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War talks worry students about terrorism

Iraq conflict has some students concerned about retaliation

BY MELISSA MCCRARY

Staff Writer

Students at UM-St. Louis have been expressing their opinions and feelings about how the thought of going to war has been affecting their families, jobs, education and safety concerns on campus.

Kendra - Schultz, sophomore, psychology, shared her feelings on the thought of war:

"I feel that there is no peace without war," Schultz said. "War is inevitable at times, and it is a way of keeping order among nations."

Patrick Hanneken, junior, English, also expressed his feelings on the potential for war: "In general, war is wrong, meaning that if one innocent life is lost, war is a situation that cannot be won," Hanneken said. "This issue effects me tremendously because it is more difficult to stay focused in school when the possibility of war is among us."

Throughout the century, in past build-ups for war, many people around the nation prepared and took precautions. Some of the past measurements taken to ensure safety have been building bomb shelters, gathering surplus supplies and creating evacuation plans.

Almost every school around the world has plans on what to do if a disaster was to occur. Recently, schools are beginning to consider how to ensure the safety of their students in the event of war.

Many students at UM-St. Louis feel that this school's precautions are not emphasized.

"If elementary, middle and high schools prepare students for such disasters like earthquakes and volcanoes, then why not for war-and at colleges," .Kalisha Lemmitt, junior, English, said.

If war breaks out in Iraq, North Korea or elsewhere, would students, faculty and staff feel safe?

"I would feel somewhat safe, meaning that we are protected by the Missouri National Guard that is based here in St. Louis," Hanneken

Other students think differently

about the sense of security.

"I would only feel safe in my home or maybe with my loved ones if war was breaking out," said Tiffany Thompson, marketing, senior.

The military has already called upon many people for active duty. Some of the people who have left to go fight the United States are family members or friends to many UM-St. Louis students.

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Is UMSL ready? Are we prepared for

Anthrax: An infectious bacterium. Contracted in one of three ways: by contact with the skin, by inhalation or by ingestion. Can be treated with antibiotics; however, anthrax contracted via inhalation is almost always fatal. Symptoms include shock, nausea, seizure and severe diarrhea.

Smallpox: Extremely contagious. Can be fatal. Transmission occurs via contact with bodily fluids, clothing and bedding. Humans are the only carriers. There is no cure. The only defense is vaccination. Symptoms include fever, malaise, headache and vomiting. A rash forms and scabs over. Victims are contagious until last scab falls off.

VX gas: Originated in the United Kingdom. Created as a liquid, then turned into a gas. In gaseous form, VX is 100 percent fatal. Operates by cutting off the nervous system. Binds to the enzyme that transmits signals to nerves and inhibits them. Only known antidote is Atropine. Atropine must be injected into the heart if subjected to VX in gaseous form.

Nuclear bomb: Effects are devastating. Death totals would be in the hundreds of thousands. Most "popular" forms of nuclear weaponry are neutron, proton and electron bombs. Hydrogen bombs are still in arsenals. Atom bombs dropped over

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan killed over 170,000 people. Bombs today are 87 times more powerful.

BY JASON GRANGER

News Editor

With mounting concerns over attack from terrorist organizations in retaliation to war with Iraq, preparations are underway throughout the United States to thwart any terrorist attacks.

UM-St. Louis has also begun work on developing its own plans in response to a terrorist attack. According to Al Wurt, lieutenant in the UM-St. Louis police department emergency management coordinator, much of the planning revolves around the policy that is used in the event of a natural disaster.

"We have a policy to respond to all emergency operations," Wurt said. "We have an agreement with surrounding agencies to assist us in the event of an emergency.

According to Wurt, UM-St. Louis

is at a disadvantage because of location. He said Lambert International Airport, being in such close proximity to the campus, makes possible attack via airplane hard to

"I cannot say if someone purposely crashed an airplane in the (Social Science) tower if we could say right away it was an attack," Wurt said. "It would be hard to say since the airport is right there."

An attack on a college, while not likely, could serve a functional purpose to terrorist organizations like Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network. An attack on a college campus would have a demoralizing affect on the rest of the nation, losing the lives of people as young as college students.

While UM-St. Louis and the St. Louis area in general may not seem like likely targets for terrorists, Pentagon officials and Secretary of

State Donald Rumsfeld have said that the heartland may be high on terrorist attack lists, just to prove to Americans that they can strike anywhere, anytime. Because of this idea, Rumsfeld has urged cities in the Midwest to take appropriate precautions to prevent and respond to attack. In particular, Rumsfeld indicated St. Louis (the Gateway Arch, Busch Stadium) and Chicago (the Sears Tower, the John Hancock Tower) as possible targets due to famous landmarks in their cities.

Now, cities such as St. Louis and Chicago, along with standard targets like Washington D.C., New York and Los Angeles, must not only ascertain and protect potential targets within their boundaries but also identify possible methods of attack. There are three different categories of weaponry that terrorist cells might use against Americans: chemical, biological and radiological, known collectively as

weapons of mass destruction. If weapons such as these were used against the UM-St. Louis campus, casualty rates would be incalculable.

CHEMICAL

Chemical weapons were banned by the Geneva Convention; however, many countries inroughout the world have continued to develop and/or stockpile these weapons. Countries like Russia, France, China, the United States, Iraq and Iran are known to have chemical weapons capable of being loaded into a warhead and used against large populations. There are several options available to terrorists including:

•VX gas: VX gas originated in labs in the United Kingdom. In it's liquid form, VX is slow acting and is absorbed through the eyes and skin. It is far more dangerous in its gaseous form, which has a mortality rate of

as a blessing. VX has not yet been used to its fullest extent because it is easily carried by wind and could easily blow back on the people who launched the attack. It operates by cutting off the nervous system. It binds to the enzyme that transmits signals to nerves and inhibits them. Symptoms are hard to distinguish because VX is so fast-acting. The

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only known antidote is Atropine. If exposed to VX liquid, Atropine can be injected into the arm or thigh, but if a person is exposed to VX gas, the Atropine must be injected directly into the

 Sarin gas: Sarin gas came into mass production under Adolf Hitler in the 1930s and 1940s. It is colorless and odorless and lethal at a dose of .5 milligrams. Sarin gas is also a nerve inhibitor, blocking enzymes that allow for nerve conductivity. Symptoms include nausea, convulsions, miosis, breathing difficulty and drowsiness.

It was used in a Tokyo subway attack that killed five people and hospitalized over 560 people. ·Mustard gas:

Mustard gas was used extensively in World War I and World War II. It is generally breathed in but can also be absorbed through the skin at primary sweat glands, including the underarm, feet and groin. An early indication of exposure is irritation and rash in those areas. Long-term exposure can be lethal. This agent is primarily a demoralizer, causing both short- and long-term effects. People exposed to mustard have developed chronic bronchitis, respiratory difficulties, cancer and reproductive difficulties. Symptoms include rash, eve irritation

BIOLOGICAL

and swelling of the eyelids

Possession of biological weapons is generally denied by governments, but as the anthrax attacks of 2001 indicate, these weapons are produced.

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Shake, rattle and roll

Can UMSL handle a natural disaster?

BY JASON GRANGER

News Editor

Just how prepared is UM-St. Louis for a natural disaster? St. Louis lies prone to not one but two types of natural disaster: earthquakes and tornados

Because of this, there are necessary precautions that institutions make to ensure the safety of the lives entrusted to them. At UM-St. Louis, there are

emergency procedures in place to deal both earthquakes and tornados,;however, there has been more to handle tornados earthquakes. "If a tornado is coming, we have a

weather alert system here at the UM-St. Louis Police Lieutenant Al Wurt said. "We know when a tornado is coming towards us." Wurt said that earthquakes are a

little more tricky, however. "It [an earthquake] strikes without warning," Wurt said. "Our response is predicated on the magnitude of the earthquake. If it's a smaller earthquake, then we try our hardest to help out the people. If it's a total earthquake where

everything is rubble, basically it's save yourself."

The unpredictability of earthquakes is part of what makes response to them so difficult. The effect is widespread and devastating; so, the same things victims in buildings on campus would feel would also be felt by those trying to reach them. With a tornado, advanced warning systems have been created to warn of the approach of a tornado or if conditions are favorable for tornado development. However, tornado warning systems, set up by the Civil Defense Agency, are not perfected.

UM-St. Louis has an emergency procedure list that details responses to both earthquake and tornado strikes on campus.

Earthquake

- ·Stay indoors if already there
- •Take cover under sturdy furniture Stay near the center of the building ·Stay away from glass windows or
- doors ·Avoid running through or near building where there is a danger of falling debris.

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"Whole lotta shakin" going on"

Missouri has witnessed some of the worst natural disasters in the nation's history. Here is an overview of some of them.

- Earthquake of 1811: Estimated 7.7 magnitude earthquake on the Richter Scale. Raised the ground 18 feet in some locations. Rang a church bell 1000 miles away in Virginia.
- Earthquake of 1812: The most powerful earthquake in United States history in the contiguous 48 states. Reversed the flow of the Mississippi River. Created lakes.
- Tri-State tornado: The most destructive tornado on record. Average sustained winds estimated at 310 miles per hour. Killed 695 people. Tossed houses miles and drove straw into trees. Completely demolished entire
- Great flood of 1993: Billions of dollars in damage done when the Mississippi, Missouri and Meramec Rivers overflowed and destroyed levees.
- St. Louis tornado of 1896: A massive tornado ripped through St. Louis and East St. Louis killing hundreds and causing extensive damage. The last tornado to hit the St. Louis metropolitan area.
- Hysteria over prediction: People within striking distance of the New Madrid fault panicked when Ivan Browning predicted category 8 earthquake would strike in early December. Schools closed and stores ran out of bottled water.

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Thru April 7 **Gallery Visio**

"UM-St. Louis Women on the Move: A Retrospective of UM-St. Louis Women Artists" is the current exhibit at Gallery Visio. Gallery Visio is located on the 1st floor of the MSC next to The Nosh.

Thru April 17 Submissions wanted

Bellerive is accepting submissions (poetry, short stories, essays, photos, artwork, etc.). Include your name, phone #, and email. Drop off at the Honors College Student Office, the English Department Office, or the Fine Arts Office. Deadline: April 17. For more info, email nancygleason@umsl.edu.

Mon 10 Career Services

A resume writing workshop is from 11 a.m. to noon in room 278 MSC. The workshop is free and open to students. Learn the basics of creating a resume that will entice employers. Call 516-5111 or visit Career Services at 278 MSC for more information or to register.

Mon 10 (cont.) Student Life

"Women's Rights are Human Rights" is from noon to 1 p.m. in room 315 of the MSC. The event is part of the Student Life women's lecture series.

Tues 11 College Republicans

"Why the left hates America': exposing the lies that have obscured our nation's greatness" is at 7 p.m. in Century Room A on the 3rd floor of the MSC. The speaker is Daniel J. Flynn. Flynn recently served as executive director of Accuracy in Academia. Admission is free.

Wed 12 Career Services

An interviewing techniques workshop is from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in room 278 of the MSC. The event is free and for students. Successful interviewing is the result of practice, not luck. Learn how to effectively answer interview questions in this workshop. Call 516-5111 or visit Career Services in 278 MSC to register or for more information.

Wed 12 (cont.) University Meadows

University Meadows Apartments, UM-St. Louis Health Services and Planned Parenthood are providing free HIV testing from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at University Meadows. An HIV/AIDS informational program will be held in the University Meadows Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 11 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 516-

12 **Health Services**

Joel Goldman presents "Sex Under the Influence" at noon in the Pilot House. Goldman is a person living with HIV, and he traces many of the behaviors that led to his infection to his college days. The event is sponsored by Sigma Pi Fraternity, University Health Services, SHOTS Peer Educators and UPB. Free of charge.

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Thur 13 **International Business**

The International Business Club is having a speaker at 3:30 p.m. in the SGA Chambers on the 3rd floor of the MSC. The speaker is Edward Jones employee Tom Yoon, speaking about their international strategies, problems and future conducting business abroad.

13 **Center for Teaching** and Learning

"Teaching Adults and Non-traditional Students" is from noon to 1 p.m. in 316 MSC. This conversation will review adult learning and development theories and spotlight class activities that can be replicated across disciplines. For more information on this event call 516-4508.

13 **Rec Sports**

Rec Sports' Weightlifting Contest-a recreational competition for students, faculty and staff is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mark Twain Weight Room. Events include squats, dead lift and bench press.

Fri 14 Physics Colloquium

"Examining Cells in Tissue Culture Using Electrical Means" is the topic of this weeks Physics Colloquium. The event is from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in 516 Benton Hall. For more information contact Alice Canavan at 516-

Sat 15 Student Life

"Streetwise Survival," part of the Student Life Women's Lecture Series is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Century Room B of the MSC.

15 **Optometry School**

The optometry school is hosting a 5K run or 1.5 fun run/walk to benefit the Delta Gamma Society for Children with Visual Impairment and the St. Louis Society for the blind and visually impaired. This "Sprint for Sight" will be held at Forest Park. If interested, please visit the website at www.stlouistrackclub.com, or contact Jeremy Fast at (636) 443-1201 to register.

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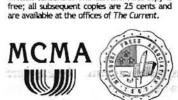
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Feb. 28 - Theft under \$500 In parking lot B, license plates were stolen

Registration required.

March 1 - Theft over \$500

A car stereo was stolen from a vehicle at University Meadows.

March 1 - Property Damage At University Meadows a subject struck a vehicle, breaking the windshield.

March 2 - Peace disturbance/miscon-

A peace disturbance/misconduct was reported at University Meadows Apt. 613.

March 2 - Disturbance

At 7850 Florissant Rd. a subject threatened suicide but was not transported.

March 2 -Theft under \$500 At University Meadows, a subject's med-

March 3 - Theft under \$500 At Garage P, a parking permit was stolen.

March 6 - Child abandonment

A custodial employee left two children in a room unattended without supervision. The children were taken into protective custody and transferred to Social Services.

Correction

In issue 1079 of The Current in the article "Making cents to students: Floyd announces new tuition plan," the story erroneously referred to the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies as the Center for Women's and Gender Studies

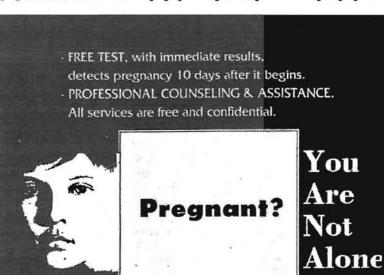
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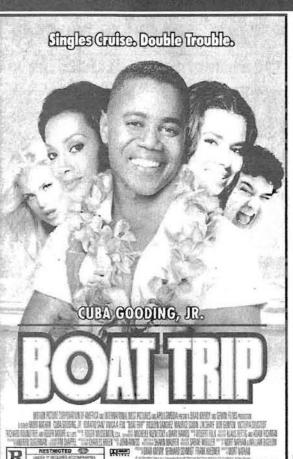
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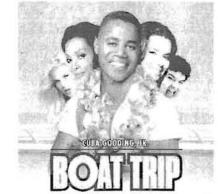
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Driemeier goes to work for UM-St. Louis

BY MICHAEL DUMADAG

Staff Writer

Donald Driemeier was appointed Interim Chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the beginning

Apparently, the general public misunderstood Driemeier's hiring process. Many students at the University are not sure as to why and how Driemeier became interim chancellor and demand answers.

