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News Thongs

Obscure law gives sweet revenge to curatoress

Student Curator Mariah Curtsey has turned the tables on Gov. Blunt after his recent attempt to cut her term short with the Board of Curators. Curtsey found an old piece of legislation dated 69 B.C. that states the term of the governor of Misery shall be no more than five seconds. The explicit term limits are stated in Misery statute 1.096.321.578.903.633 and one-half.

"The Guv has served well over five seconds. This issue clearly needs to be addressed," Curtsey said.

"Off the record, I don't know about the rest of Missouri, but I'd like my 7,875,603, no four, wait, five seconds back. But don't quote me on that. Wait, why does that recorder still have a red light on? Oh, the red light means it's off? Okay."

New club finds new, unwanted fanbase

A group of brain devouring zombies recently assaulted the newly established student organization Ad Corps last Thursday at its regularly scheduled meeting in the Pilot House. After suffering minor flesh wounds, the group escaped and returned safely to their homes.

However, suspicions of their health status arose after the debut of their most recent ad campaign recruitment effort: "Ad Corpse: We feast for creative minds. We'll eat the competition alive. Auughh..."

Eyewitness accounts said they have seen Ad Corps members nibbling affectionately at the scalps of their classmates. After careful medical inspection, campus doctors decided to give club members jobs at La Cerebro Loca, now serving the best in brain burritos and questionable cuisine.

DRAG QUEENS EVERYWHERE

Curator Wastinger was right: The transvestites are infiltrating – and corrupting – UMSL

BY FRANK LEE MISGUIDED
Staph Infection

First, PRIZM brought drag queens for a one-night-only performance at the Pilot House. Then, they show up on the front page of *The Current* each week.

Drag queens, it seems, have no intentions of stopping there.

It appears that UM Curator David Wastinger's worst fears have been realized, with drag queens running rampant throughout the campus.

In gaudy makeup, fishnet stockings and pink feather boas, normal students are becoming desensitized to the drag queen menace that seems to have no intention of stopping soon.

"At first I found them morally reprehensible," said Pat Buchanan, senior, morality and ethics.

"But now they're starting to grow on me...I see them in the quad playing Frisbee and drinking lattés in the MSC. Now I think it's pretty cool. I mean, who wouldn't want to run around in women's clothing all day?"

In the cafeteria, classrooms and study circles all over campus, drag queens have been rapidly assimilated into the general student population, which has led to some confusion for professors.

"I've been getting all of these tests that have names like 'Divine Afrodiesiac' and 'Femme Fatale,'" said Mark Mywords, professor of dry cleaning. "It's kind of messing up my record keeping to have all of these drag queen names."

An official with the office of Admissions said that in response to complaints from professors and the booming drag queen population, it was considering adding a new item on the admissions form.

"Basically we're looking at whether we should add an official line for 'Drag Queen Aliases' on the admissions form. That way there wouldn't be any confusion."

Meanwhile, UM Curator Wastinger has been bristling at the increased androgyny at the UMSL campus.

"I told them. They wouldn't listen, but I told

On the web

For more photographic evidence that drag queens are taking over the campus, visit

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Photos by Kate Drools/ *The Stagnant*

Three hideously unattractive, unshaven and unfashionable drag queens strut their stuff around the Millennium Student Center on Friday afternoon. UMSL officials have requested that for the sake of campus decency, all students should report any drag queen sightings immediately to the office of UM Curator David Wastinger.

them that those queens wouldn't stop," said Wastinger. "I'm no holy roller, but the good book doesn't mention anything letting men dress up like hot little ladies with tight little curves and soft supple legs...and...oh...dammit! Impure thoughts, again!"

A UMSL spokesman, Bob Rambles, said the drag queen controversy is taking up a major part of the chancellor's working week.

"Well, first he's got to make daily apologies to the Board of Curators, which is humiliating enough, but then he's also got drag queens climbing up on the piano every time he plays and laying all sultry-like."

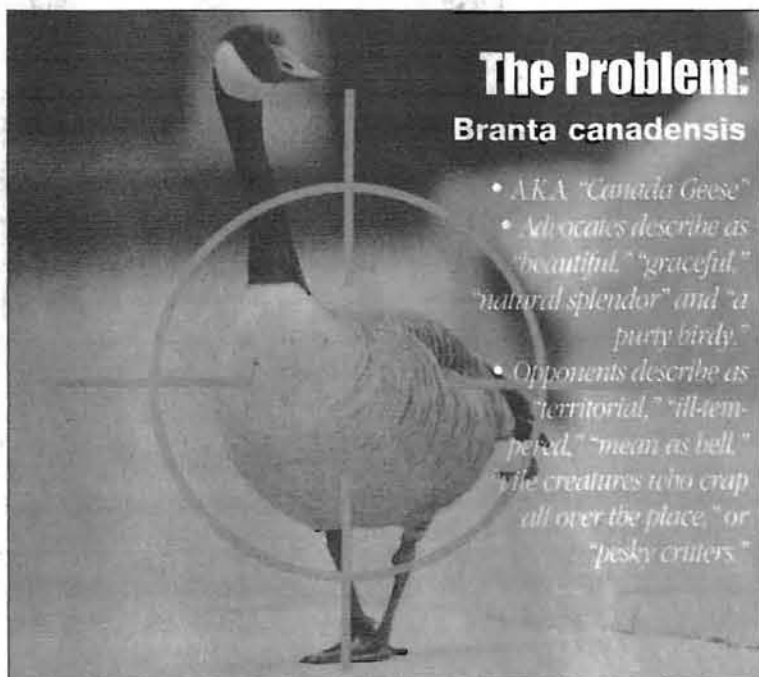
Rambles added, "Personally, I think they're pretty hot, but there's a lot of holy rollers out there who just don't get the appeal."

A new student group, Queens for Campus Equality, has been flying on the bridge, trying to recruit new drag queens and also to invite people to their weekly parties, which have grown to rival those of the Pikes and the Sig Taus.

"You haven't seen a sexy legs party, until you've seen me in fishnets," said the group's recruitment coordinator.



Drag queens RuPaul Hackeysack and Trixie Wiseass conduct a flying campaign to recruit more campus converts to the drag queen lifestyle. "We be some sexy sassy beeotchess," said Wiseass. "Wanna come out and play, sugar?"



The Problem: Branta canadensis

- AKA "Canada Geese"
- Advocates describe as "beautiful," "graceful," "natural splendor" and "a pure binty."
- Opponents describe as "territorial," "ill-tempered," "mean as bell," "the creatures who crap all over the place," or "pesky critters"

The Solution: Dick Cheney

- AKA "Vice president"
- Advocates describe as "slightly creepy," "a bit scary," and "a really bad shot."
- Opponents describe as "really creepy," "scary," "a bad, bad, evil man," and "a really, really terrible shot."



Forget plastic coyotes, dogs and oiled eggs

UMSL has new weapon in fight against campus geese

BY RUPAUL HACKY-SACK
Boy in a Dress

After failed attempts of using a plastic coyote, a three-legged dog and a scarecrow (which came to life, started walking down a yellow brick road, promptly got hit by a car and died) to scare away the geese on campus, UMSL officials have decided to take a different course of action.

University administrators hired Vice President Dick Cheney (also known as Dick Ball'n'Chainey) as the new weapon of choice for scaring the geese off University property.

"We heard about his spectacular and renowned hunting skills and thought what better way to get rid of those pesky critters on campus than to use his expertise," said Dan D. Lyons, groundskeeper at UMSL.

Cheney comes to UMSL with a strong background including having

heart problems, shooting attorneys, having low approval ratings and being very picky when choosing a hotel room.

The new weapon of mass destruction spoke at a press conference to concerned faculty, students and administrators last Wednesday near the lakes. Ambulances and SWAT teams were on hand in case of any accidents.

In his speech, Cheney explained that hunting quail has become extremely difficult since many hunters started using quail feathers as camouflage instead of the usual shades of green and brown. Compared to quails, he said exterminating geese should be as easy as persuading Congress to go to war.

"To be honest, quail hunting is a lot harder, especially in Texas, where the fine-feathered fowl walk around masquerading as attorneys and lawyers," he said.

"I look forward to hunting professors, I mean, geese. Sorry. I just hope the

students, wait, I mean, Canada geese, oh man, I did it again, don't learn the same tricks as the quails did, or we may be in for some big trouble," he said, laughing nervously.

In addition to annihilating unwanted birds from UMSL property, Cheney also announced he had appointed himself instructor of a new hunting class that would take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

After listening to five seconds of babbling nonsense, students, professors, reporters and Dame Johansson (oh no) fielded questions to the newly appointed goose tamer.

Stargate SG-1 President Pet Dander Braddix bravely approached the podium and asked about a previous incident involving Cheney shooting a fellow hunter, to which the vice president replied, "Go #@!*&% yourself!"

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Tues., April 4

National Hug a Ninja Day

A real, live ninja will be standing in front of the Nosh today waiting for hugs. He will be the guy all dressed in black with a mask holding a knife, poised ready to kill. DUMSL will not be responsible for those who are injured, killed or whose hugs are rejected by the ninja

Wed., April 5

Job Fair

The Big United Registered Group of Economic Realistic Future Life

Investment Possibility People for Encouraging Realism in Society will be holding its annual job fair at DUMSL. The event will allow students to have a glance into their most likely future career paths immediately after college. The event is free of charge and membership to the society is \$26, unless you want fries with that, then it will be only an additional thirty cents.

Egg Hunt

The Cottonail Committee will be sponsoring a campus-wide egg hunt all day. Pete Cottontail, founder and director of the committee, will be hopping along the bunny trail and coming to DUMSL personally to hide

the eggs. The event is rejecting any implications of religion so nobody will bitch about it.

Thurs., April 6

Another Fucking Drag Show

The Group for Academic Youth will be holding the event in the MSC Crack House at 7:30 p.m. Aditya Boofriend will be hosting the event. Boofriend says this drag show will offer more gay lap dances than previous campus drag shows and will also cause more drama. He will be available for questions and comments and makeup tips after the show. The event will cost \$5 to students and \$3 to students who come to the event in drag

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themselves. Free kittens will be given to the first eighty-five students to walk through the door.

War is Poopy

Another expert will be speaking about how bad war is, for students that still don't know that killing people isn't nice and that wars are poopy. It will be held in Century Room Q in the MSC at 2:15 p.m. There may also be some discussion of how bad pollution is, why you shouldn't make your mom cry and how babies can't feed themselves.

Announcements

Smoking Causes Cancer

DUMSL research has finally caught up with the rest of the world and discovered smoking does indeed cause cancer. Please feel free to continue smoking, nobody likes you anyway.

Don't Hit Yourself

Stop hitting yourself, I said stop, quit hitting yourself.

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Campus Crimeline

The following disturbingly stupid, mean and sometimes tragic incidents were reported to the DUMSL's elite crime fighting comandos between your mom's last birthday and tomorrow. Remember that eating vegetables is good for you, and anyone having information concerning these incidents should

realize that they never happened and we made them all up.

Your Mom's Last Birthday - Plastic Coyote Gunned Down-Your Mom's House

A student was arrested in the shooting of one of the plastic coyote that were formerly protecting campus lakes from geese. Tara D. Acctal,

sophomore, bladder reconstruction engineering, claims she shot the plastic coyotes forty times in self defense. The only witness to the incident was the other plastic coyote, whose whereabouts are unknown. Acctal claims the other coyote is armed and dangerous and drunk off the power of goose management.

Tomorrow - Stealing Under \$1 and Two Sticks of Gum - MSC Bathroom Stall

A student reported two pennies and possibly a dime were stolen from his pocket. "I thought I had that much change in my pocket, it might have fallen out, but I think it was stolen," said the student.

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Blunt: Screw MOHELA, I'm selling the UM System

Campuses will go on sale on popular auction site, Ebay

BY FRANK LEE MISGUIDED
Staph Infection

Under a new proposal, Gov. Matt Blunt will sell all of the state's public universities in order to raise capital funds "to improve the quality of higher education in Missouri."

Blunt plans to offer the campuses individually on eBay, starting April 19. Blunt said while he expects the sales to generate \$25 billion, he will start the auction "with a low starting bid and no reserve."

Blunt will use the bulk of the proceeds from the sale to promote biotechnology development in the state, although he said 13 percent would go toward a scholarship fund for public university students to complete their degrees.

A deal has been struck, Blunt said, with DegreeOnline.com, a Web site that offers cut-rate degree programs over the Internet. Each student would also receive a free copy of "Online Education for Dummies."

Blunt said the idea came to him after researching the sale of MOHELA assets last year.

"This goes to show you that the private sector can always provide the same services the state does, but cheaper and more efficiently," Blunt said. "Students get a degree, the state

picks up the tab, and we still have billions left over."

According to DegreeOnline's Web site, the company offers "an affordable alternative to traditional four year degree programs." The site says

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an average degree program takes 10-12 weeks at a cost of \$399. Degrees offered include typing, remedial reading, basic penmanship and waste disposal management.

