



25 Mar 1992

The Missouri Miner, March 25, 1992

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarsmine.mst.edu/missouri_miner

These newspapers reflect the attitudes, perspectives, and beliefs of different times. Neither the library nor the university endorses the views expressed in these collections, some of which contain images and language which may be offensive to some readers.

Recommended Citation

"The Missouri Miner, March 25, 1992" (1992). *The Missouri Miner Newspaper*. 2605.
https://scholarsmine.mst.edu/missouri_miner/2605

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by Scholars' Mine. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Missouri Miner Newspaper by an authorized administrator of Scholars' Mine. This work is protected by U. S. Copyright Law. Unauthorized use including reproduction for redistribution requires the permission of the copyright holder. For more information, please contact scholarsmine@mst.edu.



Missouri Miner



A publication of the students of the University of Missouri-Rolla

March 25, 1992

Volume 80, Number 23

Twelve pages

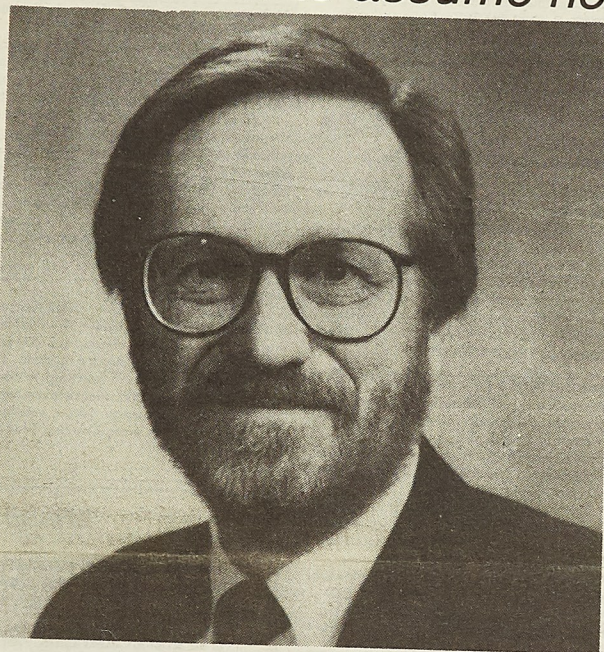
Board of Curators names Park as UMR chancellor Former interim chancellor to assume new appointment immediately

News Services
SOURCE

The Board of Curators of the University of Missouri System named Dr. John T. Park chancellor of the Rolla campus on March 20, 1992. The announcement took place at the Board's regular meeting at the UM-St. Louis campus.

Park, 57, has served as interim chancellor of UM-Rolla since June 1, 1991, when former Chancellor Martin C. Jischke became President of Iowa State University. Park also served as interim chancellor from August 1985 to May 1986, when Jischke was named to succeed former Chancellor Joseph M. Marchello.

"John Park's appointment was recommended to me with exceptionally strong support from members of the search committee, faculty, staff and students on the Rolla campus," said UM System President George A. Russell. "He has served Rolla long and exceedingly well as teacher, scholar and campus administrative



Dr. John T. Park was officially named UMR's chancellor during Friday's meeting of the UM Board of Curators.

officer. He is a person whom we know and respect and in whom we have great confidence."

Park received his undergraduate degree in applied physics from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1956 and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1963. He joined Rolla's physics department as an assistant professor in 1964 after completing a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship in London. He became an associate professor in 1968

and a full professor in 1971. He served in that post until 1983, when he became vice chancellor for academic affairs. He has been active in research since becoming an administrator and is the author of numerous research articles. After serving as interim chancellor in 1985-86, he returned to the academic affairs post, where he served until Jischke's resignation.

During his first term as interim chancellor, Park helped devise a five-year plan of reductions and reallocations to deal with a severe budgetary

shortfall. In the past four months, Park has led UM-Rolla in shaping another five-year plan for budget reallocations, which was presented to the Board of Curators at the meeting on March 20th in St. Louis.

"John Park's appointment was recommended to me with exceptionally strong support from members of the search committee, faculty, staff, and students on the Rolla campus."

UM System President
George A. Russell

Park's wife, Dorcas, teaches kindergarten at Mark Twain School in Rolla. They are the parents of daughters Karen and Janet and son Adam.

Park will assume the duties of the chancellor of the 5,000 student UM-Rolla campus immediately. His salary has not been set by the Board of Curators.

UMR receives two grants Project Scholarship

News Services
SOURCE

The Missouri Humanities Council has awarded a grant of \$10,000 to the University of Missouri-Rolla in support of the project, "A Medieval Window: The Gothic Cathedral; a Summer Seminar for Secondary-School Teachers."

The MHC is the only statewide agency in Missouri devoted exclusively to humanities education for people of all ages. It has served as the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1971.

UMR history professors Wayne M. Bledsoe and Harry J. Eisenman will use the grant to conduct the seminar July 6-17 on the UMR campus. The seminar is open to all secondary-school teachers in Missouri.

By using the Gothic cathedral as a historical artifact from which teachers can gain a perspective on the changing

See Project, page 4

A \$2 million bequest to the University of Missouri-Rolla has established the Roy N. McBride Student Loan/Scholarship Fund.

The fund will provide loans and scholarships to juniors and seniors at UMR who are studying for a bachelor's degree in engineering.

Roy McBride received a degree in chemistry in 1914 from UMR, then known as the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. He was an engineering officer during World War I and a chief appraisal engineer in the oil department of the First National Bank in Dallas until he retired in 1954. He died in 1969.

McBride's wife, Marcia, who died in 1989, was a founding member of UMR's Order of the Golden Shillelagh.

ASCE regional meeting included bridge competition

News Services
SOURCE

Civil engineering students from throughout the Midwest spanned the gap between classroom education and practical training when they tested their bridge-building skills Saturday, March 21, during a regional meeting of student chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Six teams of students from universities in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma competed to build 20-foot

steel bridges that can withstand weights of up to 2,500 pounds. Their efforts were judged according to the speed of construction, bridge weight, cost, capacity, capacity-to-weight ratio, and aesthetic value.

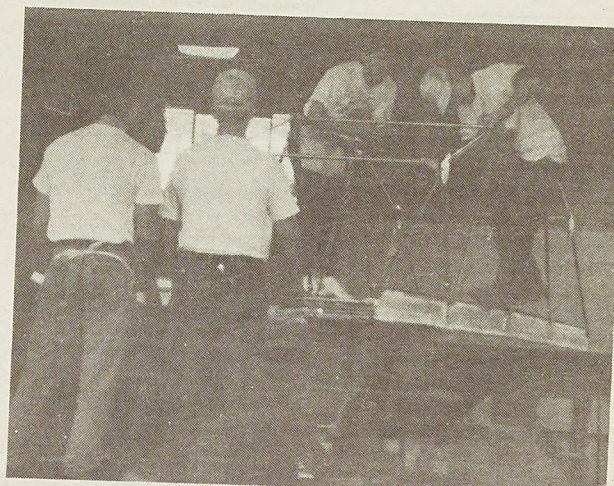
The competition began at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 21, in the parking lot of the University of Missouri-Rolla's

Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building. The University of Missouri-Rolla ASCE student chapter and the UMR

civil engineering department hosted the event as part of the annual ASCE Mid-Continent Conference.

Student ASCE chapters from UMR, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Washington University in St. Louis, Southern Illinois Univer-

sity at Carbondale, Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University took part in the competition. The ASCE Mid-Continent Region is composed of student chapters in Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.



Tony Rounon

Southern Illinois University's bridge building team hard at work during Saturday's competition. The event was sponsored by ASCE.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday

Silent Vigil to protest the "Repatriation" of the Haitians, Rolla Post Office, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

UMR Men's tennis Southeast Missouri State University, 3p.m., UMR Tennis Court

UMR Lady Miner Softball / Missouri Baptist, 2:30 p.m. in St. Louis

Geology and Geophysical Seminar, Susan A. Carroll, "Mobility of Radioactive Elements in the Environment: The Interaction of U, Nd, & Th with Calcite" / 4:30 p.m. - Planje Auditorium, McNutt

College Republicans Forum / 5:00 p.m. Centennial

Wesley / 6:00 p.m.

Spelunkers Club Mtg. / 6:00 p.m. - 204 McNutt

AGC Mtg. / 7:00 p.m., 114 CE.