On the other side, the faculty and administration do not understand why students think there is a conspiracy behind Driemeier's appointment. According to David R. Russell, head of university relations for the University of Missouri System, the appointment of Driemeier to interim chancellor was made by former UM System President Manuel Pacheco. Russell said, "Dr. Pacheco appointed Driemeier to the post after consulting with many individuals on the campus and reviewing suggestions sent to him via e-mail, letters and phone calls."

According to Driemeier, he was considered the best candidate for this position because of his 35 years experience in the administration as dean and deputy to the chancellor. Driemeier said, "It is not an exact science; it is more like a dance in which there is an exchange of partners."

Since coming into office as interim chancellor of UM-St. Louis in January, Driemeier has been keeping busy. While in office, Driemeier has published newsletters addressing various issues of concern. Driemeier has been working with Missouri Gov. Bob Holden on additional tax and budget past 18 months. cuts that the state has been going through to help with higher education. Driemeier wrote in his January

Interim Chancellor **Donald Driemeier** wrote in his January newsletter that Gov. **Bob Holden wants to** use a portion of the funds from the state's tobacco settlement to maintain education budgets.

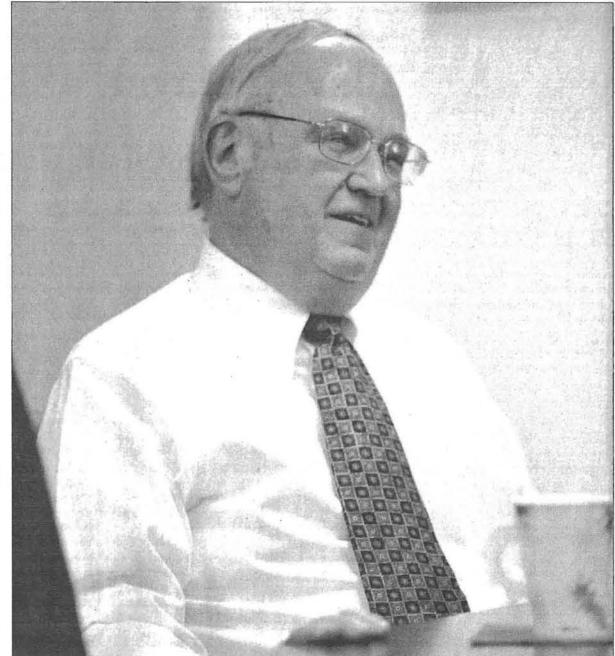
newsletter that Holden wants to use a portion of the funds from the state's tobacco securitization settlement to education maintain budgets. Driemeier said, "The governor will make cuts to elementary and secondary education, while previously cuts were made only at the secondary level." Driemeier also mentioned that 37 percent of the budget cut came out of the higher education budget.

Another issue Driemeier has had to face is the state's lack of funding. According to Driemeier, many students at the University have been paying more for less due to the struggle with significant funding cuts over the

In another newsletter put out by Driemeier, he wrote that Missouri legislators and Gov. Bob Holden are working on a compromise that will narrow the projected \$350 million deficit in the state budget for the current fiscal year to \$82 million. Driemeier says that solutions to this problem include using \$150 million in revenue bonds, making \$28 million in additional cuts in state departments, delaying a \$50 million payment to SBC to settle a lawsuit and delaying a \$30 million appropriation for the construction of the UM-Kansas City pharmacy and nursing building for a

Driemeier said that the compromise moves the projected mid-year withholding to higher education from \$91 million to \$21 million, about \$9.6 of which will come from the UM System. Driemeier also said that System President Elson Floyd has decided to use UM System reserve funds to reduce cuts to the four campuses by one half. Driemeier cited Floyd's plan in which the system would cover three-quarters of the cut at UM-St. Louis due to "special circumstances." Driemeier said that the combined efforts of the elected officials and Floyd have reduced the potential cut to the fiscal year 2003 budget of UM-St. Louis from about \$5 million to \$300,000, and he is "deeply grateful to them all."

Another deep concern for Driemeier is the next fiscal year. Driemeier said that the state is projecting a \$1 billion shortfall in tax revenue that can only be tackled with new



Interim Chancellor Donald Driemeier has thrown himself into his work since being name Blanche M. Touhill's temporary replacement. He has published a newsletter, worked with Gov. Bob Holden about budget matters and helped engineer a lower budget cut with UM System President Elson Floyd. Floyd wants a permanent chancellor named by the end of the school year.

taxes, spending cuts or a combination be working together for the next sevof the two. Driemeier and Floyd will

eral weeks to address this issue and

TERRORISM, from page 1

There are two forms of biological weapon: diseases that are believed to be defeated, such as small pox and anthrax, and genetically enhanced diseases. Possible biological weapons include:

·Anthrax: Anthrax is an infectious bacterium caused by exposure to the disease. It can be passed via exposure to the skin, inhalation or ingestion. Skin exposure is rarely fatal and can be treated with antibiotics. Inhalation exposure is almost always fatal. Ingesting anthrax can be fatal up to 60 percent, but it can be cured if treated immediately. Symptoms include cold-like symptoms, shock, nausea, painless ulcers on the skin, vomiting, abdominal pain, seizure, vomiting of blood and severe diarrhea. There is a vaccina-

 Smallpox: An extremely contagious disease, smallpox is a serious and sometimes deadly disease. Transmission occurs via contact with body fluids, clothing or bedding and prolonged contact with face-to-face contact. There are four types of major smallpox: ordinary, modified, hemorrhagic and flat. The latter two are usually fatal. There is no cure for smallpox, and the only defense is vaccination. Symptoms include fever, malaise, head and body aches and vomiting. After these initial symptoms, a rash forms in the mouth and on the tongue. The rash often breaks open and spreads the disease into the body causing a rash to form on the skin. This rash forms into lumps that eventually scab over. A person is contagious until the last scab falls off.

·Bubonic plague: Also referred to as "The Black Death," the Bubonic Plague killed millions, with estimates as high as 50 percent of the population dead in the Middle Ages in Europe. It can be effectively treat-

ed with modern antibiotics. It is spread via contact with infected animals or through bites by infected fleas. It can be fatal if untreated and can be genetically engineered to be a more virulent strain, though no government has ever admitted to geneti-

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cally engineering viruses and/or bac-

RADIOLOGICAL

•Nuclear bomb: Effects would be devastating. Dropped on a city the size of St. Louis, death totals would range in the hundreds of thousands with long-term health problems claiming thousands more. Nuclear bomb technology has progressed to the point that a nuclear device can be smuggled into a city in a suitcase or small box. In the past, nuclear weapons had to be in warhead form and placed on a missile. Earlier nuclear bombs called atom bombs were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with death totals over 170,000. The blasts from the weapons were said to be so intense that people within the blast radius reportedly had their shadows imprinted on walls behind them. Current nuclear weapons are produced at over 100 megatons (equivalent to 100,000 tons of TNT or dynamite), which is 87 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

·Dirty bomb: Dirty bombs are conventional bombs loaded with radiation. Initial deaths would result from the explosion itself. The radiation dispersed from the bomb would be in low levels, slightly increasing the risk of cancer. The cleanup involved could take months and cost billions of dollars.

CONVENTIONAL

These are weapons that can be used by anyone at anytime. They are simple to use and can be very destructive.

·Airplanes: These were used to great effect Sept. 11, 2001. Almost 3,000 people died in the attacks on New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

·Explosives and bombs: These are easy to make or acquire. The attack on the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City demonstrated just how effective

While the weapons above seem daunting, it should be noted that so far, terrorist cells have only attacked with "conventional weapons," such as explosives and the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 using airplanes.

According to Wurt, while the danger to UM-St. Louis may not be as great as to other areas, the best defense against a terrorist attack is preparedness.

"We provide information to officers about what to look for," Wurt said. "We are prepared for any emer-

*Information for this story was contributed by the Center for Disease Control website, www.cdc.gov.

NATURAL DISASTERS, from page 1

If outside, stay in the open away from buildings and structures and a safe distance from utility wires

After the earthquake has stopped, stay away from damaged buildings and structures because of possible

·If indoors, move away from windows into the basement or interior hallway on a lower floor. Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums or other areas having a wide, free-span roof. Take cover under heavy furniture.

·If outdoors, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine. If there is time, move away from the path of the tornado at a right angle.

Both earthquakes and tornados have recognized scales for measuring their intensity. For earthquakes, intensity is measured by the Richter Scale, which rates quakes from 1-10. For every number of increase of the Richter Scale, the power of the earthquake increases 32 times. To date, there has never been a magnitude 10 earthquake. For tornados, intensity is measured using the Fujita Scale, which rates tornadoes from F-1 to F-5. F-5 tornados are rare but devastating, having sustained winds at or above 300 miles per hour. One F-5 tornado releases more energy per minute than all the nuclear weapons on the planet combined.

Missouri has been home to some of the more infamous natural disasters in United States history. Lying inside Missouri's borders is the New Madrid

Lying inside Missouri's boarders is the New Madrid fault line. An active fault line, the largest earthquakes in the contiguous United States took place in Missouri.

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Fault line, an active fault line. The largest earthquakes in the contiguous United States took place in Missouri. In 1811 and 1812, a series of earthquakes rocked Missouri. In some locations, the ground was raised 18 feet, the course of the Mississippi River was changed, the flow of the Mississippi River was reversed for 10 minutes, lakes were destroyed and created, huge fissures several feet wide opened and sand was spewed into the air. Modern estimates rate these earthquakes in a range of 7.7 to 8.6 on the Richter Scale, according to the U.S. Geological Survey website. If a quake that size hits the St. Louis area now, the damage would be in the billions with a huge death toll.

Another historic natural disaster was the Tri-State Tornado of 1925. An F-5 tornado touched down in Missouri, then cut a path across Illinois and Indiana. 695 people lost their lives in that disaster. Entire towns were destroyed, houses were thrown more than a mile from their original locations, pieces of straw were driven into trees, roads were ripped in half and cars were thrown hundreds of feet. The tornado was on the ground for a record three and a half hours and had an average land speed of 65 miles per

According to Wurt, UM-St. Louis is in the process of revamping its current emergency response manual to a more compact, easy-to-read guide for students, faculty and staff.

"In case of an emergency, if you've got a 500-page plan, no one will read it," Wurt said. "We want directions to be simple so people can go to them and know exactly what they need to

RETALIATION, from page 1

The military has already called upon many people for active duty. Some of the people who have left to go fight for the United States are family members or friends to many UM-St. Louis students.

"The talks of war have affected me because many needed items' prices have gone up [e.g. gas], and it is also scary to think that someone in my family could easily be drafted," Lemmit said. With gasoline prices consistently rising, it is becoming more costly for commuters traveling to school.

It should be noted that the federal government has not reinstated the Selective Service (draft), which

would require an act of the House of Representatives and the Senate as well as a presidential signature.

Last Thursday, President George W. Bush held a press conference outlining his reasons for armed conflict in Iraq, raising speculation that the United States is not far from attack-

NEWS BRIEFS

Teaching and Service Awards committee accepting nominations

The Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards is looking for preliminary nominations for the 2003 teaching awards.

The awards that are given are: Presidential Award Outstanding Teaching UM-St. Louis Chancellor's

Faculty Teaching Award •UM-St. Louis Chancellor's Award for Excellence to an Academic

 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Non-regular

 Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award

UMSL opens doors to

prospective students UM-St. Louis is holding an open

March 16, those interested in the school will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from, among others, the Barnes College of Nursing; the College of Arts and Sciences; the Evening College; Admissions; the Center for Academic Development and the Office of Student Life.

house for people interested in the

For more information, call the Office of Admissions at (314) 516-

Political Scientist to lecture

on the arts Lana Stein, professor of political

science at UM-St. Louis will discuss Arts and Municipal Regeneration: A Wise Path for St. Louis?" from noon to 1 p.m. march 10 in room 430 of the SSB.

Stein will focus on the contribution of the arts to central cities since 1960, specifically in the form of economic development.

For more information, call (314) 516-5273.

Right wing author to speak

Daniel Flynn, author of "Why the Left Hates America: Exposing the Lies That Have Obscured Our Nation's Greatness," will speak at 7 p.m. in Century Room C of the Millennium Student Center. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, call (314) 5165816.

Fraternity takes on date rape

The Sigma Pi fraternity is sponsoring a lecture on the consequences of sexual decisions made under the influence of alcohol.

Joel Goldman, a public speaker and employee of the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, will present "Sex Under the Influence" at noon in the Pilot House in the Millennium Student Center. Goldman will use humor, personal experiences, interactive exercises and a video to show how sexual decisions made under the influence of alcohol can impact a person's life.

For mor information, call (314) 516-5380.

'Catch Me if You Can' subject will speak at UMSL

Frank Abagnale, the real-life subject of the movie "Catch Me if You Can," will speak at 6:30 p.m. in the Century Rooms of the Millennium Student Center March 12.

Abagnale is one of the world's most respected authorities on forgery, embezzlement and secure documents. For more than 25 years, Abagnale has lectured to corporations, financial institutions and government agencies around the world.

So far the movie has grossed more than \$160 million since its December 2002 release. "Catch Me if You Can" was directed by Steven Spielberg and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks and Christopher Walken.

'The Boy Friend' brings lighthearted humor to UMSL

The Department of Theatre and Dance and the Department of Music will stage "The Boy Friend" March 13 through March 15 in the auditorium of the J.C. Penney Conference

"The Boy Friend" is a light-hearted musical set in the 1920s. It is set in a finishing school in France where young men and women encounter love, intrigue and disguises in masquerade. The performance will feature students in all roles. The musical will be directed by Milton Zoth, adjunct lecturer in theatre. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. For more information, call (314) 516-

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Blown away: UMSL lacking in natural disaster preparartion

It's not too far fetched an idea that

St. Louis fall prey to a major natural

St. Louis has an unfortunate distinction (besides being number one in the country for syphilis): it lies prone to not one but two natural disasters. On a yearly basis, tornado sirens wail throughout the city and the county, sending people to their windows (bad idea) looking for an ominous green sky and funnel cloud baring down on their homes. If that were the only natural disaster St. Louisans had to worry about, then things wouldn't be so bad. However, St. Louis sits a mere 120 miles from the New Madrid fault line. For the last 20 years, seismologists have been predicting a devastating earth-

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disaster; it has happened before, and it will happen again, it's just a matter of time. St. Louis and the state of Missouri have witnessed two of the most destructive and deadly natural disasters in the nation's history. In a span of mere months in 1811 through 1812. St. Louis and the surrounding areas were rocked by the largest earthquakes in United States history in the lower 48 states. Seismologists predict the magnitude of

ter event, that trust is betraved.

these earthquakes were somewhere in the neighborhood of 8.3 on the Richter scale- not just one, but two in a span of months. The quakes were said to be so strong that the flow of the Mississippi River was reversed. In one fateful day in 1925, the

most powerful tornado in the nation's history touched down 7 0

the persistent dangers presented by these "acts of God," it seems only natural that UM-St. Louis would take every precaution to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. However, precautions on this campus are severely lacking. Think back to the days of elementary school and the classrooms. Posted by every door was a procedure for dealing with tornados, fires and earthquakes. Nowhere on the UM-St. Louis campus are these emergency procedures listed. It seems as though the powers that be here are pretty much saying if something horrific happens (e.g. tornado, earthquake, meteor strike, new Pauly Shore movie), the people on campus are on their own. Ironically, this isn't far from the truth.

