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Shuttle Stopped Not Enough Student Use

by David Barnes news editor

Shuttle service between the north and south campuses will be dropped Friday, Oct. 5 because of a lack of need, said Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Lawrence Schlereth.

At the maximum, 150 students use the shuttle each day, he said. The service has cost the university \$13,000 to operate.

Approximately 300 - 400 students had signed petitions asking that the shuttle service be continued, Schlereth said, but the number of students who actually used the service couldn't justify its cost.

Schlereth said he would raise the possibility of making the shuttle permanent with the UM-St. Louis Senate Physical Facilities committee on Oct. 18.

The cost of a permanent shuttle would vary with the amount of service it would provide, he said, but a rough estimate would be of around \$100,000. It would be paid for out parking increased fees, approximately \$1 a month for faculty and 50 cents to a dollar a semester for students.

South campus students who want to save the shuttle say that it saves them driving time if they have a class on north campus.

One of the students who would



YOU'RE BUSTED: UM-St. Louis police officer Norman Jacobs writes out a parking ticket. The force stopped issueing warnings two weeks ago.

be inconvenienced by the shuttle's closing is Chris Comotta. In the mornings, she drops her child off at the day care center at South Campus, drives to the north campus for her class and then drive back to South Campus for a class. The shuttle saved her about an hour of driving and looking for parking places on each campus, she said, "I could sit and study instead of driving around looking for a space."

Comotta also complained that the service had never been promoted enough to let all the students know about it.

Trumpet Tooter



Malcolm McDuffee, trumpet recitalist, performing for the Monday Noon Series on Oct 1. (Photo by Nicole Menke)

Causes Fire **Power Outage**; Minor Damage

by David Barnes news editor

A fire broke out in an electrical junction box last Saturday causing a loss of power to ail buildings on South Campus but no structural damage.

The junction box, approximately the size of an office desk, is not located near any of the buildings. No cause for the fire has been found, said Acting Assistant Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bonnie Sims, but vandalism isn't suspected because the padlocks had not been tampered with.

A tradesman who was on call was able to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher before the fire department arrived.

The damage to the junction box will cost the university \$10,000-\$15,000, Sims estimated.

The lights went out in the parking lot at 12:07 a.m. Four hours later electricity was running again and Saturday morning classes were not interrupted.

Many faculty members have research projects that depend on electricity, Sims said, including one teacher who had a five year project that needed to be stored in negative 70 degrees Celsius. She was called on the telephone and no damage was sustained to her project or anyone else's.

A list is kept with the names and phone numbers of all researchers who have projects that might be damaged from electrical loss.

Research animals are also kept on South Campus but didn't suffer any ill effects from the loss of air conditioning.

Sims said she was happy with the way the emergency lighting worked during the power outage and the way the entire emergency system operated.

Officials Disagree Rule Change Might OK Alcohol Sales

by Christine McGraw associate news editor

A pub in the Underground? Students drinking on campus?

Recent changes in the University of Missouri's alcohol policy have left some campus officials in disagreement about its interpretation.

UM-St. Louis interim chancellor Blanche Touhill said the policy change was not meant to allow the regular sale and consumption of alcohol by students on campus.

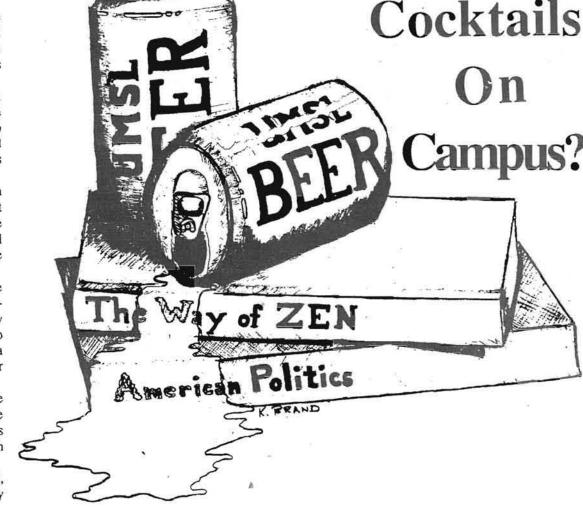
Board of Curators president Eva Louise Frazer agreed. "We're not going to set up a bar on campus," she said. Frazer said the new proposal was only meant to clarify the previous policy.

But David McIntire, vice chancellor of student affairs at UM-Columbia, who drafted the new policy, said it could be interpreted to allow campus officials to approve a permanent establishment set up for sale or consumption of alcohol.

According to McIntire, the chancellor's approval would be needed. But Touhill says she does not have the power to approve such a move.

"The question is moot," she said, adding that the intent of the policy has not changed.

At issue is the addition of four words, "or other designated facilties," to the existing policy. The policy states that with "appropriate University approval," the sale and consumption of alcohol may take place in "approved University



other designated facilities... for single or reocurring similar events." McIntire says this addition

means that with a valid liquor license

Alumni Centers or Faculty Clubs or and university approval, permanent or temporary establishments may be set up to sell or consume alcohol.

Student Representative to the Board of Curators Paul Matteucci agreed with McIntire, "The new change...allows the chancellor to designate facilities on campus that

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Students/Faculty Ponder Possible Pub

by Christine McGraw associate news editor

Students and faculty at UM-St. Louis had some strong feelings when asked if they would approve of a ruling which would provide for the regular sale of alcohol on

Alla Pruzhansky, president of the Student Government Association, said she would disapprove of the sale or consumption of alcohol on campus unless it was for special university events, such as a banquet. Pruzhansky felt that if the university wanted to sell alcohol, it would take a lot of work to set it up right.

"I think it's a bad idea on campus," Pruzhansky said. "Someone would have to be there to check identification and make sure that people are 21."

Athletic Director Charles Smith said if alcohol were to be sold on campus during athletic events, he would have much to be concerned about.

"It wouldn't look very fitting for alcohol to be sold at campus games when we try to keep the athletes themselves away from it," Smith said.

Smith doesn't feel alcohol would increase attendance or consession income-it would only have him worrying about crowd control and people driving home under the influence. Smith also said it wouldn't be fair for underaged fans.

"If we're going to do something, do it in a way that the whole campus can become involved," said Smith.

Jeff Heveroh, a member of the UM-St. Louis swim team, disagreed with Smith. "Most of the adults who come

to the events like to drink beer, and it helps ease the boring moments," Heveroh said. Marlon Atkins, a member of the diving team, said he thought

the sale of alcohol at sporting events would be a good source of revenue. "I think it would make more

money for the athletic department. Maybe our program would get some more money," Atkins said. Rob Workman, a sophomore

at UM-St. Louis, thinks drinking on campus wouldn"t be a good

"There's plenty of places you can drink. You're here to learn, not to get wasted and see how stupid you can act," Workman said.

· Larry Fields, a student at UM-St. Louis, feels the same way.

"There's really no need; we're here to learn, not to drink,"

"If you're old enough to use it, then you should be responsible with it," countered Chirstine Big, a student at UM-St. Louis.

Mark Gilly, another UM-St. Louis student, had mixed feelings

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Campus Reminder

Remember classifieds are free to all students and faculity.

CALENDAR-

SATURDAY Oct. 6

LET'S PARTY: Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month continues with an all-day program from 9am to 6pm in both J.C. Penney Building and the University Summit Lounge. The program will include singing, dancing, children's programs and ethnic foods. Call 553-5692.