Tau Beta Pi Officer Mtg / 7:00 p.m. - 216 McNutt

Solar Car Team Mtg. / 7:00 p.m. - G-5 H-SS

College Republican Mtg / 8:00 p.m. - G-8 H-SS.

Newman Mass / 9:00 p.m.

Juggling Club Mtg. / 9:00 p.m. - Miner Rec. Bldg.

Campus Crusade for Christ / 9:00 p.m. Maramec

Thursday

Newman Scriptures / 12:30 p.m.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Mtg. / 1:30 p.m. - 201 Norwood

UMR Mens Tennis, Central Methodist College / 3:00 p.m., UMR Tennis Court.

Physics Colloquium, Phil Krider, "Natural and Triggered Lightning," / 4:00 p.m., Rm 104, Physics Bldg.

Geology and Geophysics seminar, Martin P.A. Jackson, "The Rise and Fall of Diapirs during Thin-Skinned Extension" 4:30 p.m., Room 211, McNutt Hall.

Toastmasters / 4:45 p.m. Fulton

IK / 6:00 p.m. - 204 McNutt

Eta Kappa Nu Mtg. / 6:00 p.m. - 103 EE

Pi Tau Sigma Mtg. / 6:00 p.m.

APO Mtg. / 6:30 p.m.

ANS Mtg. / 6:30 p.m.-227 Fulton

KME Free Math Help Sessions / 7:00 p.m. 203 M-CS

UMR Spring Film Series, "Vincent & Theo" / 7:00 p.m., Miles Auditorium, Mech Bldg, Admission by Season ticket or \$3.00 at the door.

EIT Review Session, David Cunningham, "Electrical Circuits," / 7:00-9:00 p.m. 117 CE.

Down to Earth Mtg. / 7:30 p.m. - 210 McNutt

Sub Fine Arts present The National Shakespeare Company performing "Taming of the Shrew," 8:00 p.m. Castleman Hall, Students free with ID

Gaming / 8:00 p.m. 208 ME.

Chi Epsilon General Meeting III for office nominations, 4:30, CE 117

Friday

UMR Lady Miner softball, MIAA South Round Robin, time TBA, in St. Louis

MSA Mtg / 1:30 p.m.

Trap & Skeet / 3:30 p.m. - T-2

Show-Me Anime Mtg / 6:30 p.m. - 212 McNutt, for more information call Chris Klaus 341-8715.

Tau Beta Pi, Plaque Singing / 7:00 p.m. TBA

IVCF Mtg. / 7:00 p.m., 139 Schrenk

Saturday

Spring Break begins today!!

UMR men's baseball, University Missouri-St. Louis, noon, Rolla baseball Field

UMR Lady Miner softball, MIAA South Round Robin, time TBA, in St. Louis

Sunday

UMR men's baseball, University Missouri-St. Louis, 1 p.m., Rolla baseball Field

Monday

Alcoholics Anonymous Open Mtg. / 7:00 p.m. - Walnut

Tuesday

UMR men's baseball, William Woods College / 2:30 p.m. Rolla Baseball Field.

UMR Lady Miner Softball / North east State Missouri, 2:30 p.m., UMR Softball Field.

Next Wednesday

UMR Lady Miner Softball, University of Missouri-Kansas City, time TBA, in Kansas City

UMR men's baseball, Quincy College, 1:00 p.m., Rolla baseball field

Geology and Geophysics seminar, Susan A. Carroll, "Mobility of Radioactive Elements in the Environment: The Interaction of U, Nd, & Th with Calcite" / 4:30 p.m., McNutt.

Noday

Preregistration April 20-24

Preregistration for the Summer and/or Fall 1992 semesters will be April 20 through April 24. Students should obtain their preregistration materials and schedule of classes from the Registrars office starting April 16th. Detailed information will be found in the front section of the Fall Schedule of Classes. Students should contact their department the week of April 13th for an advising appointment.

The Phonathon office has moved to the first floor of Buehler Bldg., Mailing Address is 101 Buehler Bldg., Calling Facilities are in rooms 102, 103, 104

The Missouri Small Business Development Center and Jefferson Smurfit Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, St. Louis: are co-sponsoring the Collegiate Entrepreneur Award. For more details contact UMR SBDC, Rm 223- Engr Mgmt Bldg, 341-4561.

Financial Aid

For more information and/or applications pertaining to the following scholarships, contact the Student Financial Aid office, G-1 Parker Hall.

AMERICAN ELECTROPLATERS AND SURFACE FINISHERS SOCIETY

For students interested in a career in the electroplating and surface finishing industry. Criteria: *Undergraduate students must be studying in metallurgy, metallurgical engineering, materials science or engineering, chemistry, chemical engineering or environmental engineering. *Financial need is not a factor

Application Deadline: April 15, 1992

1992-93 ACT/FFS Available

The ACT Family Financial Statements for the 1992-93 academic year (Fall 1992 and Winter 1993) are available for students in the foyer outside the Student Financial Aid Office (G-1 Parker Hall). This form must be completed in order for a student to be considered for a Pell Grant, College work Study, Perkins Loan, university loans, Missouri Grant, the Stafford Student Loan Program,

the Income Contingent Loan Program and for the PLUS/SLS Loan Program for the 1992-93 academic year. First considerations will be given to those students whose ACT-FFS is received by the processing agency by March 31, 1992.

EMERSON CONGRESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Congressman Bill Emerson has used his salary increase for 1987-88 and a portion of his speaking engagement honoraria to endow the Emerson Congressional Scholarship Fund for needy college students. Any student who will be attending any four-year or two-year public university in the Eighth Congressional District, which includes UMR, is eligible to apply.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

*Reside in the Eighth District (permanent home residence).

*Be a full-time undergraduate student.

*Have completed at least one semester of college level work and have achieved at least a 2.5 cum GPA.

*Have education-related financial need in excess of Pell Grant assistance.

Application Deadline: April 1, 1992.

Costal Bent Chapter of American Society for Materials

The Costal Bent Chapter of ASM International will award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a second-year student pursuing a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in materials science, metallurgical engineering or a materials science option to mechanical engineering. The scholarship will be for the 92-93 academic year. Deadline for making application is April 1, 1992.

Desk and Derrick Educational Trust

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs is now receiving applications for scholarships to be awarded to women seeking degrees in related fields of petroleum and allied industries. These applications must be received for consideration on or before April 1, 1992.

* Applicants must have completed at least two years or is currently enrolled in her second year of undergraduate study at a duly accredited college.

* Must maintain a gpa of 3.0 or above.

* Applicant has demonstrated need for financial assistance in pursuing a college degree.

* Citizen of Canada or the U.S.

* Plans a career in petroleum or allied industry.

National Association of Women in Construction - St. Louis Chapter

Each year N.A.W.I.C. offers scholarships to young women and men who are pursuing degrees from universities in fields related to the construction industry. Scholarship does not apply to first year students. Deadline: April 5, 1992.

Mid-West Concerte Industry Board

The MCIB Educational Fund was established to provide financial assistance to college engineering students pursuing a B.S. or higher degree that includes concrete and concrete design courses as an integral part of their degree program. Note should be taken of the residency requirements as shown on the application. The Fund will grant one \$1000 scholarship this fall. Application deadline: April 30, 1992.

The Coterie of Faculty Wives Scholarship for 1992-93

Eligibility for selection will be the following:

a. The recipient must be a female student at UMR.

b. must have completed 50% of the hours necessary for completion of her degree from UMR.

c. must be enrolled with a minimum of 9 hours in a degree program at the time of the scholarship payment.

d. Must demonstrate financial need.

e. Must submit a written statement outlining her reasons for application to the Coterie Scholarship Committee.

f. Must not be a member of the family of any UMR faculty, full-time staff, or other personnel. (She may be an employee herself.)

Please send a letter of application explaining your qualifications to:

Coterie, P.O. Box 1638, Rolla, MO 65401

Deadline: April 1, 1992

The Heavy Constructors Association of the Greater Kansas City Area

The Heavy Constructors Association of the Greater Kansas City Area Industry Advancement Scholarships are specifically for persons who are planning and preparing for careers in construction. The amount of each scholarship is \$2,500.00 per year.

Recipients of the scholarships shall be full-time students who demonstrate financial need. Preference shall be given to well rounded persons who are upper classmen, to Kansas City area residents

and to sons or daughters of construction employees. Applicants will be required to demonstrate their commitment to obtaining careers in construction. Recipients will be required to seek summer employment in construction. Deadline: April 15, 1992.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION - GREATER KANSAS CITY.