Lieutenant and Emergency Procedure coordinator said, "If there is a small earthquake, we will do whatever we can to help people. If it's a total earthquake where everything is rubble, basically save yourself."

To a certain extent this is understandable. If an earthquake hits the main campus of UM-St. Louis, it is highly unlikely that the trembler would miss the police station. However, there is a certain amount of trust that students place in the hands of those meant to ensure their safety. If those protectors don't do everything in their power to help people after a major natural disas-

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miles south of St. Louis then plowed its way across Illinois and Indiana, leaving 695 people dead in its wake. Meteorologists believe the average wind speed of the twister was a whopping 310 miles per hour. To put that in perspective, a tornado of that size (F-5 on the Fujita Scale) releases more energy per minute than all the nuclear bombs on the planet combined. Imagine one of those tearing its way through downtown St. Louis, and enlightenment may come to you. It may not be so hard to believe, since a tornado HAS gone through downtown and East St. Louis. Countless lives were lost and damage was total in some In light of these disasters, it would

Recently, UM-St. Louis Police only seem natural that UM-St. Louis would take a long, hard look at preparing itself for an eventuality. These disasters will hit the St. Louis area, it's just a matter of when. UM-St. Louis would do well to institute a drill program to get students, faculty and staff in the habit of preparing for these events. While it's true there is no way to defend against a tornado or earthquake (trying to do so is like putting gauze in front of an 18 wheeler and saying "come on through"), there are ways to get ready for them in the event they strike. Preparedness is the key, and UM-St. Louis has a long way to go in preparing for them.

What's your opinion?

How do you feel about the • Natural disasters at UM-St. Louis

topics we've written about? . Sometimes it's okay to butt in

The issue

St. Louis is prone to two forms of natural disaster. Not only do earthquakes threaten the area but tornados do as well. Unfortunately UM-St. Louis has done little to prepare for these disasters. Lack of preparedness could cost lives.

We suggest UM-St. Louis needs to get on the ball and take care of this as soon as possible. This is not a budget cut or staffing decision that can be thought over. Preparedness saves lives, so UM-St. Louis needs to start preparing.

So what do you think?

Tell us what you think! Drop us a line at the office, 388 MSC, or online at our Web site www.thecurrentonline.com.

reality shows Last time on "This Is Real Life TV," Jeff voted off his fake million-

No more fake

STANFORD GRIFFITH

aire son and got a new wife all while trapped in a cage with a bunch of hungry worms and drinking snake

Those are the words I keep expecting to hear Willery Chuck announce when I turn on the TV.

It seems like every day a new socalled reality show appears. "Survivor" was interesting for the first two seasons (okay, so it lost me after the first), but now that it's in its sixth season, the

show is beyond old. In fact, it's tiring. Then we had "Big Brother," which must have been met with success outside of my circle of acquaintances. I guess putting a bunch of slutty, whiny people together in one house with cameras is supposed to be interesting. Although dating shows have been popular for years, we are now supposed to watch shows where people pick a husband or wife on TV. I thought that was bad until I heard about the program where complete strangers get married!

Have we gone so far into voyeurism that we are this interested in how others react in highly con-

I could argue that our fascination for watching others' lives stems from feature profiles in the media. But that would be wrong. In journalism, we portray the truth without editing the data to suit our needs. The only goal of these reality shows is to entertain the viewing public. So much editing,

deleting, setting up and changing goes on in these shows, that the participants are no more than highly scripted, poorly paid thespians.

I don't mind shows like "Trading Spaces" "Changing Rooms" because they don't

involve real peo-

ple's feelings, only

Editor-in-Chief their properties that than be changed back. When strangers are getting married for TV producers though, something does seem wrong.

> Have that many people regressed to the state where they would rather watch someone live than actually go out and have lives? The ratings seem to say so. Many people even get depressed when their favorite American Idol doesn't win.

> So, next time I see a perceived reality show, I think I'll just switch off the channel, put on my shoes and go out to have my own (unbroadcast-

Sometimes you have to butt in

Minding your own business can be this considered good parenting? Why a hard thing to do at times. When is it right to butt in? Most would agree that when a person or persons are in a dangerous situation, it is acceptable to place oneself in someone else's busi-

Last Thursday, a photographer of The Current took it upon herself to notify officials of a situation that looked more than just out of the ordinary. On the 2nd floor of Clark Hall there were two children sitting in a custodial closet. She noticed the children because the mother, who is a custodian at UM-St. Louis, was going in and out of the room.

photographer could see the children sitting in the room when the door was opened. After one instance when the mother had left, the children opened the door and asked our photographer to take them to the restroom.

After only a short amount of time, our photographer decided

to call the UM-St. Louis Police Department, and she stayed with the children until an officer arrived. It is unknown how long the children were in the room, but our staff member said that between the time she first noticed the children and when the police arrived almost an hour had gone by. It is likely that the children had been there for the good part of their mother's entire work shift.

Apparently, the mother, in between doing her job, stopped in several times to check on the children and bring them food and items to keep them entertained. Because she checked in on them and brought them food, is

were the children there in the first place? Had school been cancelled for them? Had the baby-sitter not shown up that morning? It was a beautiful day, so more than likely school was not cancelled, and if the baby-sitter had decided not to show that morning, then the mother should have taken the

The closet that the children were in was locked from the outside so no one could get in. So, were they safe? No one could get into the room without a key, but the children could get out of the room. Yeah, their mother told

> them to stay where they were, but we all know that children don't always listen. The two of them could have easily wandered off and gotten lost or even kidnapped. It is easy to imagine dozens of things that could have happened to them. Also, I am sure that in a custodial closet there are clean-

ANNE BAUER Managing Editor ing supplies that could

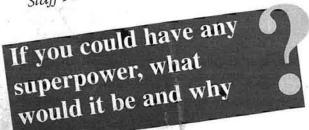
have been swallowed or other items that could cause harm to the children, especially since the youngest was only three years old.

I once told someone I worked with that the government should issue a series of tests measuring a person's IQ and other abilities, and if they didn't pass the test with a certain grade they should not be able to reproduce. She thought this was the most terrible thing a person could say. Of course I was joking - well, kind of. It is true that some people should not be allowed to be in charge of other lives.

Sometimes you can't just mind! your own business.



by Sara Quiroz Staff Photographer





Josh Pinkowski Junior Communications

Super intelligence, because you can do anything you want with it.



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Kim Anderson Senior **Psychology**

I'd have genie powers so I could do anything I wanted. I don't want to live in the bottle, I just want to have the powers.



Reza Samadi Sophomore Criminology

I would like prediction of the mind because I would want to know if people were talking about me.



Maria Caputo Junior Marketing

I would choose to fly because you can get to places a lot quicker. And you don't have to pay for gas.

The cultural mind

Throughout the history of Western philosophy, from ancient Greece to modern times, discussions of the mind have been based largely on one central assumption: overall, everyone's mind works pretty much the same way. In this view, cultural history contributes only to what someone thinks about. A person in an Asian fishing village, for instance, may be obsessed with fish, whereas someone from a U.S. city may



BY MICAH L. ISSITT

Science Columnist

be more interested in basketball. New research from the University of Michigan, however, is turning the old assumption inside out and showing us that our culture, to a large extent, determines the way our minds work.

Western philosophers have assumed that "habits of thought" are very similar across cultural lines. These are the rules of mental activity that underlie the things we think about. Specifically, Western philosophy assumes that we all share the same basic modes of information processing exemplified by, among other things, categorization, logical reasoning and the desire to understand the world in terms of a linear model of cause and effect.

Dr. Richard Nisbett and Takahiko Masuda from the U. of Michigan Culture and Cognition Program have recently shown, in a series of studies comparing European Americans to East Asians, that people raised in different cultures actually have a qualitatively different view of the world, much more extensive than simple differences in the subjects of thought.

At the core of this research is the difference between what researchers are calling a "holistic" pattern exemplified by the Asian tendency to focus on context, relationship and experience-based knowledge, and an "analytical" pattern displayed by Western mental processes, which focuses on abstract rules of logic and leads to the tendency to detach objects from their context.

Nisbett's research represents the first time that cultural thought has been the subject of rigorous laboratory experiments designed to measure the extent and origin of these differences. The results of this research are the subject of Nisbett's new book, "The Geography of Thought: How Asians Westerners Differently...And Why."

One of Nisbett's experiments asked participants to view a picture or an animated underwater scene with several fish, in different states of focus, swimming among smaller fishes and aquatic

Asked to describe what they saw in the picture, Jápanese subjects were much more likely to begin by giving a description of the overall scene, mentioning a lake or pond, or the rocky bottom of the scene, or the color of the water. In sharp contrast, Americans were more likely to begin describing the scene by focusing on the biggest fish in the picture. Americans were more likely to zero in on a specific object, relating the rest of the picture through the action or position of that central figure.

Overall, Japanese subjects were 70 percent more likely to make statements about aspects of the background environment of the picture and over twice as likely to make statements about the relationships between the animate and inanimate aspects of the scene.

Another series of experiments showed a striking difference in the way that each culture approached contradictions. Presented with weaker arguments that ran contrary to their own arguments, American subjects were most likely to attempt to strengthen their own arguments, attempting to defeat the weaker argument, and resolving the source of the contradiction. Asian subjects, however, were much more likely to modify their own position, acknowledging the merit of the other argument and looking for a way to merge their own opinion with the new information.

Further experiments of this type by Nisbett and Dr. Kaiping Peng of the University of California found that Chinese subjects were less likely than American subjects to resolve contradictions. When asked to analyze an argument, Americans quickly gave their support to one or the other side, while Asians were more likely to see the merit of both sides, commenting about how both sides have failed to understand one another.

Nisbett also shows in his book that Americans are much more likely to adhere to rules of formal logic than Asians. Given the statement "All animals with fur hibernate. Rabbits have fur. Therefore rabbits hibernate." Americans were likely to agree because they separated the formal logical rules (a syllogism) from the actual content of

the argument. Asian subjects, the study found, were more likely to judge the syllogism as invalid because it is, in fact, not an observed phenomenon that all animals with fur hibernate. This indicates a much greater reliance, in Asian thought, on experiential learning as opposed to logical reasoning.

The historical origin of these cultural differences in thought is still quite cloudy. The researchers believe that these differences have existed at least since ancient times. The tradition of logical argument and reasoning has been a part of Occidental culture since at least the time of the ancient Greek culture. In China, an appreciation of context, complexity and dialectical argument may have its root in the idea of the yin and yang.

One thing is clear: the differences in thought are an effect of learning and culture, not inborn genetic differences.

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They appear to reflect where you were raised and not where you were born. Asian Americans display the same tendencies for reductive analysis as European Americans.

Nisbett's ideas are already helping us to understand basic differences in cultural learning patterns long debated among anthropologists. These cultural modes could explain why Western infants have an easy time learning nouns, while Asian infants have an easier time understanding verbs. It also explains why ancient Chinese culture excelled at algebra and arithmetic but had a difficult time with geometry, which depends more on rules of logic.

Taken in a broader sense, Nisbett's research may elucidate the root of very old disagreements among Asian and Western ideas about science and philosophy. The continuation of this research may help bring us to an understanding of the cultural source of our differences, in such a way that greater acceptance may be gained on both sides. The eventual result could be an important advance in our ability to work together and to understand each other across the oceans of the mind.

Stare Choughts More cookies, anyone?

BY STANFORD A. GRIFFITH

Editor-in-Chief

Although I have many cookie recipes I enjoy making, two stand out as my favorites: Milk Chocolate Florentine Cookies and Amish Sugar Cookies. Both are easy to make, but everyone likes them for a midnight snack, at a bake sale or during an English tea.

> MILK CHOCOLATE FLORENTINE COOKIES

Surprisingly simple, always impressive, Milk Chocolate Floretines are a sure crowd-pleaser.

2/3 c. butter

2 c. quick oats

1 c. granulated sugar

2/3 c. all purpose flour 1/4 c. light corn syrup

1/4 c. milk

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract 1/4 tsp. salt

2 c. milk chocolate chips

Melt butter in medium saucepan; remove from heat. Stir in oats, granulated sugar, flour, corn syrup, milk, vanilla extract and salt; mix well. Drop by level teaspoon 3 inches apart onto foil-lined baking sheets. Spread thinly with rubber spatula.

Bake in preheated 375°F oven for 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on baking sheets on wire racks. Peel foil from cookies.

Microwave chips in medium, microwave-safe bowl on medium-high (70%) power for 1 minute; stir. Microwave again in 10- to 20-second intervals, stirring between times, until

Spread thin layer of melted chocolate onto flat side of half the cookies. Top with remaining cookies, placing flat side against chocolate.

Makes about 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

AMISH SUGAR COOKIES

These crunchy but hard cookies are easy to make and come out perfectly round and golden when baked for exactly 8 minutes.

1 c. sugar

1 1/2 c. powdered sugar 1 c. butter, softened

1 c. oil

I TBSP pure vanilla extract

1 TBSP pure almond extract 2 eggs

1/4 c. light corn syrup

4 1/2 c. flour I tsp. cream of tartar

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. salt Extra granulated sugar

Sift powdered sugar. Cream sugars, butter, oils and extracts. Add eggs and corn syrup and beat well.

Sift flour, cream of tartar, soda and salt together and slowly beat into first mixture.

Roll dough into 1-inch balls. Coat in the granulated

Place 1 inch apart on a sprayed baking sheet and bake in preheated 375°F oven for 8 minutes.

Cool on pan for 5 minutes. Transfer to wire racks and let cool completely.

The dough also freezes well for several months: After coating the balls in granulated sugar, freeze them in a single layer on waxed paper for one hour. Then place them in a zipped freezer bag and store in the freezer. To bake, lay the balls onto a sprayed baking sheet, let thaw and bake as directed above.

Makes 8 dozen cookies.

Although cookies are traditionally served with milk, try both of these favorites with a cup of freshly brewed hot herbal tea instead. The warmth of the tea coupled with the sweetness of the cookies provides an needed relaxation from a stressful world.



Food Styling by Mike Sherwin and Stanford Griffith/ The Current

Amish sugar cookies, made with both powedered sugar and granulated sugar, can be rolled in colored sugars to match any event or theme-even red and yellow for UM-St. Louis.

Fraternity responses with its own facts

To the editor of The Current:

In response to the "Group against fags" article, written in the past issue of The Current, I would like to give the readers a chance to hear the facts regarding this issue rather than misled, biased opinions. The word "fags" does appear on the side of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity house and has for nearly ten years. It was not a sorority prank, but rather an act of vandalism both suspected of, and later admitted to, by members of another fraternity. The members of this fraternity painted the word "fags" on our house. On the morning in nineteen-ninety-three, when the vandalism was detected, an immature member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity painted "[KA ARE" above the word fags. This brother of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity was later expelled for these actions.

