

Decision Made In Disabled Dispute

by Melissa A. Green
news editor

The Student Court has decided in favor of the Disabled Students Union in a dispute concerning the official recognition of two disabled student groups.

DSU's recognition had been challenged by a separate group known as the Alliance of Movers and Shakers.

The decision was made after a committee comprised of three DSU members and three AMS members failed to reach an agreement. The committee's decision was to be given to the Student Court by Nov. 9, 1990. According to the Jeff Edwards, Chief Justice of the Student Court, the two organizations never met.

"If the organizations did meet, they didn't inform me," Edwards said.

In a previous decision by the court, the verdict stated that unless an agreement was reached by the committee by Nov. 9, 1990, the recognition would be given to DSU.

"I waited for three weeks, then I decided to let the decision stand," said Edwards. "I was excluded from the decision, I left it to the judges involved."

Another matter that was brought

up in court was the legitimacy of the AMS constitution meeting. The Court ruled that the meeting was not legitimate because people were not properly informed in advance.

With the recognition given to DSU, AMS had planned to appeal the decision, but Edwards said no formal appeal was filed.

"I heard talk about AMS wanting a retrial because the Court was unfair, but there was no attempt," Edwards said.

Instead AMS is filing for recognition as a new student organization. They will be requesting a budget from SABC in January.

Carol Dugan, a member of AMS, was dissatisfied with the way the Court handled the case. She suggested a solution.

"I recommended to SGA that the Student Court be trained, so they will know procedure and how to conduct themselves," Dugan said.

Problems that arose from the conflict between DSU and AMS, lead to the sessions presented by Jane E. Jarow, executive director of the Association on Handicapped Student's Services Programs/Postsecondary Education, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, to evaluate the programs and problems of disabled students on campus. Her findings will be available after the Christmas break.

SGA Approves Fee Increase

by Melissa A. Green
news editor

The Student Government Association passed a five cent increase in both the Student Activity fee and Student Service fee at its meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2. The additional fees will be added to a 20 cent increase of fees approved by Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice chancellor for student affairs. The fee increases will be used to battle proposed inflation for the next two school years and for possible expansion of the University Center.

MacLean presented three reasons for the increases to the assembly. The first reason MacLean cited was a proposed six percent increase of student activities expenses during the 1991-92 school year. MacLean also said the fees anticipated a continued six percent increase in expenses for 1992-93.

MacLean said the third reason was an anticipated 1.5 percent reduction of state revenues in Missouri public institutions.

"Because of the short comings of revenue in Missouri, we need to find supporting money," MacLean said.

The approved vote from SGA was taken to a subcommittee comprised of MacLean, Mike Horton, Honors College representative, Jennifer Horan, president of the Political Science Academy and Allen Wagner,

associate professor from administrative of Justice. The committee passed the increase.

The fee increases will go into effect during the summer of 1991-92 school year. The additional revenue will help raise \$33,750 to help offset the inflated percentages.

In other SGA business: Election Commissioner LaDonia Payne presented an administrative report explaining the costs for a new voting ballot for the 1991 elections. The ballots are being provided by National Computer systems for a cost of \$528.46.

Five voting stations will be set up on both the north and south campuses, with each station checking voting students against a list which will include their name, student numbers and their school of enrollment.

The cost of the lists include a \$45 charge for the master list and \$88 for the four additional copies to be made at Graphics Plus.

The Clean Campaign Contract proposed by Payne for the next election will be presented for approval to the assembly at the January 27 meeting.

"We are not Congress- we don't want dirty work. We only want to hear what the candidate is running for," Payne said.

The new contract was objected to by some members of the assembly.



????????? Sandy MacLean writes down a few notes during Sunday's SGA meeting before he addressed the assembly. (photo by Nicole Menke)

Ed Mock, Evening Council President, questioned where in SGA's by-laws was it stated that Payne had the authority to regulate the elections. Paul Matteucci, student representative to the Board of Curators, replied that as election commissioner, Payne had the right.

Another objection came from Frank Tucci, University Program Board representative, who was concerned about possible violations of the First Amendment.

"I am not condoning mudsling-

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Fest Cheers UMSL And Families

by Charlene Swopshire
reporter

Holiday Fest '90, UM-St. Louis' annual food drive to help the needy, gathered food and cash in an effort to make Christmas a little bit brighter for some St. Louis families.

"This year's Holiday Fest was a success and it was wonderful to see such community spirit on our campus," said Dianna Graff, administrative associate for the University Center/Student Activities.

Graff said at least 80 baskets of food were contributed and approximately \$200 in cash donations were received from the various departments and students organizations.

Graff said many faculty members and students turned out for the community reception to enjoy the holiday cheer.

Colorful decorations were hung on the campus tree in the University Center, with many of the ornaments contributed by faculty, staff and student organizations. The Admissions Department provided the tree topper of a large snowflake, and the tree is highlighted by a chain with links signed by Holiday Fest volunteers.

Epsilon Sigma Lambda, a student leadership group, delivered the food baskets and cash donations to the Northside Team Ministry on Dec. 5.



DECK THE HALLS A volunteer for the Holiday Fest '90 adds a decoration to the giant tree in the U-Center lobby. (photo by Michelle McMurray)

"A special thanks to all the organizations that donated their time to hosting the reception and those who donated food and money," said Graff.

Partners Win Award For Progress

by A.A. Evans
reporter

UM-St. Louis' Partnerships for Progress, a program begun four years ago by former Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett will be presented with its first Anderson Award Feb. 1, 1991, during the Forum's winter meeting at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona.

The Anderson Medal is a prestigious awards program whose goal is to encourage and honor threefold alliances of businesses, higher education institutions and public schools that are helping to improve the academic performance of American students.

"Of all things, the greatest contribution to winning this award was the hard work and hours turned in by the UM-St. Louis faculty," said

Donald Robinson, dean of the School of Education,

The Anderson Medal is given in honor of Robert Anderson, who chaired the Business-Higher Education Forum from 1982-84. The Forum was one of the first major organizations to notice the country's America's need for major reforms of our education and training system.

The Forum was established in 1978 by the American Council on Education, which is the umbrella organization for post-secondary education in the U.S.

Nomination for the Anderson Medal is open to three-way partnerships among businesses, higher education institutions and public schools that are preparing young people for higher learning, work and life in the modern world.

There were four "weighted criteria," by which entries were judged.

Entries had to show evidence of student progress commitment to education reform as demonstrated by each member of the alliance, the scope of the program as it relates to the needs of the community and society at large and sensitivity to special-needs populations.

The Partnership for Progress was one of nearly seventy alliances across the nation that participated in the competition for the award. Their formation consisted of The St. Louis Public school district, Normandy School district, Wellston School District and University City School district. From the business sector, Monsanto corporation, Union Electric Company, General Dynamics, Ford Motor Company, and CPI corporation and of course UM-St. Louis makes the third part of the trio.

School Fees Rise This Winter

(CPS)- Students will be paying higher prices for classes, some as soon as next month, various campuses have announced.

The funding emergencies that have crippled states across the country have forced a number of campuses to impose unusual tuition hikes.

As a result, hundreds of thousands of students will be writing bigger tuition checks for spring term than they wrote for fall term.

Massachusetts students will take the biggest hit, paying as much as \$625 more for spring semester at most of the commonwealth's public campuses.