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri NAWIC Scholarship Foundation offers scholarship to students pursuing a career in the construction industry. Application must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1992, to be eligible or considered for a scholarship award by the foundation trustees.

Business and Professional Women's Foundation Educational Programs

Since 1970, more than 6000 scholarships totalling over \$3 million have been awarded through the BPW Foundation. The award to non traditional female students with critical financial need who are seeking the education necessary for entry into, re-entry or advancement within the work force. For 1992, the foundation will be able to award 150 scholarships of \$1000 each for the Career Advancement Scholarship, the Clairor Scholarship and New York Life Foundation Scholarship for Women in the Health Professions programs. Deadlines range from April 15 to May 1, 1992.

Society Of Women Engineers

SWE is pleased to announce its 92-93 freshman and reentry scholarship program. The Freshman program consist of six scholarship of \$1000 each for entering women engineering students. The Olive Salembier Reentry Scholarship is designated to encourage and aid women in reentering the job as an engineer after being out of work force for a minimum of two years. Deadline May 15, 1992.

Independent Accountants Society of Missouri Scholarship Program

IASM will award scholarship only to students majoring in accounting who have a "B" or better average in their accounting subjects and atleast a "C" average in the remainder of the courses. Applicants must be enrolled full time in either a diploma program or a degree program in an accredited college, junior college or university. Deadline April 30, 1992.

Council On Public Higher Education For Missouri

The COPHE program will provide \$1,000 scholarship to ten outstanding seniors from the state's public four-year college and universities who are completing undergraduate preparation for careers as mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, or foreign language teachers at the elementary and secondary levels. Students who are currently in their third year of college and who intend to become teachers in the above areas are encouraged to apply. Financial need will not be a factor for determining awards. Deadline No later than May 15 of the year before a student becomes a senior.

ORVILLE REDENBACHER'S SECOND START SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Twenty \$1,000 scholarship will be made available to qualifying students across the country for the 1992-93 school year. To be eligible for the Orville Redenbacher's Second Star Scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

* be 30 years old or older at the time of application.

* be enrolled or will be enrolling in a degree program.

* be either a full time or part-time student

* attend an accredited college or university.

Deadline May 1 1992.

The American Society Of Mechanical Engineers

See Financial Aid, page 4

Missouri Miner

The Missouri Miner is the official publication of the students of the University of Missouri-Rolla. It is distributed each Wednesday afternoon at Rolla, Missouri and features activities of the students of UMR.

All articles, features, photographs, and illustrations published are the property of the Missouri Miner and may not be reproduced or published without written permission.

The Missouri Miner encourages comments from its readers, and will attempt to print all responsible letters and editorial material received. All submissions must have a name, student ID number, and phone number for verification. Names will be withheld upon request.

Submissions for publication must be in our drop box (first floor of the Norwood Hall, Room 103) by 3:30 p.m. on the Thursday before publication. The Missouri Miner reserves the right to edit all submissions for style, grammar, punctuation, spelling, length, and matters of good taste.

The Missouri Miner is operated by the students of UMR and the opinions expressed in it do not necessarily reflect those of the university, faculty, or student body.

Editor-In-Chief Matt Licklider (364-4841)

Managing Editor Tom Brown (364-4481)

Business Manager Connie Crossen (341-9929)

Advertising Director Dan DeArmond (364-9783)

Asst. Advertising Director Dave Carpenter

Subscriptions and Tearsheets Scott Davidson

Circulation Mike Matthews (364-1433)

News Editor Steve Puljak (364-8968)

Asst. News Editor Stephanie Stroker

Features Editor Greg Denzer (341-5277)

Asst. Features Editor John Humphrey

Sports Editor Jeff Lacovich (364-7583)

Asst. Sports Editor Jim Beard

Photo Editor Brett Goodman (364-1257)

Copy Manager Rajesh Shinde (341-2920)

Staff Writers: Elliot Clavin, Tim Gungoll, Squjgy, A.T. Goon Kelly Bernal, Susan Middaugh, James Barnes, Chris Goo, Typesetters: Kelly Bernal, Rajesh Shinde, Susan Middaugh Graphic Artists: Ming, Mike Matthews, Cindy Schreckenbergl Advertising Representatives: Jeremy Buchanan, Larry Williams Photographers: Tony Rounoun, Jason Boles, Kevin Biggers

103 A Norwood Hall
University of Missouri-Rolla
Rolla, MO 65401-0249
(314) 341-4235
(314) 341-4312

Comments

Ignorance is not considered a superior value

Last week one article named "Multiculturalism: A False God" was published in the Miner. I recommend everybody to read that article. In case you did not know what "arrogant, racist and imperialist" is, you will find that out from that illustrative example. That piece of writing did not surprise me. The ideas expressed there are totally consistent with other viewpoints represented by that author in the *Miner* from time to time.

The writer found some interesting examples of barbarism in "lower" cultures. I did not expect any better knowledge about other cultures from a person with an outlook like him. The fallacy of those arguments are obvious. Extremely selective examples from the past are used to represent a whole culture. Let me exercise a little bit of sophistry of my own in the line shown by the "proud westerner." I am not going to talk about massacres and genocides committed by western "explorers" and "pioneers" in their colonies. Our "learned" friend would not be interested in the story of those uncivilized life forms. I will restrict my observation on the behavior of the "enlightened" people of Europe and North America. Mr. Hobart, the writer of that piece, begins with examples of brutality of American Indians (cannibalism), Chinese (keeping peasantry in stasis, keeping girls in bondage), Asian Indians (forcing women to husband's funeral pyre) etc. I am not sure if he knows that all these practices are from a bygone era, his "ethnocentric" knowledge may not extend that far.

He starts his diatribe with American Indians, very appropriate indeed! The native Americans definitely had the opportunity of facing the Western Civilization like nobody else. Had there been a successful annihilation of a race in human history, it is of the American Indians. The westerners did learn something from the Indians too, scalp-taking became a popular British tactic in the French Indian war. The writer might also have heard of something called the "trail of tears." It is the saga of five "civilized tribes" who learned the hard way that accepting European way of life does not guarantee safety. They were forced to move from Georgia to Oklahoma. Obviously "civilization" had its reasons to do so. They found that the soil of Georgia is good for cotton plantation, particularly with the help of slave labor.

I have problems understanding how the European immigrants of North America with all their background of Renaissance, Reformation and Enlightenment could take part in the heinous practice of slavery. I understood the cruelty of the system more deeply when I attended a lecture by Dr. Naem Akbar a couple of weeks back here at UMR. The writer should be reminded that even one of the most noble documents of Western tradition considered the blacks only three fifth of human. Yes, I am referring to the Constitution of the United States. Is the writer aware of the Dred Scott decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, where Justice Taney wrote for the majority: "(Negroes) are so inferior

that they had no rights which a white man was bound to respect." Talk about "freedom of body and mind." In *Plessy vs. Ferguson* the Supreme Court again displayed justice by legalizing "separate but equal (?) laws. One can argue with good reasons that finally it was the Supreme Court which struck down the racial barrier in *Brown vs. Board of Education* and other landmark decisions. I concur to that point. I only wish to remind that people ideologically close to the writer of that article did choose to oppose those decisions.

Mr. Hobart had some nice things to say about the Chinese. Was he aware of the fact that the "civilized" British forced the Chinese government to legalize opium trade? That action was taken certainly not to save the population, but to enslave them. He is appalled by the savagry of other cultures. He indeed has a very strange sense of history. I thought the inquisition was a totally European affair. The "witches of Salem" were hunted down and hanged by people of a "superior" culture, unbelievable! I never knew that Hitler, Mussolini or Franco were products of non Western cultures. They sure did display "tolerance" and explicitly western values." The likes of Joseph Mengele, Eichman or the butcher of Leon were all born in Europe. Didn't they show the worst values from any culture in the 20th century? Even later on, remember the My Lai massacre or the tiger cages in Vietnam. Are we to take those incidents as manifestations of "freedom and equality?" Those incidents were

exposed by Americans, I respect them. Here again the people with similar beliefs like the writer, Mr. Hobart, tried to prove those exposures to be hoaxes. The latest aberration in human history, communism, is a theory of Western origin. Contrary to popular belief, Karl Marx was not a Russian (Russia can be called an Eastern country by some logic) but a German from the heartland of Europe.