SUNDAY 7

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC: Premiere Performances presents the Harth/ Hanani/Auer Piano Trio at 4pm at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Ave. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$8 for UM-St. Louis faculty/staff and students, KWMU Studio Set members, senior citizens, and Ethical Society members. Season subscriptions and group rates also are available. Call 553-5818.

MONDAY 8

READING 'CATASTROPHE': David Carkeet will read from his new novel, "The Full Catastrophe," at noon in Rm. 222 of the J.C. Penney Building. Carkeet is a professor in the English department. Call 553-5180.

LIKE TO DIG: Van Reidhead, Chair of Anthropology, will speak in the Underground no smoking section from noon to 1pm. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation. Open to all.



TUESDAY 9

ABORTION VIOLENCE: Allison M. Hile will discuss abortion clinic violence in the United States from 12:30 to 1:30pm in Rm. 211 Clark Hall. Hile, director of Public Information and Education at the Hope Clinic for Women, also will talk about how this violence affects women. Call the Women's Center at 553-5380.

THURSDAY 11

MIND EFFECT OF AIDS: Suzanna Rose will discuss the psychological effect of the AIDS epidemic on women from 12:30 to 1:30pm in Rm. 211 Clark Hall. Call the Women's Center at 553-5380.



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Alcohol Acceptable On Campus

Alcohol on campus - Why not?

Some would say that a university is a place for academics, not drinking games. College is the time for students to complete their formal and informal education in order to prepare them for the real world. Part of education is learning how to deal with various social situations. One such situation is drinking and/or being around people who drink.

Having low proof alcohol, such as beer, in a controlled environment for those legally old enough to purchase it should be acceptable and permissible. That doesn't mean a free for all beer bash.

There is a time and a place for everything. Putting alcoholic beverages in an easy access place such as the Underground is not a viable option. It does not simulate a typical life situation. Few companies allow their employees to access alcohol during the work day.

But what about in certain social settings such as campus parties or athletic events? Most social events take place after school or on weekends, a student's free time. If a legal adult wants to buy a beer and is capable of doing so, why not?

The university being liable for drunk driving would be one answer. Solutions can be found for that. Stop serving thirty minutes to an hour before the end of the event. Hire reliable bar tenders who would stop serving someone who is obviously intoxicated.

Drinking is an acceptable form of relaxation in today's society, why isn't it on campus'?

College is a place where many students experience many new things for the first time. Trying beer in a controlled environment would be much more preferable than doing shots in a park somewhere.

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The Current welcomes letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must accompany all letters. Non-students must also include their phone numbers. Letters should be no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages. No unsigned letters will be published, but the author's name can be withheld by request.

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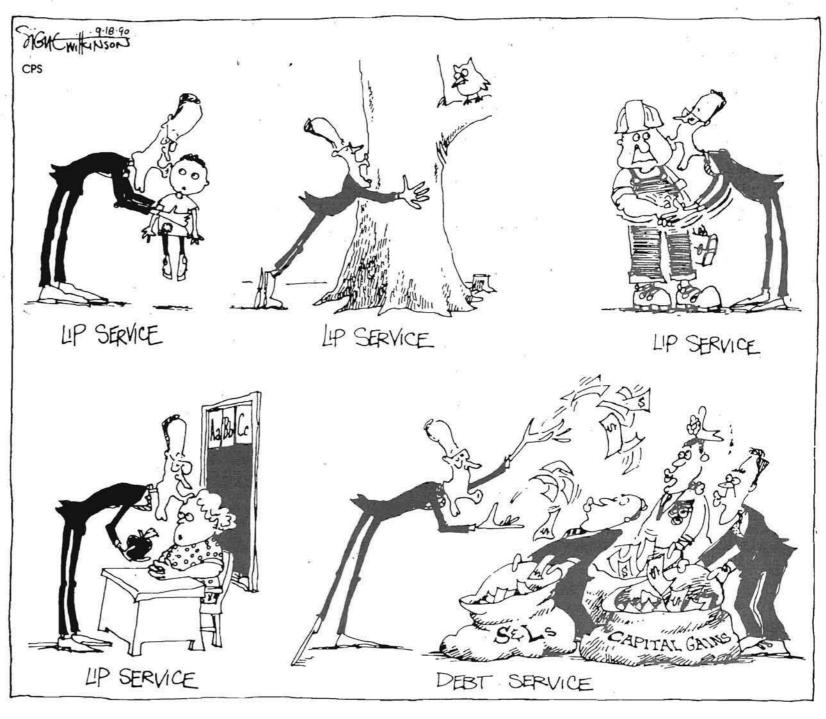
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

Gulf War Is More Than Gas War

To the editor;

In the Sept. 13 edition of the Current, an editorial is critical of the United States for allowing ourselves to become dependent on foreign countries for some of our energy needs. The writer then proceeded to ramble out meaningless, and in some cases, inaccurate examples of

America's wasteful consumption habits. (i.e. I was never aware the U.S. had to import any food of consequence)

But why bother dissecting the writer's argument when the whole premise of the essay is based on the mistaken assumption we are in the Gulf merely to protect cheap

What about Iraq's arsenal of chemical weapons?

What about Hussein's potential nuclear capability, estimated to be five years down the road?

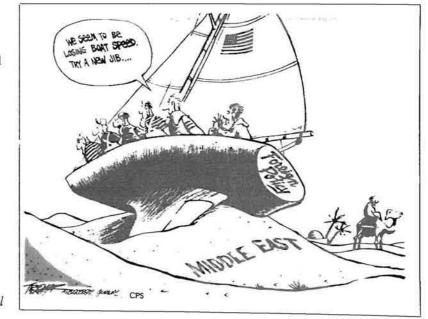
And finally, what kind of example would our inaction have served to other psychopathic third

world dictators?

Americans can handle a few more cents at the gas pump.

The real reason we are in the Gulf of to prevent Saddam Hussein form leveling half of Israel and set an example to those who would follow his path of aggression.

Robert L. Knoll



Disgusted Alum Personal TKE

To the editor;

Most recently I read the Sept. 20 issue of the Current, as usual front to back, which contained a personal ad that read:

"To the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Your sincerity is enough to make me ill!!! signed One Opinion."

Whether or not this one person's opinion is valid is not the point I wish to make. I personally question the sincerity of an individual who wishes to make, what some view, a libel remark against an organization and then

sign it anonymously. I would hope that not only this organizations, but all organizations on the UM-St. Louis campus are open to listen to any grievances by an individual/organization regarding its function. If by chance a grievance is directed to an individual, then such problems should be left with the individual not the organization as a hole.

Don't air what could be a libel remark against an organization when an organizations image and demeanor are a key cornerstone to its success; particularly when a problem may very easily be solved by a simple discussion.

My second reaction is that if one did view such a given remark as being libel then who is responsible for its printing? The Current has

previously stated that they have the right to reject or print any personal ad they wish. My question is that if a libel remark was printed anonymously within the personal column, is it not the responsibility of the Curent to not publish such remarks?

Libel is written defamation, which is the publication of untrue statements about another which hold up that individual's character or reputation to contempt and ridicule. One cannot be libelous without malice which is the deliberate intent to injure or the "reckless disregard for the truth."

I encourage the publishing of all personals. The Current has stated the responsibility to accept or reject any given personal. Perhaps this personal should have been rejected on its disregard for the truth.

For many years I have enjoyed reading the Personal column with the Current. Provoking thoughts, announcements for organizations. congratulations to friends, or a note to a sweetheart have always kept the Personals something I never forget to read.