"Every time we pay more, we don't get anything back," complained Massachusetts College of Arts student Kirsten Friar.

It could have been worse. Voters Nov. 6 defeated a proposal that would have rolled back all taxes and fees to 1988 levels.

"It's really obvious there is a lot of fat at the administrative level," said David Topizer, a student government member at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, whose spring tuition bill is up \$400 over fall's.

The price hikes in Massachusetts were emergency measures, maintained Peter Chisholm of the state's

Board of Regents.

Over the last three years, he noted, state funding for higher education there has dropped by \$160-\$170 million. This year across-the-board cuts, coupled with budget revisions, have left the state's 29 campuses with a \$50 million shortfall.

"Only in the most dire situations do they occur," said Novak of the price hikes.

If anything, emergency price hikes often help send a message to the public and state legislators about the situation in higher education, Novak said.

The mid-year price hike, Novak said, "definitely played a part."

Trips To South Africa Eventful

by Jennifer C. Smith
reporter

Two UM-St. Louis faculty members shared their views on inequality in South Africa at December's only Monday noon series program, Dec. 3rd.

Anita McDonald, the dean of Evening College and Allan Crean, director of Continuing Education-

Extension microcomputing programs, each visited Capetown and talked about their experiences there. Although they went at different times, they had the same goals- to work with the faculty in Capetown on the use of microcomputers in math and science curriculum. Despite the fact that their targets were educational in nature, as temporary residents in South Africa,

they could not help noticing the conditions that prevailed.

In February of 1989, while Nelson Mandela was still imprisoned, McDonald was sent to Capetown. She noted the lack of creativity in the education of the young- conformity

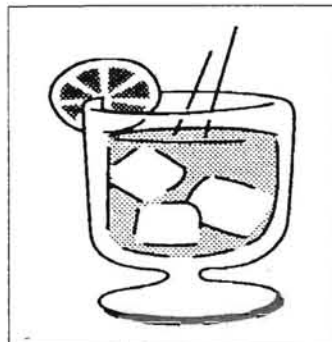
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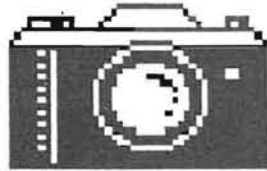
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MUSICAL MADRIGAL: The UM-St. Louis Music Department will once again sponsor a series of Holiday Madrigal Feasts. The feasts will last through the 10th of Dec. The price is \$23 per person on Friday and Saturday evenings and \$21 per person on Sunday and Monday evenings. In order to receive these special prices, simply write "Faculty", "Staff" or "Student" in the upper left-hand corner of your reservation form.



HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE: The ninth annual Higher Education Mid-Year Conference will be held at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. This program will be presented by the Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education, in cooperation with the UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension and the School of Education. The keynote speaker will be Sharan B. Merruam, Ph.D. and she will address "Work, Love, and Learning." She is a professor of adult education at the University of Georgia. The fee for the program is \$50, including refreshments, lunch, parking, and materials. Fee for students is \$20. For more information call Joseph Williams at 553-5961.

SUNDAY DEC. 9

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TUESDAY DEC. 11



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THURSDAY DEC. 13

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FRIDAY DEC. 21

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To all members and soon to be members of Delta Sigma Pi thanks for a great semester! See you at 10:00 am Saturday Dec. 8th at Merllac Hall.

To the Um St. Louis Hockey team- way to play guys Not bad for our 1st game. Let's keep it up. Hey Franco and Dave are your heads still ringing. Eric how's your frostbite. Chewie

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It's the day after the earthquake that never happened and UM-St. Louis is still standing, brick by brick and parking garage by parking garage. One can almost hear the sighs of relief emanating from the SSB tower. Social Sciences inhabitants can now go back to worrying about low-flying 747's and power outages that periodically leave people trapped in the elevators.

In the aftermath of all the hoopla, there is the annoying feeling that the general public has been taken for a ride. People have gotten rich off earthquake survival kits and t-shirts and the media has had a heyday trashing Iben Browning and his dubious climatological qualifications. If there's a lesson to be learned here, the Pied Piper would be happy to give everyone a few pointers.

Despite the earth's disappointing lack of seismic activity this time around, one doesn't have to be a climatologist to know that Mother Nature keeps a schedule all her own. Like Mount St. Helens or last year's quake in San Francisco, catastrophes can strike at any moment and even the best scientists admit they can't pinpoint the time or place. So, if we're feeling a little ripped-off right now by all the earthquake hype, at least we're safe and sound and we know a little bit more about being prepared.

If the earthquake scare has accomplished anything besides putting New Madrid, Mo. on the map, it has raised millions of people's awareness on how to prepare one's self and family for a disaster. The looming threat of magma on the move at the earth's core caused many businesses and institutions to reevaluate building safety codes and to adopt emergency preparedness plans. It also caused government officials to reevaluate the quality of emergency services available in their constituencies. Even the city of St. Louis now has it's own earthquake "czar."

Many of the safety tips circulated for the possible earthquake disaster can do double-duty as a means of helping people to cope with other climatological disasters besides earthquakes, such as tornados and floods. And most important of all, millions of people now know what to do before a disaster happens, because waiting until after it happens would be too late!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saudi Arabian Student Shares Experience

To the editor;

I would like to share with you what has been an invaluable period of my learning experience. This concerns how various professors in the classroom show the best of their ethical and moral behavior.

Before the Persian Gulf Crisis started, as Arabs we always fell victim to media insults. Despite such slanders, we tried to go on with our lives and ignore their remarks.

Now the classrooms are more active in showing hostilities towards us. I first noticed this when I started taking graduate classes here in the summer of 1984. I had Dr. Frederick Thuman for a human resources class. A friend of mine from my home town took the class with me also.

We had to do study cases as part of the class. In those cases, individuals were supposed to have

evaluation problems and we were supposed to give our evaluations of the case for the individuals. We were supposed to give our opinion about promotions etc.

But the real reason the instructor was using those cases was to test our response to some of the cases involving his ethnical background.

I was astonished when my friend told me to respond favorably to cases involving his ethnical background.

Yes, my friend was right. We received a good grade at the beginning of the semester. But it was not long before my friend and I decided to try and favor a person who would have been released or promoted for a position that the instructor did not favor.

He would question our decisions when we didn't choose his favorite person. When we choose

his favorite person we were never questioned about our logic. The answer usually had to do with ethnical issues.

To our surprise, our grades went down.

It happened that my friend mentioned this to his girlfriend who was a lawyer. When she called Dr. Thuman's office in Clayton, he told her that my friend could come by his office.

When my friend went to his office, he was told that he got a "C" on his final because one question was not answered. It was not long before the teacher "found" the answer on the back of the paper. Now he could go home with a "B."

I was outraged by this. How could anyone have missed one page full on both sides?

That was five years ago. Recently, I had another bitter

experience that did not have anything to do with grades. This one happened when my instructor told me to leave the classroom.

Why? Because my son was off school and I didn't have any place to take him. I brought him with me in good faith that the teacher would not mind my son being present in the classroom since I had seen it done on other occasions. To my surprise, Mr. Cox walked toward us and looked my son in the eyes and told us this isn't a day care center. You leave now.