The Better Business Bureau said it has on file numerous complaints about DegreeOnline, which is headquartered in Reno. The company has been on the bureau's watch list since 2004.

The company was investigated in

2004 by the Department of Justice, who labeled the business "a reprehensible diploma mill," and planned to shut down the business. However, a letter-writing campaign by DegreeOnline alumni, including the college's most distinguished alumnus, President George W. Bush, helped save the online school.

"We are not only going to provide for the education of thousands of Missourians," Blunt said. "But our new funding will bring in thousands of jobs, helping to ensure Missourians have steady access to high-paying jobs in the exciting biotech sector."

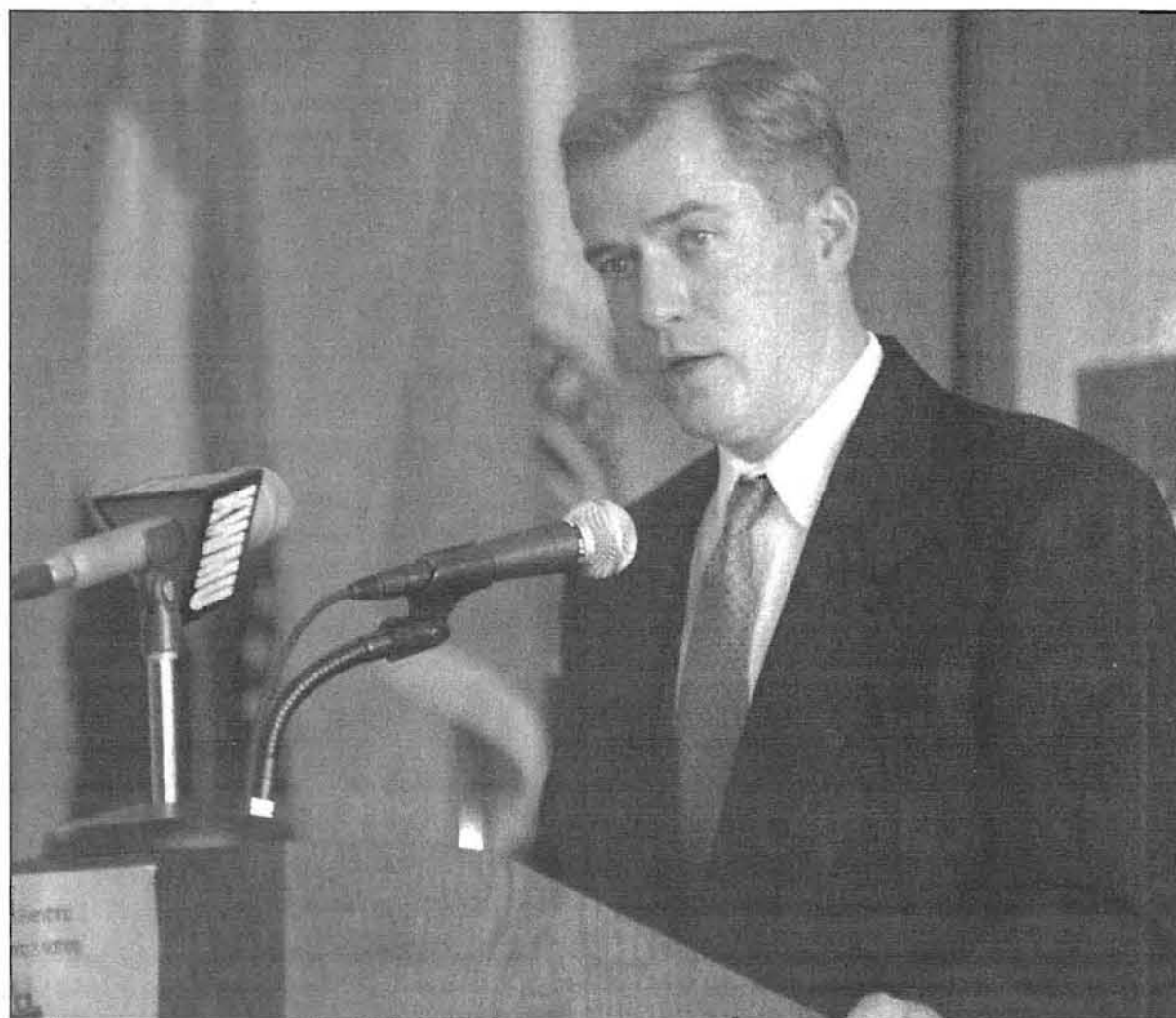
Experts in higher education claim that the change will give the majority of high-wage jobs to students graduating from more expensive, private universities. Online-degree recipients, experts say, may be limited to clerical work, or pushing brooms at the new biotech companies.

"Boo-hoo," Blunt said. "Who ever said life was fair? Besides, what's wrong with pushing a broom?"

Meanwhile, university officials are bristling at the proposed changes.

In an e-mail to UM System President Elson Floyd, Chancellor Thomas George wrote, "EBAY? WTF?"

Floyd responded with a poignant emoticon, ':('



Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt speaks at a press conference Monday, announcing plans to sell all public universities at an Ebay auction. He said there would be a low starting bid and no reserve, but he expects the state to take in several billion dollars.

UMSL study shows babies learn language by associating "objects" with "words"

BY MYRONIUS REX
Staph Infection

Future mothers and fathers should know that babies associate words with objects when learning language. The study was performed by an UMSL specialist in babies from infant months to teenage years.

Kids were observed with their parents during an ordinary day because the doctors wanted to catch families in simple interactions.

For instance, a mother and son duo

was followed in San Antonio. The mother picked up a can of \$2.59 green beans and said it was a rip-off five times. The kid began to mimic this verbiage from infant years to early youth.

A father and daughter duo in New York were followed as well. While holding his 10 month old daughter, he called a cab driver a sore loser, amongst other names. Like the study proved, she mimicked this same behavior until her early teens.

According to the DUMSL doctors, if the infants are not taught the correct

associations of objects with words, when they become teens they will have to undergo intense neurological surgery to discard these incorrect associations of words with certain objects.

The doctors feel that irony in language is an epidemic and that maybe philosophy and/or poetry had something to do with it. However, they note that 90 percent of American children experience this phenomenon.

As of now, there is no cure for those who have the disease known as "incorrecto objecto with associatio-sus," besides the surgery.

However, doctors predict that by 2010, 110 percent of American babies will be affected by this phenomenon when trying to form their first words.

Student caught masticating in the Nosh

BY B.J. NUTTER, B.A.
(PENDING)

Staph Infection

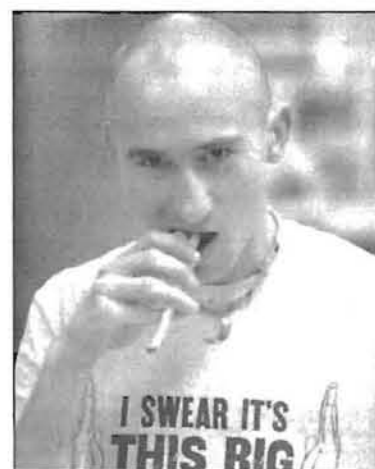
Last week several people in the Nosh claimed they felt "horrified" after Boyd Pickup, sophomore, worthless languages, gripped his buffalo chicken wrap with two hands and openly and vigorously masticated.

"He was really going at it," said Amber Gleakson, junior, espionage. "It was totally disgusting."

Nosh employee Crankia Grump was also disturbed by Pickup's public display and said she is considering filing for worker's compensation.

"I feel completely violated," said Grump. "And I think I have hysterical blindness in one eye. Naturally I've seen some gross stuff here before, especially in the area of the salad bar, but this was far, far worse."

Pickup said he was unperturbed



Boyd Pickup, masticator

Well, maybe not if you're in a coma." Pickup's only friend, Andy Ruzeeka, was not present that day but he defended his cousin's behavior.

"Boyd is a little gung-ho in his mastication practices and sometimes he wears himself out, but I think he keeps it under control most of the time," said Ruzeeka. "I mean, we were both masticating in a movie theater last night and nobody complained."

Ruzeeka also pointed out that studies prove that men masticate more frequently and with more gusto than women and that, "these chicks just have a stick up their butt and need to get over it."

Chancellor Tom George said that he is a long-time supporter of mastication and did not see the need to reprimand Pickup.

"I definitely advocate masticating on a regular basis," said George.

by the complaints and that he doubted the newsworthiness of his mastication habits.

"I masticate at least three times a day, same as most," said Pickup. "Everyone does it for God's sake."

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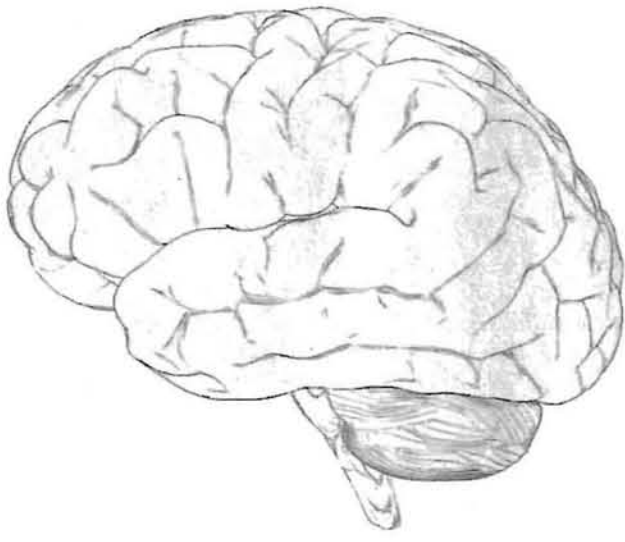
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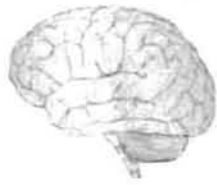
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The Vogue Librarian

T.J. Library renamed after Tampons

REX LIBRIS Reference Librarian

The Thomas Jefferson Library has been recently renamed the "Kotex Maxipad Memorial Library" in honor of the largest donation ever received from a corporation by the University: \$12.16. All students will receive a double pack of 44 Kotex curved pads in their orientation packages starting next year. Each pad has been silk screened with the message "UMSL Libraries - Absorb Knowledge!" The "Current Pornographic Books and Magazines" section of the library has recently received a grant from Hustler magazine for the purchase of new materials needed to replace items in this heavily used collection. Students wishing to be on the selection board can contact librarian Hugh G. Dick for more information. This is difficult work and will require board members to spend hours poring over pornographic magazines and books. Come one come all! Recent reports are coming in that the Dean of Libraries has been bor-

rowing the famed "Death Mask of Napoleon Bonaparte" normally housed on level 2 at the entrance to the main collection of the Mercantile Library. It has been confirmed that after donning the mask the head of the University's Libraries has been seen prancing around loudly proclaiming in a French accented falsetto, "I am zee Emperor of the Libraries! Bow down and obey my commands!" The libraries new motto, "What the fuck do YOU want?" has been approved by the Faculty Senate's University Library Committee. When asked for comment, Committee Chairperson Dr. Hugh Jass stated, "We believe this friendlier approach to public services will result in a more satisfying experience for students and faculty researchers. Now get the hell out of my face!" In other library business, placement of a "tip" jar at the Reference Desk was approved by the Emperor of the Libraries. In this pilot project, the probability of helpful assistance from a Librarian will be dependent

upon the size of the tip given. It is estimated that tips of \$5.00 or more will result in researchers being referred to, and assisted in the use of, appropriate resources. Lesser tips will result in less accurate information, while those refusing to donate any money will be intentionally given wrong answers. An observer noted the following interaction with a non-tipping student: Student: Um, I'm writing a paper on abortion. Do you have any materials on the subject? Librarian: Que? Lo siento, non hablo ingles, çabron. Este pais es Colombia. Related news concerns the Periodicals Department's announced intention to replace all subscriptions to scholarly publications with subscriptions to The Onion. Not only will this save scarce budgeted funds, students are more likely to write better papers. "It's not as if professors actually check to see if what the students are writing is true, now is it?" said Ina Boobyhead, head of the Reference Department.

Editor's Viewpoint

My master Plan pimps out DUMSL



PAUL HACKBARTH News Editor

After four years of working at the newspaper, I've learned enough to hold degrees in civil engineering, tropical botany and ancient Greek and military special ops. Thus, I feel confident proposing a new master plan for DUMSL, as I'm obviously more qualified to make one than the Chancellor and his dinky little neuroscience degree.

envelopes, it will also encourage students to buy the new \$88/credit hour MetroStink pass-

First order of business in DUMSL's improved master plan: increase Toupac performing arts center attendance. Let's appeal to the urban hip-hop crowd. Instead of using the money we get for selling MOHELA on Ebay for scholarships, we're going to spend it on blingin' out the Toupac.

on south campus. Rather than hiring regular staff, the company can make students pay for room and board by forcing them to manufacture and test experimental prescription drugs.