I wish readers of the Current would submit more responsible and sincere personals in the future.

> Sincerely, Jeffrey B. Sulzner Alumnus of Tau Kappa Epsilon

Facilitator Invites Students To Hyperlab

To the editor;

I was sorry to read the letter from Karen Wuennenberg expressing her dissatisfaction with the way in which the Student Computer Fee has been handled.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite Karen and all students to the exciting new Hyperlab, a cooperative project between UM-St. Louis students and the Center for Academic Development (CAD).

Located in 409 Social Science Building (SSB), Hyperlab is the new Macintosh facility attached to the University's Writing Lab. The core hardware in the facility-twenty-two networked Macintosh SE computers, a powerful file server, and two LaserWriter

printers--were paid for by your student computer funds; CAD provides Writing Lab tutors giving computer support and writing assistance. The addition of computers to the Writing Lab has also meant the expansion of the Writing Lab's hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am-10 pm; Friday 10 am-6 pm; Saturday 1 pm-5 pm; and, Sunday 1 pm-9 pm.

Students need not come to Hyperlab with any computer experience or fear of drowning in the ocean of computer technology. It is only necessary that students provide their own double-sided, double-density, 3 1/2" diskettes if they wish to save their work (a procedure I strongly recommend). All application software that is available in Hyperlab is, of course,

provided free of charge--just as the Writing Lab is and always has been a free service to the entire UM-St. Louis community.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of Apple Computer, Inc. and Forsythe Computers, Hyperlab includes a high-end Macintosh IIci workstation. Although this hardware was not paid for by student funds, CAD chose to make this valuable resource available to everyone on campus in keeping with our commitment to student and faculty development. At the present time, the IIci features desktop publishing and presentation tools donated by Aldus Corporation, and an exciting multi-media package donated by MacroMind, Incorporated.

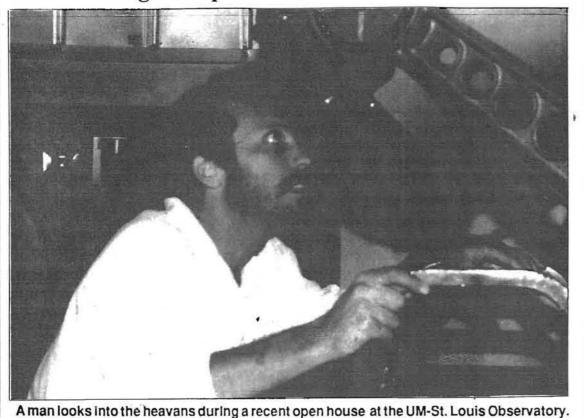
Students and faculty interested in reserving time on the Macintosh He is should contact me at 553-5179. Furthermore, I am always delighted to assist any member of the campus community with Macintosh needs.

Hyperlab presents an exciting new model for student and faculty computing at UM-St. Louis. We are committed to user education and user input. To this latter end, I invite Karen and all students not only to use the facility but to experiment and join in the process of developing its environment.

Sincerely,

David Warren, Hyperlab Facilitator

What's Going On Up There?



New Guinea: Cultures Combine

by Jennifer C. Smith reporter

Witchcraft, spiritual folklore and modern technology all combine to make Papua, New Guinea - the largest island in the world - one of the most colorful countries in the world, as described in a recent Christianity, nearly 70 percent of the Monday Noon Series lecture.

(Photo by Kris Kuesel)

Jackie Lewis-Harris, coordinator of Youth Programs for the Saint Louis Art Museum, offered a vivid picture of the country, which is located about 150 miles north of Australia. Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, the island comprises 462,840 square miles of land with a tropical climate.

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lives in villages. Inhabitants include those of Polynesian, Negroid and Pygmy descent, as well as Chinese, Malaysian, English, American and Australian. The communicate in over 730 languages.

While some residents practice people practice local traditional spiritual values - which until as recently as the 1970s included cannibalism and head hunting, Lewis-Harris said. She related a popular joke among Papuan citizens: when they are the first missionary (who tasted like pig meat) the shoes took the longest, as they had to be cooked repeatedly to soften them up.

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Men and women villagers sleep in separate houses, Lewis-Harris said, because men are considered "hot" and women considered "cold." It is believed that a woman entering a man's quarters would "neutralize" the magic inside.

The colorful history of the

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would allow the university to sell or serve alcohol. I guess if the chancellor wanted, we could set up a bar on campus."

McIntire said an alcohol policy task force had been organized at Mizzou four years ago to reform the existing alcohol policy, but the proposed policy received little attention due to a frequent turn-over

'If the chancellor wanted, we could set up a bar on campus'-Paul Matteucci

in chancellors.

"The proposal sat on a desk for four years, and no one even acknowledged to the committee that any recommendations had been received," McIntire said.

In January when McIntire came to UM-Columbia he formed a new task force, which revised the UM-Columbia proposal. Chancellor Monroe approved it, and it was then sent to the Board Of Curators, who unanimously passed the proposal at their Aug. 2-3 meeting.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean said he didn't think the policy change was meant to reflect a change in direction. "We're not interested in doing anything different," he said. "If anything, we're looking for less drinking, not more."

Ponder, from page 1

"At first, it sounds like a good idea. If adults are dealing with it, it shouldn't be a problem. But theres always someone who messes it up."

DPMA Student Chapter Night

The October meeting of the Data Processing Management Association will be held Tuesday, October 23, 1990 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown St. Louis, 200 N. 4th Street. The social hour and Student Chapter Highlights will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served 7 p.m., and the after-dinner program will begin at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Michael F. Shanahan, chairman of the board and CEO of Engineered Air Systems, Inc. For more information, contact your St. Louis Chapter DPMA Coordinator, Mary El-Baz, at (314)275-3355.

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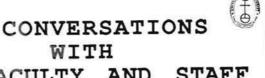
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Foreign Exchange Student Sees Campus With New Eyes

by Holly A. Schnider features reporter

America as we know it can look very different when you see it through the eyes of someone from another country. Things we take for granted are hardly commonplace to someone living halfway across the world, and for Sabina Janssen, a German foreign exchange student, the commonplace at UM-St. Louis represents some surprising changes.

Though Sabina has lived in several different countries, she says each place always has something different to offer.

"You build up a lot of ideas of what it could be like," said Sabina, "But it's never what you expect."

member of the sister city program between St. Louis and Stuttgart, Germany. She had to work very hard this past year to be accepted into the program so that she could experience life as a student in America.

encounter with the U.S. Born in Germany, Sabina's family moved to the United States when she was just a baby. Sabina lived here until she was ten, then the family moved to Tehran, the capital city of Iran.

Sabina said her father's job as shipbuilding engineer accounted for the family's nomadic lifestyle.

We would go where my father found work," Sabina said. "Back in the '60s and '70s, there wasn't a lot of shipbuilding going on. It was kind of like the car manufacterers' crisis of today. So we moved where the work

Sabina said life in Tehran was a good example of not knowing what to expect when you go to another country.

"I thought it would be just a big desert; that the city would be just this we got there, it was very big and very modern. It was just like any Westen Stuttgart) there are only about 20 long, struggling process. city.'

During the five years that the political climate began to change. The university in Stuttgart. Shah was on his way out, and attitudes in the country.

