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Quayle Visits St. Louis

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

Vice President Dan Quayle called President George Bush's recovery plan, which he outlined during his State of the Union Address, a "roadmap to recovery that requires responsibility from Congress."

As part of Quayle's trip to St. Louis Wednesday, he spoke to employees at Hunter Engineering Co. in Bridgeton, reiterating Bush's comments that for the U.S. to survive and pull itself out of trouble, American companies should be more competitive around the globe and strive to put Americans to work.

"I want you to know that as long as you keep producing quality products, America is always going to be first in the world no matter what that guy in Japan has to say," Quayle said, praising the employees of Hunter Engineering, which produces and ex-

ports automobile balance and alignment equipment. "It's going to be up to Congress, but we need your help."

Quayle stressed the importance of the March 20, 1992, deadline by which Congress must pass Bush's recovery plan. He said Congress should not be surprised about the proposal. As to whether Bush will be lenient with his plan, Quayle said not to count on it.

"The President has put down a good plan and they ought to pass it," Quayle said. "He's thought long and hard about this proposal."

Should Bush's recovery plan pass, military operation will be cut by \$50 billion over the next six years including shutting down the production of the B-2 Stealth Bomber.

Quayle said the defense cuts could reduce employment in the St. Louis area, but keeping job losses at a minimum was considered when planning the proposal.

"Obviously, scaling back will have some impact on jobs in the defense industry," he said. "But if you let the democrats in Congress get their way, McDonnell Douglas might as well close their doors."

Quayle also addressed the health care problem in the United States and said Bush looked at two things in the health care market — providing access to the 14 percent of the public who currently don't receive health coverage and the issue of cost. He also said the idea of forming a national health care system, similar to Canada's current plan, is out of the question.

"Costs have simply gone through the ceiling," Quayle said. "But you can fairly well kiss goodbye the so-called Canadian health care system."

In addition to touring Hunter Engineering Co., Quayle also visited the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in St. Louis before continuing to Louisville, Ky.

Implants Cause Horrors

by Nancy Lewis
of The Current staff

Janet VanWinkle spoke Monday to a group at the Women's Center about the horrors of silicone breast implants.

VanWinkle is the founder of "As Is," the American Silicone Implant Survivors. She testified in December 1990 before the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Congressional sub-committee regarding the safety of silicone breast implants.

"When I had my first breast augmentation in 1976, I was not told of the dangers and risks associated with silicone. Since then, I've had 11 operations, including two radical mastectomies for a rare breast cancer and reconstructive surgery due to the mastectomies. I've had breast implants that ruptured and leaked. In 1986, two lumps in my neck were found to be lymphoid hyperplasia, which was induced from the silicone. In 1988, I was having sharp, uncontrollable pain in my breasts, and there was a lump under my left armpit. The



Janet VanWinkle

outer 'shell' of the implant was the lump. The implant had ruptured and the outer part had 'migrated' to my armpit. That required surgery. In February 1991, I had reconstructive surgery again and was in intensive care for four weeks. I wasn't expected to live," VanWinkle said.

VanWinkle has heard similar horror stories from the 450 members of As Is in the United States and Canada. VanWinkle founded the non-profit organization in January 1991 to inform and support other women who were victims of silicone breast implants. She said that silicone implants

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Pike House Burglarized

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

The president of Pi Kappa Alpha said the recent theft of close to \$4,000 in items from the fraternity "is not a typical prank."

Jason Hardie said seven composites, a preamble and the charter of the fraternity were stolen from the house on Saturday, January 11.

Composites are annual photographs of an entire fraternity or sorority. Hardie said each picture is valued at approximately \$500.

"The pictures represented a lot of memories for a lot of our alumni," Hardie said.

The fraternity filed a police report in Bel-Ridge, but Hardie said he requested that no investigation be conducted.

Hardie said he did not know if the thefts were in connection with a November 1991 incident between six Pi Kappa Alpha members and a University of Illinois-Urbana/

Budget Woes

Jobs, Programs Lost By Cuts

by Matt Forsythe
Current news reporter

About 34 jobs will be lost and several programs' budgets axed, as UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill submitted her first round of budget cuts Friday.

The cuts were ordered from the University of Missouri President to reallocate campus priorities.

The hardest hit department is the Continuing-Education Extension Program, headed by Wendell Smith. Ten positions are expected to be eliminated, and so is 85 percent of the department's budget.

The Continuing Education-Extension program offers classes at more than 60 off-campus sites in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

Touhill said programs such as the Archeological Society, Kids on Campus, the Facilities Management Program, the baccalaureate program in sociology at Missouri Eastern, the contracted credit courses at Jewish Hospital's School of Nursing and the one-day Business School non-credit programs will be eliminated.

Bob Samples, university spokesperson, said a total of 7 administrators, 12 faculty and 15 staff members would be cut.

"Those cuts will happen over the next five years," Samples said. "Some cuts could happen tomorrow, next

month or in three years. It's hard to say for each individual case."

Touhill said she withdraw all state support from the Athletic Department, Student Activities and the Child Development Center.

Other cuts include the closing of the Student Retention Office. Two faculty positions will be eliminated from Instructional Technology and the Center for Academic Development.

Touhill also said Administrative Services will continue restructuring. Five positions will be eliminated and close to six positions will be reduced in staff support from other units.

"We are trying to preserve the academic programs," Touhill said. "We have 61 programs—the fewest in the system."

"I also believe that this plan is consistent with the focused but developing mission of UM-St. Louis as a metropolitan university which serves Missouri's largest concentration of people and business, technological and economic activity," she said.

Several faculty members praised Touhill for listening to the campus.

"The faculty has certain responsibilities that we were concerned with," William Long, dean of Optometry, said. "We were concerned that doctorate programs be protected

and the library be untouched. The Chancellor has done a good job in honoring our requests."

"The Chancellor has been very responsive to the concerns and interests of the faculty," Larry Friedman, chairman of the University Senate, said.

"I think that as a faculty member, I can live with the proposed cuts," David Gustafson, a business professor, said.

Friday's action is the first of three cuts scheduled over the next several months.

On March 1, Touhill will recommend \$6 million in cost cuts in the area of maintenance and repairs. The cuts, Samples said, depends on how many faculty take advantage of the early retirement package.

Samples said Touhill will later balance the entire campus budget. That could mean an additional \$2 million in cuts.

Friday's cuts come a day after the University of Missouri Board of Curators increased fees 83 percent over the next five years.

The Board of Curators will discuss more possible cuts at their March 19-20 at UM-St. Louis.

Press Relations Crucial

by Diana Davis
Current news reporter

David Lipman, managing editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, told a campus public relations class how to establish an effective working relationship with the press.

Speaking to Professor Sid Savan's Communication in Public Relations class Tuesday, Lipman said public relations people can establish a rapport with a newspaper if they present themselves in a cooperative manner and bring factual, thorough and truthful information.

"But believe me, when a person comes in and starts lying and tries to misdirect us, things will really get

bad," Lipman said. "It's the worst mistake you could make."

"If you cannot tell us something, just say, 'I can't tell you.' We know the cause; we know your clients will often say, 'We don't want them to know this.' But if you lie and try to deceive us, that's when you'll have us come after you like a pack of hungry dogs after a scared rabbit. So just play it straight. It's the greatest attribute that you can develop," Lipman said.

He also said all public relations people must adhere to the same language and communication standards as reporters. Lipman said when public relations practitioners send in press releases with spelling errors and bad grammar, editors will doubt the accuracy of the information.

The *Post-Dispatch*, he said, receives between 200 and 300 press releases a day.

"One of the biggest problems encountered in the newspaper business is wordiness; time is crucial, and editors cannot waste it reading page after page of redundant details," Lipman said.

Public relations people are still important, he said.

"Although occasionally we will come to cross purposes because we have different goals, we are not our adversaries. Nor are public relations people," Lipman told the class. "Advertising and public relations people are one of our best sources to corporate America, our regular opening to companies, institutions, people — to almost every facet of society."

Lipman became the managing editor of the *Post-Dispatch* in 1979. He is a 1988 recipient of a University of Missouri alumni/faculty distinguished service medal and a 1989 recipient of the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service to Journalism.

He is a 1953 graduate of the UM-Columbia Journalism School.

Mizzou Student Killed In Fall

by Matt Forsythe
Current news reporter

AUM-Columbia student died Jan. 21, after falling 50 feet down an elevator shaft.

Colin M. Prock, 19, was on an elevator with 15 other passengers in Laws Residence Hall when it stopped between the third and fourth floors. The elevator's weight limit is 2,000 pounds.

Prock and other students then pried open the elevator doors. He attempted to crawl out of the elevator shaft.

Minutes later, a dormitory staff member managed to get the elevator door working. Students assumed Prock had successfully made it to the third floor.

His body was found 20 minutes later by a Laws Hall resident hall assistant.

A memorial service was held last Monday at the campus' Newman Center.

"The students showed a lot of concern and shock about the incident," Mary Still, director of UM-Columbia's news bureau, said.

"I know there is a propensity among this age group to feel that it 'can't happen to me.' I want to urge all students to exercise caution and common sense," Interim Chancellor Gerald Broder said.

Prock was born in Lebanon, Mo., raised near Mountain Grove, Mo., and attended schools in Plato, Mo., for several years.

He is survived by his mother, Daphne Long of Oakdale; a brother, Jason Long of Oakdale; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paris Prock of Huggins, Mo.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Craig-Hurt-Bradley Funeral home in Mountain Grove.

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Sabrina-
Remember me? 2nd floor of Clark Hall last winter semester, MWF? I used to see Val. Please call me.
John J. Ryan

I'd like to challenge the two cowards in Clark Hall, who boasted of Beating up Fags, and remember that the main cause of Homophobia is Denial.