The next week when I tried to ask Mr. Cox why he did that in such a hostile and nasty voice. He loudly told me to shut up in front of the class. Since then I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Cox is very ignorant, not only towards kids but also towards older people in his class.

Ibrahima Al-Khorashi

DSU Vice President Responds To Charges

To the editor;

I am writing this letter in response to the Nov. 3 letter calling the Disabled Students Union an alleged organization. The Student Court recently ruled that DSU is the recognized organization.

Now I would like to answer the rest of the charges, including the comment about a lynching party for Carol Dugan. We never intended a lynching party but were not going to stand by and let her do whatever she feels like.

The 18 people in the Alliance of Movers and Shakers are not all disabled and were not all part of the old DSU, therefore, I don't see how they can change DSU's constitution. In fact, other members of the constitutional committee were not properly notified of the meetings rewriting the constitution.

Paul Matteucci claims to have asked Marilyn Ditto for our number's and was turned down, but nobody else has been turned down by Marilyn. Then they did not ask

for the mailing lists to notify members of the meeting, even though this is how students were always notified in the past.

While those who were actually invited to attend the meeting, including Chris McMasters, declined to attend it, it was because they did not wish to change the organization. Ms. Dugan objected to the word disabled because of its negative connotations but included the word shakers in the new organization title. I personally find this insulting to epileptics and others suffering from seizure-causing diseases.

I feel that since we did not want this change, we forfeited no rights in deciding what direction the group takes.

We were the ones who told Carol Dugan that Debra Phillips started DSU and never have claimed that Marilyn Ditto started the organization.

Marilyn Ditto has never told students she does not have time for them and, in fact, has gone out of

her way to be helpful in many ways that students aren't aware of. Ms. Ditto, though, doesn't have the authority to order other departments to do things that aren't covered by her.

I have never been uneasy with Ms. Ditto's handling of current issues and I have yet to hear of anyone complain about her handling of current issues. On the other hand, I have heard that people in DSU, including myself, are upset at Ms. Dugan overspending our budget by \$1,000. She claims to have gotten permission but we have yet to find or be shown documentation of approval.

The federal laws they mentioned are being observed and I don't see how Ms. Dugan and AMS can say they feel that concern for disabled students is paramount. They obviously weren't thinking of them when they did not get the mailing list to notify them or or when they froze funds and prevented anything from being accomplished this semester.

I would like to finally see an end to this conflict but not at the expense of the disabled students. They have special needs that should be addressed and that is not being accomplished with this whole mess.

Ms. Dugan and her friends claim we were out to get her but all I've seen is a young woman who wanted to do what she wanted and did not want to listen to anyone who had anything good to say about our former advisor Marilyn Ditto. Ms. Ditto did what any advisor would do and that was tell us what did or did not work in the past. Ms. Dugan wanted to expand DSU to include all minorities even if they have their own group.

DSU is for the understanding of disabilities and the disabled and should remain that way. It is open to anyone, disabled or non-disabled who shares this goal.

Sincerely,

Dawn Blankenship
Acting Vice-President DSU

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Forensics/Debate Showcase Draws Closer

The Forensics/Debate Club of UM- St. Louis is sponsoring an Individual Events Showcase on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 200 of Lucas Hall.

The showcase will consist of nationally rated performances from the award-winning UM- St. Louis forensics team.

"It's a rare opportunity for the students to showcase their individual talents in a non-tournament atmosphere and hopefully this can show the campus what it is we do," said Scott Jensen, Forensics/Debate Club coach.

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The gift brings the total Eldercare Center contributions from the Employees' Community Fund to \$10,000. A previous donation of \$5,000 was applied to renovations in the recreation room of the center.

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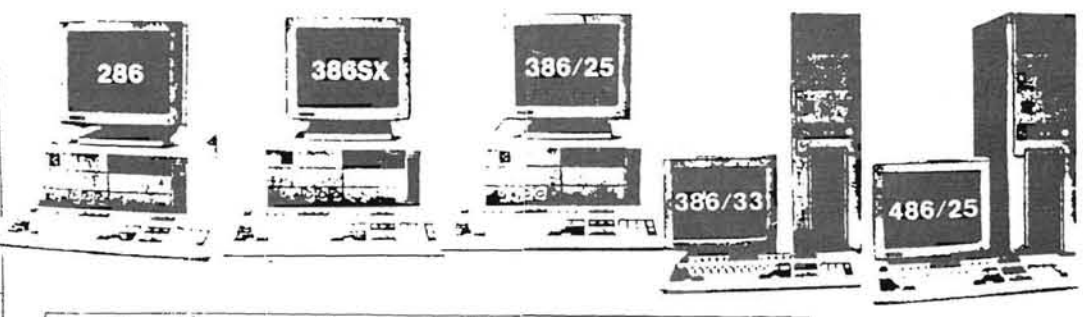
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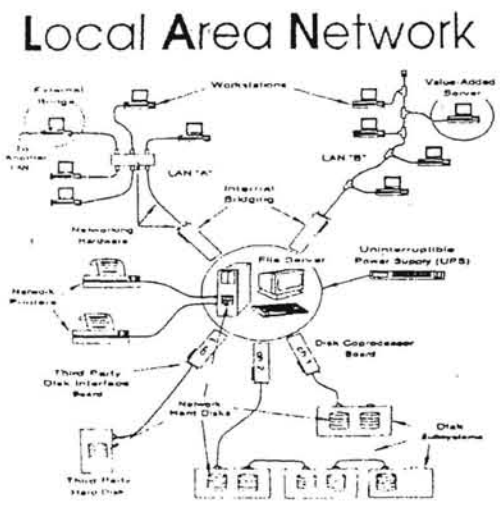
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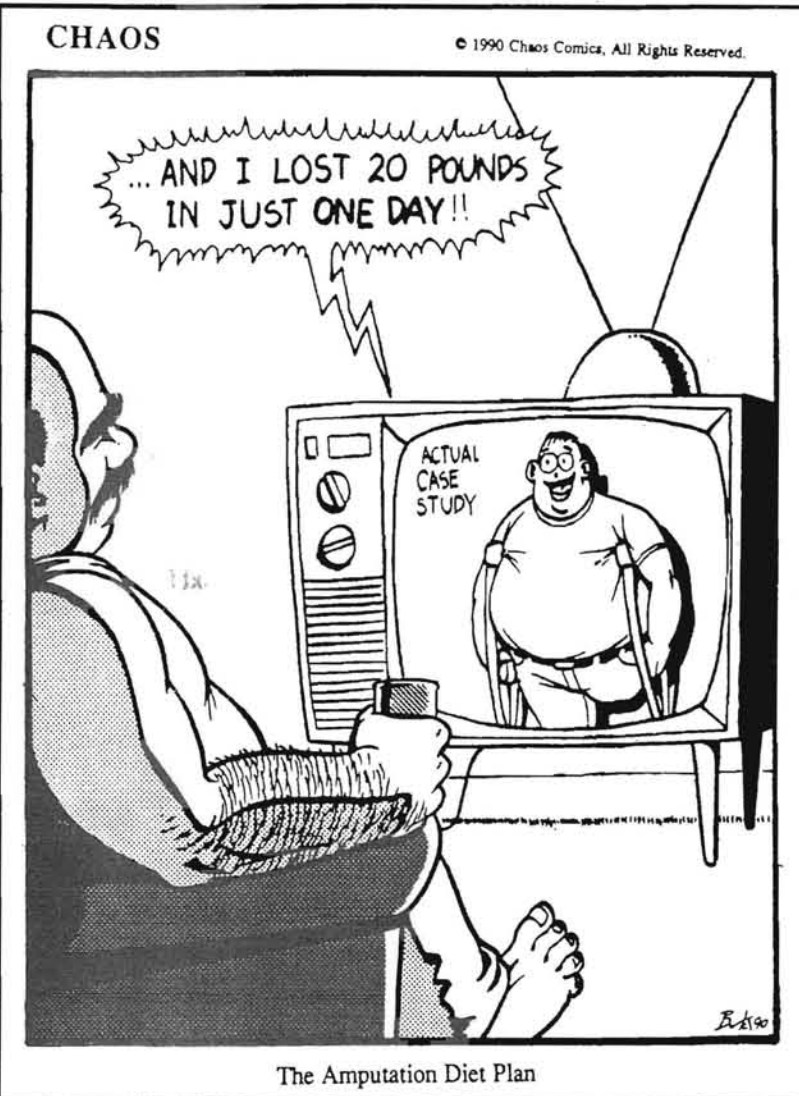


