

Saturday, Feb. 19

Alumni Family Day at Basketball
Game (1 p.m. & 3 p.m.)
Potential Student/Admissions at
Alumni Family Day
King/Queen Presentation at Game

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Basketball season in full swing for Homecoming

After whipping Northern Kentucky 76-67 on its home turf earlier in the season, Missouri-St. Louis looked forward to its homecoming showdown against the Norse at Mark Twain the second time around. Unfortunately, NKU's Michelle Cottrell and Michele Tuchfarber took it upon themselves to render revenge upon the Riverwomen and spoil any chance of a homecoming celebration. Cottrell scored 27 points and Tuchfarber added 20 as the No. 13 ranked Norse cruised to a 74-57 win at the Mark Twain Building. The Norse's defense held Melanie Marcy, UMSL's leading scorer, to just 13 points and sent UMSL head coach Shelly Ethridge's homecoming record to 0-1.

"We were really geared up for that game since we beat them by 17 points on their home court earlier in the year," Ethridge recalls. "With NKU being ranked No. 13, I told our team to give it their best effort. We had nothing to lose and everything to gain."

Missouri-St. Louis led 28-27 after the first 20 minutes of play. However, Cottrell sparked a 14-2 NKU run over the first six minutes of the second half to give the Norse a 42-30 advantage and one they would not look back on.

"That first six minutes of the second half killed us," Ethridge said. "We were 1-11 from the floor during that time and NKU took advantage of that." Ethridge is hoping for a different outcome during Homecoming 2000, when the Riverwomen play host to Wisconsin-Parkside. The Riverwomen defeated the Rangers 90-83 back on Jan. 20, and have come out on top in the last five outings against UW-Parkside.

"We have enjoyed some success over the Rangers over the past two seasons," Ethridge said. "But, that does not mean we are going to let our guard

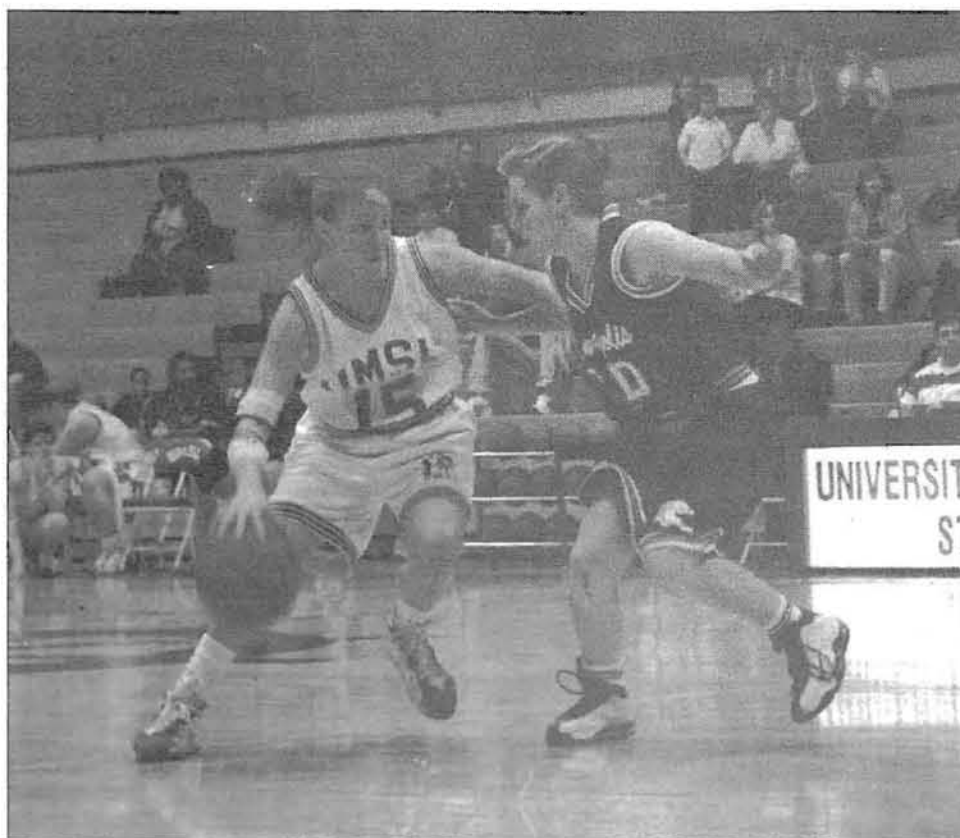
down come Saturday afternoon."

Senior Amanda Wentzel led UMSL's effort in Kenosha back in January with a team-high 26 points, while Tawanda Daniel tallied 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Heading into homecoming and their final game of the 1998-99 season against Northern Kentucky, the Rivermen were looking to put a positive note on what had been a less than negative season. The Rivermen were 6-19 overall, 4-17 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and headed toward their third straight 6-20 season. Additionally, they faced an opponent that cruised to a 78-64 victory on their home court back on Jan. 2.