The explanations of all these atrocities are puzzling. How could the same people talk about human dignity and freedom at home but practice just the opposite abroad? Some reasoning could be found in the article in the *Miner*. When one entertains beliefs like "The blunt fact is that the Western Civilization IS superior to other civilizations and cultures," it becomes easy. This conviction makes one feel that colonization was "white man's burden." With the awareness that one is superior to others, one can absolve himself of crimes committed against lesser persons.

The writer's assertion that "Tolerance is an explicitly western value, one which most cultures on this earth have never even entertained" or "Racial equality, freedom of religion, women

as equal citizens — all absent elsewhere" are simply glaring instances of his ignorance. There are outrageous statements about the status of women in the classical literatures of many civilizations, including western ones. All of us did grow with time and we went towards equal rights. If equality is so much of a western value, then why has the Equal Rights amendment failed to be ratified here in the United States? A republican presidential candidate and some evangelists continue to make comments about the role of women in society. (I find surprising similarity between those commentators and Mr. Hobart in views regarding western culture. All great men think alike!) I find more about tolerance in Indian scriptures than anywhere else. One can argue then why India has so much religious violence. Some of it is a legacy of the "great" British empire. The rest is definitely our fault. We also have our share of people who think Hindu or Islamic or Sikh culture is the best in the world, and the rest be damned. Just like it took America a few hundred years to come to terms with the statement "All men are created equal," it is taking us time to

see Ignorance page10

Brothas on the bandwagon

This question has always irked me, but just now it is really bothering me enough to post.

Lately I have seen a lot of brothas and sistas. Lately I have seen a lot of brothas and sistas wearing caps. Lately I have seen a lot of brothas and sistas wearing caps with big X's on them. In the projects I see them. On the busses I see them. On the bus drivers I see them. Brothas with caps. Sistass with caps. Caps with X's. Oh my! What I wanna know is, what is the significance of wearing a cap with an X on it? Yes, I know what the X's are, for Spike Lee's new movie, but I ain't talkin about the movie. I'm talkin about the caps. Is it a status thing? Are you "in" when you wear a Malcolm X cap? Are you wearing the cap because you know what Malcolm X is about or are you wearing it just to be a status symbol? To be "cool"? To be a part of the Spike Lee experience? Well you of course know that Spike Lee's out to make that \$. That's why he's selling these caps with X's. But are you buying because you want to be cool or

because you know what the X on the cap represents?

This is the same type of shit that went down in the days of wayback in 1988-89. Brothas and sistas runnin around town wearing those little necklaces with the picture of Africa on it. See they're so old I forgot the damn proper name for them. I'm sure you know what I'm talkin about, those little leather circles with the nice red-green-(yellow/black) multicolored Africa on them. First I saw one brotha with it, then I saw every brotha with it. "Why don't you have one?" all my homies would ask me. "I don't know." I would answer. I see these same homies today and not one of them has their African trinket/necklace on. But they are equipped with caps that have an X branded on them.

Damn, I'm naive. And I thought it wasn't what you wore that described your "downness," but whatever ideas you expressed. I see brothas going around, talkin about "Oh, I'm down" wit a big cap wit a big white X on their head. And I would ask this brotha what

the X on the cap meant and he'd be like "Who?"

Of course I'm not saying all brothas and sistas do this, but those that do need to get the hell off the bandwagon and realize that they can't rely on trinkets and material things to prove their "downness," if they even wish to do such a thing. Okay, so Spike's movie comes out and then it's over, then what? These caps will become just as ancient and obsolete as those Africa necklaces. We'll be standing around looking for the next fad to hit us.

We (brothas and sistas as a whole) have to stop relying on fads to claim that we know or are down wit the experience. We have to get knowledge of the experience.

So what do you think? Please put your brain in first gear before responding and remember to let the clutch out between thoughts. It makes your brain last longer.

Malcolm Diablo Moore (None Ya Bizzness) part of the NETWORK

Students support higher education

The Associated Students of the University of Missouri will be sponsoring the resolution listed below to present before the State Legislature through our state representative, Jerry McBride, at ASUM's annual Student Lobby Day, April 15th. We are hopeful that with your help, we will be able to make a statement to the legislators on the importance of our education. We are planning a petition signing in which you, the members of this university, will sign your name in support of education. Tables will be set up at the Hockey Puck during the week of April 6 and continue until April 14. People will periodically be outside the library between classes with the petition to sign for easier access. Your help is essential in making an impact on all of our futures.

Respectfully,

Tom Brown

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS:** The students of the University of Missouri-Rolla recognize the existing budget restrictions, and
- WHEREAS:** Higher education is vital to the long-term success of Missouri's economy, and
- WHEREAS:** Missouri Higher Education must guarantee equal opportunity to education to all students.
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the quality of Missouri's Higher Education should not be sacrificed in light of funding restriction on primary, secondary and higher education.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ROLLA

N.A.S. to hold a presentation and a walk

Take a Wildflower Walk Enjoy the geological wonders of Missouri

By Loretta McClure
Ozark Rivers Chapter
National Audubon Society

The Ozark Rivers Chapter of the National Audubon Society will host a wildflower walk Sunday, April 11 at the Mayfield area on the Big Piney River about 15 miles west of Rolla. Lynda Richards will lead the stroll. Some wildflowers we might see are Bellwort, Bluebells, Wild Verbena, Sand Phlox, Ground Plum, Bird's Foot Violet, May Apple, and Trillium.

The public is welcome to join us for a leisurely Sunday afternoon with spring wildflowers. Participants should plan to meet at the north end of the Kroger parking lot at 1:00 p.m. to carpool to the site. If you wish more information or directions, please call Lynda Richards at (314) 364-8567.

By Loretta McClure
Ozark Rivers Chapter
National Audubon Society



Jerry Vineyard with the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geology and Land Survey, will give a slide presentation titled "Natural Wonders of Missouri" at the Audubon dinner in April.

Mr. Vineyard is the Deputy State Geologist and Director of the State Water Plan. His presentation will be a light and enjoyable talk illustrated

with slides on the geological wonders and curiosities of Missouri. The Department has published a new book titled Geological Wonders and Curiosities of Missouri which Mr. Vineyard will bring to the meeting.

The Ozark Rivers Chapter of the National Audubon Society will hold its Annual Dinner on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. (program at 7:30 p.m.) at the Blue Heron Restaurant, located west of Rolla on the north outer road at Doolittle. The cost of the dinner will be \$11.00 and includes salad, entree (lasagna), desserts, beverage and gratuity.

The public is invited to attend this special function. Reservations can be made by calling Cathy Primm at (314) 341-2464 or Cynthia Hobart at (314) 341-3517 by Friday, April 3. Join us for dinner and an armchair tour of Missouri's natural wonders.

Financial Aid

from page 2

ASME student member may apply for ASME Student Assistance Loans from January through April 1 for loans for the following fall. Loans are given up to a maximum of \$2,500 for a single loan. Eligibility requirements are:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
 - Must have 2.2/4.0 if an undergraduate or 3.2/4.0 if a graduate student.
 - Must be a ASME student member.
- For more information contact ASME Student Section Faculty advisors or Student Financial Aid office.

Women In Energy, Inc.

There will be 3 awards of \$250 each. Awarded each year to students demonstrating achievement, leadership, motivation, professional intent, and scholarship in an energy related field. Eligibility requirements:

- Junior or senior enrolled full-time in Missouri University, majoring in business education, engineering, home economics, journalism, science or other energy-related field.
- Deadline: Postmarked before April 1, 1992.

Important Priority Deadline: March 31, 1992.

1992-93 ACT Packets must be received by ACT by this date for first priority. The ACT Family Statements for the 1992-93 academic year (Fall 1992 and winter 1993) are available for students in the foyer outside the Student Financial Aid Office (G1-Parker Hall). This form must be completed in order for a student to be considered for a Pell Grant, College Work Study, Perkins Loan, University Loans, Missouri Grants, the Stafford Student Loan Program, the Income Contingent Loan Program and for the PLUS/SLS Loan Program for the 1992-93 academic year.

First consideration will be given to those students whose ACT-FFS is received by processing agency by March 31, 1992.

Summer 92 Financial AID Applications

To apply for financial aid (College work study and/or university loans) for the summer 92 term it is necessary to complete a summer 92 Financial Aid application. Application available in the student Financial Aid office, G-1 Parker Hall. Application must be returned by April 17, 1992. To apply for Stafford Loans for summer 92, contact Financial Aid office after April 1, 1992.