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The Amputation Diet Plan

Alcohol Drowns Hopes of Career

by Jonathan Herskovitz
for the Current

A young college student mumbles, "Nicce to meet youuuu," to the executive vice president of Daniels, Daniels, and Daniels. "Wow, I have had a lot to drink," she says to herself.

Another student stumbles on his feet as he shakes hands with the president of Vodka & Associates. "Gosh, I have had one too many," he thinks to himself.

A third student spills a drink in his lap and exclaims, "Wow, that's a cold one."

Recruiting has started for many colleges around the country. Companies hold receptions to meet students and to recruit future job prospects. Amazingly, the following scenarios are typically seen at recruiting receptions. While college campuses are becoming more and more responsive to the de-emphasis of alcohol consumption, as campuses become drier, many corporations are becoming wetter. Because companies serve alcohol at receptions, it is important for you to be aware of why receptions are held and what role alcohol plays at

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them.

Companies hold receptions for two reasons:

1. To meet prospective employees.

2. To observe how prospective employees conduct themselves in a business/social setting.

To many students, interviewing means the end of college. The last hurdle many students face are final exams in May. Well, I have news for many of you. The tests in life are only beginning. Obtaining your first job is your first test and those students who pass have a chance of being hired, while those who fail will spend the summer searching for a job.

Because receptions are a crucial part in the interviewing process, it is important to conduct yourself in a professional manner. Professionalism includes looking sharp, thinking sharp, and acting sharp. One sure way to

accomplish all three S's is to not consume alcoholic beverages. However, if you do feel comfortable drinking, know your limitations. Remember we want to achieve the three S's.

A friend of mine once asked, "I thought companies have receptions to meet perspective employees in a relaxed social atmosphere?" You bet they do, but all the company knows about you has come from an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper called your resume'. On your resume', there was no listing under extra-curricular activities for alcohol consumption, so why add it? If you feel you need alcohol to relax, then I advise you to seek professional help.

The next time you attend a reception, look at the types of glasses the drinks are served in. Alcoholic drinks are probably served in one type of glass while nonalcoholic drinks are served in different glasses. A lot of

companies take special notice as to what prospective employees are drinking. In a business or social setting, it is proper etiquette to hold a drink in one's hands. Probably by now, many of you are wondering what to order. You can order water, club soda, tea, soft drinks or coffee. You now might ask, "Doesn't a club soda and lime look like vodka and tonic?" Sure, but notice the glass it is served in. When you are also ordering your drink, notice how the bartender marks down what drinks are served and to whom. Yes, believe it or not, many bartenders are instructed to keep a tab on who drank what.

Knowing that corporate receptions are given to observe prospective employees, it is essential for you to conduct yourself in a professional manner (the three S's). Part of that does not include 4:00 martinis or evening cocktails. If you refrain from excessive drinking, or drinking alcohol in general at corporate receptions, then you will have that much more of a winning edge on trying to land that first job out of college.

A toast to you - good luck.

Sinead O' Connor Gets Best Video Of The Year

by Loren Richard Klahs
book reviewer

The first year of the nineties decade brought with it some rather exciting surprises. probably the most significant event was the release of the song "Nothing Compares 2 U" written by Prince and performed to absolute perfection by Irish songstress Sinead O'Connor.

Not since Tracy Chapman's "Fast Car" of a few seasons back has there been a song of such monumental popularity. "Nothing Compares 2 U" by Sinead O'Connor is that rarest of lifeforms: the perfect pop song.

The new and revised edition of The Encyclopedia of Pop, Rock, And Soul (Revised edition: 1990) by Irwin Stambler (St. Martin's Press, \$35.00, 880 pages) replaces The Rock Yearbook as the perennial music source of the year. This is one of many books that portends to illustrate where the music has been and where it is going.

In terms of where the music went in 1990, the obvious answer is that of rap.

M.C. Hammer catapulted to the top of the charts with his phenomenal "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em" recording. He had major hits with the party song of the year, "U Can't Touch This," and a re-make of an old Chilis tune, "Have You Seen Her?"

But the biggest surprise was his tribute to God and Christianity. The song "Pray" found itself perched at the top of the pop chart, as well as the soul and dance charts. A recent re-

mix of "Pray" is currently tearing up the charts and the accompanying video proves to be one of the fines of 1990.

Technotronic, another rap inspired group, heated up the charts in 1990 with such hit songs as the monstrous "Pump Up The Jam" and the ditty "Get Up! (Before The Night Is Over.)" This Belgium import crossed over into pop, rock, and soul.

In terms of sheer hit song potential, studio production values, and visibility, the best album of 1990 belongs to Janet Jackson for her mega-hit "Rhythm Nation 1814."

Jackson began the string of hits with "Miss You Much," followed by such songs as the title "Rhythm Nation," "Come Back To Me," "Alright," "Escapade," "Black Cat," and "Love Will Never Do (Without You)."

However, in purely original and artistic terms, the finest album of 1990 goes to Sinead O'Connor for "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got."

Powerful songs like "Feel So Different" and "Black Boys On Mopeds" beg to be heard. The arrangements are without flaws as O'Connor's feminine voice surges with emotion.

Some of her more personal statements such as "I Am Stretched On Your Grave" and "The Last Day Of Our Acquaintance" can be compared to poetry.

Follow-up videos and singles "Three Babies" and "The Emperor's New Clothes" while worthy in terms of curiosity, however, do not live up to the brilliance of "Nothing Compares 2 U."

"Many so-called rappers came and went without leaving much of a mark, other than the fact that they 'sampled' many vintage songs and passed them off as their own"

-- Loren Klahs

Perhaps Sinead O'Connors most breath-taking moment comes in the song "Black Boys ON Mopeds" as she lashes out at then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of England:

*"Margaret Thatcher on T.V.
Shocked by the deaths
That took place in Beijing
It seems strange
That she should be offended
The same orders
Are Given by her..."*

I cannot say enough about "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got" by Sinead O'Connor. quite simply it is the best album I have heard since "The Joshua Tree" by U2.