Conference on Needs Of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual Students Set

A video conference focusing on the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students and developing campus policies on non-discrimination and anti-harassment will be held Thursday in the J.C. Penney Auditorium

from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m.
The program will originate from Oklahoma State University and will address issues such as the impact of homophobia on individuals and on a campus community; how a campus

can provide a supportive environment for gays, lesbians and bisexual students; and how a campus should address incidents of harassment, discrimination or violence.

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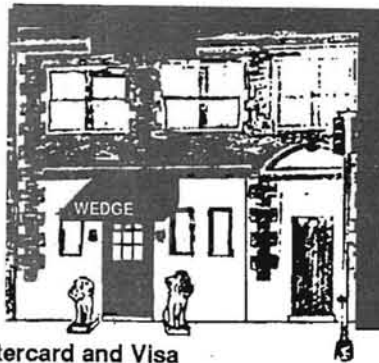
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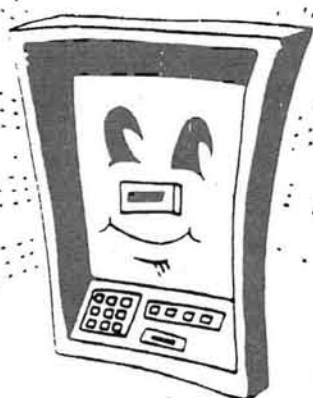
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Elevators From Hell?

UM-St. Louis is a lawsuit waiting to happen. The chances of a student, faculty or staff member being seriously injured in an elevator is high. Death could also result if a fire broke out in Clark Hall or in the Mark Twain Building because doors are either chained shut or locked.

Are there any rules that govern University fire codes? In general, UM-St. Louis is not required to follow St. Louis County or City safety regulations. The state fire marshal said his office cannot even reprimand the campus for these unsafe practices. The university must follow certain Occupational Safety Health Administration policies, set up by the federal government. These policies, on the surface, are ignored.

Staff members and a former employee at UM-St. Louis have candidly detailed how dangerous this campus is.

In October of 1991, two students were in an elevator in the Social Sciences Building when it fell one-half story. The passenger, Linda Kowalcky, suffered no injuries but was upset and scared by the incident. In April of that same year, Cindy Wallace and Jefferson Webb were in that same elevator, and it fell two-and-a-half stories.

The elevator bounced several times "like it was on a rubber band," Wallace said.

The emergency phone in the elevator did not work. Malcolm Murphy said if university officials had listened to his complaints about campus maintenance, elevators would work properly, and electrical transformers on South campus would not have exploded in 1990.

The explosion measured 400 amps, which is more than an electric chair. Murphy said, "If a person had touched the transformers, they would have died."

Elevators, he said, "should be inspected yearly...but they were not."

Those elevators currently do not have inspection notices posted. Bonnie Sims, associate vice chancellor for administrative services, said no notices will be placed in the elevators because of risk of vandalism. Instead, students, faculty and staff can find copies of the inspection notices in the General Services Building starting next week, she said.

This is a start, but UM-St. Louis has a long way to go before the community can be safe using campus facilities.

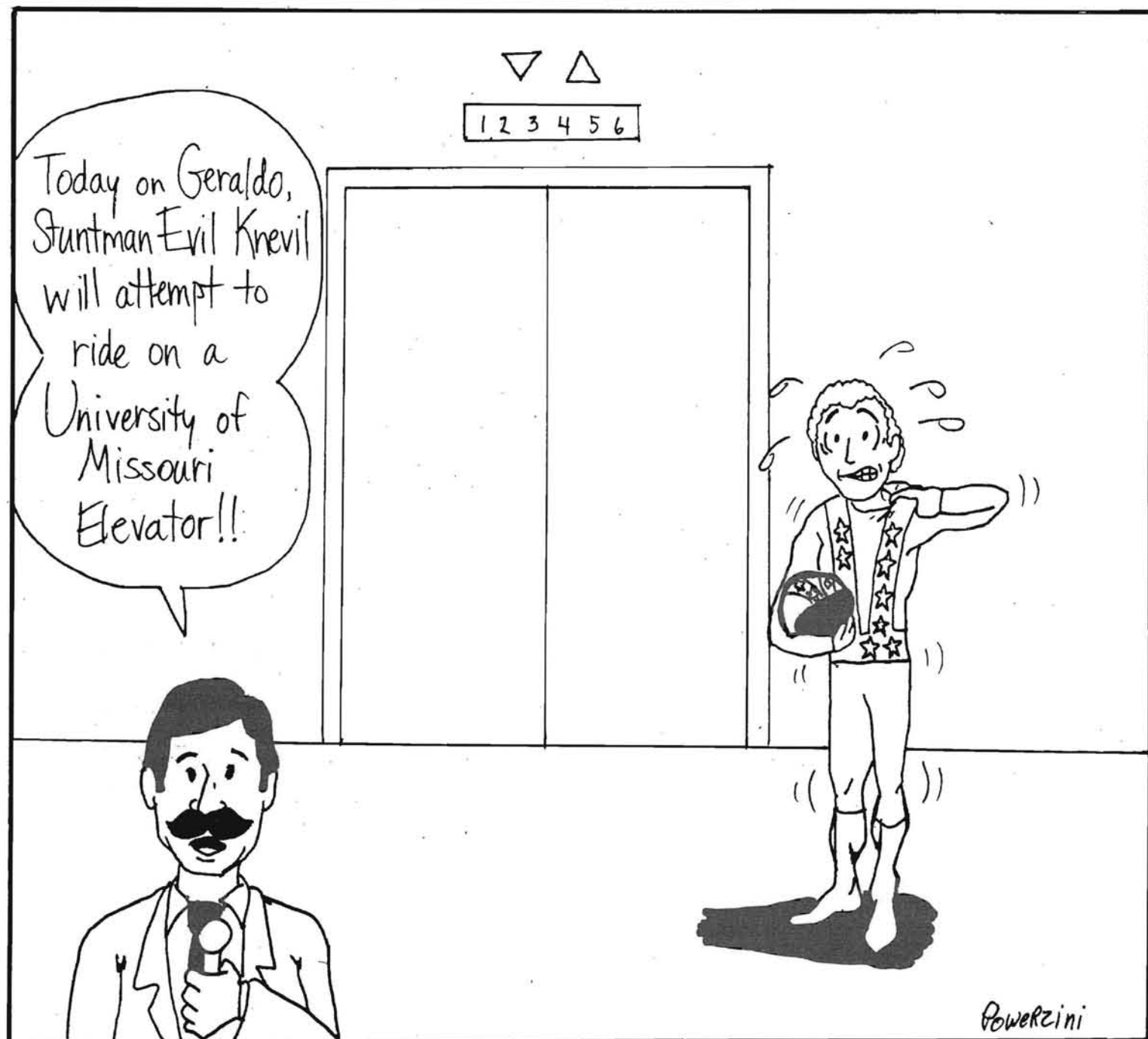
SGA Plays Monopoly

The process of appointing students to the most important committee on campus—the Student Activity Budget Committee—needs drastic changes. The present system has as many flaws as Swiss cheese has holes.

The greatest flaw is that the Student Government Association president is allowed to appoint committee members, especially when several work closely with him. Sometimes those students sit on the executive committee, which has a say in who is selected for the budget committee. Student Assembly representatives then voice their opinions, and the vice chancellor for student affairs gives his final approval.

Clearly, this process stench from favoritism. The budget committee is responsible for nearly \$250,000.

The vice chancellor should make the recommendations, and the chancellor should make the final selection.



Students Don't Understand First Amendment

by Robert Lukefahr and Phaedra Walker

On October 28, 1991, a conservative radio host scheduled to appear at a "Pro-American Rally" hosted by students at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, was confronted by a mob of student protesters determined to prevent his talk.

They succeeded. Armed with whistles and signs, the estimated 100 protesters screamed, chanted, blew their whistles and threw coins, ice and other objects at the guests. Fearing further violence, the speakers left.

Unfortunately, this was not an isolated incident. Unpopular speakers have been shouted down or chased from campus at more than a dozen top-flight schools during the past few years. In addition, over the last four years, conservative student newspapers have been stolen or destroyed at more than 15 of the nation's top 25 universities. These and other examples of campus intolerance have sparked a debate over "political correctness" and have led *Time* magazine writer Nancy Gibbs to conclude that "nowhere is the First Amendment more imperiled than on college campuses."

How did things get this way? After all, less than a generation ago, college

students were demanding more freedom of speech.

The simple answer is "ignorance." College students no longer understand the historical and philosophical basis of our constitutional protections. A 1989 survey conducted for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) reported that less than one-half of 700 college seniors surveyed could correctly identify the purpose of The Federalist papers. The NEH report said students' understanding of the Constitution is "superficial."

Thus, to someone like Canetta Ivy, of the Council of Student Presidents, it seemed completely reasonable to say to a reporter for *The New York Times* in 1989, we don't put as many restrictions on freedom of speech as we should." Ms. Ivy, and those who share her views, are bolstered by their heartfelt desire to create a more amenable environment for minority students, and the ironic notion that "intolerance" can be eliminated by refusing to tolerate unpopular speech.

But as President Bush said at the University of Michigan in May, 1991, "What began as a crusade for civility has soured into a cause of conflict and even censorship."

If the students of this generation

Commentary

were at all familiar with history, they would know that censoring ideas, even in the name of sensitivity, only serves to make those who hold them more radical and more determined. But absent some understanding of political philosophy and history, young people find it difficult to argue forcefully for the abstract notion of freedom.

Beyond the considerable gaps in the formal curriculum, the informal pedagogy of example—how professors and administrators act when confronted by challenges to free speech—further undermines the generation's respect for civil liberties. Many colleges contribute to the campus intolerance or at least ratify the attitudes which lead to the suppression of free speech—by adopting speech-restricting codes. According to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, such codes have been enforced or drafted on almost 70 percent of the nation's campuses. As Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz recently explained, American colleges are "tolerating and teaching intolerance and hypocrisy."