Rolla Lions Club/Vance Scholarships

The Rolla Lions Club is once again accepting scholarship applications for the 92-93 academic year.

Selections are based on the following criteria:

- Graduate of Phelps County High School
- Full-time student
- Student in good academic standing
- Extra-curricular activities

Financial need
Application deadline: April 4, 1992

William M. Reiss Foundation Scholarship Fund

Recipients of this scholarship shall be limited to graduates of public ly supported high schools located within the city limits of Belleville, Illinois. Students working towards a degree in medicine, but not nursing, are excluded. Selections will be made primarily upon academic promise and financial need. The amount of the award shall be fixed by the committee and may be sufficient to include any or all of tuition, room, and board. Deadline: May 1, 1992

Project

from page 1

Medieval world of the 10th through 12th centuries, Bledsoe and Eisenman will discuss science and the church, the Medieval technological revolution, designing and building Gothic churches, the church as poor man's Bible, and symbolism and secularism in the Medieval era.

Participants may earn graduate credit for the seminar and will receive a stipend to offset some seminar expenses. For more information or to apply, contact Donna Cogell, senior secretary at the UMR department of history and political science, UMR, Rolla, MO 65401-0249, or call (314) 341-4801.

Red Cross needs your blood

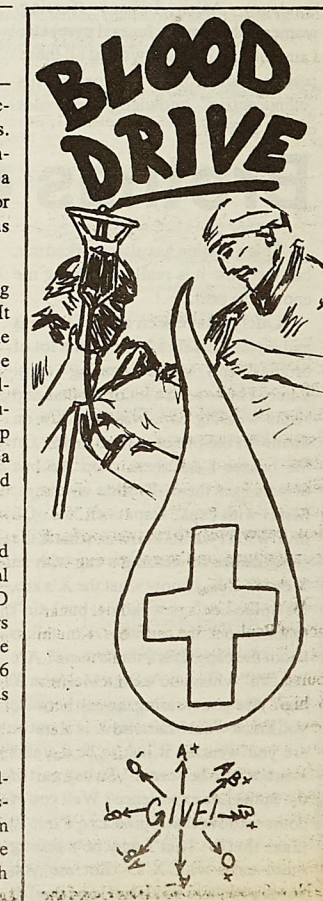
American Red Cross SOURCE

Warm weather means outdoor activities, weekend trips and vacations. During this time of the year the number of accidents increase and, as a result, hospitals need more blood for their patients. This puts a tremendous strain on the blood supply.

Blood is a precious, lifesaving commodity, always in short supply. It takes approximately 24 hours from the time blood is given until it may be used. Ensuring that the blood is available for those who need it is a community responsibility. Only with the help of healthy blood donors from our area can we provide a safe and ample blood supply.

Currently, the American Red Cross of Greater Ozarks Regional Blood Services is in need of type O negative blood and all eligible donors are encouraged to donate. An eligible donor is anyone between 17 and 76 years, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit the Rolla First Christian Church, Tuesday, April 7, from 11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please donate...share the "Gift of Life" with



PERSONAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

Sponsored by Counseling & Career Development
A Division of Student Affairs
341-4211 204 Norwood Hall

STOP BY COUNSELING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION!
GET A COMPLETE LISTING OF PROGRAMS BEING OFFERED THIS SEMESTER.

TEST ANXIETY

Thursday, March 19 3:30-4:30 pm - 208 Norwood Hall
Facilitator: Dr. Gene Van Matre

Don't Miss Out

All UMR Departments and organizations are invited to be a part of ASUM's

4th Annual Student Lobby Day

"Missouri: We test with the best."

Last year's was a great success-- don't miss out on this opportunity to show off your program in our state capitol.

April 15th, 12:00pm-2:00pm
Third Floor Rotunda
State Capitol

For more information or to reserve a space, please call 314-341-4970 by April 6th.

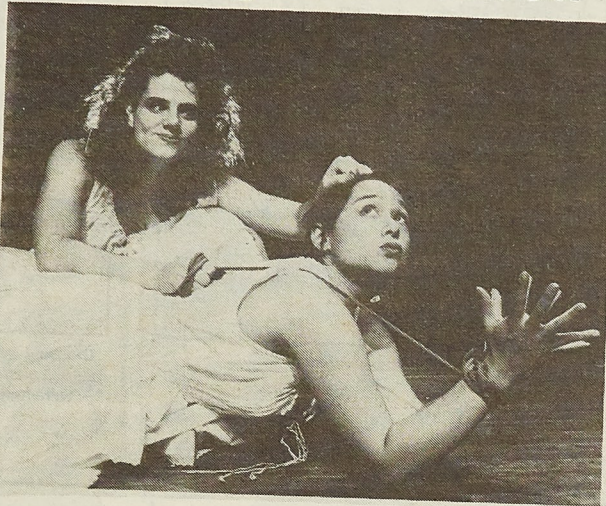
Features

SUB presents "Taming of the Shrew"

Student Union Board
SOURCE

On March 26, 8:00 p.m. in Castleman Hall, the renowned National Shakespeare Company will bring the rowdy comedy, "Taming of the Shrew," to life. Everyone should take this chance to see high quality, live Shakespeare theater.

FREE tickets are available NOW for students with a UMR ID and general public tickets will be available for only \$3.00 starting March 23. Tickets can be obtained in the Student Union Board office located in room 218 University Center West, or at the Leach Theater Box office at 7:00 p.m. on the day of the show. The performance is sponsored by the Student Union Board Fine Arts committee.



William Gibson

Jennifer Carroll (left) and Hil Cato play Kate and Bianca in the National Shakespeare Company's "Taming of the Shrew".

In "The Taming of the Shrew" Shakespeare took the rowdy comedy of commedia dell'arte, the Italian traveling theatre, and transformed it into a myth about the power of love to create a civilized marriage from our animal instincts.

The National Shakespeare Company production of "The Taming of the Shrew" is set in 18th century England where a drunken tinker named Christopher Sly has just been thrown out of the local tavern. The Lord of the Manor spots the sleeping Sly and decides to trick him into believing he is a mighty lord. When a troupe of actors comes along, the Lord has them play a comedy for Sly.

The play concerns a wealthy gentleman of Padua, Baptista, who has two daughters. The elder, Katherine (or Kate), is beautiful but extremely willful. Her sister, Bianca, is also beautiful, but of a more gentle disposition. Needless to say, Bianca has more than her share of suitors, while no one dares to ask for Katherine's hand. Baptista, being not only wealthy but wise, declares that there will be no talk of marriage to Bianca until Katherine is safely wooed and wed.

Enter Petruchio, a carefree gentleman who is searching for a wealthy wife. Learning that a sizable dowry comes with Kate's hand, he speedily

sets out to woo her. While Bianca's admirers concoct various disguises and assorted trickeries to gain her love, Petruchio goes after the astonished Kate using a variety of seemingly eccentric methods to disarm her and show her he loves her. In the end, she realizes she has found the perfect match in someone just as willful and obstinate as she. Through the "taming" process, however, they are both changed from the animals they were into a civilized union of husband and wife.

As the play-within-the-play ends, Sly the drunken tinker awakes as if from a dream, saying he now knows how to "tame a shrew". But does he?

Toastmasters celebrates its 10th anniversary

By Lisa Stiles
Toastmasters

The UMR student chapter of Toastmasters International celebrated its tenth anniversary with a banquet at the First Christian Church on Saturday, March 21. The Honorable John Wiggins, judge of the 25th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, was the guest speaker. Also invited were several

UMR campus by Dr. Sam Geonetta in the spring semester of 1982 with the purpose of teaching its members to develop and enhance public speaking skills by providing opportunities to address their peers. Since then, the club has grown to more than forty active members and has sponsored the beginning of the faculty chapter. In addition, four members have received their Competent Toastmaster awards, including Dr. Steve Watkins, former president and current advisor who has



faculty members who have shown support for organization. Those faculty members were: Dr. Bolon, chairman of nuclear engineering, Dr. Gajda, chairman of electrical engineering, Dr. Omurtag, chairman of engineering management, and Professor Highfill of engineering management.

The club was organized on the

gone on to receive the Advanced Toastmaster award. The club itself has received several awards from the international organization.

The student chapter meets every Thursday at 4:45 on the second floor of the University Center East. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

Proceeds from bluegrass concert will go to support KUMR

KUMR
SOURCE

On Friday evening, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Meramec Country Music Theater in Steelville, Missouri will become home to two of the hottest sensations in bluegrass music; Paul Adkins and the Borderline Band, along with Radio Flyer. It will be a unique opportunity to see two bands of this magnitude on the same stage on the same evening.