While rap was definitely the new buzz word in the music arena of 1990, it did not come without controversy. 2 Live Crew got arrested and was even-

tually put on trial in Florida for obscenity charges.

Milli Vanilli was dethroned for being crowned ultimate poseurs. Vanilla Ice "borrowed" heavily from David Bowie and Queen and then had the audacity to deny it.

Many other so-called rappers came and went without leaving much of mark, other than the fact that they "sampled" many vintage songs and passed them off as their own.

1990 was also the year that Madonna's new video was banned from M.T.V. "Justify My Love" was deemed too sexy. And just when we were all recovering from that Milli Vanilla controversy, many pop groups have been exposed for their lip-synching during high priced concerts.

The common denominator for hit music was often judged by the likes of New Kids On The Block. Absurdly compared to the Beatles (in terms of popularity) this adolescent group has become a world-wide phenomenon.

Towards the end of the year, Whitney Houston bounced back with an album that will undoubtedly be a major source of hits in 1991.

Other noteworthy artists of 1990 consist of the likes Billy Idol, Poison, George Michael, Anita Baker, Wilson, etc... There were also some digitally re-mastered collections of vintage hits by such groups as Led Zepelin, Rush, and others that deserve merit.

Best video of the year, again, goes to Sinead O'Connor for "Nothing Compares 2 U."



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD... An unusually warm November day proves to be good for viewing the animals in the Zoo. (photo by Nicole Menke)

Last Ditch Effort To Be A 'Real Student'



by Greg Albers
columnist

Elvis Hotline

(the above tip.)

5.) Study the things that are most important first. Studying is like drinking beer. First you start a little slow. Then you get into a groove and you feel good. Then you begin to slow down and your head starts feeling a little wobbly. Finally, things get blurry, you get a stupid look on your face and you can't remember what you did ten minutes earlier. What follows can be thought of as "mental vomiting." Your brain shuts down and you become catatonic. You can study no more. So it's important to make sure you get to the good stuff first.

6.) Personal grooming isn't important during exam time. It's perfectly acceptable to go a few weeks without shaving. (This goes for both men and women.) Hey, you just didn't have time to. You were too busy studying. However, I suggest you shouldn't forego showering. There's a limit to how much dedication your friends will allow.

7.) If you must sleep, make sure there's a textbook under your pillow. Maybe that osmosis stuff isn't bullshit after all.

8.) Flash cards! They're fun, they're easy. You can play by yourself or with a friend.

9.) Make sure you have plenty of food nearby. It's amazing how many calories you can burn up using your brain. You should have enough Twinkies and cheese puffs to revitalize your bloodshot body.

10.) If all else fails, pray for snow. I know that isn't real original, but in a time of crisis you've got to stick with what you know. Good luck, God knows I need it.

O.K., it's December. Exams are just a week away. You haven't been to class since October and you're having a brain fart.

Don't panic! You CAN live through this. It's been done before. You still have several options. You could plead with your parents that this wouldn't have happened if they had sent you to Mizzou, you could enlist or you could study.

I know I don't usually advocate studying, but desperate times call for desperate measures. Don't know how? Don't worry, I've got you covered. Follow these few tips and you'll be on your way to just barely surviving another mediocre semester. And for a while, you'll feel like a real student.

1.) Kiss up to a friend who has notes and actually goes to class. I know a friend like that is hard to find, but you've got to at least try.

2.) If it ain't in bold, it ain't important. This is the first rule of studying. Everybody knows teachers wouldn't actually waste their time trying to teach us the stuff that isn't in bold. It's all meaningless, repetitive drabble.

3.) Don't sleep for a couple weeks. I know this too goes against everything I believe in, but it's all part of the whole "real student" thing. Then while you're in the hall doing a little last minute cramming with your classmates, you can brag about how long you've gone without sleep. They'll be impressed with how dedicated you are. (It always sounds a little more impressive when you state it in hours.)

4.) Vivarin is your friend. (See

It's Your Turn: 'How Do You Relieve Stress During Finals'.