Another example of the same

sive pedagogy at work was evident in September of 1991 in the University of Wisconsin System. In a perverse affirmation of its commitment to "tolerance" over freedom, the state system is considering an appeal of the recent U.S. District Court decision which rules UW's restrictive speech code unconstitutional. After the decision, James E. Sulton, special assistant to UW-system president, told the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "Everyone seems more concerned about the theoretical abridgement of First Amendment rights than about the real abridgement of rights based on racial harassment."

The ignorance and misunderstanding being fostered in the twenty-something generation represents the greatest internal challenge to the nation's liberties since the American Tories aided the forces of King George. These students who would gladly circumscribe speech on campus today, will be the journalists, congressmen and judges charged with defending this right in the next century.

It is time the twenty-something generation take up the challenge John Adams issued in 1765: "Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write... let every sluice of knowledge be opened and set a flowing."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Sig Tau's Rush: Get Screwed, Animal House

Dear Editor:

On the UM-St. Louis campus it's Rush Week, a time when the administration approves the promotion of Greek organizations. Older students like myself, usually ignore these things, but the Sigma Tau Gamma

fraternity is not easy to ignore.

Sigma Tau Gamma promotes itself as the "animal house" of campus fraternities. Located in the University Center is a display box, showing two examples of Sig Tau tee-shirts. The promotion that caught my eye was the sign just outside University Center;

again promoting massive alcohol consumption as "A tradition of excellence" and "Get Screwed."

How, as a Sig Tau, can you get screwed? Are women simply status seeking objects that fall at the feet of any frat brother?

Individually, Sig Tau's may be

alright, but their recruiting campaign promotes viewing women as objects and alcohol abuse. These atavistic values are apparently condoned by the administration or Sig Tau would not be permitted their prominent display. Why?

Mark A. Magas

Horizons, Counseling Service: Different Functions For All

Dear Editor:

A letter that I wrote to you was printed in the Jan. 20, 1992, issue of *The Current* on the editorial page. Unfortunately, in printing my letter (Horizons Waiting To Help Campus), there were three mistakes which perpetuate the very misconception that I was hoping to dispel.

The first, in the headline, was the most problematic. The purpose of my original letter was to clear up a long-term confusion between the functions of the Counseling Service and Horizons. The campus Counseling Service is staffed by professional counselors and is the major provider of personal and career counseling on our campus. These counselors are quali-

fied to see students, faculty and staff in on-going counseling.

The Horizons group are undergraduate students, who are supervised by the Counseling Service staff and who refer students to the Counseling Service staff for on-going counseling. Horizons was developed because some students are more comfortable talking with another student for their first meeting.

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Sharon Biegen
Director, Counseling Service

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are the largest medical experiment done on women.

"We as women have been guinea pigs. There is only one benefit [to breast enlargement surgery] and that is psychological. But the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery has a \$4 million dollar budget for women to have the 'right' to breast augmentation. They have had small breasts classified as a medical malformation. According to the ASPR surgeons, small breasts are a disease," VanWinkle said.

Originally, liquid silicone [developed from industrial strength transformer coolant] was injected directly into women's breasts to enlarge them. That practice became illegal after the FDA received reports that women

were dying from this procedure. Then Dow Chemical Co. decided to package the liquid silicone in plastic pouches. Breast enlargement became a popular and relatively inexpensive procedure for thousands, some say millions, of women in the 1970s and 1980s.

"There was no pre-market testing of these implants. The FDA doesn't even know what's in the implants, because they are not regulated. The FDA booklet [from the Congressional hearing] lists 19 pages of risks and one-half page of benefits. The benefits are only psychological," VanWinkle said.

VanWinkle lauded the recent FDA decision to place a 45-day moratorium on the use of silicone implants, a

move she believes will lead to a total ban on the use of implants of all types for breast enlargement. Of the total number of breast implant surgeries performed, over 80 percent have been done to enlarge otherwise healthy breasts, VanWinkle says.

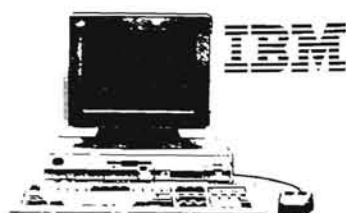
She encourages any woman who has had breast enlargement by silicone implants to contact the As Is organization for information and support. And she offered advice to any woman who is considering a breast enlargement: "The silicone implants are an

untested, unapproved product, a poorly designed experimental product. Greed and profit are building a revolving door of patients. Once you get them put in, you can't have them taken out, because no one will touch you. You go back to the plastic surgeon who did it, and he will 'fire' you as his patient. He will tell you that you are the only one who has this problem ... your insurance company will attach a rider to your breasts, and any medical complication [from the implants] will not be covered by medical

insurance. If you develop Silicone Toxicity or cirrhosis of the liver [from the implants], you will not be covered. If the implants rupture and you need emergency surgery, you will not be covered. Medically, you will be on your own."

VanWinkle is scheduled to speak again before the FDA Hearing in Bethesda, Md., on February 18-20, 1992. To contact the As Is Support Group, call 821-0115.

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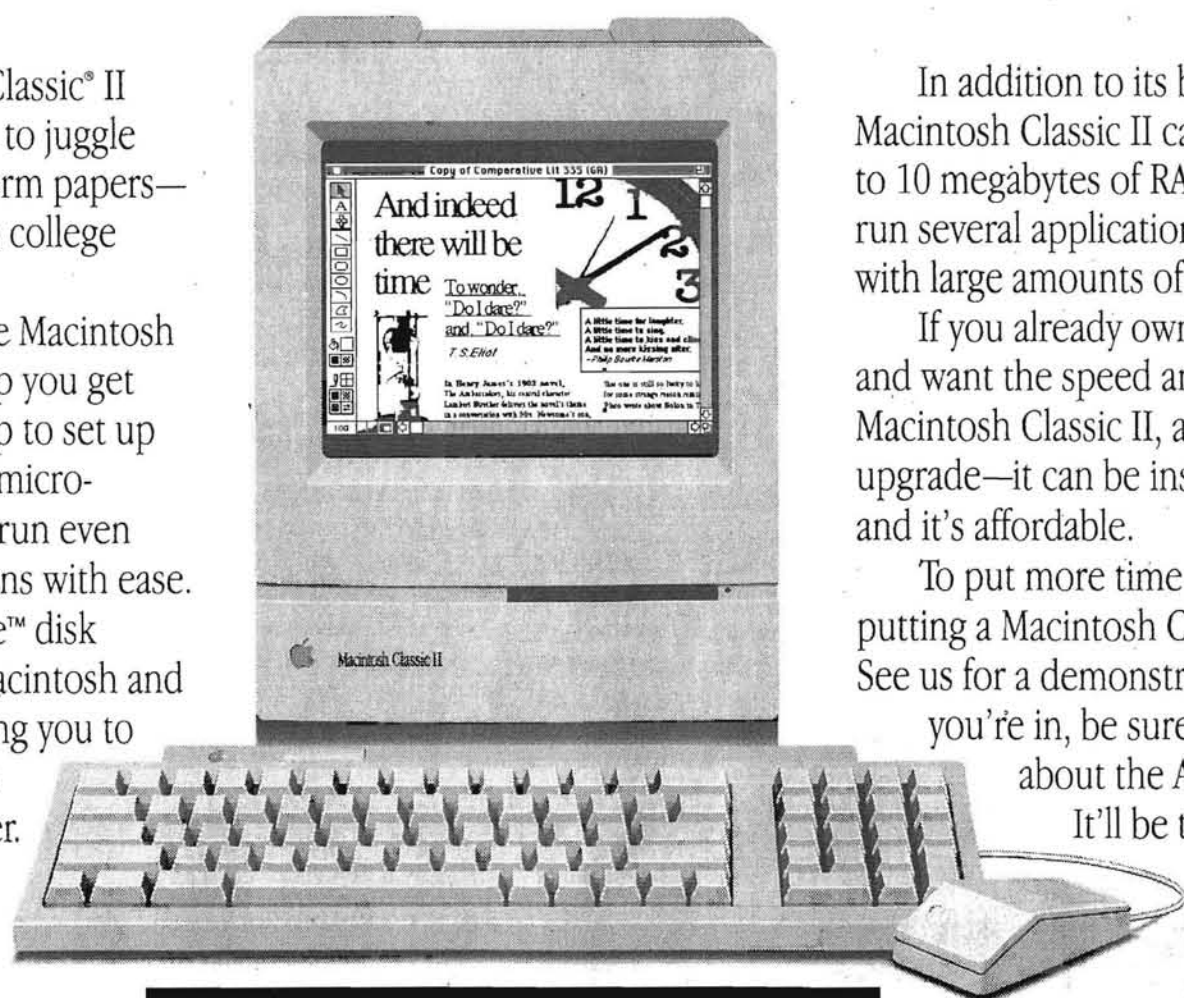
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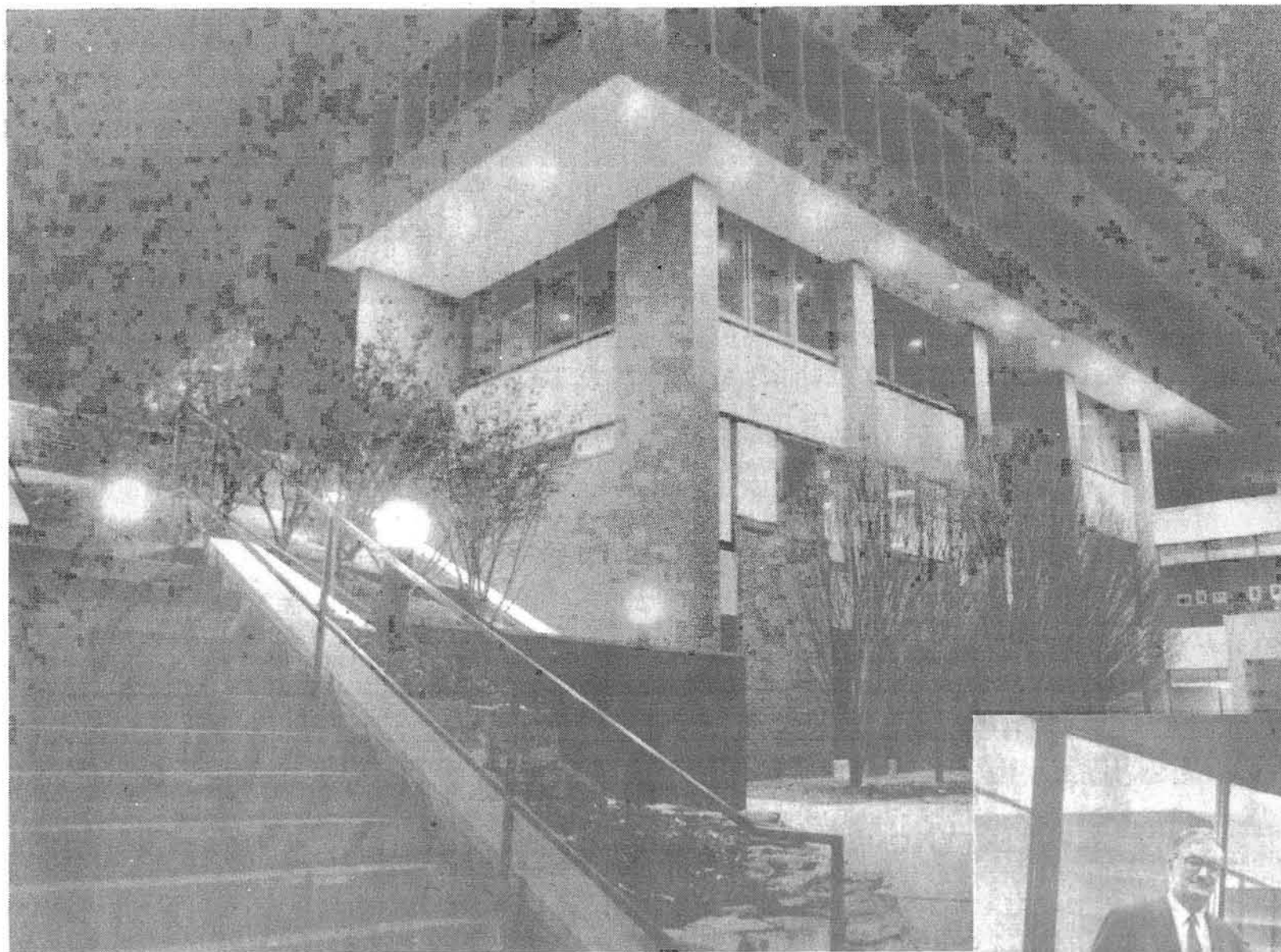
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As Dusk Falls . . .