In the wise words of a hometown rapper, "go rob a jewelry store, tell 'em make me a grill." (By jewelry store, he obviously meant the fine folks of Missouri.) A gleaming platinum grill can take the place of the windows and will act like a bat signal at night, shining into the clouds and beckoning local audiences to attend shows. Diamond studded seats and VIP lounges instead of actor dressing rooms will serve as the optimal environment for fans of big name rap artists and symphonic orchestras alike.

Since Benton Hall's infrastructure is worse than that of the former Busch Stadium, the building should be demolished immediately to make room for DUMSL's new baseball field. All biology classes will be moved to the Nosh, where students will have the unique opportunity to examine the effect year-old grease has on frozen chicken breasts. The baseball team can use their five-fingered discount to acquire wrecking equipment for Benton's destruction, and once the job is finished, they can play ball.

A chromed out throne covered in exotic fur and other lavish bling will honor the Toupac's namesake, Chancellor Emeritus and up-and-coming rapper Lil' Blanche.

DUMSL can save some serious cash by blowing up (or simply turning off) the main power. The campus saved quite a few bucks this year when school was cancelled because of power outages, so making this a permanent change would reduce our dependence on state funding. SGA has already approved a new student fee to purchase scented candles for Dander Braddox's office, and they could easily amend the resolution to include all DUMSL classrooms. Not only would this improvement be cost effective for campus, it's infinitely eco-friendly and nice smelling.

Another way to capitalize on existing structures for DUMSL improvement involves turning the Express Scripts park into a parking lot/extra airfield for the airport. Only a short, asbestos walk from campus, the Express Scripts park will benefit DUMSL and the local aviation community.

I've submitted this proposal to the Chancellor and his cronies for review at their next croquet tournament, so look forward to seeing changes around DUMSL in the coming months. Until then, I leave you with the inspiring, poetic and deeply relevant words of that soulful local hip-hop artist: "[DUMSL] only want me for my pimp juice [and masta plan]. Oooooo-ooooo."

I wish I was an Oscar Mayer wiener



BY BELLE LONEY Former Happy Camper

That's right, I wish that I could be an Oscar Mayer wiener. No, not because that is what I truly want to be, it's not even close to what I truly want to be.

Burger Flipping class. If that fun wasn't enough, student loans loom over your head. You know you'll have to pay for those, too, someday. I'm glad my Managing Techniques for Prostitution class will come in handy when the loan money takers come knocking on my door.

I want to be happy, I want to not have a lonely, pathetic existence never being good enough or doing anything right.

I just think that all of that has to be the end of all the bad things, but it's just the icing on the hostess cupcake I bought myself for my last birthday, which I spent alone.

At this point in my life, I just feel that being ground up and thrown together with all sorts of mystery animal parts (beaver tails, deer fur, gerbil toes, etc.) would be better than this crap.

I thought having a social life would be an awesome thing to do while attending college. Parties and new people, maybe even a chance to find that special someone.

You all know where I'm coming from here, going to school full-time and working your booty off to make passing grades. Then the weekend rolls around and you have to work to pay for school and the booze that gets you through that early morning Introduction to the Biological Art of

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Know It All Bored

- SPIKE SHERWIN GREAT DROLET MELISSA MCGSCARY RUPAUL HACKBARTH PATTI LEE CHRISTINE EGGBEATER THREE WISEMAN MAPLE SYRUP LINDSEY BARESITALL MELISSA S. NINJA

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LETTERS

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Comments? Questions?

Keep 'em to yourself.



Kate Drools Senior, Frolicking

I masturbated my hamster daily and drank a lot of Tang.



Lisa Shady Freshman, Bible Study

Barry Bonds. A couple of times.



Robin Hood Junior, Medieval Costuming

I roamed the forest stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. And I met this hot chick who digs guys in tights.



Señor Pacino Senior, Female Anatomical Studies

I made my mom cry. Twice.

Under Stagnant

by Ron Burgundy Goat stalker

What did you do for Spring Break

Upcoming Events

Girthday brings tons of fun for all

MAPLE SYRUP

Pocket-Sized Reporter

It's back. And it's bigger and more buttery than ever.

UMSL's annual spring celebration of gluttony and gaiety, hosted by the University Program Bored and Student Strife, will include food, carnival rides, booths, games, food, free entertainment, food and a falafel eating contest provided by Fartsmells.

Girthday takes place on April something in Parking Lot Double D in front of the Marvelous Stupid Center by the two puddles.

The celebration will feature live music all day long (and wide) with nationally known headlining band Real Big Tush.

"We were trying to get other musicians like Fat Boy Slim to perform, but the name was deceiving. Cake sounded like a good prospect too, but we went with our gut and chose the band we thought would appeal to the tastes of students the most," said Casey Deeya, manager of music for the event. "Fat Joe was busy," she added.

In the campus cafeteria, students express excitement for the annual pants party.

"I've been fasting all spring break for this!" said Hugh Jass, sophomore, poo-ology. "Abstaining from Fartsmells has really helped me pay off

my tuition!"

Another addition to the yearly festivities includes a chili cook-off. With over 20 campus clubs participating in the celebration, UPB Executive Eater Al Kaseltzer advises attendees to come with open minds and bellies.

"You might want to give yourself some time between booth hopping and carnival rides, too," said Kaseltzer.

"I'm drooling all over myself just thinking about it."

Some campus clubs and organizations involved are Campus Cascade of Rice, Kappa Kappa Chino, I Ate a Pi, FAT and the Pre-Med Club, who will be hosting free amateur colonoscopies.

Anticipated games like bobbing for bacon, onion ring toss, Russian roulette, hot sauce balloon toss and cakewalk will offer many prizes to participants including candy, frozen turkeys, leg of lamb, certificates for free liposuction and even complimentary barf bags.

Booths will receive prizes for best utilization of half a pound of hamburger meat, best burps and most delicious tent. Barry Shmelly, president and sole member of the UMSL Optimism Club, intends on building his club's tent out of graham crackers and love.

The newly established student-run campus radio station "101.9 and The Me" plans on hosting a "Yo Mama" freestyle joke battle.

Girthday

When: April Something

Where: Parking Lot Double D

What: Food, fun and more food



Girthday will give students the chance to stuff their faces with plenty of greasy, fatty, yummy girth-giving foods (like this chili dog).

"Yo mama so fat she's an eclipse of the sun / when she goes to the movies, she sits next to EVERYONE," practices Shmelly, also an aspiring MC who turns out to be quite the jerk. Sumo wrestlers, blimp artists and

morbidly obese clowns are only a few of the entertainers who will make their way through the carnival, which is geared not only towards students and staff but to the community and other freeloaders as well.

Carnival rides include the Sizzler, a ferris wheel made entirely out of cheese, and other rides, all with slower settings to accommodate guests with indigestion and anticipated heart problems.

"We've got paramedics on standby and easily accessible port-a-potties. Plenty of Johnny on the lot," reassured Kaseltzer. "It's gonna be hella phat." "I can't wait!" said Anna Rexiya, junior, yodeling.

Parking pass contest lets students show spirit

BY NIPPY SHOEMAKER

Staph Infection

The Department of Parking and the Parking Pass Committee are holding a contest for students displaying previous semester's parking passes in their car windows.

"The more passes still stuck to the window the better," said Norton Mathers, judge for the contest.

"We're hoping to find a car with ten passes or more for the first place prize," said Mathers. The contest will have three prizes to give away. Third place prize is a bottle of Windex and a window squeegee, second place is a large DUMSL window decal, and first place prize is a replacement rear window.

During an exclusive interview the Chairperson of the Parking Pass Committee, Runine Waters, was asked why offer a window replacement for the first prize. Obviously displaying that many parking passes is a sign of school spirit and should not be taken away. Waters declined to comment, pretended to hear a phone ring in the distance and then ran off.

"I know I will win", said Summer Winters, a ninth year freshman, undecided. "At first I was just hoping for the squeegee, but now I think I can even get the window decal", she said while posing in front of the 18 stickers on her rear car window.

"I don't know anyone who has been a more dedicated student than me," said Winters.

This is the first contest of its kind and was created to honor those students showing exceptional school spirit.

"It's one thing to display the parking passes on campus, but when I'm driving down the highway with my twelve sun faded stickers it's as if I'm saying to the world, look at \$1700 worth of stickers", said Eda Berger. "Now that's something to be proud of", said Berger.

So far there have been twenty entries into the contest and the competition looks stiff.

"The winners will be announced in two weeks", said Mathers.

There is still time to enter. Interested applicants need to submit pictures of the car window and a brief biography of their years spent at the university to parkingpasscontestapplyatthisemailaddressandwinoneofthreepizes@umsl.edu

Missed 3 weeks of algebra blamed on made-up illness

'Matlock' obsession apparently fueled absence

BY B.J. NUTTER, B.A.

(PENDING)

Staph Infection

Communications major Mary Anne Mota was busted this week for skipping an inordinate amount of algebra classes and was severely reprimanded after she botched various lies citing "medical issues" as a valid excuse.

Mota claims that her ditching spree and ensuing falsehoods were actually spurred by what she said was a gross addiction to "Matlock" and her lack of cable television.

"The first time I ditched, it was a one-time thing, I swear," said Mota. "I was hungover and happened to turn on 'Matlock.' But the episode was a two-parter and so I had to ditch again, to find out what happened. By then I was hooked."

Her instructor, Pete Willikens, said that he was offended most by the poor quality of her lies.

"First she said that she had caught diarrhea of the mouth, either from

eating spicy Indian food or from watching 'Donnybrook' on Channel 9, she wasn't sure," recalled Willikens. "When I told her that was a figurative ailment, she switched tactics and said that she had a "hyper-extended whatchamacallit," whose made-up symptoms included total memory loss of the name of the disease, the whereabouts of its documentation and the location of her car keys."

While widespread ditching and spring fever are expected pests at most universities this time of year, Willikens said that there was a far more important issue at stake.

"If we try to teach students anything here at DUMSL, it's this: stick to your story," said Willikens. "And don't be afraid to seek out the five commandments which are lie, lie, lie, deny, make counter-accusations."

Willikens also conceded that "a little bit of research and initiative never hurt anyone."

"Matlock" is a taut, sexy television drama that airs weekdays at 1pm on WB.



A student's addiction to 'Matlock' reruns led to a three week absence from one student's algebra class.

Campus dining facilities change regulations

BY MISSY DITZY

Woman of Many Hats

Over the last few years, Cartwheels and the Noose, the main eatery at UMSL, have offered students different payment options to enhance their campus dining experience.

Their payment options have allowed students the choice of either paying with cash, charging their lunch to their already tremendous college debt accounts, or by charging it on major credit cards. This year, Cartwheels Dining Service has implemented a new charge fee of \$25.

This new minimum fee went into effect after Cartwheels had a 60 percent food cost increase.

Wendy Robthem, food service director, said that she thinks the new charge amount is crucial for hungry students.

"We know college students are broke and that our prices are not cheap, but students have to eat and credit card companies will give them credit no matter what," Robthem said.

Even though there are many less expensive fast food restaurants located close to UMSL, Cartwheels is located right on campus and provides specialty items that most other restaurants do not carry.

Some of their specialty items include extra-sloppy joes, roadkill stew, veggie-and-more pizza and mystery meat Mondays.

"Students pay the extra money for our scrumptious selections," Robthem said.

The \$25 charge minimum is easily reached when students order extra sides and condiments like gravel gravy, bloody marinara sauce and French onion roach dip.

William Eaton Leftovers, senior, biology feels that the new limit is more beneficial to his empty stomach. "I no longer have to settle for just a garden dirt burger, but I can also add a side of French flies or cheese fingers," Leftovers said.

Not only have Cartwheels made modifications with their operations, so has the new La Cabana Loba ethnic eatery.

La Cabana Loba announced their new hours of operation being 10 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

"We think that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for a student and nothing beats waking up to a fish taco or horse burrito in the morning," Al Clever, manager of La Cabana Loba said.

Starving students will have to arrive extra early for La Cabana Loba or prepare to charge \$25 at Cartwheels.

Stern to become next UMSL chancellor

BY MISSY DITZY

Golden Girl

The self-proclaimed king of all media, Howard Stern, has just been elected UMSL's Chancellor for the 2006-2007 school year, replacing the current Chancellor Curious George.

Stern, who has swept the nation with his radio show on satellite radio is thrilled to become the next UMSL Chancellor.

When asked about taking over Curious George's position Stern said, "It is time that monkey be spanked."

In his press conference, he addressed many issues regarding the University's policies and procedures. He also gave a brief outline of some of the changes he hopes to make on

campus and laid out his vision for the new and improved UMSL campus.

One of his plans involves cutting student fees, for those who subscribe to his programming and offering employment to various members of his "Wack Pack" gang.

"I think that my people will make a difference and liven up this dull atmosphere," he said.

Stern said that Betteljuice will be hired as a new English 101 professor, while Jeff the Drunk will be hired as a bartender at the new cafeteria's bar.

Helping and providing extra assistance to those failing courses, is one of his primary goals. Women on academic probation and failing will have the option of getting in the "Tickle Chair" or taking a swing at his "Robo Spanker."