With this being the first appearance of Paul Adkins and Borderline in south Central Missouri, you owe it to yourself to see why this quintet is now so highly acclaimed from coast-to-coast. You will be moved by their music, you will laugh at their comedy, and from beginning to end you will be highly entertained.

After working for sixteen years with the top names in bluegrass (such as the Goins Brothers, J.D. Crow and the New South, and Bill Harrel and the

Virginians), Paul Adkins organized the Borderline Band and in four short years molded it into one of the most sought after band in the business. Its popularity is due in part to the outstanding talent of the five members and in part to their respect for traditional bluegrass music. As Paul Adkins expressed it when he began the band "... this doesn't mean tossing my Bluegrass roots out the window, but rather taking that heritage and adapting it to my own style." That style is now exciting fans nationwide and you have the opportunity to witness their musical magic firsthand.

Other members of the band include Ron Pennington, a self-proclaimed Monroe-aholic, who is a wizard on the mandolin. Ron is virtually "home-folk" as he hails from Springdale, Arkansas and is a former member of Shirley Vaughn's Parker Mountain Bluegrass band. Fred Travers plays the dobro, Robin Smith provides the acoustic bass work and Ned Luberecki is the banjoist. Each mem-

ber of the band is a stylist in his own right, and Paul Adkins has managed to blend all these styles into a sound that is truly crowd pleasing.

Radio Flyer is an award-winning band from Springfield, Missouri that features some of the most outstanding singers, songwriters and instrumentalists in the country.

Dudley Murphy, a nationally acclaimed flatpicker, was part of the now famous "Winfield Special three way pick-off" that featured himself along with Dan Crary and Norman Blake at Walnut Valley. Dudley's popularity can be attributed to his having been one of the first flat-pickers to combine hot licks with a mellow sound that enhances the capabilities of the guitar in bluegrass. His song, "Coming Home," which appears on the band's new Turquoise release Old Strings New Strings, is already receiving rave reviews.

David Wilson, who has exciting dexterity on the mandolin and fiddle, is also a gifted songwriter. David and

Dudley's ability to keep the band supplied with new material has helped establish Radio Flyer as one of the innovators in the business. Dave is an energetic entertainer and it is not exaggeration to say he is one of the most tasteful singers you will hear.

Steve Duede, a native of Des Moines, Iowa performed as a rock bassist before discovering that bluegrass music appealed to him more. Like so many of the great bluegrass bassists who have come out of rock music, Steve's bass work has a tonal quality that enhances the traditional bluegrass sound without passing over into the progressive realm.

Roger Matthews is an award-winning banjo player who is also a songwriter and gifted vocalist. Roger is rapidly becoming one of the industry's most accomplished banjo stylists and his latest musical creation, "Second Derivative," is destined to become an influential banjo tune.

See Concert, page 8

Super Cities Walk to benefit MS

Submitted by
Blue Key

Blue Key is once again sponsoring the Super Cities Walk to benefit multiple sclerosis. The walk will be held on Sunday, April 5, 1992 at 11:30 am and will begin at the Forum. Register



now to help by either walking or working at one of the stations. Come back a little early from spring break to help those who need it, and make yourself feel good in the process. To register, or for more information, call Chris

QUALITY CLEANERS

* Expert Cleaning * Reasonably priced
108 W. 7th Street Rolla, Mo 65401 364-3650

**Medi-Value
Pharmacy**
Tenth & Pine

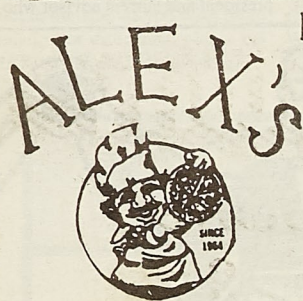


For all your Health & Photo needs

Jumbo Print Special: 20 x 28 only ...\$14.95

We now offer fax &
American Express Moneygrams

Phone 364-7077



PIZZA PALACE

Real Italian Pizza
122 W. 8th St.

Open 7 Days a week

11:00 AM - 2:00 AM Fri & Sat

11:00 AM - midnight Sun - Thur

Call For Delivery
or Take Out

364-2669 or 364-9878

Salads Sandwiches Pasta

5% Beer on Sunday

SPECIALITIES

Gyros Souvlaki Steak

Greek Salad Spinach Pie Baklava

**COMPUTERS.MONITORS.PRINTERS.
GRAPHICS.CARDS.SUPPLIES.
FURNITURE.AND MORE**

NEW AND USED

- * TOP NAMES
- * FAIR PRICES
- * GOOD CONDITION

EVEREX	NANAO
DELL	NEC
IBM	HITACHI
AST	DTK
VECTRIX	OKIDATA
IDEK	MONITRONIX

VIDEO

**SYSTEMS
SALES**

1005 PINE STREET
364-5574
1-6PM M-F
10AM-3PM SAT

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Albums to avoid



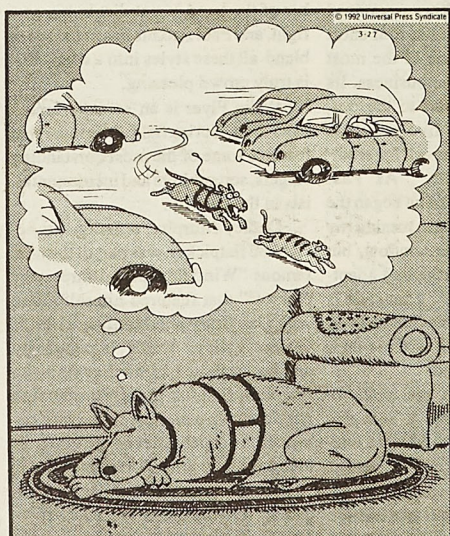
Crossing the village, Mowaka is overpowered by army ants. (Later, bystanders were all quoted as saying they were horrified, but "didn't want to get involved.")



Donning his new canine decoder, Professor Schwartzman becomes the first human being on Earth to hear what barking dogs are actually saying.



Rhino recitals



When seeing-eye dogs dream

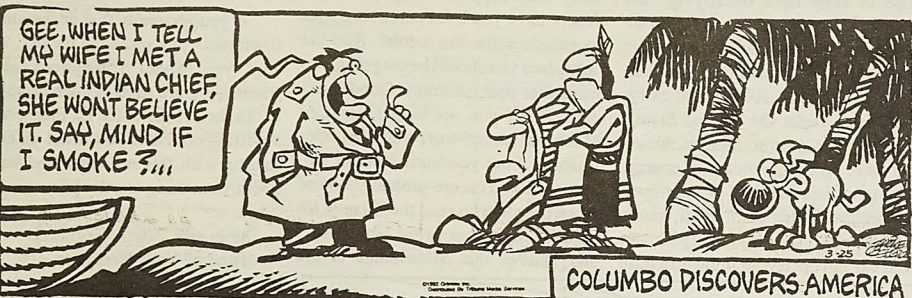
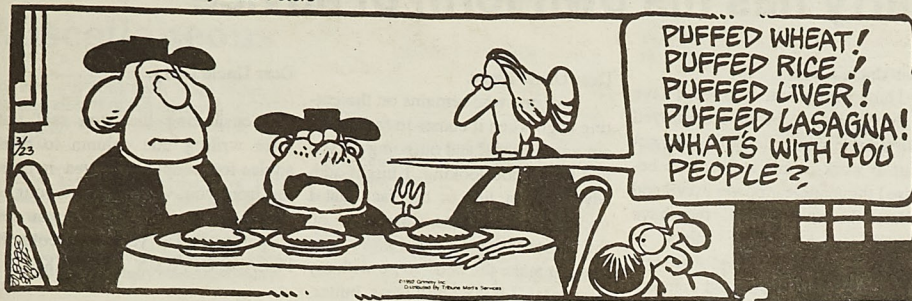


"It's 'Them,' gentlemen."