"We began speaking German all

tension against Americans," said

Sabina said the family caught the last flight out of Iran, only a few days before the Shah departed. The family headed for Germany, and for a year afterwards, the sound of fireworks at a German celebration would set the family on edge as they remembered the sound of gunfire during their last

The family settled down in Emden, a small town on Germany's northern seacoast, near the Dutch border. Ten years later--things came full circle as Sabina returned to the U.S. to finish

Sabina came to UM-St. Louis as a around is very different. One of the in biggest changes for Sabina is how the addition to experiencing a change of university system operates in the regimes in Iran, Sabina was in Germany United States. Sabina explained that when the Berlin Wall was opened up the educational system in Germany and the two Germanys were reunited. varies greatly from the one that we have here. "The biggest difference is she said. "No one saw it coming. I St. Louis is not Sabina's first the fact that the German government think it's great that a country under pays for college," Sabina said."That such an oppressive regime overcame way, anyone that works hard enough it." in high school and earns good grades is able to get a college education.

system, Sabina pointed out that it does was a very uncomfortable experience have its drawbacks. Because as West German citizens were educational expenses are funded by basically harrassed by unfriendly the government, colleges are externely border guards. Yet the same trip shortly overcrowded, and are often unable to after the Wall came down was vastly handle such a large amount of students. different. Guards were very friendly, And, the government's money only shaking hands, banners hung goes so far. Funding often isn't everywhere, welcoming them. available for new facilities.

Sabina said. "You have so many things evoked. "It was a really touching here that can make writing a paper or feeling. It really got to you.' doing your work easier. You have a ComputerLab, the Writing Lab, a Math a unified nation is going to be very Lab. You can really get things done. difficult time for Germany. Although We do not have access to so many it gives Germans "a feeling of freedom"

computers for the whole school."

Janssen family lived in Iran, the between UM-St. Louis and the resentment and great financial costs to

began to cool towards foreigners living too," said Sabina, "so people came them with everything have to get used from close by or lived at home."

the time, because there was a growing get the free education here, things like care of themselves."

housing, food and clothing are a lot cheaper here than in Germany.

Sabina also said she likes the people here in America.

from school, work and elsewhere, Germans tend to only have two or three friends.

One of the things Sabina liked about going to school here was the chance to have more interaction in the classroom.

"Students seem to be more the object of the system in Germany, not the subject," she pointed out.

She feels that American students have a much better relationship with the professors, and the ratio of students to teachers is much smaller.

Because she has lived around the For Sabina, America this time world, Sabina has seen a lot of changes

government and politics. In

"Nobody counted on it to happen,"

Sabina said going into Berlin from West Germany had been a 30=minute While that sounds like a good ordeal before the Wall came down. It

"It was unbelievable," she said, "Here, everything is so up to date," attempting to describe the feelings it

Sabina feels that the transition into little oasis," Sabina said. "But when 'computers. At our university (in and a sense that they can overcome their obstacles, she said it will be a

> "We have to learn to live together," Sabina did note one similarity she stressed. "There are feelings of my ideal." be worked through. East Germans that "Stuttgart is a commuter campus are used to the government supplying Sabina said that although we don't capitalistic system and learn to take for granted in the world around us.



LIFE IN THE U.S.A.! Sabina Janssen, a German foreign exchance student, likes what she sees at UM-St. Louis. (photo by Nicole Menke)

Sabina likened the situation in Germany to the sinking of the Titanic. The ship was sinking, yet it was warm and comfortable inside. The people had to leave the comfort of the ship to get into a cramped, not-so-wonderful lifeboat. Yet the lifeboat was the thing that led them home, the thing that gave them a chance to live. Right now Germans are in that lifeboat.

Since Sabina has lived in so many different countries, she said she has learned to make "the place I live in the most fun for me." She has enjoyed various things in each culture that she lived in, but she has no true favorite place. Instead, she says, "A combination of every place would be

Sabina feels that America's greatest aspect is the feeling that you have the "opportunity to be what you want to be." Seeing America through someone to competing for themselves in the else's eyes showed how much is taken



Keaton Rises New "Heights" To



I LIKE A WOMEN WHO KEEPS HER MOUTH SHUT! Michael Keaton moves in on Melanie Griffith in the psychological thriller "Pacific Heights."

by Brad Touchette movie critic

Movies which depend on maniacs tomake them interesting take a big risk nowadays. It seems that a maniac is the center of any horror film, mystery, or unrealistic.

Heights", dares to give the maniac a and renting the smaller rooms to tenants. conniving personality with conscious The first tenants are a nice Japanese thought. He is Carter Hayes (Michael couple. The second tenant becomes Keaton). He is intelligent. He is Carter Hayes. disturbed. He is the star of the show.

Michael Keaton gives the performance of his career as the from his sarcastic, comedic trademarks,

He plays Hayes so well, that is is hard can't get in, and (to ice the cake) he to imagine him as the Caped Crusader breeds cockroaches in his bathtub. in Tim Burton's "Batman" or the manic morgue attendant Billy Blazejowski in Ron Howard's "Night Shift".

The story is centered around Patty thriller. Now obviously, the strangeness Palmer (Melanie Griffith) and Drake of the characters is what makes these Goodman (Matthew Modine), a young films tick. Recently, though, the couple on the upswing. Though they characterizations of these nut cases are are not married, they try living together too predictable, too obvious, or too and purchase a huge, decrepit Victorian home in San Francisco with the But the new movie, "Pacific intention of renovating the entire house

nuscance to the couple next door, his homework on this film and made Hammering, drilling, and sawing noises sure the legal aspects of their problems enough to make my girlfriend put been stretching his acting ability away are heard coming from the room at all were accurate. He also knows how to hours of the night, the locks on his door hold suspense and scare you pretty brings a chilling portrayl to the screen. he changes so even his landlord Drake well, too.

hard search for a mysterious (fake) the hilarious "Married to the Mob." account was done by Drake. Yet under He's good in goofy, eccentric characters California law, he can't be thrown out because that's the kind of person he without 30 days notice. So, they have looks like - lanky, clumsy, goofy. To another month to put up with him.

Hayes knows he is stressing the couple to the breaking point, and he cleverly manipulates them into cutting their own throats a few times. Palmer it in. (Griffith) ends up having a miscarraige due to it all, and this sends Drake off the deep end.

The script of this film is a very intellegently written psychological Hayes becomes more than a thriller. Daniel Pyne, the writer, did coaster ride that will leave you

The real credit in the fear department actually goes to John Schlesinger, the director who's probably most famous for his films "The Falcon and The Snowman" and "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" (no, not the U2 video). This film is his best work, though. the key to a great suspense thriller is creating an effctive, tense enviornment. And Schlesinger succeeds with flying colors. This is one intense movie.

Melanie Griffith does her usually brilliant job of lead actress. Though she is most remembered for her role in "Working Girl", she will probably get even more recognition as the not-sohelpless girl caught in the middle of a nightmare. Griffith is even more attractive now, and her innocent smile can win over an audience. She gets her revenge in this film, and she makes it seem realistic. You don't feel like "this dame just out of nowhere grew nerve." Her versatility is to be envied.

The only real problem I have with this film is in Matthew Modine. He is miscast by a long shot. Maybe it's my fault, but I guess I'll always see him as that skinny wrestler in "Vision Quest". Hayes fails to pay his rent after a He's played in "Full Metal Jacket" and play a serious role like this film demands really takes away some of its effectiveness. He does a believable job, but he needs a different face to do

> All in all, this is one dynamite film. The style, cunning, and wickedness of Keaton combined with the directing, the script, and the charaterization by Griffith, "Pacific Heights" is one roller breathless. The tense scenes were healthy sized nail marks in my arm. Do not miss this film, especially if you're a Keaton fan. I've been one ever since

"Night Shift". 4 1/2 stars.



by Greg Albers columnist

You've seen them before. They're on all the time on late-night T.V.. Between bouts of the American stooges you can catch their provocative messages.