by Max Montgomery
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When the sun goes down and most UM-St. Louis students have left for the day, a different breed of non-traditionalists arrive on campus.

The Evening College students. The UM-St. Louis Evening College is the administrative unit for all undergraduate courses taught at night. With offices located on the third floor of Lucas Hall, the college is in the center of campus and very much a part of the entire University.

Typical evening college students are employed during the day and choose to extend their education at night. Transfer students make up about 90 percent of the evening college which means most night students are juniors and seniors.

Headed by Dean Anita McDonald, there are nearly 2,500 evening college students eligible for 28 degree programs. McDonald said she suspects UM-St. Louis has the largest amount of evening programs in the St. Louis area.

Working with McDonald in administrating the Evening College

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photo: Tina Leu

ABOVE: Lucas Hall as the sun sets, just before evening classes begin.

RIGHT: From left, Evening College Assistant Dean Harry Gaffney, Dean Anita McDonald and Assistant Dean Nancy Shields.



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Honor Society

by Robin Mayo
features editor

Intelligence is acknowledged in many ways on college campuses. One way is through honor societies that praise students for academic achievements. There are several honor societies on campus, including one within the Evening College system.

UM-St. Louis Evening College Honor Society, established in 1976, is the Beta Epsilon chapter of the national Alpha Sigma Lambda Evening College Honor Society, founded in 1945. There are 158 chapters nationwide.

This academic organization is headed by president Elizabeth Sims and sponsored by Harry Gaffney, assistant dean of the Evening College. Sims is a senior in the Evening College, majoring in English and working towards a writing certificate.

"It's a very interesting group of adult students and they are highly motivated," Gaffney said.

In order to become a member, students must have a least four semesters of college or university work, complete 30 hours in the Evening College and maintain at least a 3.2 grade point average. Students should be currently enrolled and pursuing

their first bachelor's degree.

At present time there are nearly 100 active members in the Honor Society. New applications will be mailed in March to petition new members.

Social events are kept to a minimum, as most Evening College students have little spare time for extracurricular activities.

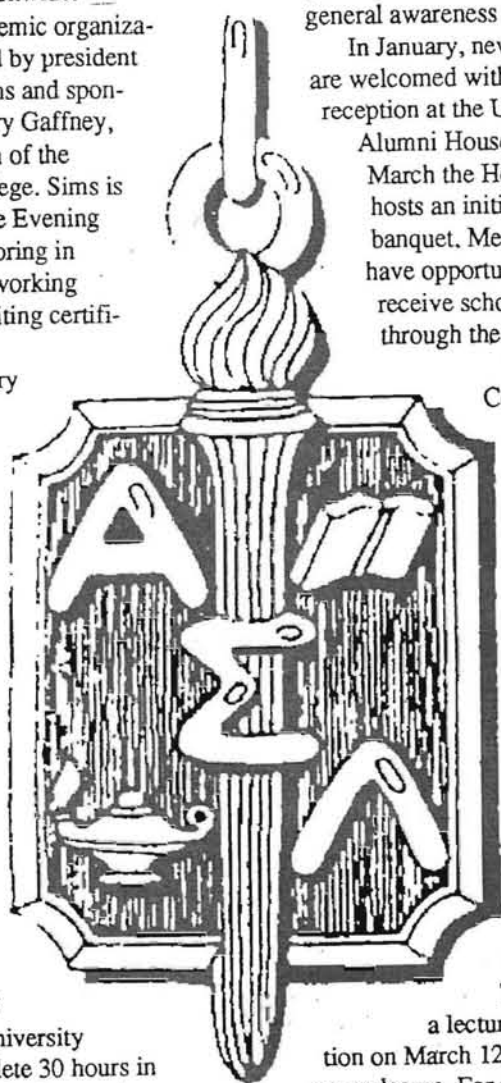
"We try to require as little time as possible," Sims said. "We basically exist to recognize the academic achievements of people who are also balancing work and family obligations."

Gaffney said the organization hopes to increase membership and general awareness on campus.

In January, new members are welcomed with an annual reception at the UM-St. Louis Alumni House, and in March the Honor Society hosts an initiation banquet. Members also have opportunities to receive scholarships through the organization.

The Evening College Honor Society is also co-sponsoring an art exhibit in Gallery 210. "Computer Sculpture" is a combination of an artist idea and modern computer technology.

There will be a lecture and reception on March 12. All students are welcome. For more information on the Evening College Honor Society, call 553-5161, or stop by 324 Lucas Hall.



College Council

by Robin Mayo
features editor

Students have a right to express their opinions and comments about the school they attend. If there are problems, students should be heard and be able to gain support by other students who agree. The Evening College Council provides this service for Evening College students.

The purpose of the Evening College Council is to provide a liaison between the administration and the students, conduct programs and relay information pertinent to the evening students present the interest of the evening students to faculty and administration.

In January Alicia Gamble was elected president and Karen Gardner as vice president. They moved from lower positions after other officers graduated last semester.

The council is a stepping stone to good student-administration relations, but most Evening College students are not involved.

"We need more of a voice for the evening college students and to project those ideas to the rest of campus," Gamble said. "The Student Government Association has been very supportive of the Evening College."

Gamble said that unfortunately most students involved in the council, especially officers, are usually seniors, and then when they graduate, it's like starting over each time.

"To me, having more people and more voices is important, and underclassmen are greatly needed," Gamble said. "Many Evening College students do not even know we exist."

Gardner was unaware of the council when she first came to UM-St. Louis.

"I didn't know about it for a long

time," Gardner said. "People don't always seem to take us seriously, but I believe in this campus a lot."

She said the students who are involved take representing the evening students very seriously.

One of the more recent things the Evening College Council has tried to improve is the lighting on campus.

"When you're getting out of class around nine or ten o'clock at night, walking across campus...it's pitch black—you never know what can happen," Gardner said.

The council notifies the administration when lights are out and has kept on eye on the administration to see that bulbs are replaced and the lights are once again working.

Other issues the Evening College Council is hoping to change are the

libraries' hours of operations and an extension of registration hours before each semester.

The Evening College Council also works to improve student participation with frequent lectures and informal meetings such as the Koffee Klatch. On Mon. and Tues. from 5-8:30 p.m., there are free snacks and coffee to encourage students to stop by the 3rd floor lobby of Lucas Hall before class and get to know other Evening College students.

In order to be a member of the Evening College Council students have to be in good academic standing, have one semester of Evening College classes and be appointed by one of the Evening College deans.

All students, day or evening all welcome at the meetings.