Another losing season was inevitable, but packing up the equipment and cashing it in was not an option, especially for sophomore point guard Greg Ross.

Coming off a 33-point effort against Indianapolis two days prior, Ross led the Rivermen with 19 points as UMSL downed NKU 75-67 for their seventh win of the season. Ross was one of four players in double figures for the Rivermen, who accomplished just what they set out to. Durrell Robinson scored 14 points, while Jeremiah Foots added 11 for the Rivermen, who shot 50 percent from the field, while holding the Norse to 41 percent. Northern Kentucky led 32-29 at the half thanks to 46 percent shooting from the floor. The Rivermen managed to shoot a respectable 42 percent on 12-of-28 shooting from the floor in the first half. NKU would only lead once before UMSL mounted a 19-8 run and take a 57-46 lead with 9:18 left in regulation. NKU cut UMSL's lead to one with 6:19 to go, but the Rivermen outscored the Norse 15-11 over the final five minutes



Sara Mauck, Riverwomen basketball player, dodges opponents during one of last year's homecoming games.

for the win.

The Rivermen are hoping for a similar outcome during Homecoming 2000 when they take on Wisconsin-Parkside. The Rivermen have won the last three meetings with the Rangers, including a 59-57 nailbiter back on Jan. 20 in Kenosha, Wisc.

Brian Markus iced the game for UMSL with a 12-foot jumper with six seconds remaining in regulation. UW-Parkside had a chance to win with 0.1 seconds, but the Rangers' Brian Coffman missed the front end of a 1-1

as time ran out.

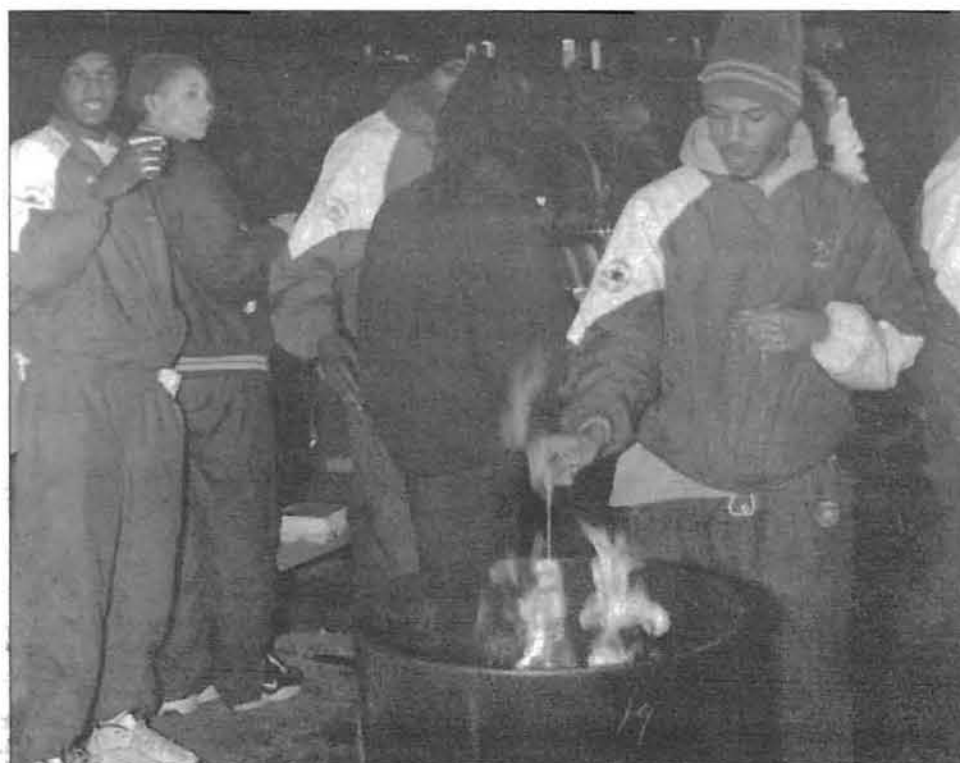
"We expect to have a real battle on our hands in our second meeting with Parkside," UM-St. Louis head coach Mark Bernsen said. "It is a big game for them since we stole one away in their house and it's a big game for us due to several factors. One, it's homecoming and you always want to win at home in front of your fans, and two the season's coming to a close and this game will play a factor in the upcoming conference tournament."