They're commercials for those 1-900 numbers that let you hear women's secret confessions, talk to models and who want to meet YOU), or if you "just need to hear a friendly night, the raunchier the commercials eavesdropping in the Underground. I

I'm sure many of you have normal circumstances I would never impressed. have done such a sophomoric thing. finding mission.

MacLean to see if he ever tried it.) I please (yeah, right.).

Elvis Hotline

guess it's to make sure janitors or columnists don't rack up million dollar phone bills late at night.

Anyway, I had to make the calls at my house. I first made sure my mom knew that I was doing it and why. It would have been hard to explain it later when she was holding a phone bill for calls to Kink-o-rama. Itoldher, "Mom, I have to. It's my JOB."

With all the formalities out of the way it was time to actually call one of the numbers. The first two minutes were advertisements for other lines I Gladiators, during re-runs of Starsky could call. (I wonder if they were and Hutch, and after the antics of the charging me for that) Then some foreign sounding (French?) woman read a romance novel in monotone. Was it good for you?.

The next one I called was named something like "Women's Hot women in your area (who all look like Confessions." Sure sounded like a winner, but all I heard was some girl whining about her boyfriend. Boring! voice." And the later it gets into the I could have heard something better wanted smut.

The last number I called turned always been curious about what those out to be one of those numbers. Well, calls are really like, but never called it was smut alright, with a capital "S." because it either cost too much or you There was so much heavy breathing on were afraid your mom would find out. the recording it could have been taped So, I figured it was my duty to find out at a smoker's marathon. Nobody for you. Let me stress that I did this believes me, but it was just too solely for your benefit and that under perverted for my tastes. I wasn't

Feeling a little disappointed, I This was purely a scientific, fact-decided that if I couldn't find what I was looking for and I'd have to start Well, the first thing I learned my own line. Look for the newest in was that you can't make 1-900 calls on telephone entertainment: Bart university phones. (Or at least not on Simpson's secret confessions. 1-900-Current phones, I didn't call Sandy HAVE-COW. Adults over 18 only,

Campus Briefs

Disabled Union Changes Name

The Disabled Students Union has changed its name to The Alliance of Movers and Shakers. Its new advisor is will be Dean of Arts & Sciences E. Terrence Jones. For those interested in joining this organization, a meeting will be held Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. in Room 302 of Lucas Hall.

Multicultural **Teacher Training**

To study racial, ethnic, religious and cultural groups in the U.S., a course entitled "Teacher Training in Multicultural Education" is being offered for elementary and middle school educators. Participants will explore the roots of prejudice, increase their understanding of diverse groups and learn classroom strategies. The workshop will have a seminar format with discussion, multicultural research, guest speakers, films and readings. Evaluation may include individual projects, papers and tests to be graded by the instructors.

Fee for the Oct. 9 - Jan. 29 course is \$275.10 for graduate credit and \$233.10 for undergraduate credit or auditing. For more information call Bonnie Davis at 487-8577. To register, call Brenda Shannon at 553-5961.

Television Classes For Homebound

Those who find it difficult to commute to campus on a regular basis can use the Video Instruction Program to earn college credit. VIP graduate undergraduate courses on the following local cable stations: Cencom I, II, III, Continental, United Video, American, St. Louis Cable and City Cable.

While opening-day material and

exams are usually covered on campus, most communications between instructor and student are handled by telephone. The following classes are scheduled from Oct. 21 to Dec. 15:

·Microcomputers--Classroom Applications for Teachers (ED 308)

 Health Assessment (NUR 220) ·Basic Education: Teaching the Adult (ED 308)

·Entrepreneurship -- Small Business Management (BUS 392)

·Teaching Science in the Elementary Classroom (ELE ED

·Science and Culture in the Western Tradition (HIS 133)

 Media in Education (ED 340) ·Significant Figures in Philosophy: From Socrates to Sarte (PHIL 210)

For more information, or to register, call 553-5370.

MLK Jr. Holiday Committee Being Formed At UMSL

Planning for the 1991 UM-St. Louis observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday has started. Student Organizations, black faculty, professional staff association members and the UM-St. Louis Staff Association are invited to be members of the planning committee. There will be two meetings and one rehearsal. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 12-2 p.m., in room 119 J.C. Penney. A box lunch will be provided, so those interested in attending should contact the Equal Opportunity Office.

Market Tools And Strategy Seminar

A seminar to help managers and customer service employees equip themselves and their companies with more effective tools and strategies for today's market is being

competitive edge for their organization

·Neutralize most customer issues by helping solidify customer loyalty

 Reduce costly mistakes ·Gain confidence in dealing with

customer service issues

The seminar is geared toward managers of customer service and customer support, managers of sales service and administration, customer service employees, sales representatives, telemarketers, receptionists and all front-line personnel.

Lead by Harry Hamm, president of SalesTeam Associates, the seminar will meet Thursday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Clayton Plaza, Bonhomme Avenue. Fee for the course is \$149, which includes materials, lunch, refreshments and parking. To register, or for more information, call 553-5961.

Teaching Economics To Kids Through Using 'Zooconomy'

To introduce students in grades four through eight to economic concepts a program is being

is being offered by the UM-St. Louis developed by the UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension Center for Economic Education in Office. Participants will learn how which they will be able to plan and operate a simulated zoo. •Define and plan a specific familiarize educators with this

> program, two concurrent conferences are planned from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, at the St. Louis Zoological Park. The fee for each conference is \$40, and participants will receive complete Zooconomy" curriculum materials, a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There are two programs that will be examined:

 Zooconomy I: Zoo Decisions is an introduction of basic economic principles geared toward fourth through eighth grade students. The

curriculum contains tive lessons that help students develop analytical and critical thinking skills through economics with an integration of science, math, language arts and map skills. Students take an active role as zoo designers in this simulation.

·Zooconomy II: Zoo Business has been developed for sixth to eighth graders. In this unit, zoo goals and business organization, sources of zoo revenue (public and private), costs of production, profit, consumer demand and zoo business decisions will be discussed.

New Guinea, from page 4

people is illustrated through intricate carvings on the poles supporting the villagers' houses.

While witchcraft and folklore abound in the villages, there exists the opposite world of modern cities with modern conveniences. In the population of over four million, the literacy rate stands at 25 percent. Over 60 percent of the people attend primary school but only about 13 percent go on to secondary education.