The article states that, "the members of the fraternity maintain that it does not say 'no fags." This is interesting, considering no member of

Sigma Tau Gamma was ever contacted regarding this article, including the president.

Next, I'm not sure what kind of experiences you have had in shop class or by watching your dad putter around the house with his tool belt on, but you cannot remove dry spray paint with "a little paint thinner." However, if you are willing to donate enough brick paint to cover the Sigma Tau Gamma house, (which is not cheap by the way) the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma will be more than happy to cover this graffiti. It is absurd to think that anyone, let alone a hardworking campus organization, would enjoy having this type of decoration on the bricks of their own

Fraternity life is already hindered by negative stereotypes and misled opinions despite their die hard efforts to improve the campus and the community. Why not write about these efforts instead? For example, Sigma Tau Gamma recently held a clothing drive at University of Missouri St.

Louis. This raised thirteen large trash bags full of clothes that were donated to The Salvation Army. This past weekend, Sigma Tau Gamma held a fundraiser for a campus staff member whose granddaughter has Leukemia. raising three hundred and seventy dollars. Also, Sigma Tau Gamma had nearly forty active and alumni members attend this year's Homecoming

Why does The Current staff not choose to write about these things instead? There are one hundred positive things that could have been written about Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. Yet, one negative instance was chosen. The hard work and dedication of the Greek community on campus and in the community deserves far more attention than the outcome of a prank that cannot be removed!

James Leonard Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with UMSL's lack of appropriate weather precautions.

On numerous occasions this semester, sidewalks, stairs, and even handicap access ramps have not been clear or salted.

The situation has been even worse with the parking garages. The top levels of the parking garages have been blocked off, with no attempt to plow or salt the surface. This eliminates over 100 parking spots in each garage. Students face the decision to either park illegally and walk a reasonable distance to class or park at the Millennium Center and try not to slip on the ice as they walk across campus. In the latter scenario students could just as easily park at the North Hanley Metro Link Station, where parking is free, and take the MetroLink to campus. This would save students the cost of a parking permit.

Each semester, students purchase parking permits, which for the average student with 15 hours cost almost \$300.00. Most students have classes four days a week, and each semester lasts 16 weeks. This averages to nearly \$5,00 per day. As of today, I will bill UMSL for each day in which I do not

have a safe parking spot. If UMSL is unable to clear the parking garages, sidewalks, stairs, handicap access ramps and other walkways, UMSL should follow the lead of other colleges in the area and close the campus or hold classes according to the snow schedule. As a responsible institution, UMSL must take reasonable measures to protect its students, teachers and faculty from potential injury. This includes the safe passage of students from their vehicle to class, all walkways and ramps in between classes and the safe return to the vehicle and off campus.

I encourage students to report weather-related incidents, even those that do not result in injury or harm, and call (314) 516-5155 every time student parking spots are blocked off for weather-related reasons or other. If The Current elects to publish this letter, please cut it out and attach it to a short note with any additional grievances and your signature. Mail letters to: Bob Roeseler, Chief of Police and Director of Institutional Safety, 44 Telecommunications Center, University of Missouri-St. Louis,

UMSL must know that this refusal to service its students is absolutely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

8001 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis,

Sincere thanks, Ellen Metzger

MO 63121.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

College Democrats take 'such a worldly view'

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the recent "From the left" article regarding the impending war with Iraq and the United Nations. The College Democrats seems to be taking such a worldly view that they are ignoring our own interests. They say that it is "unbelievable" for us "to think that we have such power as to make the United Nations irrelevant." Does this mean that America should not be more powerful than a body that has no real authority, a body that merely makes suggestions to the rest of the world and

hopes that those suggestions are followed? Does this mean that other countries that spit in the face of U. N. mandates, such as Iraq when it comes to fully complying with constant U.N. pleas to disarm, do not diminish "the prestige and authority" of the United Nations? Iraq has been playing a game of hide and seek with weapons inspectors for the last decade and has creatively non complied with U.N. demands. Obviously Saddam Hussein has been trying to "turn the United Nations into the League of Nations" by refusing to comply with the rest of the world's desire to disarm.

America is the most powerful country in the world, and it is foolish to believe that we should not be as powerful as the powerless United Nations. We, like Iraq, France, Germany and every other country in the world, have our own agenda. And if we believe that something is right to do and the U.N. says that we should not do it, is it wrong to go ahead? The College Democrats say yes. In other words, they believe that the U.S. should follow the leader-if everybody else is doing it, then we should also. This is not American. America has always stood for individualism-we should and

must stand up for what we believe, individually and as a whole. If we believe that, for our own protection and for the freedom of the oppressed citizens of Iraq, we should invade that country, then we should and must and will do it, no matter what some other countries say. The College Democrats also appear

to be speaking in rather broad terms. Their article consistently refers to "the rest of the world" being against our position. In fact, the United States of America is not the only country that feels that it is time to oust Saddam Hussein. And although Tony Blair is a

member of the liberal Labor party, I would be loath to call him nefarious. We are, in fact, not ignoring our virtues in fighting for our safety and the freedom of Iraqis. We are ignoring our virtues if we fear so much that we are willing to be indecisive. We are ignoring our virtues if we refuse to lead the world in eradicating terrorism and terrorists. We are ignoring our virtues if we allow Iraq's leaders to continue generating and venerating terror on the rest of the free world.

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Visdom for IMSL students rom classmates

BY BRIDGETTE MOORE

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"Make friends with the teachs. A lot of the teachers here at M-St. Louis are willing to help ou, even if you're not aware of Also, you may need a recomendation later on in life," said ate Dunlap, senior, mass comunications.

brown-nosing" is now called tworking, and it is necessary, cording to some upperclassen. Seniors eagerly pass on tips ich as this, hoping to help ewer students insure a better lucation at the University.

What used to be considered

Pasha Zalutski, senior, film, ared some advice on how to eate a personalized education ere at UM-St. Louis.

"Take as many courses as ossible using independent studs and/or supervised research ecause you can do what you ant. Build your own educaon," encouraged Zalutski. "Go a teacher with an idea; they ill help get you started. Then ou're on your own to pursue our own dreams. I'm producing y own film and receiving cred-

Most of the seniors said they ould have taken part in all the ervices and opportunities ffered here at UM-St. Louis.

Tale of two theses

BY SARA PORTER

Features Associate

Quickly, what do dating couples and South American rodents have in common? On a surface level nothing, except they are two of the more unusual dissertations being completed by University of Missouri - St. Louis graduate students.

When someone looks at a romantic couple, they may sniff in disdain. Or they may sigh with satisfaction or envy, hoping it would happen to them. The observer might also wonder: How did they get together? What do they see in each other? Will they last? Few people question why there is an obsessive need for lovers to be together in general.

Kirstin Mangum, clinical psychology, graduate, is investigating this need through a questionnaire and video survey on dating couples. The project is being conducted at Community Psychological Services in Stadler Hall.

"I am looking at the different factors in dating and how they affect people in their relationships," said Magnum. First, she questions each participant about his or her relationship through a written questionnaire. She then videotapes interviews of participants with and without their significant others.

"The people who are eligible are heterosexual couples who have been dating for at least three months," said Magnum. However, married couples will be excluded from the survey because, "The relationship is different

when you are married than it is when you are dating." Anyone meeting the eligibility requirements is encouraged to call and arrange an interview. Interviews will be conducted throughout the semester.

Mangum became interested in what she calls the "relationship dynamic" after discovering a study on relationships between roommates. "The study spent a lot of time on how they reacted and how each person felt," Mangum said. "So, I sat down and designed my own version of the study. I looked at the literature on how these studies were done and then got the approval from the psychology department. From there I began the recruitment process."

Mangum hopes her participants come away with a better understanding of the emotional issues within romantic relationships. "Different factors do affect relationships...We figure what we can do about them."

While Mangum is exploring the romantic psychology of humans, Beth Congdon, biology, third year Ph.D student, is exploring the living habits of other mammals. She will be traveling to Venezuela to explore the behavior and ecology of the capybaras, the largest rodents in the world.

Congdon became introduced to these unusual creatures through Emilio Herrera, a behavioral ecologist of the Universidad Simon Boliva in Carracas, Venezuela.

"He studied the behavior of the capybaras, but he wanted to do more lab work, while I wanted to be in the field," Congdon said.

The capybaras are closely related to the guinea pig family. Quite large, they can weigh 80 to 100 lbs. Congdon plans to study how the capybaras relate to their environment.

"I want to study their dispersal and how the animals relate to the landscape and how they move from their natal group to form new groups," Congdon said. "I'll use colored tags to I.D. them and radio control to track individuals."

Throughout South America, the capybara's population variės. Occasionally overpopulated, some are being hunted down. Capybaras are not currently considered an endangered species. "We want to have an impact before it happens," Congdon said.

Her previous experience with South American animals includes studying the habits of the red howler, brown spider and white-fronted capuchin monkey. It was during her study of monkeys, Congdon said, that she "fell in love with the tropical region."

"I am really interested in the tropical mammals," Congdon said. "Their space, destruction and behaviors. In the tropics, you can see the conservation there and the destruction and loss of

So far, Congdon is appealing to grant agents to help fund a year-long study. For now, she plans to travel to Venezuela to take preliminary notes and begin her research. She hopes that her study of capybaras will result in a

Brent Coleman,

a graduate stu-

dent and teach-

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Coleman says he

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in his office in

the Tower

Building

Beth Congdon, a third year PhD student in Biology, explains her study of the Capybara, for which she will travel next week to Venezuela in order to start a three-month preliminary observation of the mammal in its natural habitat.

breakthrough for behavioral science.

"I hope that my collaborations can help combine general, behavioral, technological [and] geological sciences into

an information system," Congdon said. "I can show how these sciences can get together into a system and not just par-

Benefits of being a teaching assistant Sociology Lecturer Keel believes

BY MELISSA MCCRARY

Staff Writer

Professors, deans and chancellors at UM-St. Louis spend much time teaching, lecturing, grading and helping students make the best out of their education, but what about the teaching assistants? Even though TAs do not receive as much credit, they put in hard work, effort and time to help students.

"I have two TAs in my classes, one in economics and another in my

Sociology Lecturer Keel believes that TAs expand the opportunities for students to receive help and support.

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anthropology class." Maria Caputa, junior, marketing, said. "My TAs are helpful because they go out of their way with providing study groups, formal discussions and handing out extra worksheets for more practice."

One of these hardworking TAs is Brent Coleman, instructor for the VIP course in General Sociology and TA for both General Sociology (Soc 010) and Drugs, Alcohol and Society (Soc 180). While Robert Keel might be doing most of the lecturing in the classes, Coleman helps out and attends all of the general sociology lectures.

that TAs expand the opportunities for students to receive help and support. "I have been quite fortunate over

the years to have had teaching assistants that are serious and interested not only in developing their sociological skills but also in developing their teaching abilities," Keel said.

"I became a TA after I got accepted into the graduate program for sociology," Coleman said. "The department emailed me and asked if I would like to be a TA. With this job came a waiver of my tuition, a stipend and my own office. How could I say no? I am paid to work twenty hours a week, with ten being office hours."

Coleman graduated in May of 2002 from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Upon graduation, he received a bachelor's degree in social work (B.S.W.) and a minor in sociology. He is now working to complete a master's degree in sociology with an emphasis in applied analysis, measurement and program evaluation.

"One of the best things that I have information systems, said. learned from being a TA is how to write a paper better," Coleman said. "After grading numerous papers, I can see flaws in my writing and areas that I need to improve on.3

Some students go to TAs reluctantly but still appreciate the resource.

"Most of the time, I would prefer talking to the instructor about a difficult question rather than the TA, but they are good to talk to if the professor is hard to reach," Alfons Lay, senior,



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Not only do the teaching assistants gain on-the-job teaching experience, but they also improve classroom and teacher-to-student communication.

"I can have a good relationship with other people because I am a student and I, too, know the difficulties they have with learning a new subject," Coleman said.

One negative point to the TA experience for Coleman is that he feels isolated and almost never leaves campus.

When he was an undergraduate stu- gy." dent, he was able to go out with friends after classes. Now that he is a graduate student and a TA, he has to devote the majority of his life to his own education and teaching.

Coleman is uncertain what he will

do when he graduates. "I plan to find a job after college doing who knows what," he said. "With this economy, I am just looking for a job that pays well and is somewhat related to research and sociolo-

Anyone could be in Coleman's shoes and be a TA. Most large classes have assistants, if the department's budget allows. Once a student gets accepted into graduate school, they can talk to the department chair if they are interested in becoming a TA.

Coleman's advice to students who are considering this job is to make sure that they have good management skills and people skills, are friendly and have plenty of time to invest in their work.

Party grabs UM-St. Louis

BY KATE DROLET

Staff Writer

Freezing weather, flying beads, creative floats and a party spirit lured UM-St. Louis students out last weekend as the Mardi Gras festivities took place. Saturday, March 1, a Mardi Gras parade marched through the streets of downtown St. Louis. UM-St. Louis joined in the parade with a float, and students got up early to

cheer them on. Soulard Market and Laclede's Landing were popular spots for those celebrating the holiday. Here are a few accounts from students who joined the crowds to socialize and take part in the celebration:

"I went down to see the Fat Tuesday parade," said Kaleigh Miller, freshman, psychology. "It was different than [Fat Tuesday parades] I've

seen before. The floats were a lot livelier, throwing beads and getting the crowd excited. I also went to Laclede's Landing and saw a lot of drunk and crazy people. It was really crowded down there. Overall, I had a

great time." Travis Zalot, sophomore, accounting, said, "I listened to music and played pool with friends. I went to the Fat Tuesday parade and got a bunch of beads. Fun was had by all."

"I went to New Orleans with Sig Pi," said Jonas Zakour, sophomore, economics.

Jhanah Haynes-Mark, sophomore, psychology, said, "We had a party called 'Insomnia' in Seton Lounge and only the coolest of the cool people were invited. We listened to Trini music, played pool and 'wine down the place."

JoAnne Tinsley, freshman, music,

said, "I dog sat and ordered a pizza." "I went to Soulard; we had a Trini

party in the Seton Lounge to celebrate Carnival, I went to the family parade on Saturday morning, and I went to the Landing on Fat Tuesday," said Lizzie Abraham, sophomore, communications. "That was interesting."

Chris Marino, freshman, graphic design, said, "I sat at home and worked on a project for 12 hours. It

"I practiced flashing in the mirror," said Levi Locke, senior, English. Tyler Cross, sophomore, psychol-

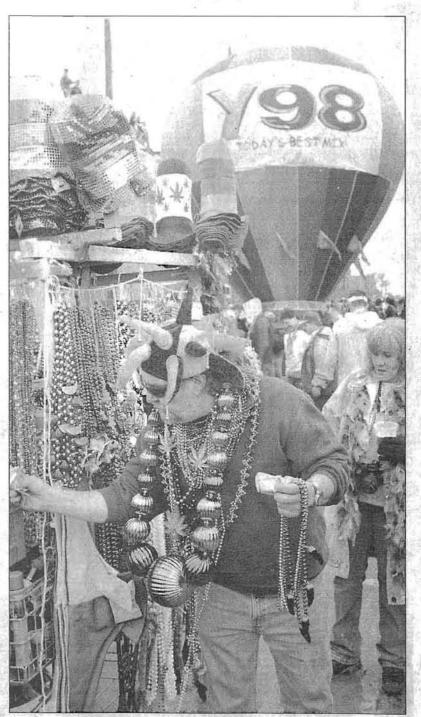
ogy, said, "I was headed to Soulard, but I kept driving and went to Wal-Mart in O'Fallon, Ill., instead. I bought a digital camera, some brown socks and face powder."