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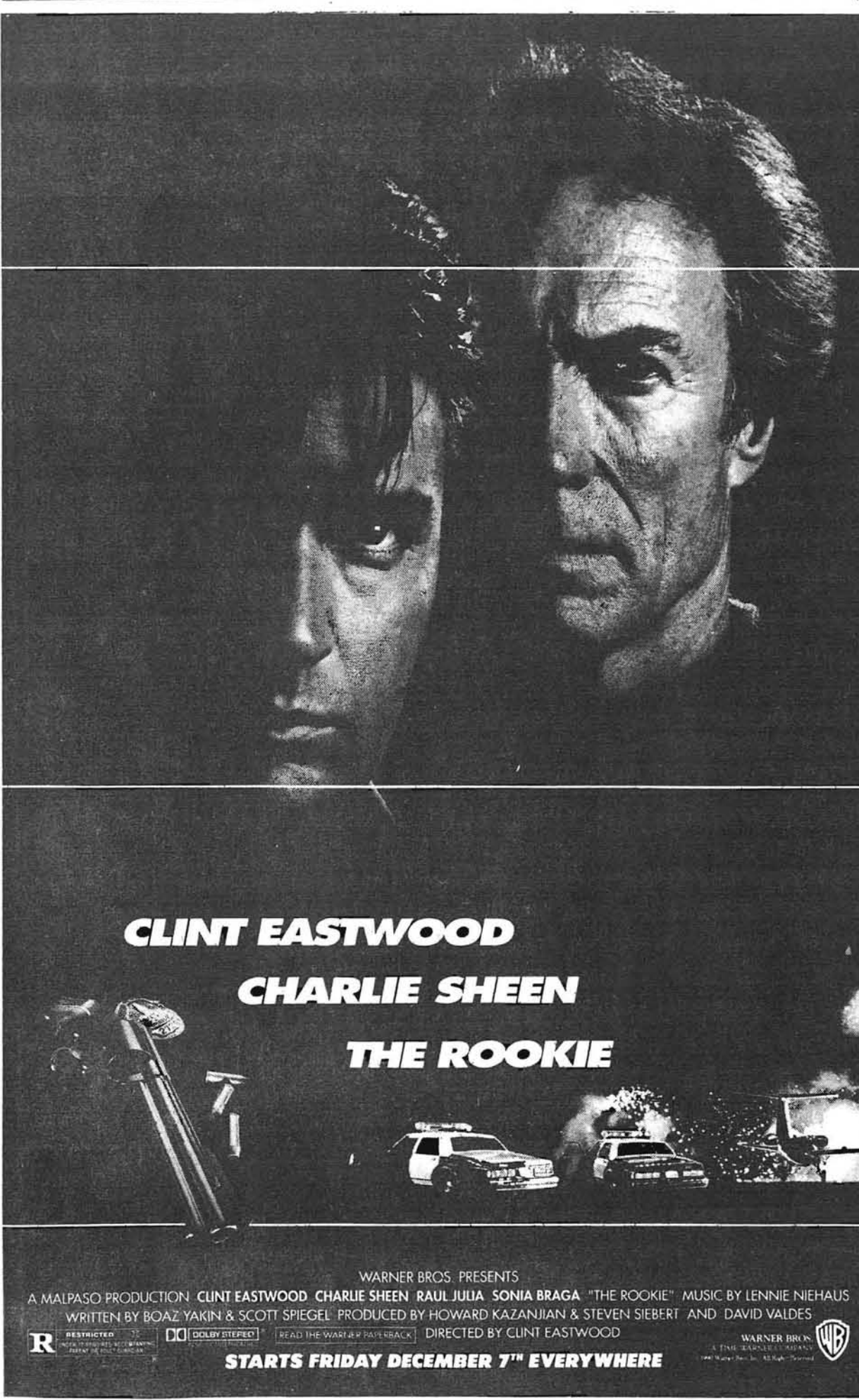
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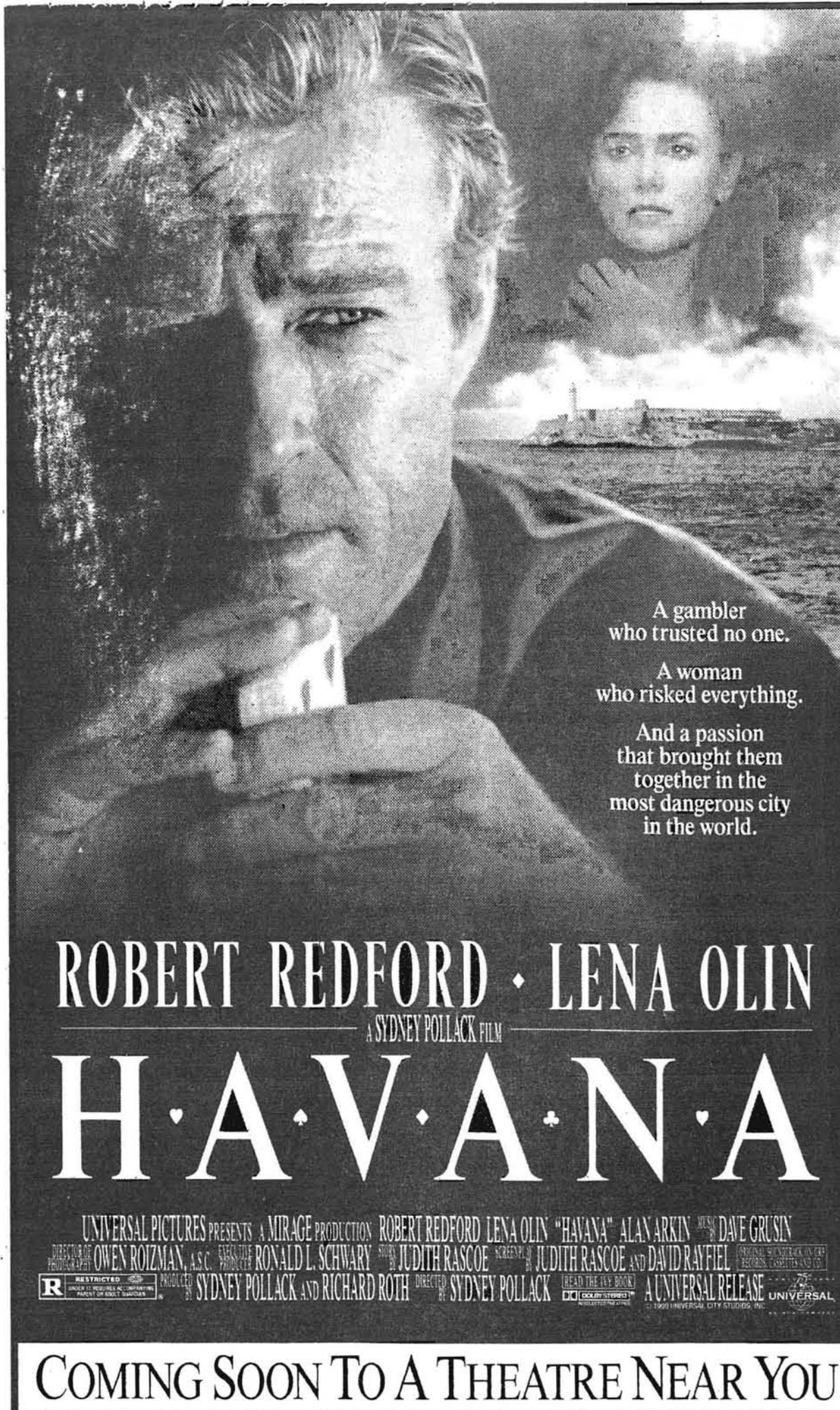
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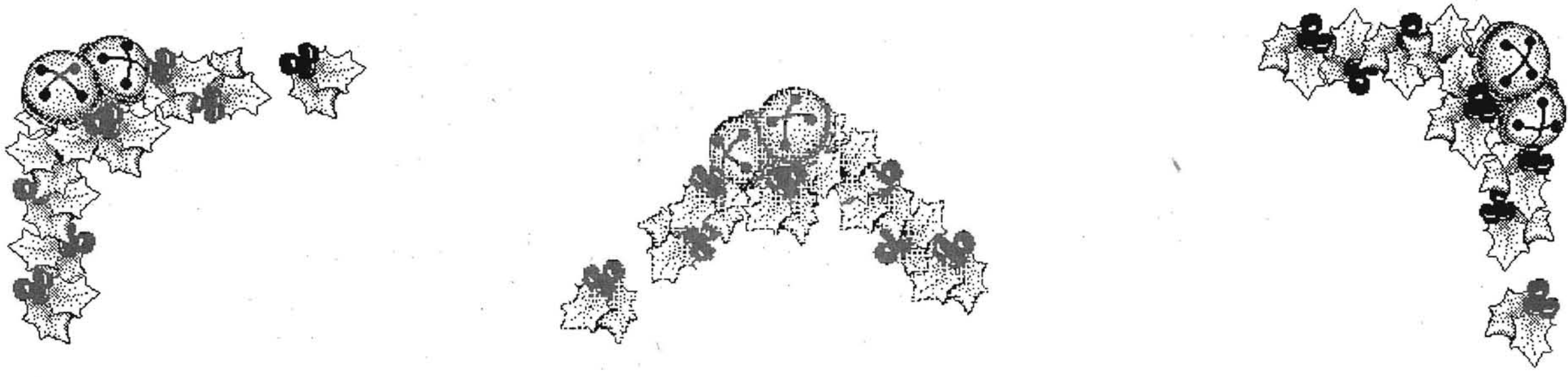


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Student Announcer 'Wants To Be Heard'



by Jason Buchheit
reporter

Walking through the halls of the Mark Twain Building, a voice can be heard echoing off the walls of the gym. The voice is full of power and intensity, lending an air of excitement to the basketball game being played out on center court. The voice belongs to Rick Strifler, who, at the age of 20, is the voice of the UM-St. Louis women's basketball and soccer teams.

Strifler, a sophomore, is a finance major with a minor in communications. "All of my life I've wanted to be in TV and the movies," Strifler said. "Jeff Kuchno (UM-St. Louis' Sports Information director) gave me the opportunity to announce women's soccer. He told me the reason he picked me was because I showed a lot of the enthusiasm that he had when he was in college."

Strifler took it from there and is

currently announcing women's basketball games.

"Jeff Kuchno, I definitely have to say thanks to him because he has given me advice and a very good example. I learned professionally by listening to him," Strifler said.