As for men not passing their classes, Stern said, "Tough Shit. Life's not fair."

Students who do not like these options can debate them after they get in a sauna with High Pitch Eric.

Having guest speakers and porn star visitors become regular campus events are also plans of his.

Jenna Jameson is on his list to teach the introduction to safe sex course.

Besides, Stern being appointed as Chancellor, his side-kick Artie Lange is being nominated as vice chancellor.

Jack Mehoffer, junior, health, thinks that Stern will help improve attendance and student retention.

"Stern's the man. If he can't do it, nobody can," Mehoffer said.



Howard Stern Next UMSL Chancellor

FEATURES

Reading, writing and... resting? Sleeping 101 class hits the hay starting in May

BY NIPPY SHOEMAKER
Staph Infection

The College of Snacking and Recess will offer Sleeping 101 courses beginning in May. The courses are designed to study the different sleeping positions and how napping affects students.

The College of Snacking and Recess is planning to employ some of the most boring and monotonous professors from universities statewide.

"The students in other classes who have to put up with these professors now will really appreciate it when we take them away," said Carla Crinkle, department secretary.

Professor Ben Banal from the College of Unrhythm and Blues was one of the first professors invited to lecture for the new classes.

"Anything I can do to contribute to science and the betterment of mankind, I am more than willing to do it," said Banal. "Although, I hardly think the subject of the biorhythms of the earth and its systems would be enough to put the students to sleep."

Future students are also excited about the new classes. Tara Page, a kindergarten student at Normal's Academy for Well-Adjusted Individuals, said she will be happy to take the classes when she grows up.

"As long as they have cookies when we wake up, I think I'll like it," said

Page. Ida Cairnot, junior, psychobabble, is not impressed by the addition of the new courses.

"I have been sleeping in classes for years and I'm really good at it," said Cairnot. "If they want to study someone sleeping they should just study me. I'm a professional."

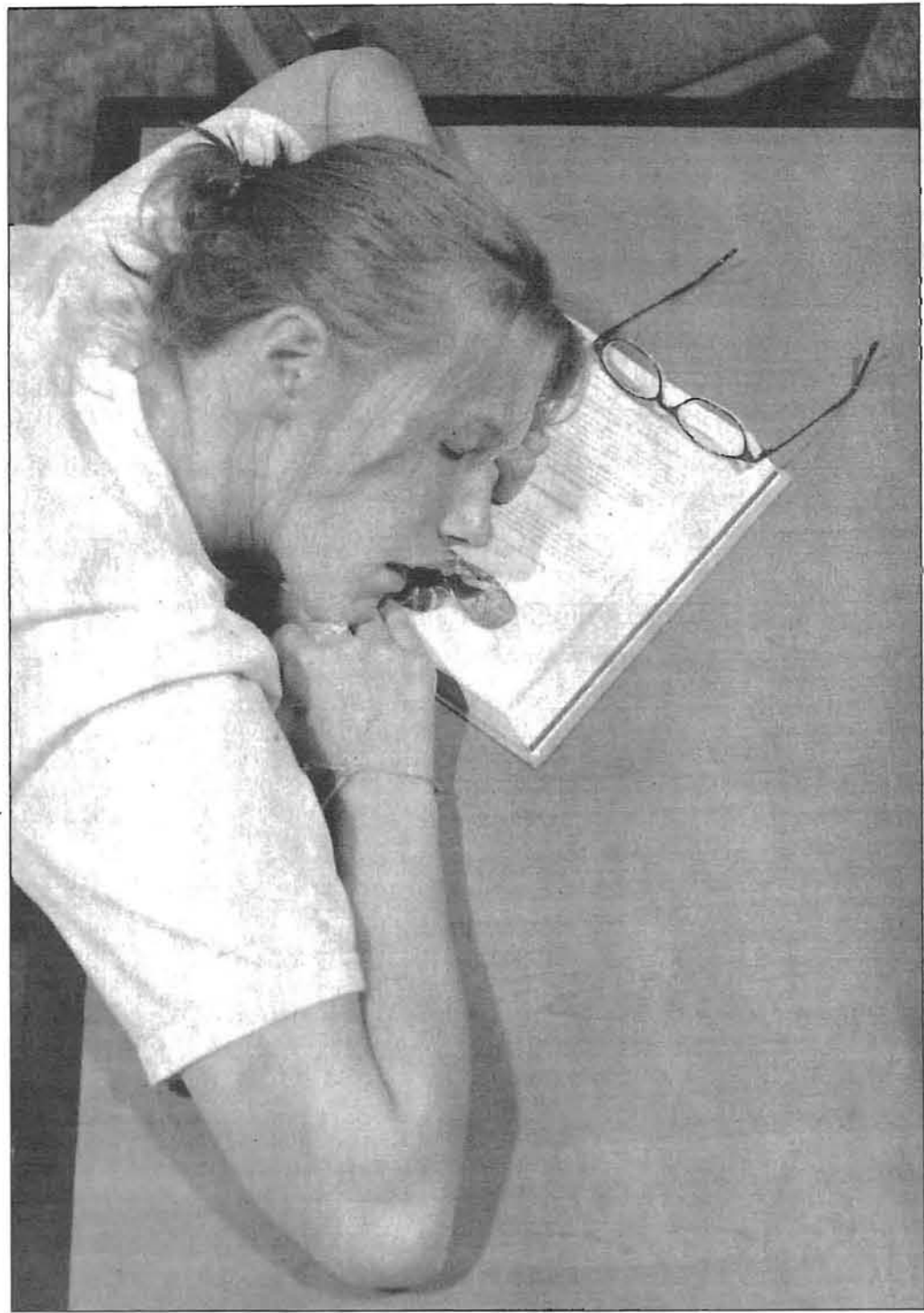
It seemed that the new courses would be universally welcomed until a group of students started a boycott outside of the College of Snacking and Recess. Raynona Urparaid, the leader of the group, passed out flyers against the new classes.

"It ridiculous, they are just giving students an excuse to come to school and sleep," said Urparaid. "Plus that they would wait until after I graduate really makes me mad," she said.

Mona Money, University Budget Planning Chief, admitted in an off the record interview that the new class is actually a method of getting students to pay for all the sleeping they do in class.

"Professors get discouraged by all the snores, so we had to find a way to motivate them," she said. "Now they not only expect it, they work hard to achieve that effect."

Students will have to pay a supplemental fee of \$81 per credit hour to cover the cost of fleece blankets, matching jammies and feather pillows. They will also have to pay a custodial fee for the sanitization process used to clean up drool spots on desks and public surfaces.



Katie Drooler takes her studies seriously. Drooler studies for Sleeping 101 nightly.

UMSL's Most Unfluential

Stories by Missy Ditzzy • Photos by a camera

Skelton's antics earn him a possible conviction and, even worse, DUMSL's 'most unfluential' recognition

Weeks ago, Helton Skelton, sophomore, political science, was nominated as DUMSL's "Most Influential," but with his recently-exposed misbehaviors, Skelton is now being recognized as DUMSL's "Most Unfluential."

His sincere personality and his exceptional involvement on campus has fooled the administration and the student body.

New accusations and reports claim that, using this fake charm, Skelton has stolen extra text books from the DUMSL Book Shop and has been selling them to other students at prices higher than the Book Shop sells them for.

In addition to this book fraud scandal, others have said that they have seen him parking in the visitor parking spots.

Carmen San Diego, freshman, investigative studies, witnessed Skelton pulling into a front row visitor spot.

"Helton Skelton is just plain lazy," San Diego said. "I'm missing my left pinky toe and I still have to park in the garage."

His student financial aid records indicate that he has not paid for a student parking permit in over three semesters. How does he keep from getting tickets? Word is that Skelton beat the parking attendants in an illegal game of strip poker and has blackmail pictures of them in their undies.

Skelton's improper student conduct does not stop there. The DUMSL police issued a search warrant for his on-campus student office in hopes of recovering 248 stolen books, including *How to Cook Kittens*, *Blackmail for Beginners*,

Overthrowing Your SGA and *Hit Me Baby: The Briney Spears Biography and Guide to Safe S&N*.

When searching his office, the police not only found the remaining books, but also discovered numerous cooking utensils stolen from the school's cafeteria.

Bob Rathens, Chief Detective was shocked with their findings.

"We don't know where the other evidence came from. At this point we do not know if the merchandise was bought or why he feels the need to have so many spatulas, cutlery and cupcake pans in his office," Rathens said. "We do not see Skelton as an armed and dangerous suspect, but we are in the process of filing criminal charges."

Skelton has also been collecting money for Students Today Assailants Tomorrow (STAT) and has been pocketing the donations himself.

"I thought that this was a legitimate student organization and fundraiser. I gave a donation of \$50 and have not seen it go towards any beneficial cause," said Steven Gullible, junior, aeronautical finance.

With criminal charges, Skelton faces probation, expulsion from DUMSL and will lose his position as a board member of Swigging Liquor Association.

Helton called from an untraceable location (though our records show it was from Dander Braddix's office) and shared his feelings about the looming conviction.

"I like to live dangerously, and I like to cook," he said. "So I enjoy a little swindle and soufflé on occasion. You know you love me, kids. Skelton for president in 2030. Peace out, G."



Helton Skelton unabashedly shows off his new grill, purchased with laundered money. Skelton's rap sheet includes overpriced book selling, parking ticket evasion and cutlery thieving.

Useless info coming soon to DUMSL

BY NIPPY SHOEMAKER
Staph Infection

A thirty foot tall speaker begins a long journey to the campus. The speaker, fondly named the Dull Useless Mundane Box or DUMB, has been traveling from university to university throughout the state and makes it way to DUMSL this spring.

The speaker will sit in the parking lot next to the Megadome Student Center. It will play for 24 hours a day and will dispense useless facts such as the number of steps it would take for a turtle to cross the Megadome Student Center Bridge and the composition of the dirt found under your fingernails.

"I'm really very excited," said Jista Fax, senior, undecided. "Sure the speaker will take up our precious parking spaces, but just think of all the knowledge it will bestow on us in return," said Fax. "I came to this school to learn something and by gosh I finally get that chance. I only wish we could ask it questions," said Fax. "I have been dying to know just how many marbles a person would have to lose before they go crazy," she said.

Students from the last campus reportedly were distraught to see it go.

"I just don't know how I will be able to go on," said Jerry Pluton, sophomore, School of Hard Knocks.

Similar tragedies struck each university that the speaker has visited yet it continues its journey. The Office of Student Death at DUMSL has decided to allow the speaker to visit.

The needs of the many outweigh the sacrifices of the few," said Diana Peace, president of the Office of Student Death.

"We cannot allow this opportunity to pass us by just because a few clumsy students will get crushed," said Peace. "Besides, if students listen closely enough it might just tell them how to avoid getting squished by a thirty-foot tall speaker," she said.

Students will have the opportunity to listen to or stay away from the enormous speaker while it visits the campus for three weeks. Some professors are offering extra credit for students who listen to the speaker. A trivial trivia night is being planned in the future to determine who absorbed the most useless information over the three week span. Any student memorial services will be held at the trivia night session.

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'Treasure' Diving

Join the Student Death crew on Friday, Jantobuary 2 for an evening of treasure diving in the MSC lakes. Valuable items found in the past include a goldfish, multiple copies of The Current newspaper, a waterlogged college algebra textbook, several cigarette butts, a used diaper and an oboe. Cost is only \$35 per person and include oxygen tanks.

Blingfest

Come show off your bling and win prizes for the biggest shine. Sponsored by the Facebook group "We Like Shiny Things," this event is free and open to the public. All attendees must wear some form of bling to enter. Donations of aluminum foil, mirrors, pieces of metal and diamonds will be accepted and donated to aspiring St. Louis-based rap artists.

Reason #251 to read
The Stagnant...

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your leg. You'll thank us later. We promise.

Student doesn't let lack of financial aid get him down

To pay for college, bootstrapping undergrad pays the bills the old fashioned way: dealing drugs

BY OLIVER TWIST
Pickpocketing Guttersnipe

John Doe's life may not be typical of most UMSL students, but he seems to have found a calling, and a way to pay for his college education: marketing crack, cocaine, heroin and other street level drugs to his campus community.

"I feel blessed to have been able to develop such a supportive network of drug users on campus," Doe admitted. "Without it, I'm not sure how I'd be able to pay for my education."

George Washington, professor of political science and author of five books on the merits of socialism, agreed that Doe performs a valuable service for the UM-St. Louis campus.

"I used to have to travel four miles to a run down crack house twice a week to get my fix," Washington admits. "And the price I paid was 20 dollars a hit, which is highway robbery."

Not only are faculty members pleased that Doe sells drugs on campus, but so are many students.

John Adams, senior, religious studies, said having access to drugs really helps at test time.

"I smoke a joint before the test and then slip a Mickey to the professor

right before the test. She zones out for a while which allows me and my other classmates to cheat. My grade point average has skyrocketed from a 1.9 last semester to a 3.2 this semester and I owe it all to John Doe."