"I went to Iowa," Rob Barle, sophomore, English.

"One night I hung out with a bunch of friends down on Soulard. That was fun," said Shanna Carpenter, sophomore, communications. "On Fat Tuesday I went downtown and got chased by the cops."

Left: From the second floor of the South Broadway Athletic Club, aged partyers throw beads for the crowds during the Soulard Mardi Gras parade last Saturday.

Right: Merchants supply the greatly desired beads and colorful hats for the throngs of attendees of the Soulard Mardi Gras parade last Saturday.



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Sommers seeks to improve education

BY KATE DROLET

Staff Writer

Residents of Seton Hall know Randy Sommers as their friendly neighbor. Fellow students know him as an ambitious person working to improve the quality of education.

Sommers, 28, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in education leadership and policy studies.

"I love school, and I love teaching. I have strong feelings about education policies, and I want to be a part of the international dialogue concerning that area. Education is important to the success of our democracy," Sommers said.

Most people seeking a doctorate in education leadership and policy studies are already working in the field of education and administration. Even though Sommers is considered young to be this far in his studies, his personal focus and passion for education drive him to succeed.

Sommers decided to pursue a for the University. He serves as career in education his senior year of college. "I had to officially declare a major. I always enjoyed school and working with kids, so I decided on education," he said.

After receiving a bachelor's degree of science in elementary education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Sommers went on to earn a master's degree from Southwest Missouri State University. Upon completing the master's program, he decided to continue his educational endeavors even further and work to earn a doctorate.

"I grew up near Arnold, Missouri, and I wanted to return to the St. Louis area," Sommers said. "UMSL certifies a large percentage of Missouri teachers and has a very good education leadership and policies program. I was impressed by the University's reputation."

UM-St. Louis, Sommers also works

research assistant for Patricia Simmons in science education.

"I love my job. Dr. Simmons is a great teacher and I've really learned a lot from her. She's a strong advocate for quality teacher education [and is active] at various levels," Sommers

He also teaches a class about elementary science teaching methods. Sommers taught fifth grade for four years at Boswell Elementary in Lebanon, Missouri.

Sommers has not decided exactly where he wants to work upon earning his doctorate.

"I'm definitely attracted to being a public school administrator, but you never know where life will take you or where you'll end up. I'd also like to study education policy. I find that extremely interesting," he said.

Carole Murphy, chairwoman of In addition to attending school at the College of Education, has served as a role model for Sommers.

"She's always so upbeat and positive. She's been all over the world and she knows a lot about education administration," he said.

Sommers also admires the work of Lynn Beckwith, the superintendent-in-residence. Beckwith served as an administrator in the St. Louis area for many years.

"Dr. Beckwith survived and thrived in a really tough field," Sommers said. "He did a lot for the kids of his district and was a very successful administrator. I have a lot of respect for him."

Sommers currently lives in UM-St. Louis's residence halls.

"I have old friends in St. Louis, but since they work during the day and I attend night school, I don't see them much. I knew there was an older population in the dorms, and I would get the chance to meet people. [Living in the residence halls] is a huge convenience. I don't have to drive far to get to work or class," he

Graduate student and UM-St. Louis staff member, Randy Sommers, socializes in the Nosh Cafeteria.

Ricardo Lima, freshman, business administration, lives in Seton Hall with Sommers.

"Randy has always been friendly. He invites me and my friends to go places, and he always asks how my day was. He's just always there to talk to," Lima said.

After attending school for so long and earning several degrees Sommers strongly advises students "Go to class and do your homework It's funny how something so simple is lost on so many students. You have to go to class to succeed."

Through eyes of a dog

BY SARA PORTER

Features Associate

Wherever they go, Vanda and Zimmie receive a lot of attention everything from disgust in a public place to overly affectionate people. But Vanda and Zimmie know that their first job is to their masters, and to take them wherever they need to go. Vanda and Zimmie are guide dogs and serve as eyes to their owners, Chastity Jackson and Shante

Jackson, junior, communications, received Vanda, a black Labrador, at a school called The Guiding Eye for the Blind in New York City. "I trained with her in Manhattan for 26 days from June 27 through July 22, 2000," Jackson said. "Basically, I trained her every day by telling her where to cross a street, handle a revolving door. The final included us going to Grand Central Station to learn how we work together and how she reacted in a public place."

Jackson says that training Vanda is an ongoing process. "I showed her the left hand turns and right hand turns," Jackson said. "Every day we have five to seven minutes of obedience training."

When Peebles, senior, social work, met Zimmie, a golden retriever at the Seeing Eye School in New Jersey, he was already trained. However, he needed to learn how to work with the human he had been assigned to.

"At this school you learn how to travel in busy streets, how to use public transportation, and how to place a dog under the table in a restaurant," Peebles said. "The dogs are very highly trained before you meet them. He is trained a year and a half by himself and a month with his owner.

"The dogs are matched according

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The law in Missouri states that guide dogs are welcome in all public places, including restaurants, campuses, hotels, cabs and rooms. Any violation of that law carries a fine and up to 10 days imprison-

to your personality and needs," Peebles said. "They do the research and figure out if the person is a college student or works. They match them with a dog that can help them."

Working with Seeing Eye dogs has dispelled some common myths about the dogs themselves. The first thing that many people believe is that it is the dog that knows the way around the areas. In reality, it is the human that takes charge of the situa-

"Vanda knows the ways to go for left and right," Jackson said. "But I show her the commands like up and down, sit, stand and let's go.



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Although very familiar with UMSL's campus, UM-St. Louis student Chastity Jackson relies on her seeing-eye dog to maneuver through crowds and around school.

places like the Millennium Center, so I can get a feel for my surroundings," Jackson said. "At busy intersections, I listen for the parallel and perpendicular traffic so I can cross the street."

Another misconception is that dogs have poor vision themselves and would be unable to aid a blind owner, but Peebles says that simply

"It depends on the type of dog," Peebles said. "The most common guide dogs are German Shepherds, Golden retrievers, and Labradors hunting dogs that have good eyes and keen senses of smell."

Both Jackson and Peebles have received a lot of attention because of their dogs. Some reactions have been positive but excessive; others have been negative and rude.

When people first see Vanda, their first instinct is to want to pet her," Jackson said. "But they can't do that when she is on duty."

Peebles agrees. "The dog gets used to the attention and wants to be petted all the time, and that distracts him from his real work which is to guide me," Peebles said. "One time, this mother and child came up to me, and the mother wanted to pet the dog, but her child said, 'No mom, he's a

working dog."" Another difficulty that Peebles and Jackson have faced is negative reac-

tions and comments in public places. "I have gone into restaurants where people have moved away from

I train by being led to different me because they don't want to eat near a dog," Peebles said. "Some waiters have made comments about the dogs being unclean and not allowed to be in there. But luckily, I have the law on my side."

The law in Missouri states that guide dogs are welcome in all public places, including restaurants, campuses, hotels, cabs and rooms. Any violation of that law carries a fine and up to 10 days imprisonment (if the fine is not paid). Jackson carries a copy of this law with her to show anyone who won't allow Vanda to enter their establishment. She says she hasn't received trouble from anyone, except for some cab drivers.

"I have threatened legal action · against cab drivers who won't let Vanda in their cabs," Jackson said. "But I have this statement that says, 'Look, you are supposed to obey the law,' and many of them understand that. Now, I usually use the cabs of some friends of mine who know all about Vanda. One of them even puts doggy treats in his cab for her."

Despite the misconceptions and trouble from the outside world, Jackson and Peebles have nothing but love and affection for their dogs. "I love Zimmie; he's good company,' Peebles said. "My family loves him too. At Christmas, he gets more toys than I do."

Jackson also cares deeply for Vanda. "She is very playful and relates well to everyone in my life," Jackson said. "She is my eyes."

History department invites 'barbarian hordes' "History Day" brings high



school students en masse

Professor of History John Gillingham critiques the project of a few high school students during "History Day" held last month. Close to 400 high school and middle school students were expected to come through UM-St. Louis to participate. Students competed in various categories: paper, exhibit, documentary, or performance.

The event encourages students to use critical thinking skills and creativity to make history come alive. According to Gillingham, the day serves also as a recruit-Mike Sherwin/ The Current ment tool for the department.

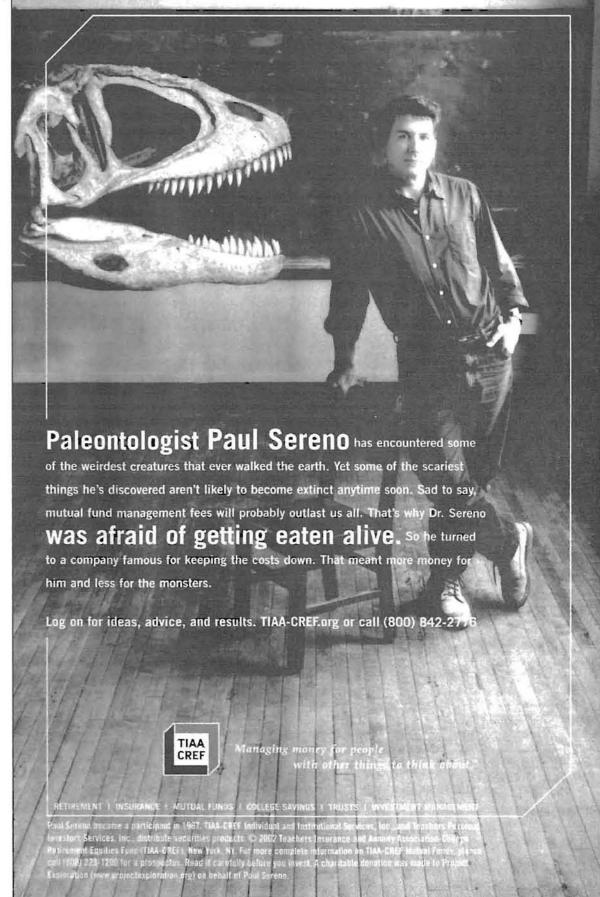
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"I didn't take advantage of Career Services to figure out what suited me best. Maybe if I would have, I wouldn't have wasted so much time and money," said Dunlap. "If you want a good education and want to get the most out of school, be looking for a goal even as a freshman or sophomore."

"We provide students and alumni with job information," said Emily McEneny, a Career Services specialist. She encourages students to visit the office and get registered as soon as possible. 'It is never too early or late to use our services," she said.

Career Services helps students with

resumes and cover letters and will eve send them off to potential employer They can set up mock interviews t help students be better prepared for the real thing. For more information, stu dents can contact Career Services a 516- 5111 or stop by the Millenniur Student Center, room 278.



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Rivermen ended their season on a losing note, but Bernsen expects better for next season

UM-St. Louis Rivermen Basketball

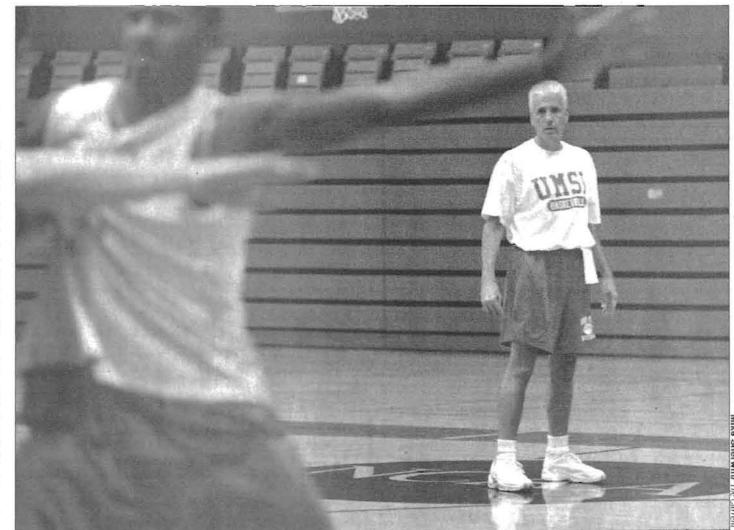
BY HANK BURNS

Sports Editor

For many coaches, it's always better to end the season on a winning note, and that is the outcome that Mark Bernsen, UM-St. Louis men's basketball head coach, would have preferred. However, the Rivermen ended their season with 19 straight losses and a 5-22 overall record. Throughout the season, Bernsen and his staff have continually attributed the team's performance to injuries and a lack of experience on the part of some of the younger players on the squad. Now, with the season having come to an end this theme has continued.

"I think with a whole new group like we had, at the guard spot, at the forward spot and even at the center spot, there were a lot of unknowns and even to the point of how well Jonathan Griffin, Daryl Saine and Jo'Van Fisher would recover from their injuries," Bernsen said. "So there were a lot of question marks as we entered the season and preseason and some of them were answered."

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Rivermen **Head Coach** Mark Bernsen oversees practice. Bernsen was at the helm of a relatively young squad in the 2002-2003 season.

"There were a lot of question marks as we entered the season and preseason, and some of them were answered," Bernsen said, of this year's team.

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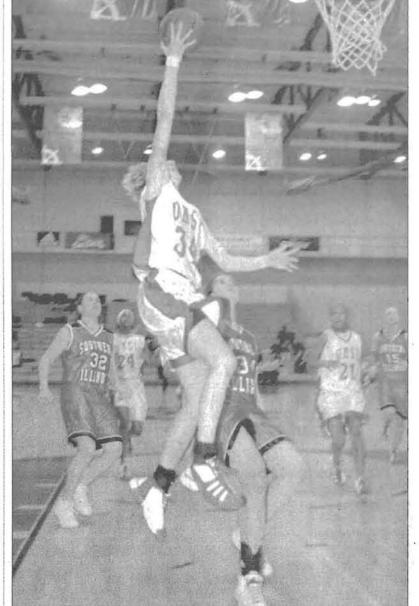
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Riverwoman Christy Lane goes for the lay up in a crowded lane.

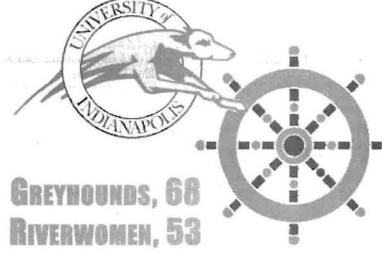
Riverwomen fall to Indy, eliminated from playoffs

UM-St. Louis Riverwomen Basketball

The UM-St. Louis women's basketball team saw their season come to an end with a 68-53 loss to number one seed Indianapolis in the quarterfinals of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. UM-St. Louis ended their season with a record of 13-14 on the

The Riverwomen got the first bucket of the game on a three pointer by Christy Lane in the opening seconds for a quick lead. Indianapolis came right back and grabbed the lead a few buckets later before a pair of Jessica Woods free throws tied it up at 8-8. The Greyhounds then got five straight points to lead 13-8, and Indianapolis would lead the rest of the half. UM-St. Louis kept it close, cutting the deficit to one point at 15-14 after a jumper by Alicia Ordner and would tie the game up at 18-18 after Sophia Ruffin hit two free throws. Indianapolis then used an 8-0 run to take control again, but the Riverwomen kept coming back and cut it to two points late in the half before a the Greyhounds settled for a 32-28 halftime advantage.