Alumnus Success

by Nancy Lewis
of The Current staff

Thomas Palazzolo, a 1989 UM-St. Louis graduate with a BA in History, says that without the services offered by the Evening College, he would not have been able to attend college at all. Palazzolo is now a third-year student at Washington University Law School and is currently ranked first out of 217 law students.

"If it weren't for the Evening College, I wouldn't have been able to attend college to get my undergraduate degree," Palazzolo said.

"I worked full-time as a painter, but I always wanted to go to college. I just didn't have the time and the money to pursue a degree full-time in a traditional manner. So I spoke with the Evening College in the fall of 1984, and the staff helped me to see that getting a bachelor's degree could be a reality," Palazzolo said.

Palazzolo began attending UM-St. Louis in the evenings while continuing to work full-time in a local hospital as a painter. After three years

of attending school as a part-time student, he decided to attend school full-time.

"My wife and I had managed to save enough money to just cover my tuition and books for a semester. So, in January 1988 at the age of 30, I resigned from my job of seven years and enrolled at UM-St. Louis as a full-time student. The original plan was to finish my BA, go on to get a Master's and Ph.D. in History, and eventually to teach. At that point I wasn't thinking about law school at all," he said.

Palazzolo's area of interest in history was western Africa, especially Nigeria. He met with Professor John Works of the History Department to learn Hausa, a west-African language.

"During one of these informal language tutoring sessions, Works suggested that law school might be a career path to investigate. So I took the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and applied to sev-

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are Nancy Shields and Harry Gaffney. The two assistant deans have different responsibilities, but one of them is always in the office, as they take turns working evenings, to help students.

"We care enough about (the students) to have an administrative unit here to assist them," McDonald said.

In addition to other responsibilities, Gaffney coordinates the Bachelor of General Studies degree, which is exclusive to the Evening College. Shields is in charge of student services including academic counseling and supervising the Evening College Council, the college's advocacy group.

When McDonald became dean in the Fall of 1987, she said there were certain issues and programs within the college that she decided needed some work. She said the Council was dissolving because too many of the students looked at it as only a volunteer job. McDonald worked to strengthen the Council and build it to be a working group.

"I took on an active role to make it an honor for councilmembers to participate and serve the University," she said.

Another issue McDonald felt needed to be addressed when she began was the cost of schooling. In the past, McDonald said, there hadn't

been enough money to assist every evening student's needs. Before 1988, there had been only one major scholarship for evening students. McDonald then started the Alumni Chapter which, she said, has been a great resource in establishing other scholarships.

McDonald said the college is starting to see Evening College Alumni giving to the University on a bigger scale than before. Since they were Evening College students, they didn't have the chance to participate fully in the University. Now, she said, they are giving back to the Evening College what it gave to them.

Keeping up with the spirit of UM-St. Louis, the Evening College has turned toward the St. Louis community for support, financially and structurally.

"I've tried to increase the awareness of the Evening College within the community," McDonald said. "I think it's been the best kept secret in this institution."

Part of McDonald's "building awareness" includes the formation of the Advisory Council to the Dean, whose members serve as ambassadors to the Evening College offering ideas, advice and many times, financial contributions.

In a recent study and survey of Evening College students, Assistant Dean Nancy Shields found that on the average, the night students fell just below a professional level, meaning

most of the students already have a career close to a professional level. A lot of them, she said, are making career advances or changes, or are blocked in their fields.

Unlike most University departments, the Evening College office hours extend into the night, many times offering help to students, other than those enrolled in the college, who might need assistance. The office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

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eral law schools. I was surprised to have been offered several scholarships to attend law schools in other parts of the country, but I chose Washington University," Palazzolo said.

He emphasized that coursework in the History Department was a good preparation for law school, as it turned out.

"There was an emphasis on reading a lot of material, the synthesis of material, and the writing of well-constructed papers," Palazzolo said.

This was a good preparation for law school, especially courses such as Formal Logic, and history courses that emphasized the writing of 'timed essay' examinations.

"At UM-St. Louis, I received an education that helped me to compete with students from all over the United States and from several foreign countries," he said.

After graduating from law school this May, Palazzolo will be working in St. Louis for a national law firm. He reflected on his "college experience" as an older, non-traditional student:

"The hardest part was just enrolling, just deciding to do it. Of course, there were financial issues too. But I received great advice and encouragement from the Evening College, from Dr. John Works and from other faculty members in the History Department," Palazzolo said.

"Resources like the Evening College are very important to students who don't fit the mold of the 'typical' college student. It is unfortunate that this state doesn't seem to value higher education for its citizens. Every year, the budget cuts for higher education are deeper and wider. And many students are priced out of even public colleges."

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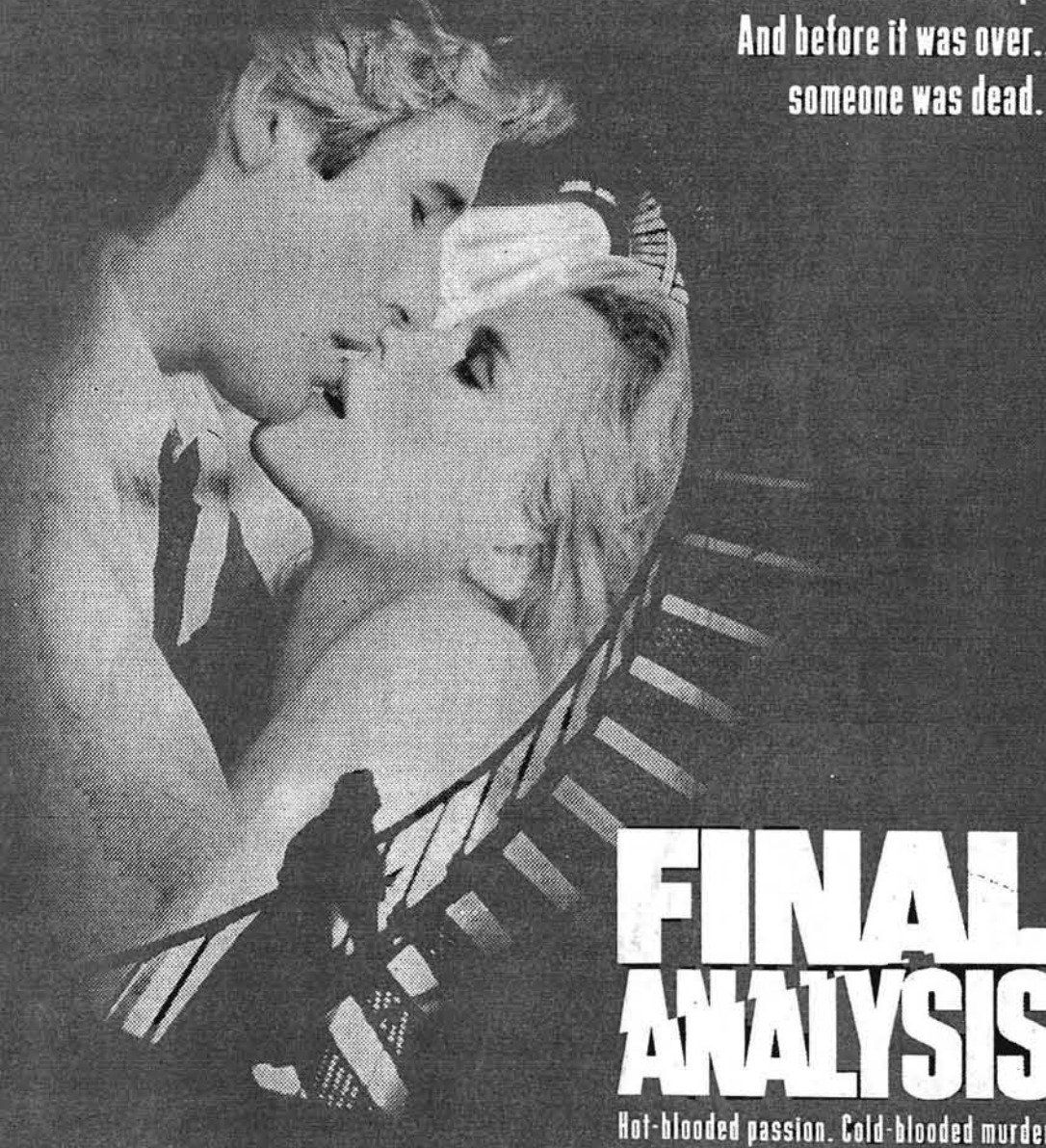
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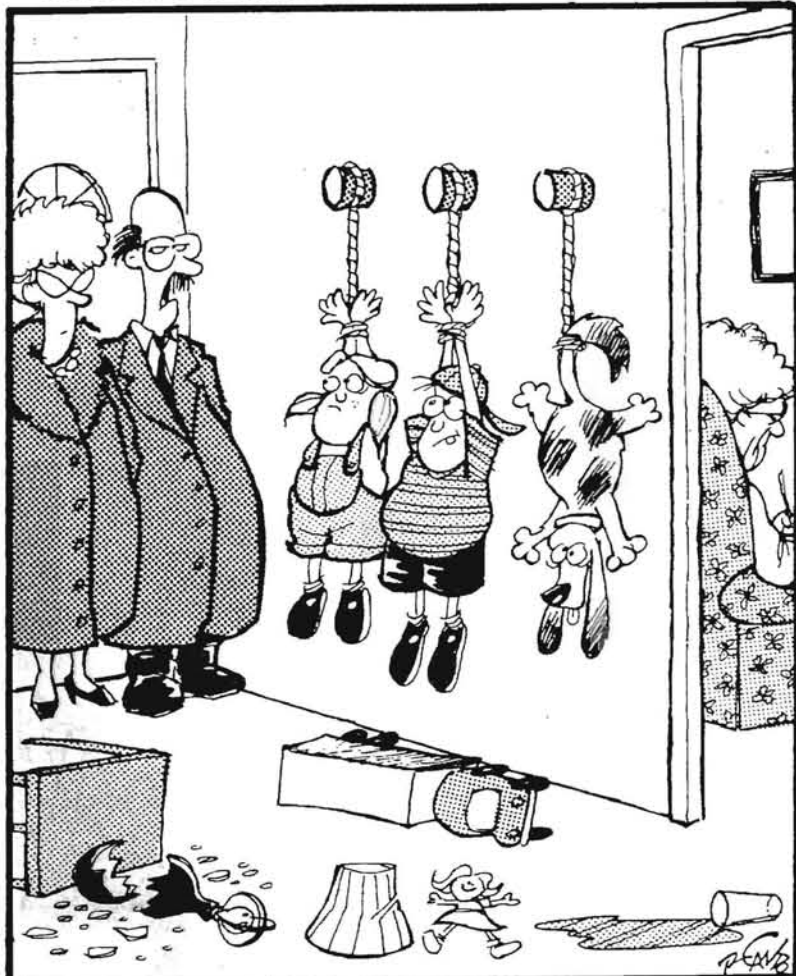
Most importantly, encourage your friend to keep his medical appointments. He needs to understand that it is very important for his health to be continually monitored, as his health could worsen at any time, without him even realizing it.