Strifler had no previous experience in announcing other than a little in speech and theater, so he went into the job blind, not knowing what to expect.

"I have a little background in speech and theater and took sixth in state as a senior in speech," said Strifler. "I guess I sound all right. I always wanted to be an announcer. I'm not afraid to speak in public."

Strifler's official title is a P.A. announcer, and the job doubles as an internship in communication.

"It is called an Internship in Applied Communications, which is an internship meaning—you don't get paid," Strifler said.

Although he doesn't get paid, Strifler does get three credit hours for

his work, the equivalent of one class.

When asked what he likes to announce best, Strifler said it really didn't matter, just so long as he's got the mike.

"I played soccer all my life and like to announce it, but I prefer to announce basketball because there is more action," Strifler said. "But then again, it really doesn't matter what I talk about as long as you put me in front of a camera or microphone. I just like to speak and be heard."

Strifler said he likes the halftime show best, because he gets to speak off the cuff and let his personality show through.

"I just like to be myself," Strifler said.

One person who has inspired Strifler, not in announcing but in acting, is Emelio Estevez.

"I think he is cool," said Strifler. "I want to be just like him."

Strifler said he plans to stay at UM-St. Louis if he makes it into the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Hav-

ing the backing of his fraternity means a lot to him.

"It makes life here a lot better with a place to go and people who care. My pledge brothers have backed me up and told me to look for a career in communications," Strifler said.

Strifler wants his voice to be heard and a lot of his friends have been listening.

Scott Cearley, one of Strifler's pledge brothers said, "I told him he has the voice."

Chris Radzom, another pledge brother said, "Rick's the best college announcer I've ever heard before. He is also the voice of the Alpha Upsilon pledge class."

Kamran Tajkarimi, who listens to Strifler, said, "He has the voice and is very serious about announcing."

Strifler said all the encouragement could pay off in some very definite career goals.

"It's hard to judge myself, but a lot of people have told me I sound good and that encourages me to keep looking to my future in announcing."

Ice Hockey Club Starts Season

by Shelle Hassenforder
reporter

The UM-St. Louis Ice Hockey Club opened their 1990-91 season with a 7-5 loss against Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa Friday, Nov. 30. The UM-St. Louis team faced a tough opponent in ISU, a team that had already posted a record of 8-2 before meeting UM-St. Louis.

ISU jumped to a fast start and led UM-St. Louis 4-2 at the end of the first period.

UM-St. Louis scored two goals to ISU's one in the second period, but it wasn't enough as the second period ended with ISU leading 5-4.

"The teams performance was encouraging," said UM-St. Louis

player/coach Wayne Gholson. "We're looking forward to a successful season."

Both teams scored in the beginning of the third period, but UM-St. Louis couldn't get anything else on the board and with the score 6-5, and 30 seconds remaining, UM-St. Louis pulled goalie Phil McClung for a 6th attacker.

Even with the six-man advantage, UM-St. Louis was unable to produce, and with six seconds left in the third period, ISU scored an empty net goal to make the final score 7-5.

Centers Neal Aherron and Dave Dagenais and left wings Dan Moran and Bob Dagenais all scored for UM-St. Louis.

Cooper Selected For An All-Tournament Team

by Jason Buchheit
reporter

Kim Cooper, a three-year starter for the UM-St. Louis women's basketball team, was chosen for the All-Tournament Team in the Ferris State Tournament held in Big Rapids, Minn., Dec. 1-2. Cooper is described as a hard working player who fits in nicely into Coach Morse's running system... a solid scorer and rebounder... has a nice touch from the outside.

Five players were picked from the four teams that participated in the tournament. The four teams were St. Joseph's, Wisconsin-Parkside, Ferris State and UM-St. Louis. Cooper

was the only Riverwoman selected for the team.

Cooper was the leading scorer both nights for the Riverwomen as the team beat Wisconsin Parkside 95-90, but lost to St. Joseph 92-122. She will receive a plaque for her achievement.

In the 1989-90 season Cooper started 25 of 27 games at small forward. She was third on the team in scoring (11.3) and fourth in rebounding (4.6 caroms). She also led the team in free throws and scored a career-high 28 points against North-east Missouri State (1-13-90).

The Riverwomen host Kentucky Wesleyan on Dec. 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Rivermen Win On The Road

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team hit the road Thursday, Nov. 29, looking for victories in Wyoming and California. But victory was hard to come by as the Rivermen returned with only one win to their credit, beating California State-Bakersfield but losing to University of Wyoming and California Poly-San Luis Obispo.

The Rivermen started their trip with a game against University of

Wyoming and were defeated with a score of 76-101.

Though their efforts failed, Jeff Kuchno, director of Sports Information at UM-St. Louis, said the Rivermen played a good game.

"They played hard. We were in the game, and they were competing very well," Kuchno said.

Late in the first half the Rivermen were leading 27-26.

"They took off and got 10 straight points!" said Kuchno.

But the Rivermen fell behind,

they were down 10 points at half time (35-45).

The game didn't look much better for the Rivermen after that. They were trailing 13 points behind with six minutes to go in the game.

Chris Pilz, the leading scorer through the game, scored 4 points in the first half and 20 in the second.

The Rivermen were also defeated by Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. The score was tied 32-32 with eight minutes to go in the first half, when Cal-Poly came on strong, leading the

Rivermen 54-34 by half time.

"Cal-Poly was making their shots... we were not. They made 40 of 66 shots and we made 31 of 74 shots. It was pretty bad," said Kuchno, who travels with the team.

Defeated by Cal-Poly with a score of 118-90, the Rivermen went on to play later that night at California State-Bakersfield. They played a great game, winning 63-54. Kuchno said "The Rivermen have played almost a perfect basketball game tonight."

Current Athlete of the Week

Kim Cooper

- Women's Basketball
- Junior-Guard-Forward
- Selected for the All-Tournament Team in the Ferris State Tourney
- Field Goal Percentage: 46 percent
- "Kim is a real good athlete. She runs the floor well and plays hard all of the time."
-Bobbi Morse

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FOOD FOLKS & FUN

Riverwomen Win In Final Seconds

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis women's basketball team squeaked by with a victory over SIUE-Edwardsville at the Riverwomen's second game of the season here on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

In the last three seconds of the game, Kelly Jenkins scored the two winning points that left SIUE speechless as the clock ran out and left the Riverwomen with the 92-91 lead.

"It was a very big win. It could bring our team together for the rest of the season,"
-Bobbi Morse

"Those were the biggest points of my life," Jenkins said. "It's pretty incredible. I didn't expect to be that open."

Bobbi Morse, the women's head basketball coach, said the win could be very encouraging to the girls.

"It was a very big win. It could bring our team together for the rest of the season," Morse said.

Guard-Forward Kim Cooper led the Riverwomen in the first period with 11 points scored. Forward

Tamara Putnam was close behind, scoring nine points in the first period also.

Cooper said that in the past, close games were seldom won. But this year, things are changing.

"This is a great win. Last year we couldn't win the close games. This year we want to prove to everyone that we can win the close ones," said Cooper.

With the score 11-2 in the first five minutes of the game, the Riverwomen's points more than tripled those of SIUE.

But SIUE made a strong leading recovery. Ten minutes later, SIUE was winning 26-25.

Putnam scored the last four points of the first half, bringing the score to 40-35, with the Riverwomen trailing by 5 points.