Indianapolis came out strong in the second half, opening up by scoring the first six points of the half, and used a 12-2 run to open the second stanza that gave the Greyhounds a 44-30 advan-



GAME'S TOP FIVE SCORERS

1. 21 pts. • AMY WISSER, Indy

2. 14 pts. • CHRISTY LANE, UMSL 3. 12 pts. • A. DAVIDSON, Indy

· E. HALLIBURTON, UMSL 5. 11 pts. • Kristen Lowry, Indy

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tage. Amy Wisser scored 18 of her game-high 21 points in the second half, including a stretch where she scored 11 straight points for the Greyhounds. The Riverwomen fought back, cutting into the deficit late in the half. UM-St. Louis got the game to within ten points at 61-51 after a jumper by Tameka Carter. That bucket capped off a 10-1 run by the Riverwomen over a four-minute span that included three pointers by Ebonie Halliburton and Christy Lane. UM-St. Louis could not knock the deficit into single digits after that and fell to the Greyhounds 68-53.

UM-St. Louis was led by Christy Lane with 14 points and Ebonie Halliburton with 12 points. Indianapolis got 21 points from Amy Wisser off the bench to lead the Greyhounds. The Riverwomen finish their season with a 13-14 record on the season.

'Brady Ball' meets 'Hughes Inc.' in 2003



THE ABCS OF SPORTS

HANK BURNS Got a comment?

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In his poem "Green Fields of the Mind," former Major League Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti said that baseball was "designed to break your heart." The UM-St. Louis baseball squad has found that statement to be true, coming back from a promising season that was ended with a heartbreaking 10-7 loss to Northern Kentucky in the Great Lakes Valley

Conference Tournament. And the

Rivermen are making quite a comeback

with an 8-2 record to start the season.

With eight returning players, including five who made a major impact last season, the Rivermen are having a typical UM-St. Louis baseball season. And judging by the talent and individual components of this year's squad, this typical season might be a great season for legendary Head Coach Jim Brady. The following is a look at another year of "Brady Ball."

"Hughes Incorporated"

It seems as though the Rivermen are doing their best reenactment of the "Dean Boys," the famous St. Louis Cardinals pitching tandem of Dizzy and Paul Dean. The brother combo of Colby and Logan Hughes, starring in the outfield and in the pitching staff, has been called "Hughes Incorporated." For example, in the first game of the season, Colby picked up a relief win over Salem International, while Logan hit his first homerun of the season. Expect to see similar highlights as each brother takes his turn in the rotation, the outfield and at the plate.

Grana to Weiss

Senior Shortstop Bryan Weiss is returning for another season with the

Rivermen infield, while Junior Second Baseman Tony Grana is making his debut. So far, Grana is making somewhat of an impact offensively, hitting a homerun in a 9-2 victory over Point Park on March 1. Hopefully, Grana's defensive skills will mesh well with those of Weiss, thereby giving the Rivermen a strong double play combination this season.

The heart of the matter

This year's pitching staff should be as successful as many past Rivermen pitching staffs and is showing much talent this season. Senior right-handed pitcher Bobby Tiefenauer notched a complete-game, 3-1 victory over Mansfield on March 1, giving up five hits. Junior left-hander Kevin Sahrmann, who lost a 4-2 decision to Mansfield on Feb. 28, threw a complete game, 5-2 victory over Salem International on March 2. Sophomore right-hander Steven McCoy and Senior left-hander Pat McNichols have also been in the mix for the Rivermen, with victories against Mansfield (17-4 W) on March 2 and North Dakota State (3-2 W) on March 3, respectively.

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Snow covered the baseball park at UM-St. Louis a few weeks ago.

'The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come out, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. excerpt from

"Green Fields of the mind, by A. Bartlett Giamatti

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right-hander Senior Bierling should figure prominently in this year's pitching staff; he had a 3.16 earned run average and 44 strikeouts in 62 innings pitched in 2002 for the Rivermen. And, of course, "Hughes Incorporated" will find a place in the staff; each brother in the tandem is a strong and talented right-handed pitcher.

The bats

Obviously, the loss of Outfielder Brody Jackson, who now plays for the River City Rascals minor league baseball team, is something that the Rivermen will have to get over. And the Rivermen most assuredly will get over that loss, with Weiss, Grana, Senior Outfielder Jim Reiter and "Hughes Incorporated" all filling that offensive void.

GLVC B-BALL

MEN'S TOURNEY RESULTS Thursday, March 6 Kentucky Wesleyan 102,

Quincy 86

- Southern Indiana 90. Saint Joseph's 85
- Northern Kentucky 64, UW-Parkside 55
 - Lewis 78, Indianapolis 68
- Friday, March 7 Northern Kentucky 84, Southern Indiana 82
- Lewis 84, Kentucky Wesleyan 79

Saturday, March 8
Northern Kentucky 58, Lewis 55

Northern Kentucky, ranked fourth in the NCAA Division Il Great Lakes Region, wins tournament.

WOMEN'S RESULTS Wednesday, March 5 Indianapolis 68, UM-St. Louis 53

- N. Kentucky 71, UW-Parkside 67
- Quincy 75,
 Saint Joseph's 54
- Bellarmine 81, SIU-Edwardsville 69

Friday, March 7 Quincy 66, Northern Kentucky 54

· Indianapolis 78, Bellarmine 55

Saturday, March 8 Indianapolis 74,

Indianapolis, ranked first in the Great Lakes Region, wins tournament.

Quincy 63

UMSL strives to be best D-II team

UM-St. Louis Riverwomen Softball

BY WILL MELTON

Staff Writer

New Head Coach Nicole Durnin is aiming to "build the best NCAA Division II team in the country here at UMSL." She has the experience both playing and coaching that can make it possible for her to do just

Durnin played first base and third base for University of Wisconsin-Parkside. She has been the head coach for Incarnate Word High School for the past two seasons and served as assistant coach for the two years before that. Her record as head coach was a solid 25-15.

Durnin plans on turning in another solid season with the Riverwomen. Last season, under former Head Coach Lesa Boneé, the softball team notched 31 wins to barely edge out the 25 losses they suffered. The team

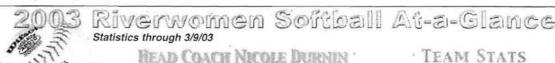
Durnin is focused on turning in a winning season for the conference.

"Of course, being at the top of the GLVC conference is important to us," Durnin said. "We know our situation this year [having only 10 girls], and many teams would not be able to handle it. Whether we have 10 girls or 20 girls, we will accomplish our goals.'

Durnin admits that she cannot predict the future or the outcome of the season. However, she is confident with the talent possessed by the Riverwomen and expects to "surprise a lot of people." It's not going to be an easy battle, but Durnin is full of

"We will fight in every at-bat, in every inning, and in every game," Durnin said. "We say 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.

This season looks to be interesting and full of fight. According to Durnin, there should be great seasons from captains Kristen Economon (OF), Savanna Adams (INF), and Heather Burr (C). "[They] will bring



HEAD COACH NICOLE BURNIN

• 1-1 in '03, First secon with UM-St. Louis 25-15 in two seasons as head softball coach.

@Incarnate Word High School First-team All-Conference 3B, '99 @ Parkside

GREAT LAKES VALLEY CONFERENCE

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great things both offensively and

defensively to this squad," Durnin

said. She also expects a high-volume

offensive performance from third

baseman Kim Kulaitis, who drove in

27 runs last season. Her performance

was second only to Kelly Jackson's

team goes, Durnin said to look out

for "three highly talented athletes.

As far as the new faces on the

34 RBI season.

R-WOMEN PITCHERS Fr. Thrones W.L. IP Casey Moran Fr./R 0.077.1

Danielle Moore Fr./R 1-1/7.2 Jamie Beucke Fr./R. Complete Games - Moore [1]

Strikeouts - Moore [8], Moran [6]

Note: Moore is also 1B, Beucke is also SS

Danielle Moore, Illinois player of the year, will be a strong force for us on the mound. Casey Moran, who is

also a pitcher, will split the time on

the mound with Danielle. I feel they

will complement each other quite

well. Jamie Beucke is a phenomenal

athlete who will see time at second

base and perform on the mound as

Durnin will be hosting a softball

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POSTITON PLAYERS Yr. Pos. Hirs/Avg. Tiffany Dewald In/OF 0/.000 Ashley Compton UZRF 2/,250 Kim Kulaitis 333 4/300 Kristen Economon 37,375 Savarma Adams 213 37,429 Heather Burr (17,125

II Maria Gaermer 07,000 camp this summer from June 16-19 at the UM-St. Louis Softball Complex, which is located off of Rosedale by the Fine Arts Building.

Monday - Thursday. "Assisting this year will be 'pitching guru' George Jones, which we are very excited about. The camp will focus on all aspects of the game," Durnin said.

It will run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.,

SPORTS SHORTS

· Baseball squad wins big twice at CMSU tournament

team saw their bats come alive in the first two games of the Central Missouri/Holiday Inn Express Tournament. Rivermen beat Metro State 16-0 in their first game of the day and then defeated Panhandle State 11-1, improving their record to 8-2 on the season.

In the first game, the The UM-St. Louis baseball Rivermen pounded out 16 runs on 13 hits in the win over Metro State.

> The second game featured more of the same as the Rivermen blasted out six runs in the third inning to take early control of the game against Panhandle State.

 Durnin picks up her first win as head UMSL softball coach

The UM-St. Louis softball team finally got their season started after having the first four scheduled contests cancelled due to weather. The Riverwomen split a doubleheader at Lincoln on Friday afternoon, dropping the first game in extra innings before getting the first win of the season in the second game for first-year Head Coach Nicki Durnin.

The Riverwomen came back in the second game after dropping their first, recording the first win for Durnin with a 2-1 victory. UM-St. Louis got both runs in the third inning and then held on for the win. Kim Kulaitis knocked in the first run with an RBI double.

· Rivermen tennis team defeats Truman State 6-3

The University of Missouri-St. Louis men's tennis team started their season with a 6-3 win over Truman State.

UM-St. Louis won two of the three doubles matches and then took four of the six singles matches. With that, the Rivermen are 1-0 on the season.

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Griffin, Saine and Fisher did make some impact for the team in scoring, with 8, 7, and 5 points, respectively. However, despite their impact in the scoring category, Saine and Fisher's level of play was marred by their injuries.

"Both Jo'Van and Daryl had some lingering effects of their injuries and couldn't go as hard as they wanted to go, not only in practice but sometimes in games," Bernsen said. "They struggled with that a little bit, and it affected our team, obviously. Jonothan Griffin was healthy. He was fine."

Bernsen said that, with some of the members of his team playing at different speeds, the overall level of play was hindered.

"We didn't find a way to have a complete game, and that's my fault," Bernsen said. "It's everybody's fault, and as we progressed into Christmas, our defense was way ahead of our offense, and we struggled in terms of shooting. Then, we hit our main part of our conference schedule."

"Unfortunately for us, in January, it was on the road," Bernsen continued. "It's just hard to win in any level of basketball on the road. That, coupled with our inability to get anything in terms of a consistent offense going, made it dif-

ficult for us, and then our slide started." Following the final game of the season for the Rivermen, Southern Indiana Assistant Coach Marc Hostetter said that coming back from a skid is difficult for any team, especially in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"It was a lot of hard knocks this year," Hostetter said. "It was just a tough way to go. As anybody who's played the game before knows, once you lose five or six [games] in a row, it's really tough to recover, and you get on that slippery slope."

In the midst of the losing streak, Bernsen said that he and his staff began to experiment.

"In order to try to stop it, we did some things differently," Bernsen said. 'We changed our offense. That took another three weeks, and as the season progressed into February, we go to Indianapolis, and we lose by four. We're playing better.

"We're up by one, with seven minutes to go at St. Joseph's in the second half, and we're playing better," Bernsen said. "Even when we came home and we were only down by four or five against Kentucky Wesleyan at half time, we had some moments."

Bernsen said that, although some of the members of the squad were able to pick up their game and have personal achievements, unfortunately, those did not always lead to a win.

"Even though these were small victories, and some of them individually victories, it didn't come out in terms of being a victory for the team," Bernsen said. "That's disheartening for everyone involved-the team, the fans, the coaching staff, everybody. It was difficult, but I did like our effort and our way of competing all the way through, and that's what impressed me as we finished the season."

The strength of the team will now be analyzed by the Athletic Department as they evaluate the overall level of success of the squad and try to predict how the team would fare next season under Bernsen. The success of past years under Bernsen will be looked at as well.

"I think, at least I hope, that having a winning season a year ago for the first time in five years and having some success the first three years I was here, they will understand that this is not a pattern ,but it's just a one-year thing," Bernsen said. "We can get it fixed with a couple of new kids inside and with our younger kids growing up a little bit more and becoming more experienced, and we can get back on the winning track next year. I've even talked to the this thing is exactly that-a one year

Bernsen has his supporters locally, and among them is St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Bernie Miklasz. In his March 8 edition of Bernie's Bits, Miklasz stated that "UMSL should stick by him."

"Bernsen deserves a shot to bring this young team along," Miklasz wrote. "Bernsen should be given another year to turn things around. Bernsen is a loyal UMSL alum and that should count for something."

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A&E Calendar

Movies

Film openings are subject to change

March 14

Open Heart - Israeli tale of romance that travels from Israel to India, in Hebrew

The Safety of Objects drama about the tensions below the placid surface of suburbia, from the best-selling book; one of the films from last year's film fest

The Hunted - action/drama about special-forces assassin gone renegade; starring Tommy Lee Jones, Benicio Del Toro; directed by William Friedkin (The Exorcist)

Agent Cody Banks action/comedy about a teenager who is an undercover agent but can't get a date, starring Frankie Muniz; directed by Harald Zwart (One Night at McCools)

Special:
Trials of Henry Kissinger mass murderer or pragmatist? That is the question
raised by this intriguing documentary about Mr. K.; one
week only at the Tivoli

The Boat, The Electric House, and the Goat - three silent short films by legendary comedian/director Buster Keaton; with live original accompaniment by the After Quartet; March 15 - 16 only at 8 p.m. at Webster University's Moore Auditorium

March 21

Morvern Callar - indie film starring Samantha Morton (Minority Report) as a 21year-old aimless supermarket clerk in a small Scottish town whose life is transformed by a found ATM card and an unpublished novel; directed by Lynne Ramsay (Ratcatcher)

He Loves Me He Loves Me Not - French tale of deceit and innocence in a relationship between a young woman and an older man; stars Audrey Tautou of 'Amelie'

Boat Trip - comedy starring Cuba Gooding, Jr. about two buddies whose love lives have hit rock bottom and decide to book a vacation cruise, unaware that it is a romantic cruise for gay men

View From the Top - comedy starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate and Mike Myers about a woman (Paltrow) who dreams of being a first-class international flight attendant

Movie Review

'Shanghai Ghetto' is surprising history

BY CATHERINE
MARQUIS-HOMEYER

A&E Editor

What would Shanghai, China have to do with the Jews in Nazi Germany? You may think you have an idea about where Holocaust tales take place, but this one will surprise you. The curious and little-known tale of a group of

Jews who survived the Holocaust by traveling to China is the subject of the new documentary "Shanghai Ghetto," which will be shown for one week only at the Tivoli Theater.