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"Looks like grandma is in one of her moods again."

COLLEGE ASTROLOGY

By Joyce Jillson

Some serious teaching energy has invaded classrooms; don't skip any meetings, not even the first thing Monday morning. Mars is the dominant planet now, and that means ambitions run high and the competition is hot. Sports dates are the thing, and on some days, passions can run away with some of us. Use the power cycle to get fit, develop economic theories and provide killer answers to essay questions.

Monday is analytical, heavy on research. Big concepts are easily grasped on Tuesday and Wednesday; history and languages are favored. On Thursday and Friday, business in general is on everyone's mind, and the management of personal affairs is included. Don't believe strangers on Saturday or Sunday; be polite, but stick with good friends.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Monday is the time to hand it in, write about it or otherwise show what you know. On Tuesday, remarkable moments with professors are possible; perhaps an ESP experience occurs between you. Reflect all week on your plans for the future; decisions are ahead shortly that have far-reaching results. Wednesday is bright idea day. Your sense of humor is running on high, too; practical jokes should be long on wit and short on the humiliation of others. The weekend is very special; you're in touch with your ideals and in a position to show your best side to those who count. Keep one eye on possible items for your future resume. Write letters on Sunday.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

"Strange bedfellows" may be the term for you and your roommate, but this is your chance to broaden your cultural horizons. Romance is a powerful elixir now, and you're not used to being thrown off balance, so go slow, though your opposite number may try to get you to commit sooner. If you're flirting with a teacher, be careful on Monday. On Tuesday, concentrate on difficult subjects, asking for help, if necessary. Expand those library skills; learn where the juicy tidbits are buried. Long-distance news is a big surprise on Wednesday. This weekend, you may leave campus Friday for a well-deserved break. Travel is favorable Sunday too.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Now is the time to concentrate on research and solid results. This term's professors (or subjects) are likely to be tough and challenging. This suits you fine, as your intellectual skills seldom get the stretch they deserve; some Geminis never discover how much they can do, because they're never pushed to the limit. On Tuesday and Wednesday, take care physically when playing sports and driving cars; practice lots of patience. The most exciting way to spend Friday evening is at home with someone you care about deeply. Some of you will fall in love Saturday; passion is definitely dominant, but that's no reason to spend too much.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

By the end of the week, important one-to-one relationships may have been greatly transformed and deepened. Your roommate may become a good friend or move out, and a lover will definitely show his or her true stripes, for better or whatever. Use Monday's fine communications vibes to dispel confusion between you and those about whom you care most.

Teacher conferences also go very well Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, a tricky meeting of Mars and Uranus makes sparks in any relationship with contentious potential. The weekend is powerful for love matters, especially Saturday, when you may fall in and out of love within a few hours. Study with a partner.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Scholastic efforts are the focus. On Monday, returned work pleases you, and you'll do superbly on written tests. Your nerves require lots of nutrition now; stay away from junk food. Take time to eat properly, including fish or other easily digested proteins. On Wednesday, wear something you don't mind getting a bit soiled, because Uranus and Mars may play tricks with physical coordination. Thursday and Friday are also fine test and study days, but you might consider asking that fascinating Sagittarius or Aries to go over tough material with you. In general, you'll be tied to your books through the weekend; very little is going on socially anyway.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have the scholastic, romantic and emotional advantage, so get out there and make points! Ask a brilliant person for help Monday, and you'll be treated to a how-to-mini-course. On Tuesday, stick to the books and study at home, because on Wednesday, the schedule is disrupted by Mars' meeting with Uranus. An unexpected something is bound to come up Wednesday, and you're restless as well. A wooer may find unusual ways to get the love message to you this week; retain your poise. This weekend — especially Friday — promises moments of real joy; more than one Virgo becomes engaged. A vision of the future is emerging; dreams and ambitions are taking shape.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Relationships with women — including your mom, chaperones, housemothers — are in focus; be conciliatory and helpful. Studies of economics and business also are highlighted; if you get a chance for practical experience in your field, grab it. On Monday, the past affects the future in interesting ways — the ability to learn from the experience of those who went before is a shortcut to progress, so be a student of the wisdom of everyone around you. On Wednesday, expect a power outage at your place of residence. The weekend calls for ivory tower work, but you can entertain a few friends at home on Saturday and Sunday with great success.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

If old friends call to ask favors, you won't mind complying, but a new friend may try to impose, and you'll give short shrift to such demands. Through Thursday, expect the unexpected; personal computers may go down, so back up all important work. Friday is very special for love; your lover from home may come to visit for the weekend, or you may fall in love while on a little fun trip with your crowd. Field trips, a visit to a museum or an off-campus seminar will be inspiring; this is one of those weekends when educational activities are more fun than hijinks. On Sunday, travel, studying, letter-writing and journal-keeping are favored.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)

Few Sagittariuses know how strongly their intelligence and candor affect a roomful of friends; lately, your reputation precedes you into most situations (including love affairs!).

On Tuesday, the moon moves into your sign, giving you the edge in personal confrontations; apply for jobs, loans or special favors. On Wednesday, expect a broken promise, and don't blame this person; the change can't be helped. You're a winner at whatever you try on Friday; go for the brass ring. On Saturday and Sunday, practical tasks and dealings with landlords are favored. If circumstances dictate a change of residence, now's the time.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 19)

The extra Mars urgency will come in handy Monday, when you're virtually unbeatable; any competition you take part in will be more exciting for your presence, too. Expect restlessness, and perhaps (if your diet isn't right) a little feeling of frustration that may make you short-tempered Wednesday; do be careful in all physically risky situations (especially those involving engines). On Thursday and Friday, you'll feel the moon slip into the right spot for putting your best sports shoe forward. You'll strongly resemble an extrovert through the weekend, though Capricorn is often a bit reserved socially.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Look professors in the eye Monday, and if comments on returned work don't make sense to you, speak up. On Tuesday

and Wednesday, anything can happen, and that's usually your favorite kind of time — you may fall asleep with your head resting on a book and awaken to discover you've absorbed the book's contents, but it's more probable you'll have a terrific dream containing an idea or insight that you've longed for. Inspirational vibes continue through the weekend; meditate and socialize only with those whose character and/or accomplishments uplift and stimulate your imagination. On Sunday, call or write a grandparent or other loved ones.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You get all the hugs and kisses you ever wanted, and maybe it even gets a little smothering, being so cared for. On Wednesday, your friends surprise you — an old pal from home may show up without prior notice, or call with an exciting party invitation. Many scheduling changes occur Wednesday, too, in class meetings and social plans. In organizational doings, the team is the thing, and you'll be expected to sacrifice personal time, if necessary, to meet these responsibilities, especially this weekend. On Sunday, parties and group studies are favored; the planets suggest that round-table study is the ticket for you in 1992.

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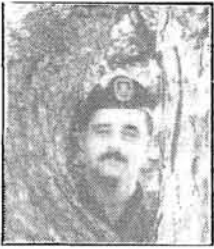
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In This Corner



Matteucci Says Sports At UMSL Insignificant

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

I learned a little bit about business last week. Maybe if I would sprinkle in a few economics courses with the many, many writing classes I've taken, I could understand why I had to put a condom ad on my banner page.

I'm sure everyone realized the paper was a thin six pages long. This was because our favorite publication, *The Current*, has come under economic stress lately.

So this violation of most journalism standards was overlooked because, remember, what you see is nothing but students trying hard to keep you informed.

So, when it was mentioned that Paul Matteucci, the student representative to the University of Missouri Board of Curators, recommended in a SGA meeting Jan. 22, that any funding for athletics be cut completely, I grinned and put on the gloves.

Matteucci, you'll remember, pilfered \$1,000 last year out of your student activity funds for a little vacation in Denver with his buddies. I always wondered where politicians got their start.

Julie Schwetz, vice president of SGA, also came under investigation for having her parking tickets fixed. Ahh, what a pair. Vacation money for the taking. Juice with campus police. What more could a couple of young politicians want?

Sure, Matteucci paid the money back and Schwetz was cleared of any violations, but these were acts that should have led to dismissal.

The ludicrous part of Matteucci's statement last week was that he admitted to not ever attending a single UM-St. Louis athletic event. As you can guess, this went over well in the athletic department.

"If you cut athletics from a university as large as this one, you might as well make it a correspondence school," men's basketball Assistant Coach Bill Walker said.

Walker said such a proposal, if passed, would be detrimental to all other programs.

"You can't be self-serving in the position he's in," Walker said. "If his motives are his own, who knows, maybe his next target will be the choir program."