Wednesday to feature rally, parade, bonfire

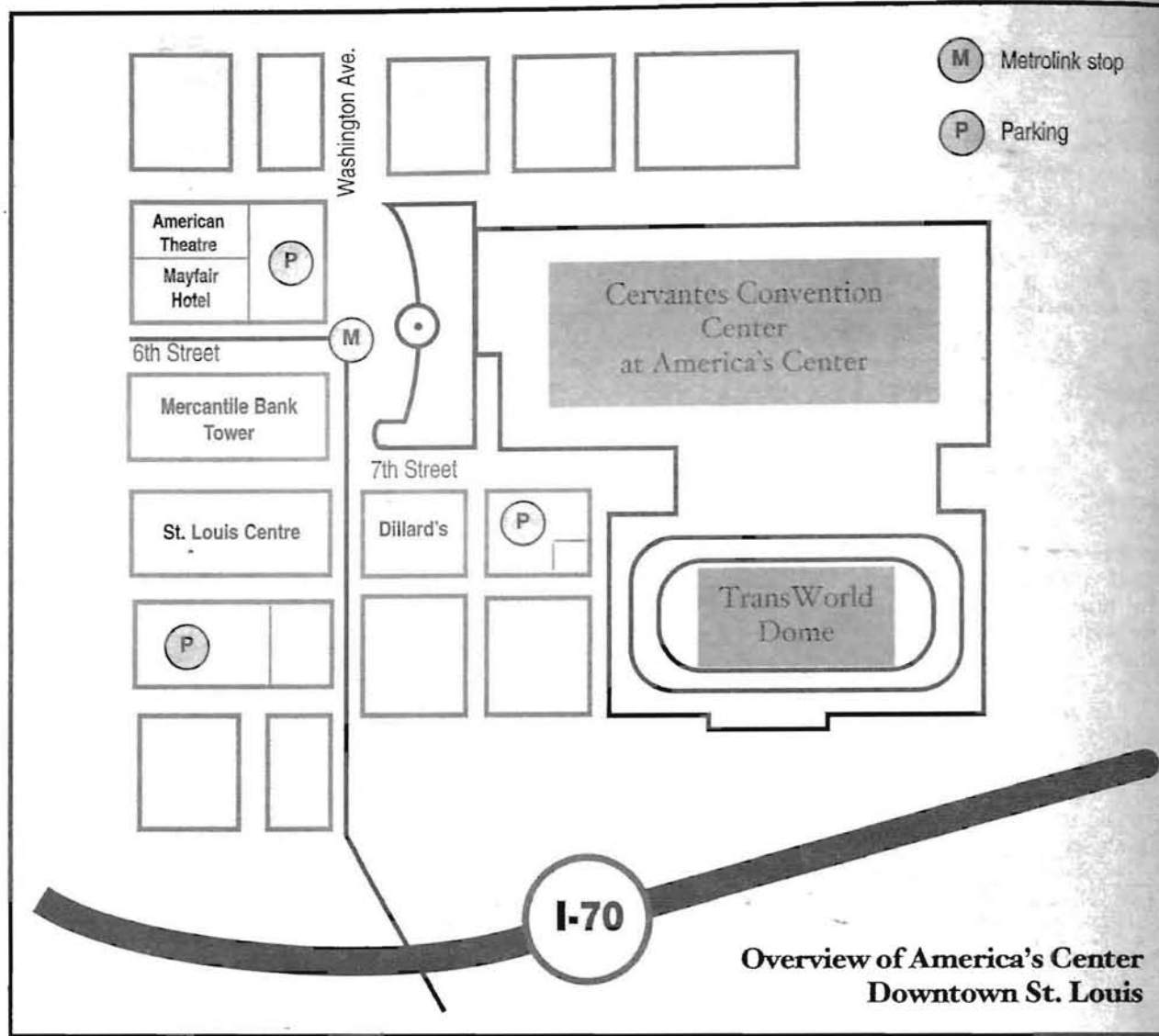
The Pep Rally will begin near the Meadows on the South Campus around 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16th (anyone needing a ride should meet at The Circle to board the big bus). Fans will rally through the campus on the University's award-winning float with the final destination being the Mark Twain Building. The excitement will really heat up as the BONFIRE blazes and the rally continues with music by

Dr. Bill Richardson's PEP BAND, performances by the UMSL DANCE SQUAD, free University spirit items, hot dogs, marshmallows, soda and hot chocolate. Coaches Shelly Ethridge and Mark Bernsen will introduce their teams who will go up against Lewis University on Thursday, and Wisconsin Parkside on Saturday. The winner of the Big Man on Campus Pageant will be announced at the Bonfire.

Right: Kechan Johnson, Riverman basketball player, roasts marshmallows during last year's bonfire



So how do I get down there?



Metrolink trains stop running at 12:00 a.m. (midnight)

FROM I-70

Coming 70E, exit at Broadway. Make a right onto Washington Ave. America's Center is on the right.

FROM I-40

Coming 40E, exit at 11th Street. Stay straight and go south. Turn left onto Clark Ave. Then turn right onto S. Tucker Blvd. Then turn right onto Market Street. Turn left onto N. 9th Street. Make a right onto Washington Ave. America's Center is on the right.

NEED MORE HELP?

If you need additional help with directions, give the Office of Student Activities a call at 516-5291.