Not everyone is in favor of Doe's tactics, however. A few students are concerned with the quality of some of

“ I feel blessed to have been able to develop such a supportive network of drug users on campus

—John Doe, Undergraduate

the drugs, the price he charges and the fact that Doe does not carry LSD.

"Man, it ain't right," said Tang Fu, sophomore, fencing. "The dude's supposed to be here to help us, but he doesn't give any discounts to people who don't have any money and he doesn't carry much. I'd really like

some acid or mushrooms, but doesn't he carry that crap. No. It ain't right."

One member of the UMSL Police Department also appeared upset by Doe's actions.

"The guy's a student and I'm a cop," said UMSL Sergeant Gomer Pyle. "If anyone should be allowed to sell drugs on campus, it should be me."

Pyle helped create a bit of controversy last year when he tried to arrest Doe for selling him a vial of crack cocaine. The charges were eventually dismissed, however, because Pyle smoked the crack before making the arrest, leaving no evidence for court proceedings.

Despite the controversy, most UMSL faculty and students appear supportive of Doe's action.

A telephone survey conducted by CBC News found that 70 percent of faculty and students were in favor of Doe's drug sales, 25 percent were opposed, four percent were undecided and one student stated that he was from another planet and therefore was unable to answer the question.

Overall, the campus seems supportive of Doe's entrepreneurial spirit.

Marion Barry, professor of public policy and governmental drug use ethics, said, "This just goes to show the great lengths to which UMSL students go to get ahead in this world. It's inspirational, really."



John Doe, junior, horticulture, wants to spread the message that if he can pay for college, anyone can. All it takes, Doe says, is a bit of ingenuity and hard work—and in his case—a fruitful ambition to sell opiates, narcotics, hallucinogens and cannabis to the wide campus market.

The Intern Diaries: Border Patrol

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Staph Infection

People always tell me that it must be exciting to be an intern for the U.S. Border Patrol, on the frontlines in south Texas. But anyone who has read my previous dispatches knows that most of my time is spent like any intern's: fetching lattes and cappuccinos. These good old boys can really sell them down.

I am still learning a lot though, especially under the wing of Agent Larry Banks. He is a good man, the type prone to fire a warning shot before gunning down an unarmed family. However, sometimes the bastards throw rocks or wave sticks, as was the case this week when Agent Banks was ordered to the office of Internal Affairs to explain a recent shooting at the border. I sat quietly at my desk and pretended to be engrossed in my paperwork.

"Agent Banks," asked the lead investigator, "why did you feel you had to shoot Gabriel Lucia Gonzalez?"

"I thought the man was going to throw a rock at me," he replied.

"Explain to us then," said the other investigator, "how it happened he was shot in the back?"

I was thinking, here we go. Another agent has to go home to his wife and kids and say, honey, just because I shot some people, I'm on suspension for a couple of weeks, maybe without pay.

But Larry Banks just leaned back in his chair and folded his arms across his chest. His eyes glistened a little. He'd been here before this PC crap, and he'd be here after.

"Anybody sneaky enough to slip

into the greatest country in the world and steal a job from an American is surely sneaky enough to throw a rock over his shoulder while running away, exactly when you'd least expect it. But don't take my word for it. Tell me this: were any rocks found in the vicinity of the body?"

In sotto voce the investigator had to concede there were, in fact, rocks found in the area.

"There you have it," said Agent Banks. "On that day there was no way of knowing if I was going to go home to my wife and child or if Gabriel Lucia Gonzalez would be going home to his girlfriend and several illegitimate children. And that, gentlemen, is the reality I face every day. Well, not on my days off."

Absolute genius. But I was still a little confused and while out patrolling with Agent Banks later that day, I confessed that I didn't know if I had what it takes to be a Border Patrol Agent.

He pulled the Impala over right there on the side of the Old Nogales and slapped me pretty hard.

"That's where you're wrong, compinche," he began. "It's a flood we're up against—an incessant flood of mestizos looking for a quick buck and some good Christian women to seduce. But what's really on your mind, zoquete?" I see you wandering around inside of yourself."

I told him I had been hearing things on the TV and reading a little bit... things that contradicted what we did every day! Things that said the American economy was in fact dependent on a migrant work force that would work cheaper than any American ever would... that this made us in fact stronger economically by allowing us to compete with cheap labor overseas!

But Larry only nodded. He'd heard these doubts before.

"That's not the point," he said.

"The point is that as one man you can't do a damn thing but think of yourself as one brick in a giant dam. You're a brick, I'm a brick, in their way even Internal Affairs are bricks... well, no, not those a-holes... but we're definitely bricks, damn it, and together we'll keep out that horde of welfare-inhaling punks... and their damn women with their 'who-do-you-think-you're-talking-to-I'll-scream-rape' b.s. We'll never stop! We'll never sleep! Our wives will go unsatisfied, but our only priority will be protecting this nation's amber waves of grain from being milled by the grubby hands of the third world's refuse."

I acted like I spilled my coffee. Larry was in a chatty mood and didn't seem to notice. "No sir," he said, more to the horizon than to me. "It looks a little different here on the battlefield!"

I told him I wasn't sure it was a battlefield since they didn't generally shoot back.

"You know what I'm saying to you, payaso," he exploded. "And let me tell you this: all this talk about the Mexicans being good for the economy is so much crap. Have you never heard of the siesta? That's right, boyo—just wait till the day when every auto plant in America is taking 45-minute breaks in the middle of the goddamn day to sleep... then the economy will come to

a screeching halt like a motor with no oil. We'll all be driving Toyota hybrids faster than you can say 'President Hillary Clinton!' Is that what you want? Can that possibly be what you want for America?"

It's just another day interning for the Border Patrol. My gaze is unblinking now, and it has to be—inside every 18-wheeler there might be an entire Mexican town slithering in to displace Americans of the lowest economic order, to pick fruit in the heat of the sun for little money and zero benefits.

Or an agent in need of an espresso, geez, these guys can pound them down.

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Expect more blasts from the past this movie season

BY ST. PATRICK
Artsy Fellow

The past week at ShoWest, a convention for National Theater Owners in Las Vegas, many of the major motion picture studios showcased their summer products. All of the studios use ShoWest as a way for creating buzz about the upcoming movie year, and specifically for summer, which they consider the "official movie season."

If you are tired of creative movies with original plots that don't give you the ending you want and expect, then this summer will be a blast.

Fox Studios created a hurricane of buzz when they showed a 38 minute clip of what they are banking their entire season on: a remake of the television classic "Who's The Boss?," starring Brad Pitt as Tony Micelli, the fast talking housekeeper, and Angelina Jolie as Angela Bower, the high-strung advertising executive.

"What can be better than 92 minutes of sitting on the edge of your seat sexual tension starring the hottest celebrity couple?" asked Ralph Innabucket, head of production at Fox before rolling the clip. "Sure they're doing it in real life, but will they do it on the screen? You'll have to buy a ticket Fourth of July weekend to find out."

When asked by the press later whether a movie with Jolie and Pitt would do well since "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" was a dud, Innabucket responded, "'Mr. & Mrs. Smith' bombed because people don't like Vince Vaughn. Just ask Brad Pitt's publicist and he'll tell you that only losers like Vince Vaughn."

Shannon Dougherty has signed on to play Tony's daughter, Samantha, and a Calkin was harvested to play the creepy kid Jonathan.

Innabucket later added that "Who's The Boss?" is very popular. It was a show that aired in over 70 countries and there is even a "Who's The Boss Resource" website. "Clearly there is money to be made on 'Who's The Boss?'" said Innabucket.

If "Who's The Boss?" does turn out to be a dud in the likes of say, Affleck and Lopez proportions, they have other plans such as "Cheers! The Movie," starring Brad Pitt as ex-ballplayer turned barkeeper Sam Malone, and Angelina Jolie as high strung waitress Diane Chambers.

"People can't get enough of Brad and Angelina," said a giddy Innabucket. "I know I wish they could adopt me!"
In related stories, Warner Brothers is planning a Full House movie with Tom Cruise and his wife for hire, Katie Holmes. Cruise is expected to play Uncle Jesse and Holmes will play the hot chick.

Film Review

Film with cowboys, mountain locale, beer lacks essential element: a herd of purty sheep

BY BUBBA BUTTS
Butts, Mo. Cowboy Movie Club

It was with great eagerness that I entered the movie theater to see the cowboy movie "Broke What Mountain." I had my tub of popcorn and a gallon of Coke and was looking forward to a manly evening of he-man entertainment.

After a good start, with the big skies of the West and a couple of guys who communicated in grunts, things took an unanticipated turn.

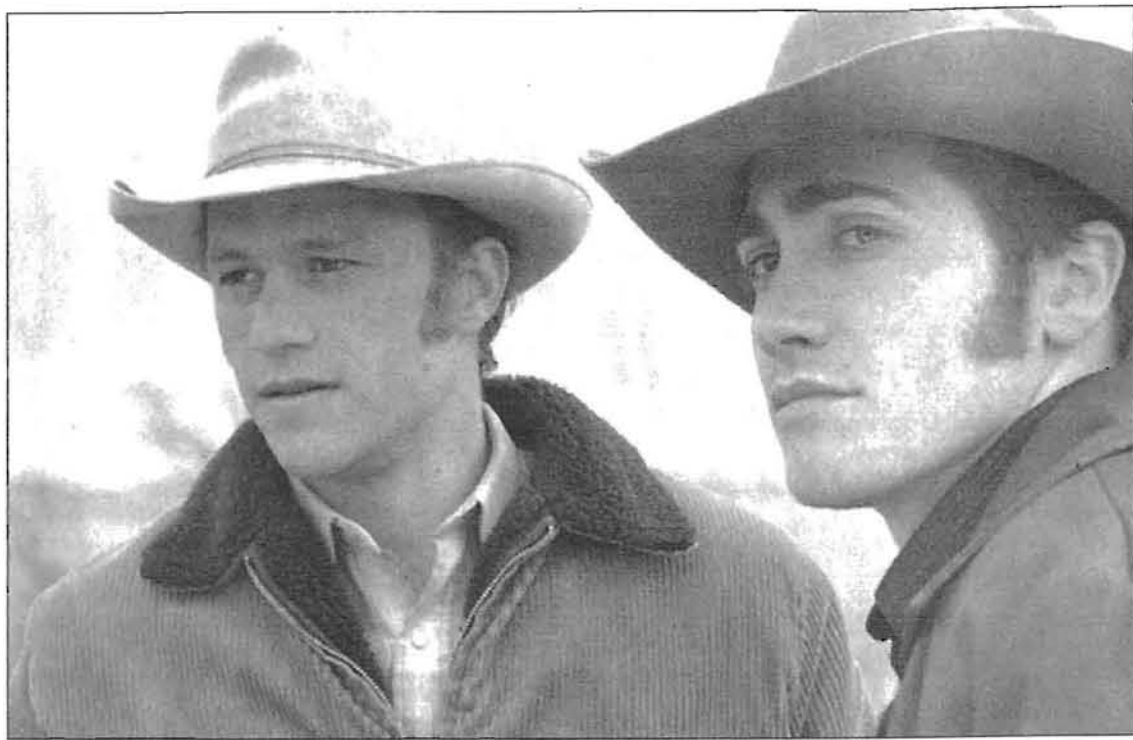
What the heck is this? Two dudes and a bunch of sheep - this has possi-

bilities. But these fools want to play with each other.

I, for one, do not think I can drink that much beer, much less drag it up a mountain. This director thinks you can understand the feelings of being alone and horny in a beautiful place, but they have sheep! If they long for someone new, there is always the next sheep.

If I find any members of the He-Man Western Movie Club up on our mountain holding hands, you are going to have some explaining to do.

What has the good old Western come to? Old Duke Wayne would not have been happy about this.



The Stagnant hired a real cowboy, Bubba Butts, to give his take on the film that spins the cowboy movie genre upside-down. Butts says that the film starts out promising, with a couple of dudes, beer, a nice mountain. But, Butts posits, horny cowboys must always have a willing herd of sheep nearby to provide refreshment and sexual release, lest they be tempted by impure actions.

Nightlife

Students share tips for exciting, fun nightlife

BY RUPAUL HACHEYSACK
Sexy Couch Potato

Are you tired of frequenting the same old bars and clubs every other night? Looking for something different to do during the evening? Want to add a little spice to your nightlife?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might have a stigma of some sorts, which may or may not be why you do not have many friends.

However, if you want to mix things up for a change, take the advice of UMSL student Lucretia Mopp, senior (citizen), spelunking.

"I like to start my nightlife around 4 p.m. with an early bird special at Benny's," she said. "They have a great hat trick meal deal that is exceptional. Plus, it's only \$3.99. That's why they call me 'What A Deal Lucille.'"

While fellow classmates may call her that (among other things), students like Mopp are credited for setting a national trend toward changing their nightlife habits.