Let's just fire all staff members over in the athletic department and increase the unemployment figures some more in St. Louis.

It's self-serving, clueless people like Matteucci that are the problem with this country. Instead of being concerned with the interests of his job, which is to represent the approximately 60,000 students in the University of Missouri system, Matteucci creates a quick fix plan for the fragile departmental budgets.

When told that Matteucci had never attended an athletic event at UMSL, Athletic Director Chuck Smith said, "Anyone who is the representative for that many students should be taking part in the promotion of their school's athletics."

"I don't understand how he can be critical of athletics here when he has obviously not been involved in any aspect."

Smith said university athletics are vital because it makes students feel good about where they are going to school.

Matteucci's plan would eliminate not only about 200 fine athletes, but many who are academically at the head of the class.

If Paul realized the magnitude of his statement, he would go over to Mark Twain and apologize.

Bad Officiating Hampers Riverwomen

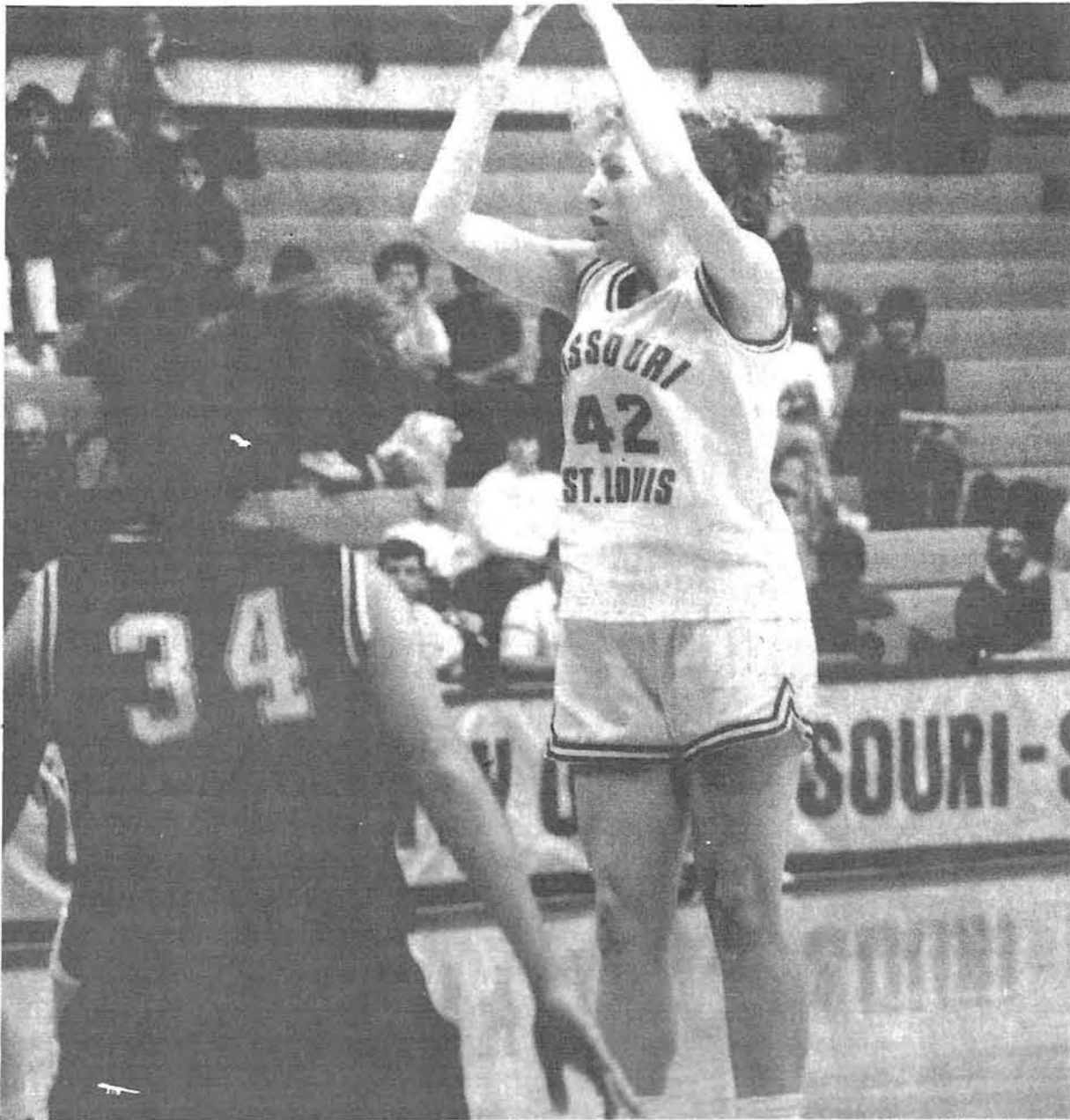


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WALK ON AIR: Riverwoman Tammy Putnam defies gravity attempting to pass the ball.

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

In most sports, aggressiveness usually equals winning. The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen admittedly play a fast-paced, rambunctious style of basketball, but according to some of the players this may be costing them fouls.

"It seems that the refs have two separate rules for men and women in the way they call games," center Liz Squibb said. "They don't accept that we can be physical without getting hurt," she said.

Riverwomen Head Coach Bobbi Morse said she has been less than pleased with the officiating all year, and the players agree.

Usually these are complaints that players have when out on the road, but one player, who didn't want to be identified, said, "They routinely make over thirty bad calls a game. It's becoming a joke."

Officiating aside, the Riverwomen (8-10) won't be laughing if they fail to win any of the three conference games on the road they face. They beat Lincoln, 118-73, last Wednesday at home, and then traveled to Pittsburg State on Feb. 1 to face the Gorillas, who are tied for second in the MIAA.

If the Riverwomen continue to coast after getting a comfortable lead, it may start to cost them games. Both Morse and the players have said this is because the team hasn't developed a "killer instinct."

Last Monday against Quincy, the Riverwomen were dominating the first

half, and at one point led 23-9. After Quincy tied the game, Morse had seen enough. Tammy Putnam came to the rescue and grabbed 22 rebounds. She also scored 26 points in the final 93-77 victory.

Putnam, who is the career rebounding leader, is averaging over 10 rebounds a game, and is shooting a respectable 45 percent from the field.

"Tammy has played more relaxed this year," Morse said. "We know she is going to take care of the boards for us, and her shooting is a real plus."

The injury bug caught up with the Riverwomen against Southwest Baptist when starting guard Rhonda Moore twisted a knee on a lay-up attempt. Morse said her condition was day-to-day, and Danielle LaMette would start in her place.

"Moore's absence will definitely hurt us offensively, but Danielle adds more quickness to the lineup," Morse said.

LaMette transferred from State Fair Community College, where she played with current teammate Squibb.

"I was nervous coming out and starting for the first time," LaMette said. "After my second start I began to get nervous, but after I grabbed a couple of rebounds, I told myself to stop worrying," she said.

The victory over Lincoln improved the Riverwomen's MIAA record to 5-2, and they are tied for first in the conference. Morse said the team was in about the same situation last year.

"I think it's safe to say we have to win one of these three road games to

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Second Half The "Pits" For Rivermen

by Matt Forsythe
Current Staff

Second-half doldrums continue to plague the UM-St. Louis Rivermen. This time, it was the Lincoln University Tigers turn, as they took advantage of Rivermen mental errors and won 71-70, last Wednesday, at the Mark Twain building.

The Rivermen are 8-9 overall and 3-4 in conference play. Lincoln is 5-11 and 2-5.

Cory Oliver led the Rivermen with 17 points. Leon Kynard chipped in 14 points.

"We've been in every game, but we've made ill advised mistakes at ill advised times," said Assistant Coach Chico Jones. "We need to be a little more patient when we get behind."

Scott Crawford, a 6'5" forward, agreed with Jones.

"The talent is here, but we have only been playing 30 minute basketball," Crawford said.

"We play well the whole time, but we panic at the end of the game," he said.

"[It's a] second-half mental let down," Guard Barry Graskewicz said. "We lost a few games that we could have turned around, and with a few key games we could have been 12-4."

"That's a big difference."

Guard Leon Kynard saw the problem in terms of personal responsibility.

"I need to really take over when the

game is on the line. When we're in the second half in a winnable game, and we get down a basket, that is the time for me to take over and get everybody to settle down."

The Rivermen were sluggish in the first half, but then with some solid play hammered out a 37-32 lead by half-time.

In the second half, the Rivermen came out and played a relentless offense and a grinding defense.

With 6:43 remaining in the game they led by eight points, and looked as if they were about to polish off the Tigers.

The Tigers then took advantage of some missed passes and sloppy play to sneak back into the game. With 1:44 left, the Tiger's Tyrone Allen sunk a reverse lay-up to put Lincoln on top 67-66.

Joel Mitchell's tip-in shot secured a victory for Lincoln.

The Rivermen played for the last shot, but fell short. Kynard's twelve foot shot hit off the front of the rim.

Head Coach Rich Meckfessel said after the game against Lincoln, "[It was] a very disappointing game." "Maybe we expected too much from this team given the three members that graduated, but there is no reason to play as bad as we have this year."

With two road games coming up Meckfessel said, "all those teams are light years better than Lincoln. Its going to be tough, but somehow we have to find a way to be a respectable team."