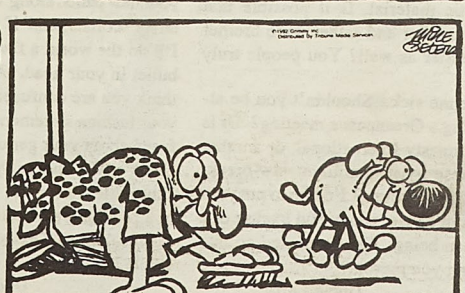
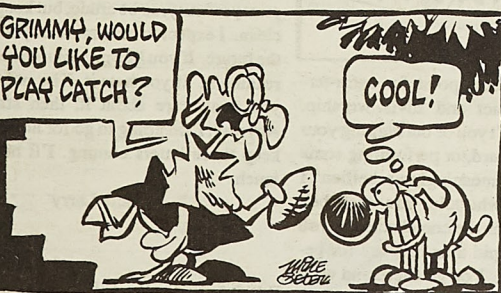


Mother Goose & Grimm

by Mike Peters



COLUMBO DISCOVERS AMERICA



YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO CARE AT...

BIRTHRIGHT

PHONE: 364-0066

215 WEST 8th STREET
P.O. BOX 832
ROLLA, MISSOURI 65401

FOR HELP
DURING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY
FREE PREGNANCY TESTING
NEW EARLY DETECTION METHOD



SCIENCE FICTION • FANTASY
COMICS • GAMES
1014 Pine St. Phone 364-4301

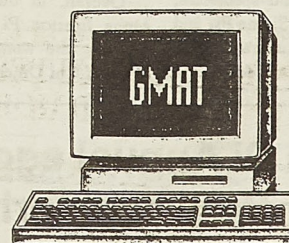
SUBWAY

We Deliver
11 am - 8 pm
Daily Specials

819 Pine

364-3395

Study Smart with Cliffs StudyWare



To do your best on your Graduate Management Admission Test, study smart with Cliffs StudyWare. This Cliffs Test Preparation Guide with interactive computer software is the most complete study system available.

- ◆ Available for ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE and LSAT
- ◆ On-screen questions ◆ Mouse compatible/pull-down menus
- ◆ Fun and easy to use ◆ Color graphics
- ◆ Compatible with VGA, EGA, CGA and Hercules

CLIFFS StudyWare

UMR Bookstore

St. Pat's Committee extends thanks to all

By Shawn Michael
STAFF WRITER

The 1992, 84th annual, "Best Ever" St. Pat's celebration on the UMR campus may be over, but thanks to you, the students, it will continue to be a tradition. The St. Pat's Celebration Committee would like to extend its fullest gratitude to those campus organizations who participated in this year's follies, games, and parade, and to all those who supported us by buying 1992 Green. We would also like to thank the University for the usage of the Fraternity Row intramural fields, the Multipurpose Building, and the Hockey Puck.

The week's festivities started off

shine for us on Friday, and the turnout was great. the competitors in the bat race, monkey rolls, quarters, and the other challenges had a great time, win or lose.

Friday night was the Coronation.

St. Pat knighted 29 student knights representing the various organizations on campus and the four honorary knights who were allowed in as members of St. Pat's Court. Later on in the evening, Heather Governick, representing Sigma Phi Epsilon, was crowned as the 1992 Queen of Love and Beauty. Congratulations Heather, and thank you to all those students and faculty who attended the ceremonies, and to the UMR employees who helped put on the evening.

Overall Results of St. Pat's 1992

Men's Division

- 1) Alpha Epsilon Pi
- 2) Sigma Pi
- 3) Beta Sigma Psi

Women's Division

- 1) Chi Omega
- 2) Zeta Tau Alpha
- 3) Kappa Delta

with the traditional follies held at the Puck and in downtown Rolla. The entries were very imaginative, ranging from the five-member "Gang-Green," to a beard made of shamrocks, to Alpha Epsilon Pi's crowd captivating jingle to the tune of "American Pie." Congratulations to all of the winners.

The week then took a turn to Fraternity Row for Gonzo and Games. Thursday's Gonzo had a damper put on it when mother nature decided to shed a few snowflakes on our festivities. However, the "Saturn Cats" did play for the freezing crowd of volleyball competitors and spectators, and in the end, Beta Sigma Psi and Chi Omega turned out to be the victors of the day. The sun decided to

Saturday morning was the St. Pat's parade. We would like to thank all those organizations who entered their floats and nonfloats. The residents of Rolla really enjoy this part of St. Pat's, and we thank you for giving them their parade.

Saturday afternoon was our first annual Touimament of Knights. Knights Jeffrey Herzog of Sigma Nu and Elaine Yonker of Chi Omega victoriously emerged as the champions of St. Pat's Court receiving the Green Sleeve (a contemporary version of an old tradition). Special thanks to all those in attendance.

Overall, in the men's division, Alpha Epsilon Pi took first place, and in the women's division, the ladies of Chi Omega were the victors.

Tau Beta Pi Annual egg drop contest offers cash prizes

Jason Boles
TAU BETA PI

In conjunction with this year's Honors Week, Tau Beta Pi will once again host their "egg-drop" engineering stunt on Thursday, April 16 at 1:30. Over \$100 in cash prize money will be awarded. The object of this contest is to design a "vehicle" which will protect its passenger, Mr. Egg, during a rough ride. The vehicles will be dropped three stories from the north end of the Chemical Engineering building and will be granted three at-

tempts to land upon a concrete target two meters in diameter. Each contestant must furnish their own large chicken egg(s). Eggs may not be treated or tampered with in any manner. (hard-boiled, coated, etc.), and must emerge from the drop uncracked. Only one entry will be allowed per person. THE LIGHTEST VEHICLE WITH A SUCCESSFUL DROP WILL WIN. In case of a weight tie, the smallest vehicle (in volume) will win. A panel of judges will administer the program, and their decisions will be final. Questions concerning this competition should be directed to Jason Boles at 364-8968.

He may not be an Ann Landers, but Uncle Larry has his own form of advice

Dear Uncle Larry,

I have a dilemma. You see, I have an opportunity to become employed with a large nuclear plant. I do not want to work in this atmosphere because I think nuclear power is evil and pollutes the environment. they have offered me a starting salary of \$42,000. This is a great deal of money, but I don't know if I should compromise my principles for the love of material things. What I should I do?

Yours Truly,
Proudly Liberal

Dear Liberal

The only dilemma I see in this whole matter is that your parents weren't using contraceptives at the time of your conception. It is bleeding heart, commie, pinko, vodka snorting, atheists, such as yourself, that have allowed America to degenerate to the cesspool pool that it is today. Can't you see that nuclear power is our only hope to keep from destroying the planet? France, Canada, and Japan are all smart enough to have converted to nuclear power by now, but you whining, ares reducing, ACLU card carrying, losers resist the United States' conversion to a safer, cleaner, better, and more profitable means of energy. I bet you pride yourself of your open mindedness, don't you? Well, here's an idea; why don't ram an ice pick into your ear and open your mind up a little

Dear Uncle Larry,

I am one who remains on the cutting edge when it comes to fashion. I am a very social and outgoing person and very good looking, I might add. My problem lies in the fact that I understand bell-bottom pants are on the comeback and I don't know how wide to make the bell. to go with my new pants, I think I will wear butterfly collar shirts, but what colors? I'm so confused Uncle Larry, please help with my fashion statement.

Fashion Fuddled

Dear Fashionably Fuddled,

The only cutting edge I hope to see you on is the one you use to take your own life. You are a waster of someone's perfectly good air. Which one of the Brady's are you, Marsha or Greg? Are you one of those people who run around saying "Groovy" for no apparent reason? I thought we did away with hippies along time ago. Where have you been practicing your social life at, on the moon? And the only place you should be outgoing is to ward after your lobotomy. Good-looking? I bet you are in a Gidget or Monkees' sort of way, which is undefinable. I bet you burn incense too, don't you? You are probably one of those people who read the Time-Life books, "Mysteries of the Unknown," and believe that Stonehenge is the

Dear Uncle Larry,

Considering that you said you were writing this column to offer advice for people interested in hearing from you, why do all of your so called "letters" sound like you are desperate to fill your own column. PLEASE GIVE US A BREAK!!!

If you have nothing better to do than sit around and write this garbage - that very few people find amusing try-- becoming a student or studying. Maybe that would improve your intelligence as well as your attitude and sense of humor.

So far your "letters" and "advice" have show little, if any, sensitivity about subjects that people really do have problems with. You also seem to need to adjust your attitude towards women.

If you are really that desperate or frustrated, pay someone for sex. Go vent your trivial frustrations elsewhere—we are tired of such drivel.