This intriguing bit of history makes a fascinating film that focuses not just on this small group of people but on a significant fact in the events leading up to the Nazi's genocide. This fact was the refusal of most countries to accept Jewish refugees and the role that refusal played in the fate of German Jews. This bit of history sheds light on the modern policies of many countries towards

accepting political refugees.

The tale is told through letters and documents, interviews with a small group of survivors, interviews with historians, still photos and film footage. Interestingly, the filmmakers choose a group of five survivors who were children at the time, and it is through the eyes of a child that the individual family tales are told. The child's eye view gives the film a unique emotional and personal resonance that a knowing adult's tale could never match. As the Holocaust recedes in time, it is important to tell these first-hand tales

"Shanghai Ghetto" is indeed about a Jewish ghetto in China and how that came about. In the late 1930s in Nazi Germany, things grew steadily worse for the Jews. As more Jewish families wished to escape Hitler's increasingly oppressive policies, more and more



Photo courtesy Artisan Entertainment

Shanghai's annual floods were one of the health hazards faced by both Jews and Chinese in the WWII Shanghai ghetto. "When streets flooded, you could find anything in that water," said a survivor of the Shanghai ghetto.

countries closed their doors to them, citing economic hardship in the Great Depression. Countries that would still accept them, like the U.S., required visas and subjected them to long waiting periods. The only place that didn't require a visa, where Jews were just free to go without a wait, was the Japanese-occupied city of Shanghai, China, halfway around the world.

Krystalnacht, the night the Jewish shops were attacked and synagogues burned, galvanized many families. The shock of the violence was coupled with the shock that non-Jewish neighbors they had known all their lives did not come to their defense. Jews who had considered themselves Germans first and were proud of their contributions to German society were horrified to find that non-Jewish Germans saw these contributions as usurpation of ethnic German positions in their land.

One obstacle to flight was money. The Nazis had seized Jewish bank accounts, and families were only allowed to withdraw enough to live on. No money could be taken out of the country. While a few escaped to nearby countries, countries that would fall to

Germany in the coming war, doors continued to close to those countries, until only the door to Shanghai remained open.

It was still a hard decision to travel so far, to arrive penniless and friendless in such a foreign place without even knowing the language. Shanghai was a strange and wild place, a port with a number of European communities, including British and Russian Jews, and European architecture surrounding the old, walled city. It had a reputation for crime and shady dealings. Many families scraped up the money to buy pas-

sage, thinking that they would soon return or move on to another country. The outbreak of war ended those plans and any further escapes to Shanghai. About 20,000 Jews made it to China.

This story is full of contradictions and unexpected twists. While families had to scrimp to save up to buy tickets for passage to China, the only transport available was first class passage on luxury liners. Once in China, they were relegated to the poorest section of the city, where the Chinese were even poorer than they were and lived in abysmal, primitive conditions. Although they were eventually restricted to a Jewish ghetto, the Japanese had an ambiguous attitude towards the Jews and were far more interested in tormenting the Chinese.

Once the war started, the Shanghai Jews were cut off from the events in Europe and were unaware of what was happening to their people. They were restricted to the ghetto, and hunger was rampant. The film includes footage of the modern day Shanghai ghetto, which is little changed. A pair of the survivors returned there to visit and reminisced about how unprejudiced and generous their poverty-stricken Chinese neighbors had been and how kind the international Jewish communities had been, particular American groups that sent food and medical aid until the attack on Pearl Harbor cut them off.

Although the Shanghailanders, as they called themselves, suffered hardships, increasing restrictions and scarce food, they were unaware of the concentration camps until the whole world learned of them at the end of the war. News of the death camps changed forever their view of life in Shanghai. "Shanghai Ghetto" is an eloquent and moving piece of documentary filmmaking.

CONCERT REVIEW

Hip-hop explosion

BY AMY GONWA

Music Critic

Modern hip-hop is more than just an earth-shaking, mind changing movement. It has evolved greatly with time and with the help of many who are dedicating their lives to the music that they love. Q95.5 radio personalities Isis, Niteowl and DJ Snow exhibited the power behind hip-hop in their performance at the noted University City music outlet Vintage Vinyl. Several dozen fans from various backgrounds and age groups gathered to hear their hometown station explode with beat.

The Feb. 28, 2003 event marked the final stop on Vintage Vinyl's celebration of Black History Month, in which several bands showcased their talents right in the store for all to hear. Let's just say that Isis and Niteowl ended the month's festivities with a bang. I could feel it in the air and read it on the eager fans' faces; we were all wrapped up in this dynamic vibe of hip-hop.

The beginning of the show exhibited DJ Snow's mixing abilities, and shortly thereafter his talent was joined with that of two others, Isis and Niteowl. Niteowl did some freestyle hip-hop and was joined on stage by several of his musical colleagues, including Isis, his Q95 co-disc jockey. I was blown away at the exhibition that Isis and Niteowl created together. Her powerful, soul-wrenching vocals resonated throughout the crowd and blended eloquently with the words of Niteowl. She gave a new, beautiful blues sound to the performance, and I could tell that everyone was greatly amazed and in awe of her vocal brilliance.

Isis Jones is in her fifth year of radio. "Music is my life. It is an escape from whatever it is that you are going through during the day," Jones said. From speaking with Isis, I could tell how much music means to her and how truly passionate she feels about the job she has at Q95.5 and as lead singer of the Usual Suspects. Niteowl is also an individual thriving and striving through modern hip-hop and R & B pathways as a musician. His four-piece band, Level Ground, is breaking through the scene to make a name for itself. The group's newly released CD, which is a live recording of the group's recent show at Cicero's on Delmar was, ironically, placed on the shelves the very same night as the performance. I found Niteowl's approach to his compilation intriguing, because it features samples from legends like Diana Ross, Sea Wing, the Temptations and of course, Isis Jones. This allows for the recycling of old tunes and blending them with new ones - a very innovative

What I think is so powerful about hip-hop is the explosion of words, in lyric form, which take a strong stand on many important issues. Many of those issues that most people don't want to talk about should be approached, and through what better way than music? While rising up and staring real societal issues in the face, the music performed on Friday night was also topped with humor and light-heartedness. Radiating from the stage was a friendly, peaceful vibration of sound that no ear could say no to.

There's no doubt that these two shining radio personalities have thus far acquired several die-hard fans. Q95.5 listener Kimberly Williams explained to me why she tunes her radio to this station. "I respect them because they started from nothing, forced people to hear them out, paid close attention to their listeners and capitalized the gen-

res," Williams said. These genres that she is speaking of are hip-hop, rhythm and blues and various other related music movements. "We are beginning to recognize other genres that coincide with hip-hop and R&B," said Isis Jones. So, rest assured that when you tune in to Q95.5, there will not be a dull moment and that many various forms of music, old and new, can be heard rumbling through its airwaves.

You can catch Isis and Niteowl on the airwaves on Fridays and Sundays on Q95.5 FM. And make sure to check out Niteowl and Level Ground's latest release, a riveting blend of beats. The two certainly made promoters of the February event proud and showcased some exquisite talent at Vintage Vinyl. Join the movement, guys, and let hip-

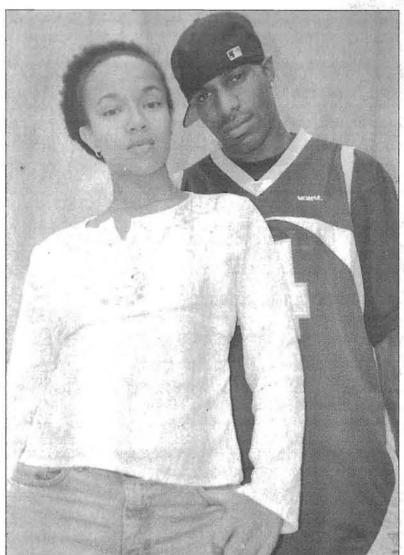


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ABOVE: Q95.5 radio disc jockeys Isis and Niteowl may spin the latest hip hop and R&B, but they are also performers in their own right. They played at Vintage Vinyl Friday, Feb. 28 as part of a Black History Month celebration.
RIGHT: Niteowl stopped by campus to support his new CD, a live recording of a recent show at Cicero's.

Sara Quiroz/ The Current

CD REVIEW



Difranco has done it again – her defiance has fueled the fire for her newest release, "Evolve." She continues on the road of opposition and musical revolution, while proving to the music industry that she is gracefully evolving.

Difranco continues rhythmic evolution

BY AMY GONWA

Music Critic

Ani Difranco, the pinnacle of boundary-breaking lyrical statements and magnetic musicianship and the ultimate manifestation of female velocity is on the move again. She's been streaming across the globe, motivating and emancipating the masses while proudly rustling the feathers of any conservative opposition that may attempt to get in her way. Undoubtedly, she is not about to turn back now, with a multitude of adoring fans, her own record company and fifteen raging full-length albums to her

Difranco's expansion and influence on the music terrain is rising at an everlasting, exponential rate. With thirteen years of music sitting in her past and a most defined five-piece band beside her, she's definitely accomplished what she set out for and then some. And luckily, this singer/songwriter is on the brink of releasing a new album, one of extreme instrumental and vocal perfection, into the musical world. Difranco has proven once again that she will animate any monotony found in modern music with her latest twelve-track exposition, "Evolve." With the release

of this album, she seems to be return-

ing to her initial launch into music as a gracefully angry, fear-defying woman with a mind just as powerful as the musical talent she possesses. "Evolve" is a powerful, ass-kicking expression of female rhythm. It's unparalleled for one person to make as much monumental noise as Difranco does with only an acoustic guitar and some cutting-edge vocal chords.

To say that the lyrical content of "Evolve" is merely poetic would be an insulting understatement to Difranco's power behind her pen. "Gunning for high score in a land of dreams/ morbid bluish-white consumers ogling luminous screens," from the track 'Evolve," demonstrates the kind of literary mountains she's climbing on her new compilation. Listening to "Evolve" is like staring into a vibrantly abstract painting that pulses, changes colors and then explodes in your view. The first track, "Promised Land," is a contemplative metaphor on relating to your own multifaceted mind. It's about how sometimes you don't even make any sense to yourself. It is clearly evident that Difranco threw herself into this production, which will be released to stores on March 11, and is not afraid to speak of how she has changed and evolved.

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'Hidden Leaves,' beautiful love story that went mad

BY SARA PORTER

Features Associate

Psychiatrists falling in love with their patients is a common motif in stories set in psychiatric wards or psychiatrists' offices. Often these stories observe the delicate balance between love and obsession. They ask profound questions such as "If the patient cannot feel so-called normal emotions, do they actually feel love for their doctor or just loyalty?" or "How long before the doctor becomes obsessed with their patient and may need to seek help themselves?"

Movies like "Lilith," "After Darkness" and the more comical "What About Bob?" explore the fine line between the patient and the caregiver, showing that sometimes those lines can be blurred when the two are intertwined. To these we can add "Hidden Leaves" by V.C. Andrews. "Hidden Leaves" shows in two novellas, a family that began in the walls of a mental hospital.

Andrews has explored the world of mental illnesses before in other novels like "Flowers in the Attic," and she explores it again here with tenderness to her subjects, lovely descriptions that aren't too flowery and well-rounded protagonists that aren't so much set up for shock value as they are real human beings who are hurting from the sicknesses that plague their minds.

The plot focuses on Dr. Claude DeBeers, founder of a clinic for

wealthy mentally ill patients. He is very proud of his work and is quite fond of his patients and the role he plays in their recovery. Through his doors comes Grace, a woman who has just recovered from a suicide attempt. Grace gave birth to a son out of wedlock and her tyrannical mother kidnapped the boy and has denied Grace any contact. Claude then becomes obsessed with the idea of helping Grace recover enough so she can regain custody of her son.

As Claude becomes more emotionally invested in Grace's treatment, the two begin a clandestine affair that results in a pregnancy and a scandal. The second story, "Dark Seed," focuses on the early life of Willow, Claude and Grace's daughter who is beginning to show signs of her mother's illness.

Through the book, Claude and Grace become such memorable multifaceted characters that one can't help, but root for them. Grace comes across as completely sympathetic, innocent yet forceful, childlike yet strong-willed and hopeful yet realistic. She is never seen as a woman who is so mentally unbalanced that she should be kept from society so much as a woman who has had an illness that has dealt her a cruel blow. She is clearly enjoyable, and her scenes with Claude are very

Ironically, it is not so much Grace as it is Claude who is the more romantic, less realistic of the two. "Hidden Leaves" is told as a diary entry to Willow, so the surprises are few and far

between since the reader already has a clear idea of how the story turns out. Trapped in an unhappy marriage with a social climbing snob of a wife, Claude reaches out to the one person who loves and understands him for who he is as a person, not just a famous well-known doctor. Through his diary, Claude comes across as very passionate and eloquent as he makes his case and lovingly recalls the woman who changed his life.

In her shorter story, Willow also carries on the good qualities of her parents, the curiosity and passion of her father and the fragility and inner strength of her mother. She too is a very memorable character as we are shown her relationship with her father, Amou, Portuguese housekeeper, and with the woman she has long believed to be her mother, whom she hates.

The supporting characters are sharply written too. A nurse with a few secrets of her own, the very loving and supportive Amou and Claude's wife, Alberta, who makes a memorable villain, are gifts to Andrew's writing.

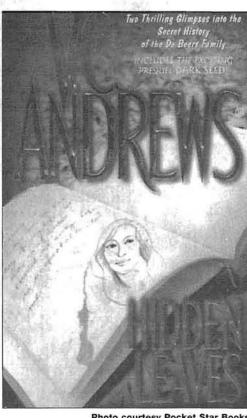
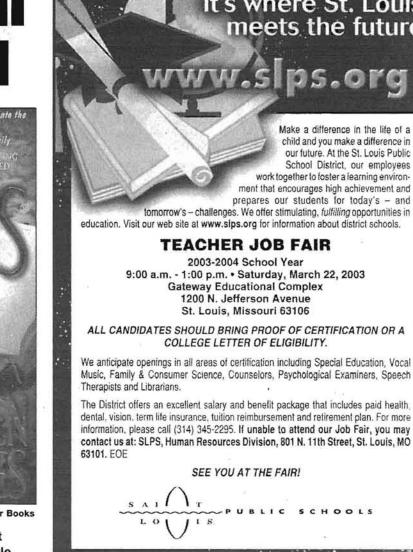


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"Hidden Leaves" is a love story that works because it is about two people who are together but can't be.

> "Hidden Leaves" is a love story that works because it is about two people who are together but can't be. Even though readers begin the story with a cynical mind, knowing that Grace and Claude's union won't be possible, they leave the book wishing that it could.



The annual *Stagnant* is on its way. Look for it after Spring Break for a good laugh a some great satire. The Stagnant hits stands March 31!