Cooper and Putnam lead the Riverwomen in total points scored during the game. Cooper finished with 24 total points scored and Putnam with 17.

"I was really fired up before the game. I was ready to play," said Cooper.

Despite the Riverwomen's enthusiasm, the second period didn't look bright.

"We played well the first eight minutes, then it got ugly until late in the game," said Morse.

UM-St. Louis Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Nov. 29:

UM-St. Louis	76
Univ. of Wyoming	101

Dec. 1:

UM-ST. Louis	90
Cal-Poly	118

UM-St. Louis	63
Cal-Bakersfield	54

Women's Basketball

Nov. 27:

UM-St. Louis	92
Edwardsville	91

Dec. 1-2:

UM-St. Louis	92
St. Joeseoph	122

UM-St. Louis	90
Wis. Parkside	95



YOUR DRIBBLING!: Freshmen-guard, Rachel Nunnelee, practicing to improve her game. (Photo by Michelle McMurray)

With less than 5 minutes left in the second period, SIUE was leading 82-78.

Jenkins, Lisa Huska and Monica Steinhoff dominated the last few minutes of the second period, scoring a combined total of 14 points in four minutes. That last minute muscle led the Riverwomen to victory.

Morse said she was happy with her girls' comeback. She feels the really put their hearts in it.

"In those last five minutes, the kids put their heart on the line and said they weren't going to get beat," Morse said. "I'm very proud of their effort."

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ing in a campaign," said Tucci, "The candidates should be allowed to voice their opinions. The campaign's need to be based on a person's ability to do the job."

In the next matter on the agenda, Tucci proposed an Intercultural Exchange for Fall '91. The activities would be similar to Mirthday or the V.P. Fair. Further information will be provided at the January 27 meeting.

A time limit was placed on the Ad-Hoc Committee investigating the SABC funds. The final report on the investigation will be given at the January 27 meeting by the committee's head, Terrence Small.

In new business, the Television Club suggested to the assembly the possibility of producing videos for organizations to use for instructional

or informational purposes. The Television Club will be linked with 12 cable stations through I-Net, or Instructional Network. Their intention is to set up monitors throughout campus as information stations.

"The monitors would be connected with the monitors used for academic support in the larger lecture rooms," said Jim Fay, director of the Instructional Technology Center. The monitors will cost \$1,300-1,500 each, according to Fay. There will be no charge for the videos, provided the money is allocated from SABC, SGA or another source.

Elections for 1991-92 school year are scheduled for Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16.

Budget requests for the 1991-92 school year are due in by Jan. 18.

UMSL Professor Dies



Dr. Rita Braitto, a UM-St. Louis associate professor of Nursing and

Sociology, died in her home over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Braitto, who had been with the University for the past five years, had been suffering from heart trouble.

A reception to allow expressions of sympathy for her family was on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Alumni Center. There was no memorial service.

Dr. Shirley Martin, Dean of the School of Nursing, said Braitto was a marvelous person.

"She was very well liked and respected by all her colleagues and students," said Martin. "She will be sorely missed by the entire university community."

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was the rule. In addition to the strict adherence in curriculum, she was shocked to find that there is still a rigid class division among the blacks in South Africa. There are two classifications, the "coloreds" and the blacks.

The "coloreds" live in clean neighborhoods with decent housing, and the blacks live in crowded townships with squalid shack-like houses. Among the blacks, the general attitude is hopelessness: They felt the "coloreds" would always be first.

Crean went to Capetown after Mandela had been released. He spoke of segregation. In South Africa, you are born into one of four racial categories: white, black, "colored" or Indian-Asian. Education is very centralized according to race. Crean found that despite Mandela's release, South Africa is still stricken with serious problems. Two of the biggest prob-

lems are inflation and a lack of jobs, but the violence seems to be due to a much more serious problem. According to a visitor from Capetown, this problem goes back to the government's past allocation of 87 percent of the land to whites and 13 percent of this land to blacks, which forced population density in black areas. Blacks were forced to sneak into white towns as migrants. In the early 60s, the government was forced to allow some blacks to urbanize. As a result, fighting has been going on between migrants and squatters since the early 1980's.

In spite of the bleakness of their situation, McDonald and Crean were treated with warmth and gratitude. The citizens seemed to think of them as saviors of sorts, according to Crean, because they felt we have all the money. Africa has made some progress, yet it still has far to go before attaining racial equality.

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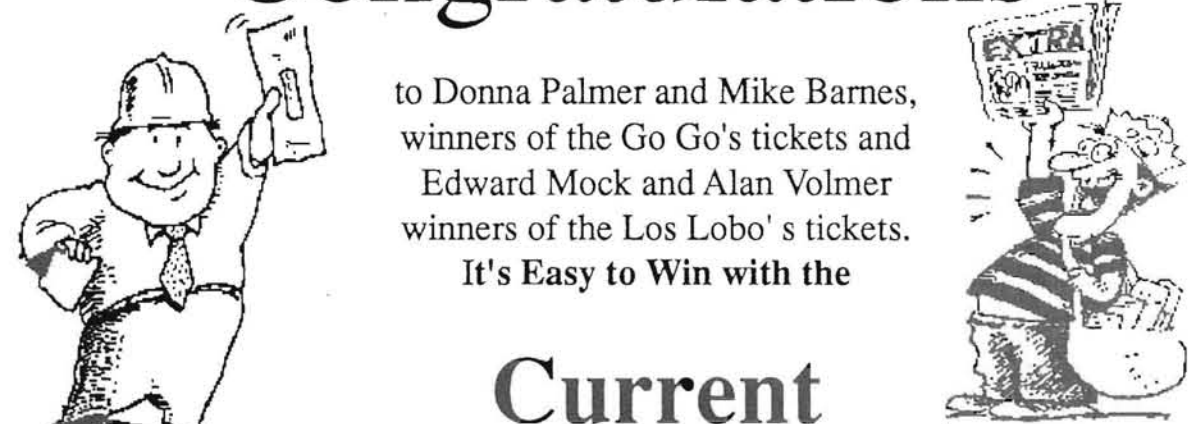
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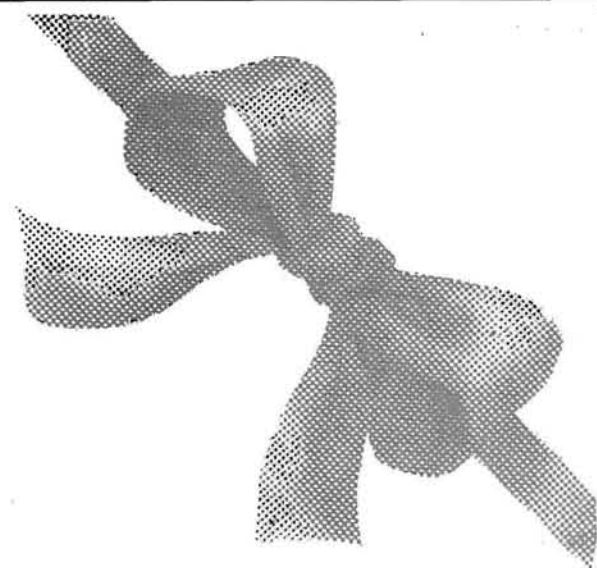
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