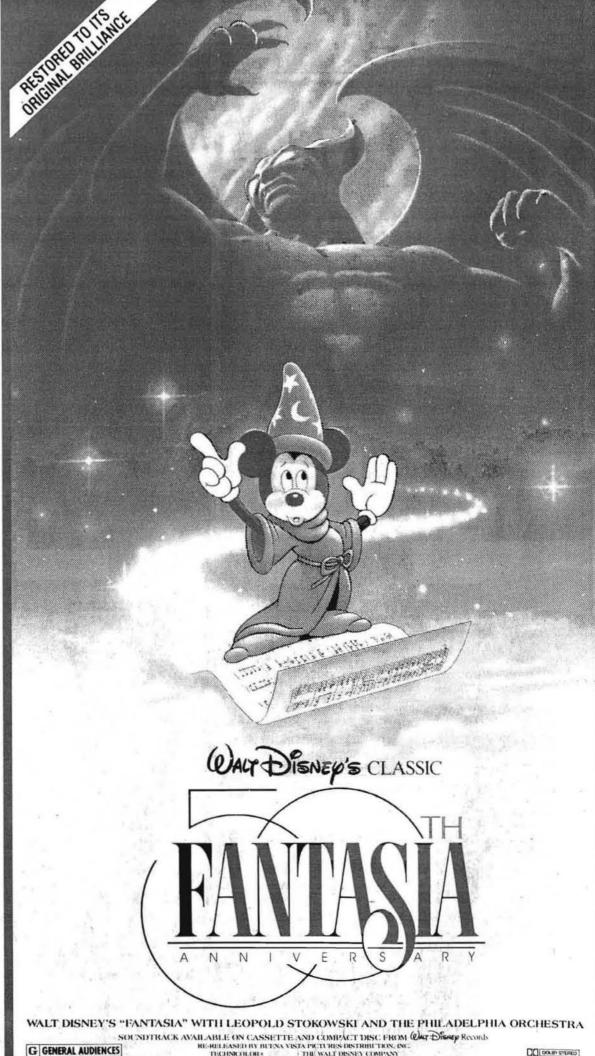
New Guinea's Papua

government is based on a parliamentary democracy with a single legislature called the national parliament. The constitution divides power between the parliament and the executive and judiciary





OPENS FRIDAY IN SELECT THEATRES



STARTS FRIDAY

Soccer Teams Are Rowing Up A Storm

Men Win Here and Abroad

The UM-St. Louis men's soccer team surfaced above the .500 mark for the first time this season with a pair of victories over the weekend. The injury-riddled Rivermen improved their winning streak to three games with 1-0 victories over Wisconsin-Parkside on Friday, September 28, and Southern Indiana on Sunday, September 30. The wins upped their overall record to

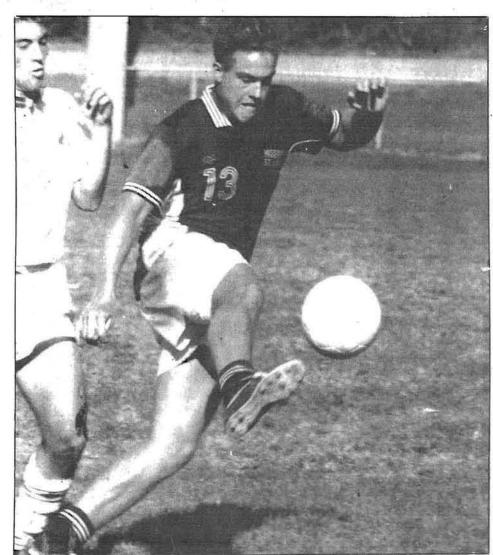
"We had to have these two games or we would be out of the national playoff picture," said head coach Don Dallas. "We played well, especially defensively, against two good teams."

The Rivermen, playing with only 13 available bodies, gained a huge victory over Wisconsin-Parkside last Friday at the UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium. The visitors came into the match ranked ninth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Poll.

Darren Starzyk scored the winning goal on a penalty kick at 65 minutes, 40 seconds into the match. The goal was his third of the season, all on penalty

Two days later, the Rivermen kept their playoff hopes alive with a win over Central Region foe Southern Indiana. The Screaming Eagles were rated fifth in the region, ahead of UM- winning tally in the last three games. St. Louis, and 18th nationally going into the contest.

goal midway through the first half. He weekend, giving him three for the headed Brian Hennessy's free kick season. past USI goalkeeper Matt Blauvelt at the 24:47 mark for his third goal of the with no play to go. They are all all the



GOT IT! Steve Valle wears the expression of a true soccer player as he strives for it all and he did. He scored ing performances for the Riverthe winning goal in the game in the Southern Indiana game. It was his second game-winning talle this season. women. Freshman Kim Miller scored (photo by Jeff Kuchno)

Goalkeeper Mark Dulle sparkled in the nets for the Rivermen. He picked Steve Valle scored the decisive up the shutout in both games over the

Seven Rivermen were dressed season. It was also his second game- injured list. Brian Kelleher is sidlined with a pulled hamstring. Steve Litschgi and Andy Noto are out with knee and ankle injuries, respectively. Matt Wohlstadter and forward Craig Frederking did not play for the Wisconsin-Parkside game because of various aliments.

They join the ranks of Doug Wiese and Tom Edgar who are both out for the season.

Some strength will return this weekend with Frederking fully recovered and Kelleher a possibility for this weekend's tournament as the Rivermen get a chance to improve their national standing this weekend when

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Louis Scoreboard Women's Soccer Men's Soccer September 28 September 28 UM-St. Louis UM-St. Louis Wisconsin-Parkside Quincy September 30 September 29 UM-St. Louis UM-St. Louis Southern Indiana Arkansas-Little Rock September 30 UM-St. Louis Texas A & M

Current Athlete of the Week

Kim Miller



Women's Soccer

forward-freshman

*Made All-Tournament team at **UM-St. Louis Tournament**

Scored winning goal in Quincy game on 9/28

*Had an assist in Arkansas-Little Rock game on 9/29

*Scored a goal and an assist against Texas A & M on 9/30

"Kim shouldered the load as far as offensive is concerned," said head coach Ken Hudson. "The goal against Quincy was unbelievable. She showed great composure in the box, something you don't normally see from a freshman."

Intramurals:

East & West Punt While Red & Gold Hit



ON YOUR MARK! Students and faculty wait for the gun as they get ready for the fun Run on October 2. (photo by Nicole Menke)

by Melissa A. Green sports editor

Four teams won and four teams lost. In the Intramural football leagues on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the fun has just begun.

The league is divided into two divisions, East and West. The East Division is consisted of the teams: Hurt'em Bad, TRW, the Gladiators and The Lynch Mob. The West Division includes the Sig Tau's, The TKE's, the Pi Kappa Alpha's or Pikes, and the Indys. The Indys replaced the Sig Pi's after a forfeit and withdrawal during

last weeks competition. The East Division plays on Tuesdays, and the West Division plays on

Thursdays. All games are played at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Hurt'em Bad won 20-0 over The

September 25. The Sig Tau's beat the Pikes 17-7

two goals and two assists in the tournament. Cheryl Spence, Karen Merlo, and Anne DeGunia also had two goals apiece last weekend. Christine Berry added a goal and an assist.

Women Win All Yet Take

Second In Own Tournament

The UM-St. Louis women's soc-

cer team is on a winning streak. The

Riverwomen won all three games in

the UM-St.. Louis Tournament this

past weekend to improve their un-

beaten streak to six games and their

its own tournament, despite winning

all three games. UM-St. Louis and

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville both

went undefeated in the tournament,

but the Lady Cougars had an edge in

goal differential and were declared

were impressive in winning three

games. They beat nationally-ranked

Quincy in overtime, 2-0, on Friday,

September 28, and then scored a 3-1

win over Arkansas-Little Rock on

Saturday, September 29, and a 4-1

victory over Texas A & M on Sunday,

head coach Ken Hudson. "We're get-

ting production from a lot of different

people. I'm really pleased with them

"It was a real team effort," said

Nevertheless, the Riverwomen

UM-St. Louis finished second in

overall record to 8-2-2.

champions.

September 30.

right now."

UM-St. Louis overcame the loss of forward Monietta Slay, who missed all three games with a sore knee. Slay was the team's top scorer a year ago.