DIFRANCO,

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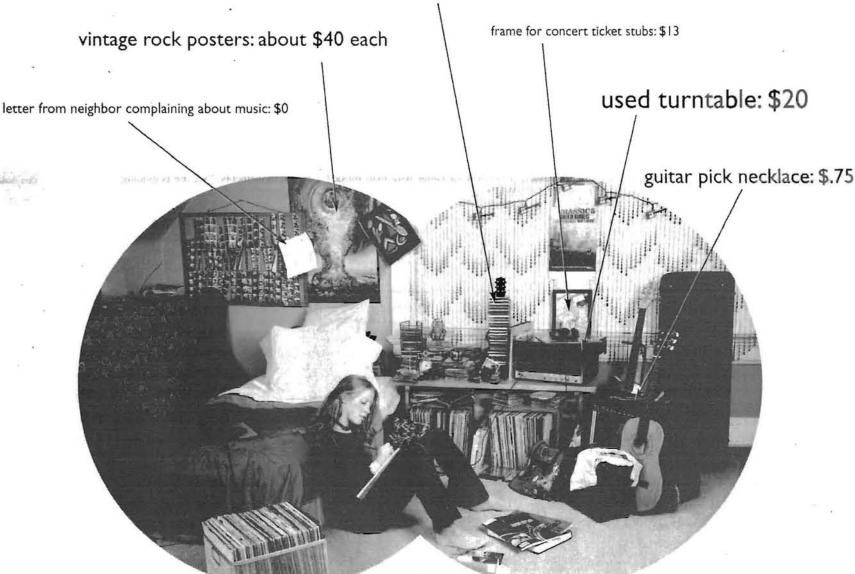
Difranco has become the poster persona for feminism, mind-changing music and erupting human emotion put to rhythm. This has gained her much recognition by acclaimed music publications, and legendary stars such as Bob Dylan, who has invited Ani on several tours in the past few years. She is serving as the musical representative of opposition, just as Dylan did during his era of controversy and change. They both possess the power of eloquently opening eyes and turning heads with their words. It's no surprise that she is being recognized for her graceful way of blending controversial political debate into a funky, free-flowing melody. The extremeness of this talent takes form in her track "Serpentine" on the new album, a song that defines her position on societal barriers and her attitude that she's not stopping until they have been broken. I had the chance to see her perform the 10-minute masterpiece of beat poetry on her last tour, and I think the entire crowd stopped breathing during the song's climactic rises and falls.

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To really understand her musicianship, you must go see her live performance. Difranco displays raw artistic talent, a captivating presence and the ability to splinter through your mind and explode off the stage, removing the audience from the rest of the world. She will be rolling through our town and right into Delmar Boulevard's Pageant on April 18. Tickets are still available, so don't miss your chance. Those who assume that this will be a room full of man-hating feminists will be pleasantly surprised at the diversity of the crowd in gender, ethnicity and age. The energy Difranco exemplifies on stage is nothing less than motivating, with the revolutionary smoke of unmovable rebellion emulating from any stage she sets foot

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Amazingly, we're back for anothweek. We've apparently ruffled ne feathers out there, so don't be orised if you open your paper one and there's a big "This Space for nt" sign occupying this spot. Of rse, we have that fear every week.

have really learned the lesson you can't please all the people all time (really, the only people we please are ourselves, but that is important.)

On a related note, we would like ake this opportunity to point out, e again, that nothing you read e should be taken seriously. More portantly, if you've read us in the t and were offended, DON"T AD US AGAIN! Is that really so icult? Seriously, if you don't nk we're funny (which we're not), ou think we're immature (which can be at times) or if you just in hate us (probably deservedly STOP READING! We would our readers to take the time to k into the corner of this little coln and read the clearly marked disimer. Notice the word parody? it yet? Geez, you'd think this was tty simple, but some people just

But since we've still got the ce, we might as well dive right in. e we always say, smoke 'em if ı got 'em. [Jason's note: I don't ik I've ever said that.]

e to get their rocks off by giving

nice boys a hard time. Seriously

cs, we have feelings too.

ar Village Idiots,

What did you guys think of the vale implants for automatic asm that was published in "The rrent" during Valentine's week? -Sincerely, Remaining

ar Remaining Anonymous (probanot a bad idea given the aforentioned heat we've been getting

:ly...ahem), We assume that you're referring he Valentine's week edition of the ence Column, which pointed out t there's apparently a new device t women can have inserted in their that, at the touch of a button, proes orgasms. This might very well the greatest invention ever! We this because we can imagine the entist who invented it going und to random women and telling m that he has an instrument that, if y let him stick it in their ass, will e them automatic orgasms of the nd-blowing variety. We've been ng line like this for years! And w, thanks to science and technolowe're 100% validated. See, all girl who slapped us and turned down, we were right! If you had y let us stick it in your ass, you ould've had an orgasm. Maybe en two! [Adam's note: or six]. son's note: Adam has a bloated age of himself, ladies.] [Adam's te: Shut up, Jason.] [Jason's note: I e you, Adam.] And unlike Mr. ientist, we wouldn't have charged u upwards of \$15,000 [Jason's te: I would've made you waffles in morning for breakfast. With up.] Oh well, too late now. You all your chance, and you blew .Now you're just going to have to

hind. Serves you right. Love, Adam and Jason

ar Idiots, What is up with the parking on

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d some other guys to hit it from

campus? If I park in the faculty/staff spots, I get a ticket. The student spots, for all practicality, don't exist. So what is a guy to do? From what I heard, faculty are now taking student's parking spots.

What is your advice?

-Signed, Can't find a spot so I'm late for class because some professor wanted to take a student spot or because some jackass took two spots

Dear CFASSILFCBSPWTTAS-SOBSJTTS(LMNOPQRSTU-

(Boy, we sure hope our excessive use of capital letters doesn't offend anyone...ahem.)

As everyone is by now wellaware, parking on campus sucks (even the president of the UM System thinks so). And solutions like "just get here earlier" don't cut it. We refuse, on principle alone, to be here at 8 a.m. for an 11 a.m. class just to insure that we get a parking spot. But that's really neither here nor there.

As far as faculty and staff members parking in student spots goes, we really don't know. This could be nothing more than hearsay and conjecture; just because it was recently reported in "The Current" (Motto: " Boy, we sure f*** up a lot...") doesn't make it true. Also, we're always hesitant to criticize professors because, unlike you, our names and pretty little faces are right out in the open for everyone to see, and by "everyone" we mean "the person who decides whether Jason passes or fails COM 217." (That, and we certainly wouldn't want to offend anyone...ahem.)

We will, however, comment on those who take up multiple parking spots. They're usually one of two types of people: selfish assholes or idiots too stupid to be driving. We CAN'T STAND people who think that their precious little cars are so important that they'll be tainted if another car come within so many meters or feet or inches or whatever; these are the people who take up multiple spots, and they're also the people who own the cars that we like to purposely bump into in order to set off their alarms. This is juvenile and in the long run doesn't really accomplish much, but we guarantee that it'll make you feel better when you can't find a parking spot.

The other type, the morons who really shouldn't be driving because THEY'RE STUPID, is equally as bad. These are the people that for some reason just can't ever seem to get their cars between the two lines, which are painted VIBRANT F'IN YELLOW, thereby rendering not one but two spots useless. Are they distracted by something shiny? Is their aim just that bad? Seriously, parking a car is hardly brain surgery. Do these people have the same problem in other areas of their lives? If so, we feel sorry for all the girlfriends with sore bellybuttons...Unfortunately, we have no solution when it comes to dealing with stupid people...short of finding a nice nine-iron and pulling a

Jack Nicholson on their cars. Love, Adam and Jason

Dear Village Idiots,

I went in the Pilot House where the Breakfast Buffet was supposed to be and the girl had no idea that anything was supposed to be there. I talked to a Chartwells cashier and she had no idea about it. I talked to

the guy who registered the event and he didn't know why nothing was there. (He told me to talk to someone at Chartwells) In short no buffet in the Pilot House despite it being posted on the board for the Millenium

Why must UMSL taunt me so? -Signed, In serious need of free munchies...

Dear munchie man,

You insensitive ass. You're complaining about not getting free rubbery flapjacks and watery syrup? Think of all the starving people in Ladue who only DREAM of a delicious breakf...what? What's that? Apparently Ladue is an affluent neighborhood. Yep, our editors just told us people in Ladue are pretty well off. Who knew? Well damn. What now? [Adam's note: I think my brain just melted.] [Jason's note: Welcome to the club.]

Anywho, we recommend getting even. Have your own pancake-athon. Show them Chartwells bastards just who is King Flapjack on Breakfast Mountain (don't forget plenty of syrup). Once you've shown them that if they tease you with promises of breakfast and don't follow through, then they'll finally know not to mess with your taste buds. [Note: Is everyone picking up on our new "Dirty Harry-like" mentality? We decided it was time to become hard asses. Look out everyone.] Let us know when the pancake fest is going to occur, because we loves us some Bisquick goodness.

We would like to add that we request muffins be present at said pancake fest. You see, we just love muffins, as our loyal readers will remember. Can't get enough of them to be honest. Blueberry, banana crunch, apple cinnamon, chocolate chip, we love 'em all.

-Love, Adam and Jason

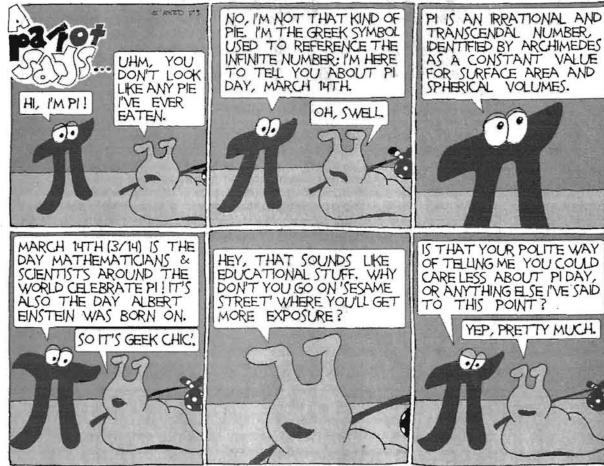
Now then, we pride ourselves on not having much in the way of opinion on current events, however, we felt we had no choice but to comment on Presidet George W. Bush's press conference last week. Could the man have tap danced around any more questions? We understand that he doesn't want to tip his hand to Saddam, but come on! Answer a damn question! He looked like Fred Friggin Astaire out there for cripes sake. So we would just like to say: President George W. Bush is an idiot. Thank you.

If you have a question, send us an email: VillageIdiotsJA@yahoo.com. If you don't like e-mail, you can bring a question to us on the third floor of the MSC, room 388.

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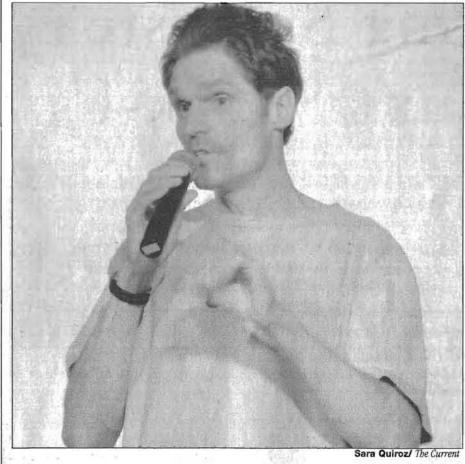
Adam Bodendieck and Jason Granger are by no means qualified to dispense advice. They are a couple of stupid college guys. Please do not send them serious questions. It will be assumed that if you send them questions, they are in jest and open to Adam and Jason's own particular brand of humor. This column is intended to be read as parody. So

-The Management





Sexual aggression 101



Todd Denny, a nationally recognized expert in men's violence prevention, explains to students who attended the program "Sexual Aggression 101" that although women are most likely to be targets for physical harm, everyone, including men, is at risk. Denny's presentation Tuesday afternoon was part of the Student Life lecture series, "A Woman's Place is in History."

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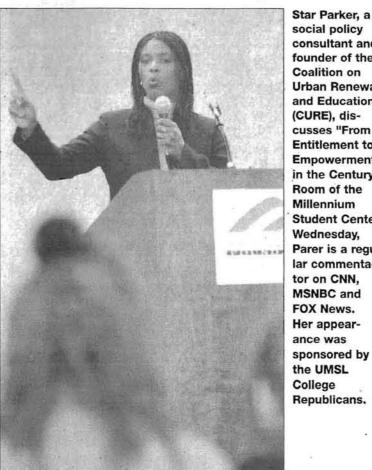
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Star Parker from entitlement to enlightenment



social policy consultant and founder of the Coalition on **Urban Renewal** and Education (CURE), discusses "From **Entitlement to Empowerment**" in the Century Room of the Millennium **Student Center** Wednesday, Parer is a regular commentator on CNN, MSNBC and FOX News. Her appearance was sponsored by the UMSL College Republicans.

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The sessions will be held at the Advising Center/DARS Foyer in the MSC at the following times:

> Tuesday, March 11 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided through the generosity of Student Activities.

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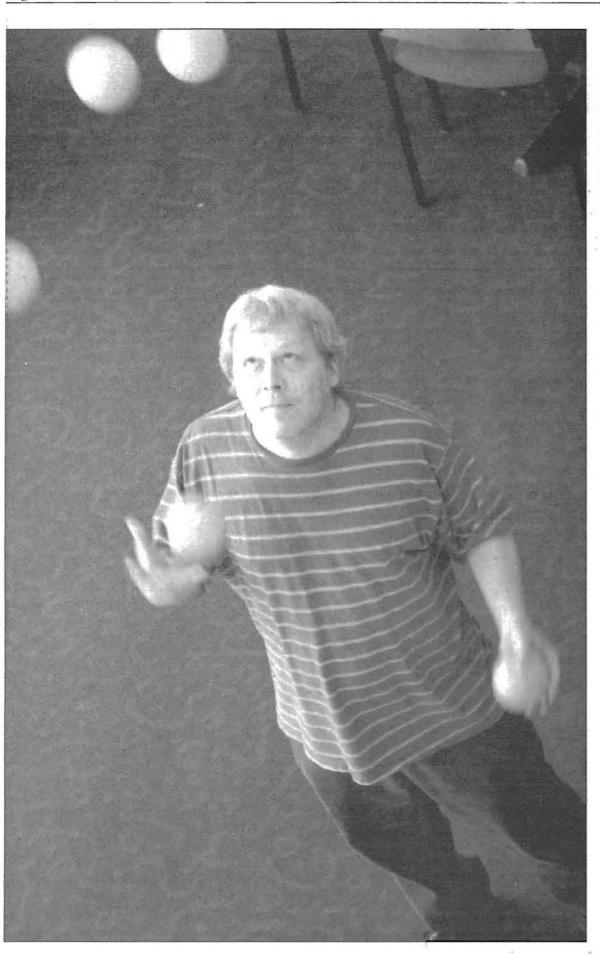


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ABOVE: The UM-St. Louis Cheerleading squad performs a high-flying maneuver during a break in a Riverwomen's basketball game.

LEFT: Graduate student and teacher Al Stanger practices his juggling skills on the first floor of the MSC last Friday afternoon.

RIGHT: Veronica Soon, senior, marketing and international business, starts off Saturday Morning with style, playing the piano on the third floor of the MSC.