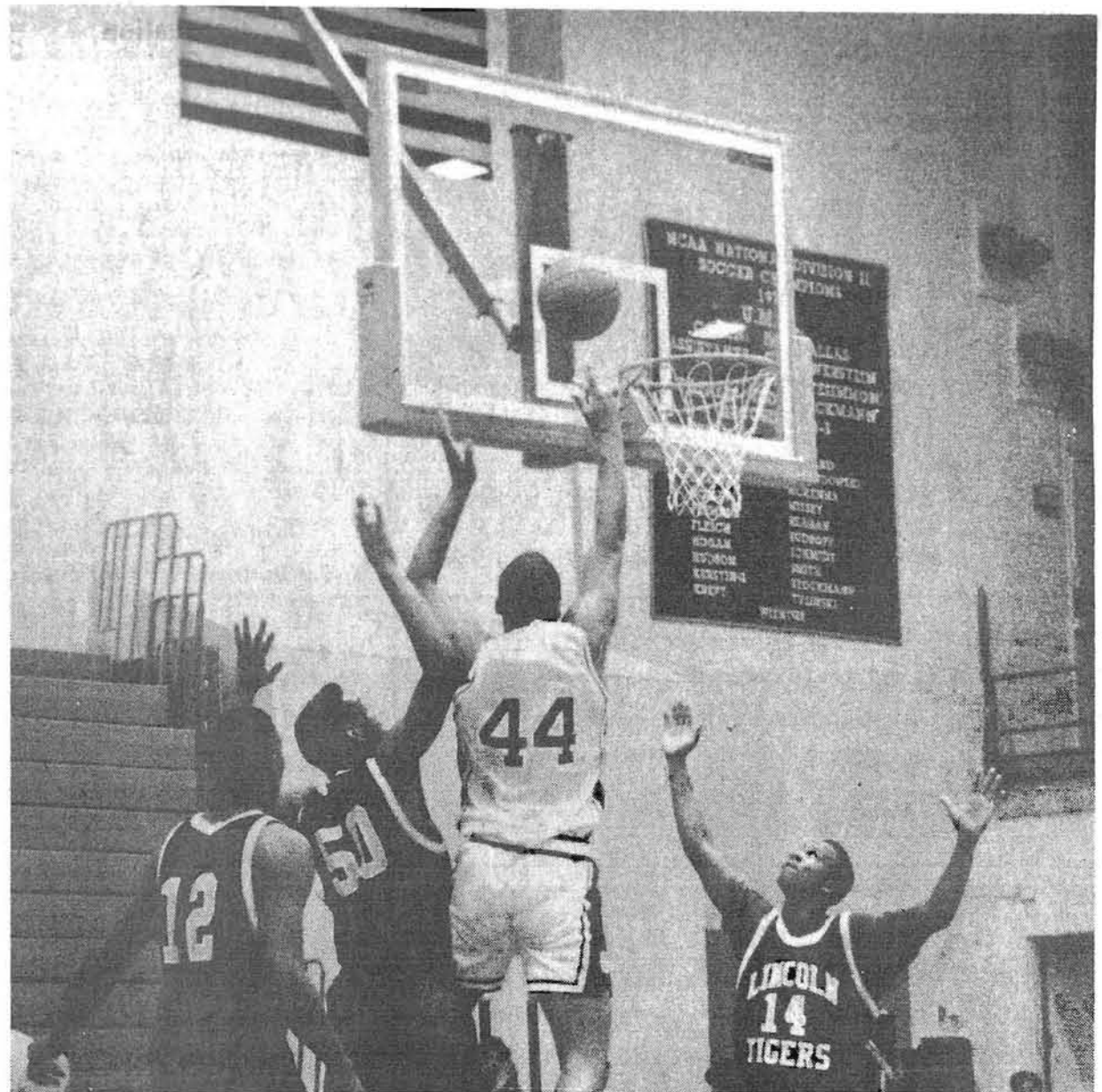


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SPLIT THE D.: Jermaine Morris drives to the hoop in a loss last week against Lincoln U.

Wash. U. Meet Sparks Rivermen

by Arlel Lestat
Current sports reporter

UM-St. Louis swimming Coach Mary Liston said the Washington University International meet, Jan. 24 and 25, marked a turning point in the team's season. As a team, the Rivermen finished third.

After finishing first in last year's meet, the Rivermen had first place finishes in the 100-yard butterfly, 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, and they soundly thumped the competition in four of the relays.

Even though Liston's swimmers were not in peak shape for the meet, she said it was still a solid team performance.

"Coming off holiday training, no one was shaved or rested, and we still

had a season of best swims," Liston said.

Sophomore Ted Fischer finished first in the 100-yard butterfly, and Jeff Heveroh was a double winner in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Devlin McDonough, Jeff Heveroh, Fischer, and Mike Brickey set a pool record of 1:36.39, eclipsing the old mark set by Emory University by three seconds.

In the 400-yard medley relay, McDonough, Fischer, Heveroh, and Waldo Roither combined to finish first, out-distancing the competition by five seconds.

UM-St. Louis only managed third

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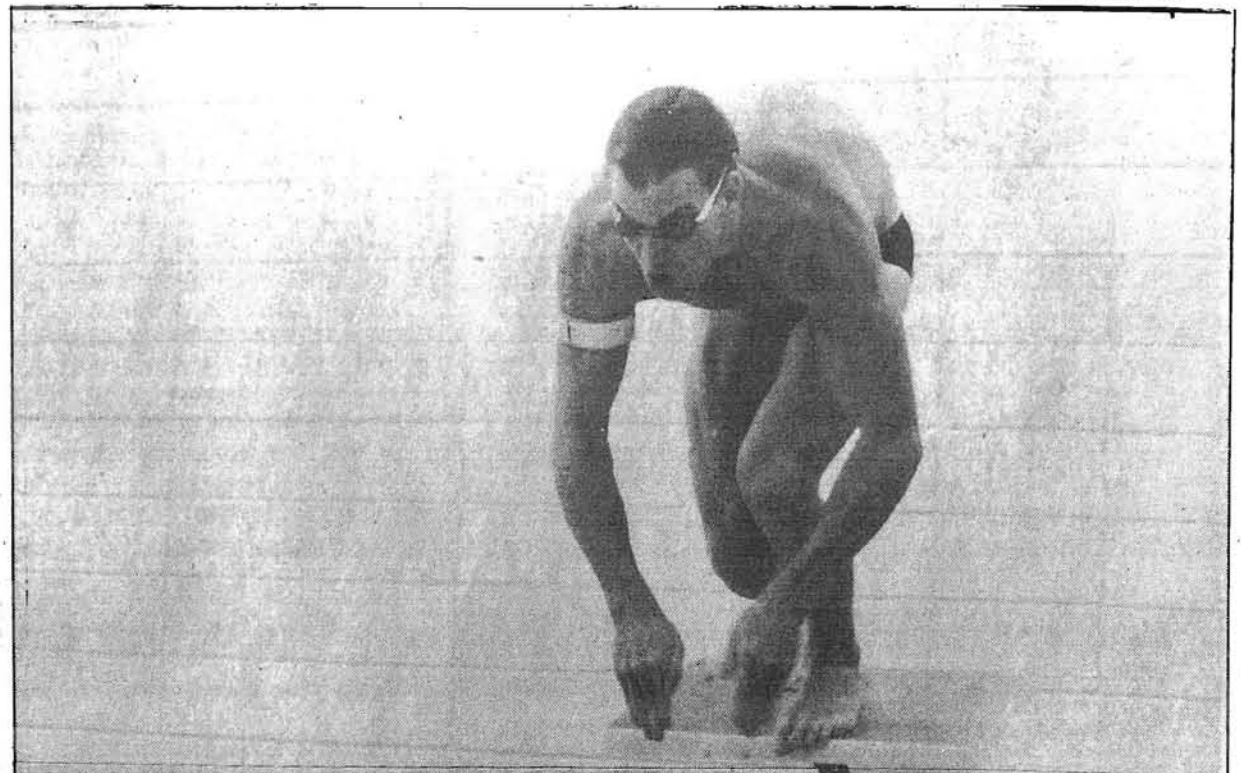


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AERODYNAMICS: Mike Brickey is the fastest man in the midwest in the 50-yard freestyle.

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in the overall standings because their squad is much smaller; they have no divers; and they have no competitors in the distance events.

Cheryl Stevenson and Amy Bono finished with 24 points and defeated William Jewel College. Both compete as men in dual meets, and train with the program all season. Kerin Beall also trains and competes with the program, but did not compete in the meet at Washington University.

The Rivermen travel to Grinnell, Ia., for a two-day meet. There will be eight other colleges, and this is the first year UM-St. Louis has competed in the meet.

Brickey has recovered from a bowling accident, and fellow national qualifier, Heveroh, seems to have rebounded from a nagging shoulder injury.

"I'm looking for strong performances from our team leaders to set the pace for the competition," Liston said. "It's like a 'success flu' that you hope is highly contagious," she said.

The Rivermen have three athletes in the top 10 of their events, and all four sprint relays remain in the top 10. Mike Brickey is ranked as the number one 50-yard freestyle swimmer in NCAA Division II.

"These rankings give you an idea where you stand with your competitors, but nothing matters until you race each other," Brickey said.

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have a shot at the playoffs," Morse said. "Late in the year we stole two road wins at Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State, and that put us in the playoffs."

Sophomore forward Nancy Heseaman said turnovers were keeping the team from sustaining any momentum. The Riverwomen are averaging over 24 turnovers a game, and if they give Central Missouri State or Washburn that many freebies they'll get buried.

"We like to run and gun it," Heseaman said. "Sometimes we get caught up in the running game and don't have the proper people on the court to defense it," she said.

This Saturday the Riverwomen wrap up the three-game road trip at CMSU. The Jennies have beaten the Riverwomen 22 straight times, dating back to 1975.

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Women's Volleyball Coach Denise Silvester guided the Riverwomen to a 39-11 mark in 1991.

Silvester has won over 300 games as coach of four different college teams.

In 1986 Silvester earned Coach of the Year honors, and in 1987 led the team to an astounding 49-9 record.

Silvester also works in the Mark Twain Building as assistant athletic director.



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