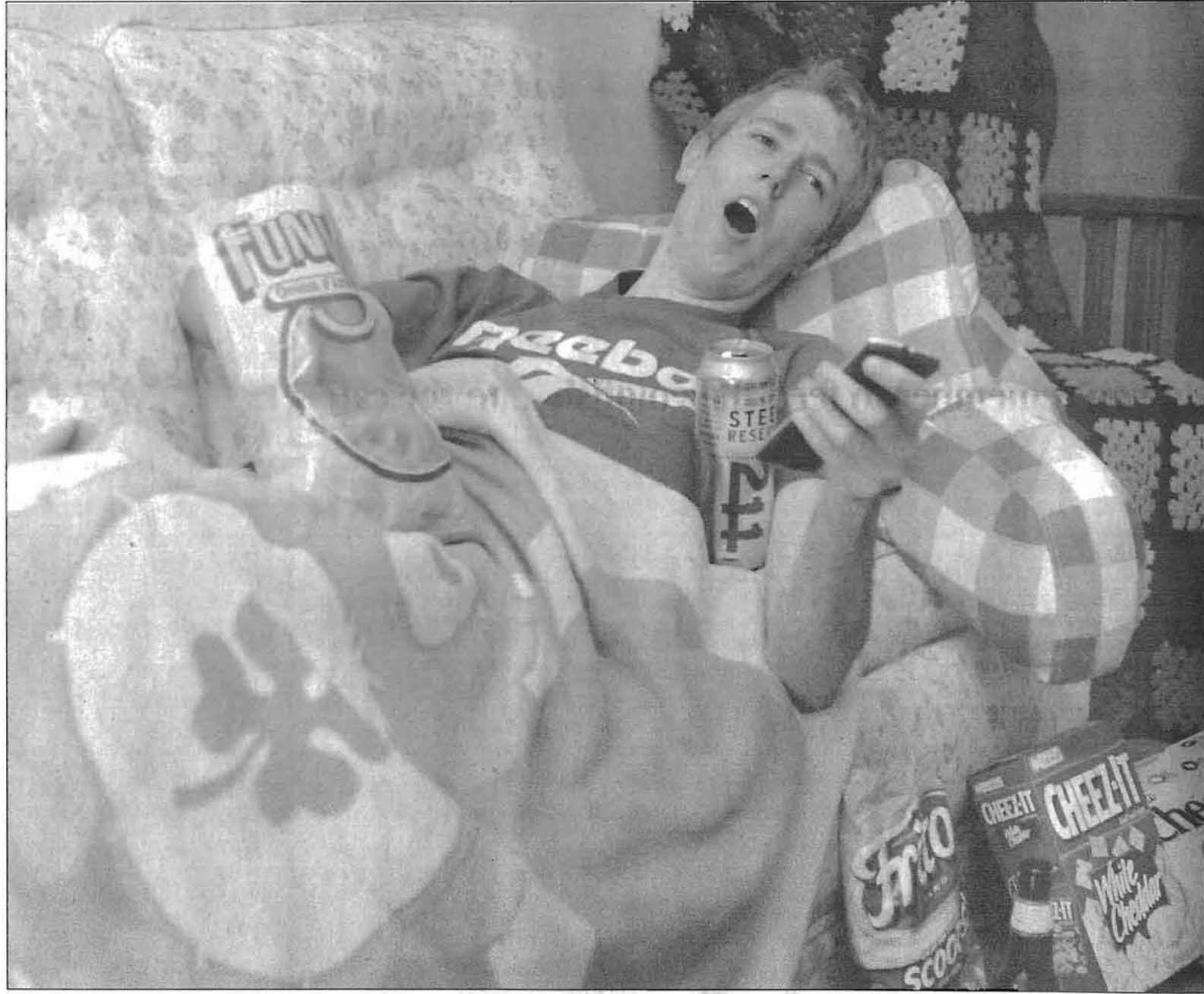
A recent study that came out of a professor's butt at some big name university cited that students are turning away from dancing at discos and hopping between bars and turning toward watching old reruns of TGIF shows at home in their living rooms while wearing footy pajamas.

"Every Friday night, you find me and my three best friends, Edy, Ben and Jerry sitting on the couch together watching the WB lineup," Anita Life, junior, loser, said. Life said that sports bars and movie theaters "just get old after a while."

"I much rather prefer watching 'Gilmore Girls' to dating more girls," said I.M. Boring, don't know, don't care.

Does TGIF not float your boat? Try a rousing game of Dungeons and Dragons, suggested Poindexter Wedgies, freshmen, needs a life.

"I love spending my Saturday evenings playing a little D&D. However, I don't blame more people for wanting to challenge me. My orc will snap them in half with his +7 powers," he laughed. "I'm just kidding. It's really +8."



"Why go to clubs or bars when the Gilmore Girls are right on the TV and the Funyons are in the pantry," advises Simple Simon a sophomore in the recreational masturbation program.

Wedgies added that sometimes he plays online but only for a few hours because he tries to save enough time for his other favorite nightlife activity: homework.

"I hate it when my instructor says he won't assign any homework over the weekend. I thrive on that stuff," he said. "What am I supposed to do for

two whole days? Go down to the Landing and guzzle down a few drinks?" he joked. "I mean, that idea is way out there in left field."

Researchers suggest that if this trend continues among college students, places like the Creepy Crawl, Kayak's and The Royale in St. Louis may lose business from one of their largest customers.

Slinger McJerk, owner of the Swingin' Saloon located at 2450 S. Grand Ave., says the effect may already be taking place at his bar. He said he has already noticed a steady decline in students ages 24 and under coming to hear live bands. Rhodes worries that his establishment cannot compete with students Googling their own name on the Internet. (Admit it.

You've done it before, too.)

While the rest of the colleges nationwide are still questioning their choice of nightlife activities, the path that UMSL students are taking is clear: vegging out on the couch alone.

And how do most students top a night of staying at home alone? "By being in bed no later than 7 p.m.," Mopp answered.

Bono on Campus

U2's Bono attends UMSL under pseudonym 'Zach Meyer'

BY "ZACK MEYER"
Dazed and Confused

Bono of the international hit band U2 is secretly attending UMSL under the pseudonym Zach Meyer. Sources first had suspicions when Bono/Meyer applied for the music critic job at The Current in 2005.

Within weeks his co-workers grew doubtful that that this seemingly mortal student could be such an elitist at critique de musique. They were right. Mickey "The Tyrant" Doubtwin, deceased chief editor of The Current, noted that something was a little odd about the whole thing. "[Meyer] had this crazy Irish accent and always wore sunglasses. Oh, and he was

always like, 'Dublin this,' or 'Guinness Stout that' or 'I save children, blah, blah, blah.' It was actually quite annoying," Doubtwin said.

Mad Madaam Adam McMuffin, 17, photo director of The Current, concurs. "I remember this one time when we were talking about music and I told him that I thought Nine Inch Nails was the best band ever. Right after I told him that, he got up and punched me right in the throat. Then he kept asking me 'when was the last time that Nine Inch Nails played at the Super Bowl?' And let me tell you, he's got quite a wallop," McMuffin said.

All disbelief came to a halt when Bono/Meyer broke out into "Pride (In the Name of Love)" while walking

across the bridge that connects the Millennium Student Center to the quad. Witnesses said that everything was going as usual until the bridge's radio started to play the 1984 hit. Many noted that only the real Bono of U2 could sing with as much vigor and blind ideology.

When forced into an alleyway at gunpoint, Bono/Meyer responded to these accusations during an in-depth interview: "Alright, you got me, I did it. And I'm glad I did it, glad, ya hear?"

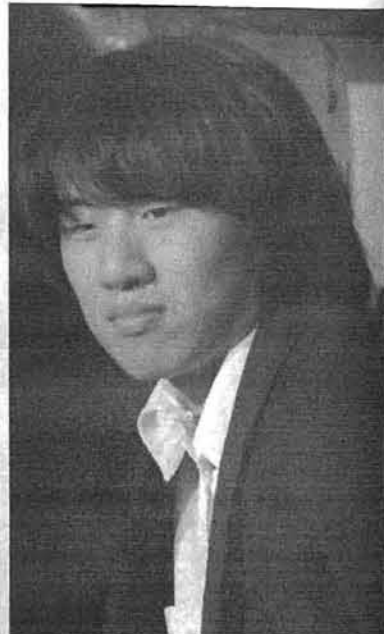
After being inquired about his motives for attending UMSL, Bono/Meyer said that things were just too hot in Ireland to live there at the moment, "The bloody IRA's been watching me every move," he said,

"so I figured that I'd be safe here in America, posing as a college student. I mean, no one could give a crap about a bunch of suburban college students. In other words, it's a good place to hide for now."

However, his close friends and peers disagree.

"Are you kidding me? The IRA doesn't care about him. He's just sick and tired of having to save starving children from third world megalomaniacs all of the time," said Tyler Durden, 23, imaginary student. "I sit next to him in contemporary mathematics and all he does is draw doodles of himself in a cape fighting world leaders."

Bono is currently enrolled as a junior and is studying English.



Zach Meyer = Bono?

Couple still quarrels over who wet the bed

BY B.J. NUTTER, B.A.
(PENDING)
Staff Writer

Even though it has been over a month since the incident, students Betsy Lee and Terry Brown are still at an impasse as to who wet the bed after a particularly drunken wedding reception.

Brown said that he is incredulous that his girlfriend continues to maintain her innocence.

"My clothes were completely dry," insisted Brown. "And yet when I woke up, hers were completely different. Obviously she had changed them. And why did I wake up? Because she was trying to roll me over into a damn puddle of urine. She also tried to say that the cat did it, for God's sake."

Lee said that the cat is psychotic and that it likes to hang out on top of the refrigerator and take swipes at her head. She also said that it has bitten her on numerous occasions.

As to the charges Brown made against her, Lee responded, "Maybe aliens did it, but it wasn't me. If I'm saying it on my death bed, so be it. End of freaking story."

"Unless she wets her death bed too," muttered Brown.

"Excuse me?" said Lee.

"Nothing," said Brown.

Recent studies prove that you have probably gotten overly tanked and wet the bed at least once in your life, whether you are willing to admit it or not.

WIENER, from page 6

Well, wake up and smell the bologna grilling, and face up to the actual bologna that anybody you find that you think is special is going to screw you over hard core.

You can end up happy for a moment in time thinking that dating your best friend is the most wonderful thing you've ever had in your life. You think, so carelessly, that no matter what happened you nothing could ever ruin it. You believe nothing anybody else ever said or did could come between the two of you.

Don't be an idiot and believe in anything, or do, it's not like I care, I want to be ground up into something served at an underprivileged child's

birthday party. Just trust that anything and everything anybody says will break you apart.

And every one of your friends will tell you how they aren't good enough for you and you should leave them the entire relationship. But you'll be the moron that is in love; you will defend your significant other with every ounce of strength you are supposed to be putting into classes, work and getting drunk.

Soon enough it will all blow up in your face and you'll be crying every day. You'll end up squinting and blinking trying your butt off to read the notes you are supposed to be writing down off the blackboard.

You'll have to start working even more to afford more alcohol to drown away your sorrows. It will seem like a good idea at first, I'm drunk now and I don't feel the pain, it rocks, but you'll just build up a tolerance and have to buy unthinkable amounts of booze just to get by.

It will happen.

You'll end up wishing you, too, were an Oscar Mayer wiener, waiting for that magnificent day someone zaps you on the highest setting in his or her microwave and you explode into itty-bitty pieces and your suffering finally ends.

CHENEY'S GOODS, from page 1

Professor Keckritz Crackers voiced her concern about his severe heart condition and asked whether he would be able to teach with having a high risk factor. Cheney again replied, "Go #@!*% yourself!"

As a matter of fact, that was his response to every single question until one student, Bud Light, sophomore, binge drinking, asked the vice president to respond to an allegation that showed a high drop-dead rate in past classes taught by Cheney.

"According to my statistics, a mere 33 percent of students 'survive' the whole semester. Students are just being plain shot, left and right. It's ignoramus," Light said.

Cheney declined to comment on any specifics but did tell the audience about one perk of his class. He said students who receive a F+ or better receive a free t-shirt that says, "I went hunting with Dick Cheney and all I got was shot in the head!"