"We did very well, considering Monietta didn't play all weekend," Hudson said. "People off the bench did a credible job."

One of those reserves, Sheli Keller, chipped in with two key assists against Quincy.

Four UM-St. Louis players made the all-tournament team this past weekend. Kim Miller, Anne DeGunia, Christine Berry, and Karen Merlo represented the Riverwomen on the squad.

No other school placed more than three players on the all-tournament team. The remaining squad members include three players from SIU-Edwardsville, two players from Quincy, two players from Arkansas-Little Rock, and one from Texas A & M.

Several individuals had outstand-The Rivermen play at Louisville on October 3, and host Northern Colorado on October 7 at 1 p.m.

The Tide Rolling Riverwomen's Direction

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team is on the offensive. They surpassed their goal-scoring output of a year ago last weekend. The Riverwomen enter their upcoming games with 38 goals in 12 games. Last season, they scored 30 goals in 18 games. They have also outshot their opponents by a 224-88 margin. The total number of shots during last year's season was 244 in 18 games.

Freshmen Kim Miller leads the offensive attack with five goals and seven assists for 17 points. Christine Berry and Carmen Llorico are next with 16 points each.

Adding to the offense is defender Anne DeGunia. DeGunia has started 52 consecutive games since her freshman year in 1988. Entering this season, she had just one goal and one assist to show for her efforts of the first two seasons. After Sunday's game against Texas A & M, those numbers have gone up. DeGunia scored two goals and added an assist for a five-point day. She now has six points this season.

"She had a bet with one of the men's soccer players that she would score more than two points this season," explained head women's soccer coach Ken Hudson. "I moved her up to forward in the second half against Texas A & M- and she gave me results."

Sports Shorts

Volleyball Tournament

The UM-St. Louis Intramural department is sponsoring a ONE-NIGHT VOLLEYBALL TOURNA-MENT on Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 22 at 5 p.m. The events include both men's and women's volleyball.

The Wave

There is an organizational meeting for the "Wave" on Monday, October 8,

at 2:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Mark Twain Building. The "Wave is a new student organization designed to help create a traditional campus atmos-

Soccer Leagues

the Pikes at 3 p.m.

The Intramural soccer leagues will begin on Monday, October 8 at 2 p.m. The league will play on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the Intramural leagues will play on Tuesdays and

Thursdays.

On October 9, the Gladiators plays Hurt'em Bad at 2 p.m. and TRW plays The Lynch Mob at 3 p.m.

On October 4, the TKE's play the

Sig Tau's at 2 p.m. and the Indys play

On October 11, the TKE's play the

Pikes at 2 p.m. and the Sig Tau's play the Indys at 3 p.m.

In other Intramural action, the coed volleyball league plays on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Red league plays on Mondays while the Gold league plays on Wednesdays. Each league consists of five teams. The results of the league standings as of September 19 in the Red League are: Black Sox, 2-0; Net Results, 2-0; Hit Team, 1-1; Math + C.S., 0-2; and New-

man House, 0-2. In the Gold league are: "Eye Lynch Mob and TRW won 18-0 over Sores", 2-0; "Docs", 2-0; Spikers, 1-1; the Gladiators in the East Division on Chinese Students, 0-2; and Maxwell's Demon's, 0-2.

The men's soccer leagues will in a close match that is always a com- begin on Monday, October 8 with petition between the two. The TKE games at 2, 3, & 4 p.m. The games are won over the Sig Pi's 14-0 due to a played on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Ruling COED Volleyball

1. A complete team consists of 6 players with a minimum of 4; 3 males and 3 females.

2. The players must be in alternating positions by sex.

3. All matches are the best 2 out of 3 games. The first team to score 15 points is the winner and must win by 2 points.

4. Members shall rotate clockwise. 5.The team serving first shall be decided by the flip.

6. The second game is served by the loser of the first game. You will flip for service on the third game.

7. The teams change courts at the end of each game andon the eighth point of the third game

8. Substitutes can only enter the game as a server.

9. The ceiling and basketball goals are out of bounds.

10. The game official will keep the official score and handle all disputes.

11. All games will begin promptly. If their opponents.

12. There will be 2 time-outs per game and intermissions between games.

13. The ball can be blocked on serve. 14. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in expulsion from all intramural activities for the remaining of the calendar year.

15. Player's hands may not extend over the net when blocking a ball.

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a team doesn't appear within 10 BUMP IT UP! A member of a volleyball league prepares to hit the minutes, the contest is forfeited to ball during one of the games last week. (photo by Nicole Menke)

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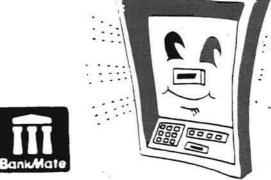
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OVERHEARD ON CAMPUS

The Ultimate Question Part I: The High Tech Approach

A mathematician thought she had found a statistical formula for God. It was so complex, however, that she networked together all the computers she could find in her department and asked, "Is there a

The computer replied it would take at least a century to calculate the answer, so the mathematician, who by now had drawn the attention of the federal government, arranged to link together hundreds of computers from across the entire nation to work out the problem. Then she asked the assemblage of circuitry: "Is there a God?"

The bigger computer replied it would take it ten years to calculate the answer. So the mathematician called scientists all over the world to contribute computer time to form a single, amazing supercomputer. No one had ever dreamed of creating such awesome computing capability, but the project had captured the imagination of the entire world. So, as the globe's media looked on, the mathematician sat before this great machine and slowly typed: "Is there a God?"

And the computer replied:

"There is now."

Bill Sklar **Brown University**

Part II: The Traditional Method

Q. What does an agnostic, dyslexic insomniac do at night?

A. Stay awake wondering if there really is a dog.

Dan Faulkner

YOUR TURN...

The question of the week is, "What's your director of the ACLU, asserts: favorite radio station and why?"



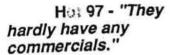
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Scott Keymer Business Senior

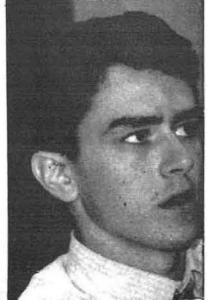


Q106.5 - "They play a variety of music and repeat the songs you want to hear."

LaSaundra Chandler **Business** Senior



Gayle Berman Finance Sophomore





Y-98 - "Because it's the only station which carries Bob Richard's Weather Rap; and because I'm infatuated with Michelle Dibble."

Mike Finley Public Administration Senior

Freedom Of Speech Threatened On Campuses

COMMENTARY

by Jonathan D. Karl

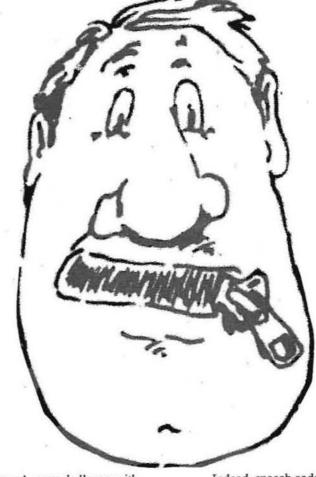
Free speech is under attack on college campuses, and even its traditionally staunchest defenders have joined in the

Student journalists and free speech advocates are concerned about a proliferation of college speech codes so widespread that, according to Time magazine, "Nowhere is the First Amendment more imperiled than on college campuses." As is often the case with censorship, these codes have been adopted with the best intentions: Campus racism is on the rise and something has to be done about it. So token measures are taken which exacerbate racial tensions and ignore the First Amendment.