After the press conference,

reporters at The Stagnant were fortunate enough to get a quick interview with the vice president. Below is the complete, unedited transcript:

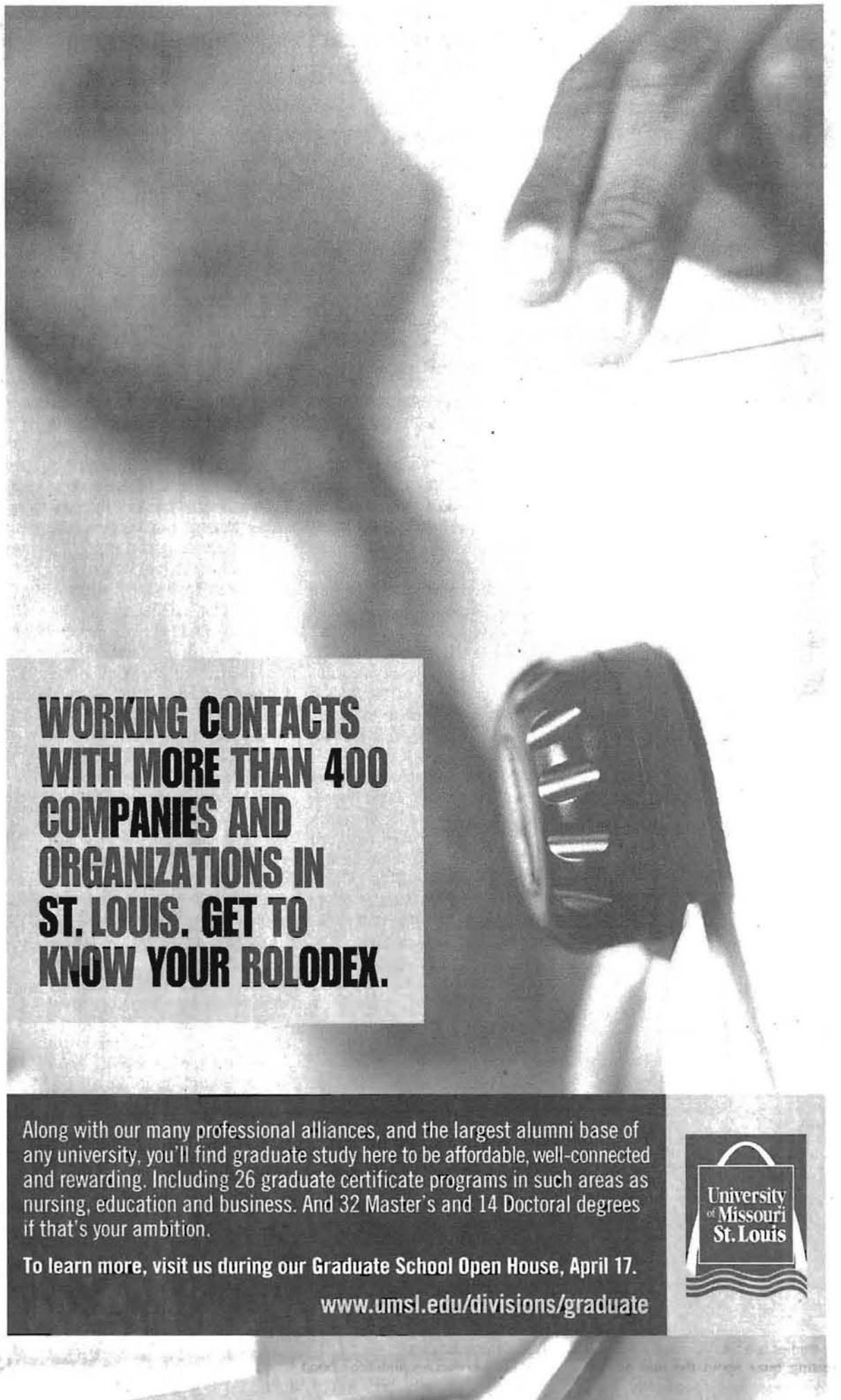
Stagnant reporter: So, Mr. Vice President, in your opinion, what do you think...

Bang!

Stagnant reporter: Ouch! You shot me!

Cheney: Oh my goodness! I'm so sorry. I thought you were a goose.


Did you remember to feed the goldfish ... to the cat?



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Coach leaves ball field for the ballroom, smaller players

BY SALLY FIELDGOAL
Sporty Spice

After the completion of his twentieth season as head coach for the Rivermen baseball, Slim Shady will retire from UM-St. Louis and pursue other goals.

"The athletic department stuck it to me, and they got theirs," he said. "I'll miss my shed-like office, but they need it for the next employee they want to mess with. How could I rob my successor of such a cozy place?"

Shady posts the UM-St. Louis record for most wins for any coach. He has had a winning season every season since taking the position as head coach. "It's been a great number of years but there are still some things left that I want to do before I get too old," he said.

Shady plans to spend the summer water skiing in the Yukon and then come back to St. Louis to coach four- to six-year-old tee-ball for girls.

"I've always wanted to have girls, but I had two sons. Combining a sport I love with children and not college kids will be a good change," he explained.

Coach Shady said he is also getting tired of students and faculty blaming him for recent allegations about his players. "The whole Nick's Sporting Goods was really just a media mix up," he said. "It was actually a fundraiser to found the University's new football team. That's it."

Shady said he also plans to pursue a part-time career in ballroom dance after he leaves DUMSL.

"I applied for my job 20 years ago with a promise that ballroom

dancing would be added to the University's course schedule, and I'm still waiting," he said. "It's time for me to draw the line and strike a pose."

Shady said he will open a dance studio with the money he won in his lawsuit against DUMSL.

"I already have a name picked out: Shady's Baseballroom," he said. "I'll coach tee-ball and tango."

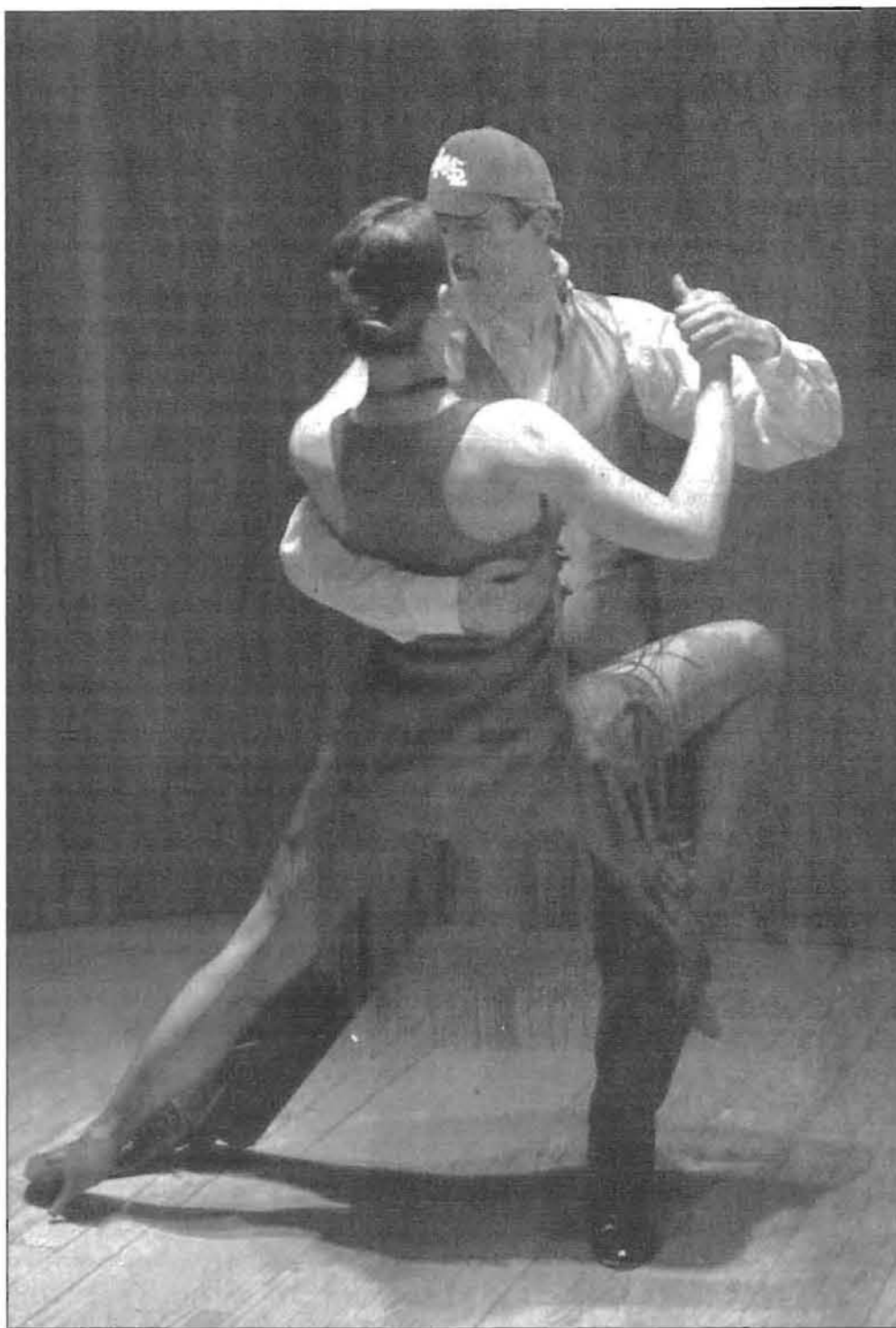
An athletic department spokesperson said that Shady's replacement will assume responsibilities as head coach starting in August of this year, as well as new duties like cleaning the pool, oiling lockers, shining Droolan's shoes and making coffee.

"We want to hire someone we can exploit for as long as possible," Droolan commented.

Shady would not comment on whether any of his former players plan to apply for the position, but he said, "I have a lot of great assistant coaches that I am sure would love to fill the role after I leave."

When asked whether he will miss seeing Shady on the sidelines, DUMSL alumni Yoshi Dinosaur said, "I always enjoyed watching the boys play. I've come to the games for 15 seasons and have always been impressed with Coach Shady. He's got freakishly large feet. Those are big shoes to fill."

The Rivermen decline to comment about how they feel about Coach Shady's departure. However, star player Mosh Jorgan was spotted sobbing into a pair of Shady's gym socks. They players did say they will continue to regard Shady as a mentor and inspiring coach. They have agreed to cheerlead for their former coach's first tee-ball season.



Baseball coach Slim Shady was quite the avid tango dancer in his early days. Shady plans to return to his roots this year after he retires from coaching DUMSL baseball. His new studio, "Shady's Baseballroom" will open in early June. Classes will include Junior Tee-Ball and the Art of Tango dancing.

Barry Bonds explains power surge, freaks out and hides in large hole

BY SALLY FIELDGOAL
Sporty Spice

After the most recent book on pro baseball star Barry Bonds, "Harry Bonds: I'll Do Anything For You To Like Me," came out this week, the slugger finally held a press conference to discuss his source of power the past seven years.

The book detailed explicitly how the all-time single season home run record holder would ingest a shake before every at bat. This pre-bat shake contained blended semen from a killer whale, the left testicle of a Kodiak bear, rabbit's feet, and cinnamon.

At the press conference, Bonds limped up the podium on crutches, wearing glasses, and accompanied by a three-legged dog wearing a Lou Gehrig jersey and an eye patch. He strongly denied that this was a ploy to get sympathy from the press, despite the fact that he bought a Lou Gehrig jersey and an identical four-legged dog with two good eyes yesterday, and was in tears before he could utter, "it was

the elbow pad."

Bonds has been wearing an elbow pad the size of a catcher's shin guard for many seasons, which he claims was to protect his right elbow from being hit, not so he could stand on top of the plate without fear of getting Bob Gibson'd by an inside pitch.

Major League Baseball put a restriction on the size of pads that could be used for such protection, but since Bonds was wearing his before the restriction and he threw a major league temper tantrum, he was allowed to continue wearing it.

What many don't know is that the elbow pad gives Bonds magical powers. An astronaut in 1970 who was a San Francisco Giants fan gave the pad, which was made up of "magical cosmic elements," to an aging Willie Mays so that it would help him continue playing and avoid the effects of normal aging.

Mays appreciated the gesture, but felt it wasn't fair and gave him an unfair advantage so he never used it and hid it in a chest in his cellar.

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Blues hockey linked to depression

BY SALLY FIELDGOAL
AND LIT FUSE
Sporty Spice and Ball Boy

The St. Louis Blues have been giving St. Louis the blues. The team's lackluster performance in a game already seen by some as "boring" has dampened the spirit of St. Louis.

In a recent study, the NHL team was linked to over 10,000 reported cases of depression in the St. Louis area. Bill and Nancy Laurie, the owners of the St. Louis Blues and the Savvis Center since September 1999, announced that the team's effect on the mood of St. Louis has forced them to sell the team.

"Owning the Blues has taken its toll on my family," Bill Laurie said. "Seeing all of the fans leaving in tears after another Blues' loss is just too much. My family and I can't take it anymore."

The Laurie family sold the team to Dave Checketts, Sports Capital Partners and TowerBrook Capital Partners, L.P. on March 24, 2006. The terms of the deal were not disclosed, but the Lauries have apologized in advance for any stress that the team may cause.

"I am concerned about the emotional connection between the team

and the city of St. Louis," Checketts said. "I plan to turn the team around and put smiles back on the face of Blues fans. It will take a lot of work and anti-depressants, but it can happen. I hope."

The sale of Wellbutrin, Prozac and other anti-depression medications has increased by 120 percent since the start of the NHL season. With the approach of baseball season, experts predict a decrease in the sales of such medication.

"I had my doctor prescribe Prozac because I could not figure out why I was always depressed when I went to the Savvis," said Jacques Strap, senior, helmet engineering. "After several tests, my depression was linked to the Blues. Thank goodness for well-timed team sales."