Speech codes drafted in response to this important issue are dividing the American Civil Liberties Union, which has always tended toward an "absolute" position on free speech. While the Wisconsin and Michigan ACLU affiliates have sued their respective state universities over the codes, the northern and southern California affiliates adopted a resolution in July favoring narrowly drawn policies which prohibit harassing speech.

John Powell, national legal "My concern is less with the strength of the First Amendment than with the wave of racial harassment that has swept the country. The campus is not under the threat of being silenced."

Defending their resolution, the California affiliates cite the legal need to balance the First Amendment against "conduct that interferes with the Fourteenth Amendment right of students to an equal education." They argue that the resolution only advocates a ban on speech in classroom debates and public discourse is something students



must endure or challenge with speech of their own."

Free speech proponents such as writer Nat Hentoff are not buying. Pointing out that cases brought under the codes will be heard by untrained college judicial panels, not civil libertarians or ACLU attorneys, Hentoff decries the inevitably vague nature of speech codes. "Most colleges whose 'due process' hearings I've covered are unshakably fond of the British Star Chamber model of the 17th century," he remarks sarcastically. "Just the places to deal with these broad and vague restrictions on speech."

Rules which limit speech are only as good as those who enforce them. Eleanor Holmes Norton, former President Jimmy Carter's chair of the federal Equal **Employment Opportunity** Commission, explained this bitter reality: "It is technically impossible to write an anti-speech code that cannot be twisted against speech nobody means to bar. It has been tried and tried and

Indeed, speech codes have been defended by voices far less moderate than those of the ACLU's California affiliates. At Stanford University, law professors provided the philosophical rationale for a new student conduct policy that one student sponsor candidly admitted "is not entirely in line with the First Amendment." ABA Journal, the publication of the American Bar Association, quotes Stanford Law professor Mari Matsuda, who argues that traditional views of free speech act as a self-serving cover for continued domination by majority elites.

advocates of the code argue that speech limitations would actually increase free speech and "vigorous debate.", Discriminatory speech, they reason, is meant to * silence the victim.

In Orwellian fashion,

Such arguments are not only clearly opposed to First Amendment principles, they also threaten to undercut the achievement of equal rights. Civil rights activists have always relied on speech as their principle

weapon. In the long run, any compromise of principles of free speech works to the detriment of

In addition to infringing on free speech, these codes may actually fuel racism. As the recent incident with the music group 2 Live Crew dramatically demonstrates, attempts to censor offensive views makes martyrs out of the censored. Did the censoring of the album "As Nasty as They Wanna Be" silence the misogynist lyrics of 2 -Live Crew? Definitely not. It showered the band in publicity, thereby propelling them to the top of the charts.

Alan Keyes, a former assistant secretary of state, points out that the codes themselves arise out of a racist and condescending reasoning. In a debate with the professor who wrote the code adopted by Stanford University this spring, Keyes argued against the "patronizing paternalistic assumptions" upon which the code is founded. He expressed surprise that someone would actually think that I will actually sit in a chair and be told that white folks have the moral ; character to shrug off insults and I do not."

Racism is a problem which must be addressed with more than misguided measures like limiting offensive speech. Not only are such measures open to abuse, they also drive racism underground where it thrives.

An academic environment characterized by an unfettered pursuit of truth and knowledge should be the ideal forum to expose and defeat the ignorance that fuels racism.

The ACLU's John Powell forcefully argues, "The primary problem is that we haven't begun to seriously discuss racial issues." He is absolutely right. But the speech-restricting policies he seems to advocate will only have a chilling effect on the needed discussion

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SAT Scores: A Long-List Of Excuses

CPS - Each August, when average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores are made public, officials rush to explain why scores rose, fell or stayed the same.

In the years since 1963, when average scores began a long slide downward that continues through today, various experts have attributed students' performance to everything from faulty test to the atmospheric testing of nuclear weaponry during the 1950s.

recent observations: 1986 - Although SAT

Here are some more-

scores showed no change from 1985, a University of Michigan study contended that "the reason test scores were rising" was that test takers' families generally were getting smaller.

The fewer people in the student's family, the higher the student's SAT score tended to be, the study showed.

1987 - William J. Bennett, then head of the U.S. Department of Education, blamed another year of little change in average scores on schools that wasted tax

"Holding ground is better

than losing ground, but we're still seeing an insufficient payoff for what we've invested in in education. We need accountability for results," Bennet said.

1988- Average scores dipped. Bennet once again blamed the schools, although he did his best to pep them up.

"I said in April that 'the absolute level at which our improvements are taking place is unacceptably low.' Today it's a bit lower, and still not acceptable. C'mon team Back into training."

1989 - When years of steady improvement in

minority students' average scores ended, it was because some students were being badly prepared again, said Donald M. Stewart of the College Board, which administers the tests.

"We believe that score differences among ethnic groups and between men and women reflect wide disparities in academic preparation, or lack of it," he said.

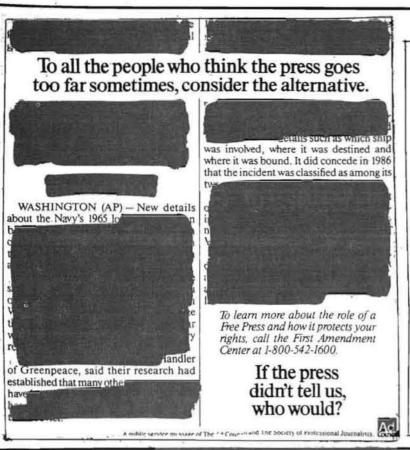
1990 - Scores on the verbal portion of the SAT fell, again, prompting Stewart to blame television.



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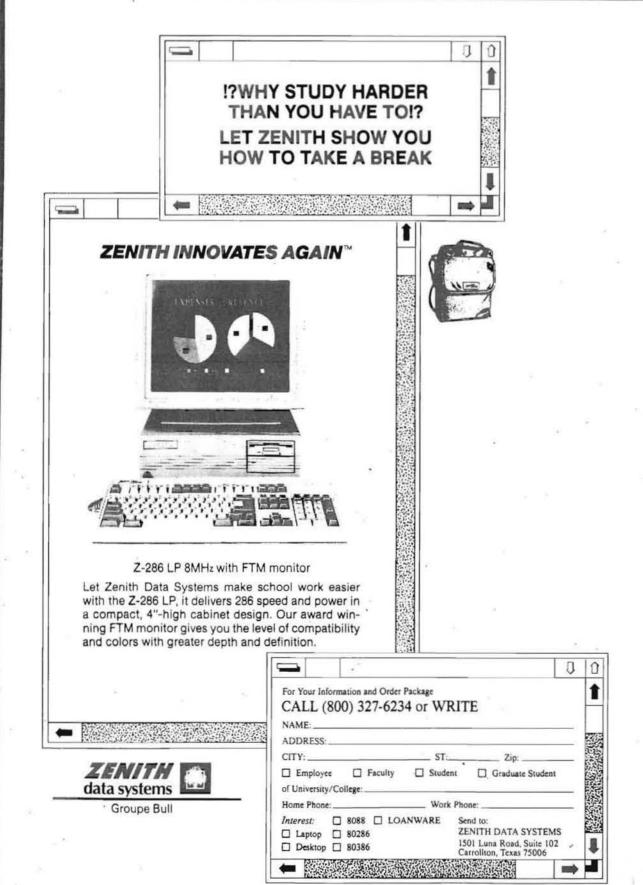
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