Doctors urge anyone who has braved a Blues game this season to immediately make an appointment with a physician. They said they want to solve the depression problem before it gets too out of hand and takes over the entire city of St. Louis.

Side effects of Blues games have included allergic skin reactions, blurred vision, decreased appetite, random childhood memories, fluid retention, headache, sudden urges to cry, dizziness, and thoughts of moving to Canada, the only place where hockey is appreciated.

Blues-induced blues symptoms:

- Allergic skin reactions
- Blurred vision
- Decreased appetite
- Random childhood memories
- Fluid retention
- Headache
- Sudden urges to cry
- Dizziness
- Thoughts of moving to Canada or Russia

If you or the guy next to you displays more than one of these symptoms simultaneously, contact your physician and avoid contact with hockey players or equipment. In rare cases, Blues blues may result in sudden alcoholism.

Sports teams create theft ring to raise money for football team

BY D'ODORANT
Perspiration Reporter

In a press conference Tuesday, DUMSL Athletic Director Bat Droolan announced the addition of the Rivermen football team to the UM-St. Louis sports family. The team will begin play in the 2013-2014 academic year, competing at the Division II level.

"This was something that had been discussed for a long time," Droolan said of the new football team. "We finally had the resources to make this idea a reality. St. Louis does not have a football team on the NCAA level. It's progress not only for our University, but for this region as well."

Droolan said the rest of DUMSL's teams provided athletic support.

"Our fundraising campaign was immensely successful. The teams worked together to create a school-wide theft ring that raised over \$5 mil-

lion. We'd especially like to thank Nick's Sporting Goods for their generous, albeit unknowing, contributions."

The formation of a football team may provoke concerns from faculty and alumni concerning the funding for such a venture. The Chancellor addressed those interests, and said, "We would not make such a bold decision without considering these matters first. In addition to the theft ring (code named 'Project Sticky Fingers'), we have readjusted our budget to accommodate this project. I'm confident that the return on this investment will be immense."

He outlined several areas of funding reduction, including snow plowing, English professor salaries and Residential Life hall construction. Word on the street is that rapper Nelly has donated platinum grills to wear during games instead of mouth guards.

Droolan also announced renovations will be made to the Don Houston soccer field where the new team will play. In order to accommodate more

fans, the complex will be transformed from a 1,350-seat to a 8,000-seat capacity with a new fieldhouse. Seats will come from the Toupac Performing Arts Center.

Droolan, along with others in the administration, has already contacted developers and assured that this project will be complete in time for the projected inaugural season. There has been mixed reaction from those within the UM-St. Louis academic community on this landmark declaration.

Many, like Chris Bundie, super senior, gymnastic psychology, believe that this will have a positive impact on the school's reputation.

"We're totally going to stomp Mizzou. Our Riverpup will eat their stupid Tiger. I just think everyone will win in this situation. Well, except for our opponents, I guess," he said.

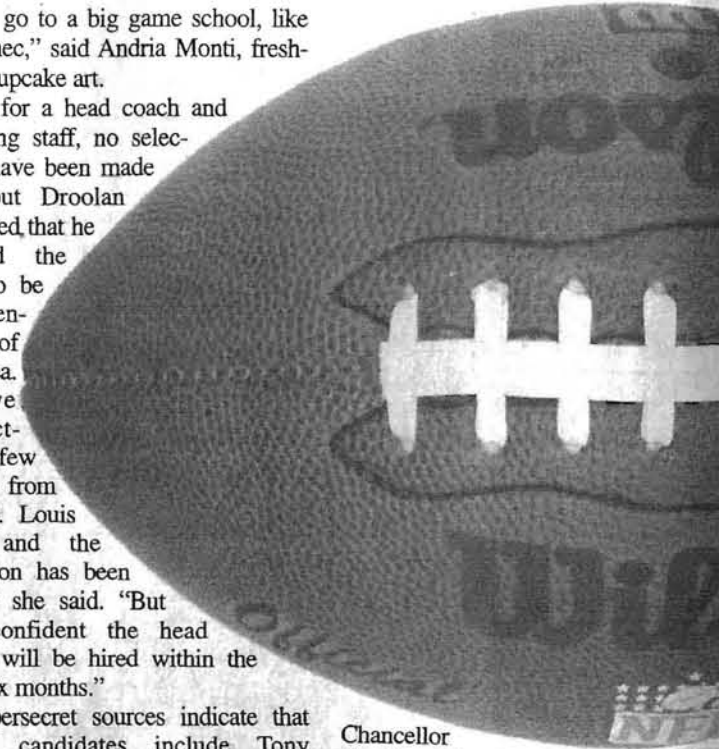
But for some, this is a puzzling move by the administration. "It's a weak attempt to unite the school. Nobody will want to play football here. If someone wants to play football

they'll go to a big game school, like Meramec," said Andria Monti, freshman, cupcake art.

As for a head coach and coaching staff, no selections have been made yet, but Droolan indicated that he wanted the staff to be representative of the area. "We've contacted a few people from the St. Louis area and the reception has been good," she said. "But I'm confident the head coach will be hired within the next six months."

Superscret sources indicate that coach candidates include Tony LaRussa, rapper Chingy and

Chancellor Emeritus Blanche Toupac.



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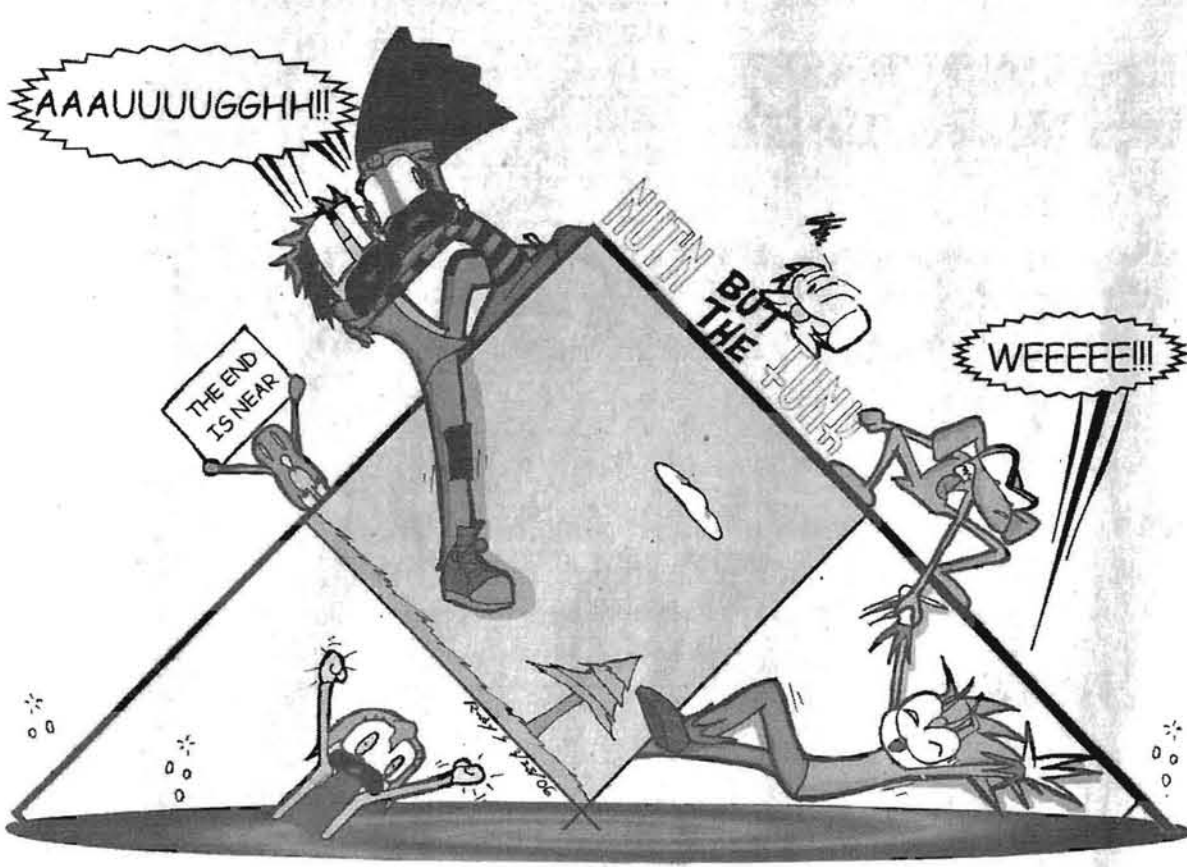
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Strip 6: I HAVE SUCH A BIG HEART, AND NO ONE TO SHARE IT WITH.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects of a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If you feel uneasy about a colleague's suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been, but were never fully resolved.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you'll learn something important.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a "clear-the-air" talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it's because you haven't found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don't give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you've presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you should be close to completing an important matter, you still need to focus on being focused. But things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don't simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm even when you're confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course. The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you enjoy tradition and stability, you also appreciate the good things that change can bring.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Masseuse's workplace
- Symbol of intrigue
- Hardly hirsute
- Bath powder
- Gorilla
- Basin accessory
- Neighborhood
- Showbiz job
- Satiated
- Link
- Pop choice
- Sermon subject
- Fencer's call
- Law student's woe
- Leading man in the theater?
- Guinness or Baldwin
- Jewel
- All - (attentive)
- Isolationist
- Deteriorate
- Olio
- Lummox
- Squared
- Wood tissue
- Zinger
- Unruly group
- Unctuous
- Culture medium
- Id counterpart
- Abbr. on old Eurasian maps
- Vanished
- Promptly
- Shell-game need
- News-making legal case
- Half a dozen
- Bud's partner
- Gripe over and over
- Fellow
- Medal earner
- Formerly, formerly
- Soothing agent ...
- ... and an ingredient therein
- Piercing tool
- Zodiac feline
- Parched
- Cattle call
- Gun the engine
- Levy
- Sanaa's country
- Canceled
- Sylvestre's impediment
- Differently
- "Breckinridge"
- Satchel
- Past
- Operated
- Acknowledge applause

DOWN

- Ollie's pal
- Rid of rind
- Haley or Van Halen
- Humorist
- Grand-scale
- Sired
- Tony Bennett classic
- Id counterpart
- Piercing tool
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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

- One-fourth of 12-Across
- 4-Down plus 11-Down
- Digits of 7-Across rearranged
- 3-Across plus 20-Across
- One hundred more than 14-Across
- Ten less than 13-Across
- 1-Across plus 3-Across
- Two times 5-Across
- 1-Across plus 18-Across
- 5-Across plus 10-Across
- 1-Down plus 4-Down
- 1-Across plus 15-Down

DOWN

- One-third of 19-Down
- Even digits, including
- zero, in descending order
- The first digit is four times the last digit
- Fifty less than 9-Down
- One-fifth of 2-Down
- The first digit is three times the last digit
- 1-Down plus 6-Down
- Two times 21-Across
- Eight less than 19-Down
- 19-Down minus 1-Across
- Same digit repeated

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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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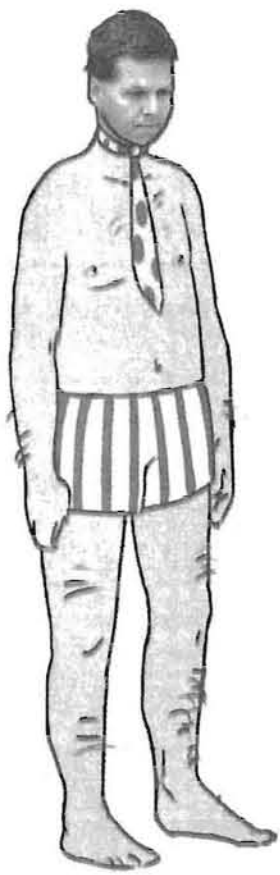
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BURLY SLUGGER, from page 10

Bonds miraculously came upon the pad as a young boy when digging through Mays' basement looking for juice.

Playing wiffle ball with it on, Bonds was able to hit home runs 370 feet into the wind. After the McGuire and Sosa season of love in 1998, Bonds decided he would use the pad once more.

The more he wore the pad, the more home runs he hit, but also his head grew to the size of a basketball while his nether appendages shrunk.

Bonds begged for the press's mercy, but many weren't buying his explanation.

So he then played the race card. "I didn't want to say this, but you all hate me because I'm a mutant, because I've been exposed to radiation and it has given me wondrous powers that you are all jealous of."

When asked how he was exposed to radiation and how it made him "a mutant," Bonds raged, "I used to stand too close to our microwave when the popcorn was popping. I was always

afraid it would burn, so I wanted to stop it, but now I have these powers. I'm just a mutant, just like Wolverine in The X-Men. Everybody likes Wolverine right? I'm just like him!"

Enraged by the laughter of reporters, Bonds retreated to a makeshift home he dug under the demolished Coors Stadium and refuses to come out. He refused to comment about when he plans to return to the real world, though howling noises are occasionally heard from his region of the construction site.

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