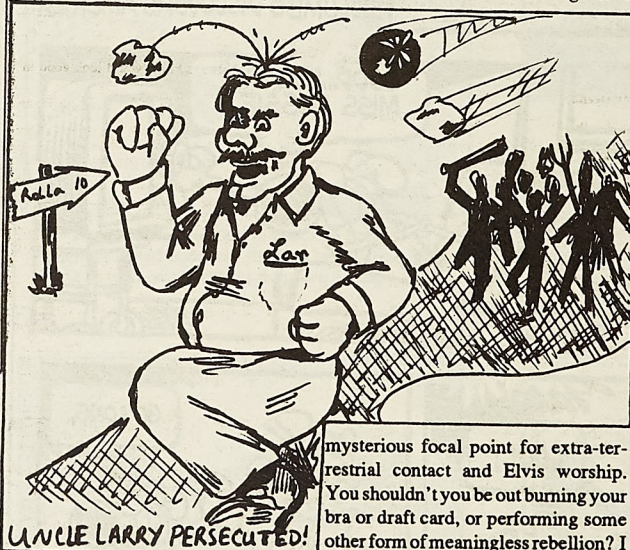
In short, GET A LIFE! Please take a writing course if you insist on continuing with this nonsense and write about something worthwhile.

Sincerely,
Tired of Your Nonsense

Dear Reader,

Hi there, all. The number of incoming letters has been so small that I thought I would take this opportunity to advertise myself once more. If you have anything, anything at all, write it down, seal it in an envelope, address it to me, and drop it in the personals box just outside the Miner office. Feel free to write down whatever you want; hate mail, how you feel I'm doing, bomb threats, poetry, Lasagna recipes, etc. Just remember we aren't allowed to print profanity, so be crude, but keep it clean. I expect to hear more of you in the future. If you like my column keep reading it. If you hate it, Kiss off. If you don't care about it, then start. Anyway, I am going to go for now, so keep those letters coming. I'll be in touch.

Uncle Larry



more. See how concerned you are about nuclear pollution as your brain juice runs out of your head. You are obviously the product of defective genetic material. Is it possible that your mother and father were brother and sister as well? You people truly

make me sick. Shouldn't you be attending a Greenpeace meeting? Or is it Amnesty International, or another of those twisted, militant, law-breaking hippie groups? I'd like to put your head in a vise, you pitiful excuse of a human being. Get a clue and go into hiding you moron.

Uncle Larry

mysterious focal point for extra-terrestrial contact and Elvis worship. You shouldn't you be out burning your bra or draft card, or performing some other form of meaningless rebellion? I don't know who told you that bell bottoms are on the comeback, but you are more stupid than they are for believing them. You go ahead and wear your new pants, along with your "Butterfly" collars, and if I see you out, I'll do the world a favor by putting a bullet in your head. And I definitely think you are confused; but not about your fashion statement. You are confused about your generation. Here is an idea: Go and get yourself a nice, shiny extension cord, plug it in, stand in a pool of water, and gnaw through the insulation. That's a tip from your Uncle Lar.

Uncle Larry

Editor's Note: Uncle Larry's column is written purely for entertainment and to offer some variety to the paper. The problems addressed and subsequent advice are in no way meant to be taken literally. Any real problems should be referred to the UMR Counseling Department. If you have comments, either positive or negative about this column please leave them in the drop box outside room 103 Norwood Hall and address it for the Feature's Editor. We in no way mean to personally offend anybody.

Classifieds

Miscellaneous

For sale: 4 (FOUR) Apple Image Writer II's Minimum bid \$175.00 Call Purchasing 341-4226 for Bid copy. Bid due: March 27, 1992 at 11:00 a.m. CST

For Sale: Apple IIGS 40MB Hard drive. RGB monitor, color printer, modem, 5.25" and 3.5" disk drives, mous, joystick, includes software, ribbons, paper, manuals and cables. Call Jeff at 341-9286. Spring Break on beautiful South Padre Island Texas. 2 BR, 2 Bath luxury condo close to major hotels.

SPRING BREAK '92 - LAST MINUTE SPECIALS! Panama City beach from \$119 - 7 nights hotel, parties, discounts and more! Call STS at 1-800-648-4849.

Spring Break on beautiful South Padre Island Texas. 2 BR, 2 Bath luxury condo close to major hotels.

Wanted: I am looking for a ride to Lambert Airport for 2:00 p.m. March 27 th. Kevin 341-2306.

EARN EXTRA INCOME* Earn \$200 - \$500 weekly mailing travel brochures. For information send a stamped addressed envelope to: Travel Inc., P.O. Box 2530, Miami, FL 33161.

Personals

Elwood,
Ballistic Troll!
Jake

Christine,
I'm sure!
Owen

Amber,
Hello, Hello, Hello, Hell-o.
The Answering Machine

Sigma Nu Little Sisters are the best!

Pineapple Head,
Goofy misses you!
Mophead

Zolt,
We are glad you are back!
Christine was driving us nuts!
A and A

Angelika,
You are still the best big sis!
Zlam,
YLS

Elwood,
Don't hyperventilate over all these personals!
Jake

Rex,
I loooooooooooooove you!
Cheezer

Amy Z.,
I'm here!
Nice face.....
Master Sergeant!

Jeff (Sig Pl),
The pie wasn't funny and you still owe me how many meals?
YLS

Officer Jenkins from Rolla County Police,
Thanks for the donuts and snacks.

Ketch, Cravin and Jason,
I love my little brothers.
CMP

Greg and Mike,
The price went up to \$300.
You know who

Jeff,
Call Me! I will know if you are lying about it!
YLS

Christine and Amy,
The Walmart splurge was fun, but let's not make a habit of it. My stomach can't handle it that often.
Amber

To the Board,
Thanks for a great St. Pat's.
Zeta Tau Alpha

Blayne,
Thanks for the pic. You are gonna get it!
Your lil sis!

Amber,
Gumby is spelled with a "y"! Ha ha
I win
The Human Thesaurus

Back Row,
Admit it—I 'm just super-cool and you are not.
Master Sgt.

Deena,
Do you think we should give Angie a bid?
Your Steak 'n' Shake buddies!

Deena,
We changed our mind about Leuge. She is pretty cool! NOT!
The 3 coolest people in the world

To my new family,
Here is to much fun and great times with the coolest!!
Zlam,
Christy

O-hi,
I missed you! I am so glad you are back!
Love,
Uh!

Hey Deena,
You fit right in! Welcome to the family! We love you!
Zlam,
YBS and YBBS

Elwood,
Wanna Date? It is 106 miles to Chicago. We've got a full tank of gas, a half a pack of cigarettes. It's dark and we are wearing sunglasses. Hit it! Thanks for being you.
Jake

Klss, Klss,
C'mon....do it.....pleeeeeeze!
Christine,
Ha! Ha! We won!
The best roomies

Ambrosia,
Sorry 'bout your bed! Forgive me?
Zlam,
The coolest roommate

Jeff,
The pie wasn't funny and you still owe me how many meals?
YLS

Officer Jenkins from Rolla County Police,
Thanks for the donuts and snacks.

Ketch, Cravin and Jason,
I love my little brothers.
CMP

Greg and Mike,
The price went up to \$300.
You know who

Jeff,
The pie wasn't funny and you still owe me how many meals?
YLS

Officer Jenkins from Rolla County Police,
Thanks for the donuts and snacks.

Ketch, Cravin and Jason,
I love my little brothers.
CMP

Greg and Mike,
The price went up to \$300.
You know who

To the spoiled brat who shares a room with us,
I am so sure you got all that stuff.

Christine,
You are the coolest little sis. I guess it just runs in the family.
Zlam,
YBS

Deena,
UR the best!

C,
I am glad you were here St. Pat's weekend! I miss you when you are gone!
Love,
G

YBBS

Wylle,
Take your medicine, shut up, and sit down!
An observer

I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?

Sigma Chi Spring Formal was awesome!

Uncle Lar has an STD. (he got it from OP)

Dont mess with my professionalism.
Cadash!

Bouncers for hire! Call Sigma Chi.

St. Pat's and StuCo What a combination! NOT!

Hey Zurb,
It is spreading isn't it?
Tyson

MMMMMM, women in the weight room!

Brian,
I hate to be the one to tell you this but.....I saw Sally Jessie with Gerald this weekend.
Your pal,
Jay Lenno

Gee, Uncle Lar, you give sucky advice.

Gee Uncle Lar, you give swell advice.

What a crummy St. Pat's. StuCo msut be full of losers.

Takes one to know one, doesn't it?

Scorch! the mother of all games,

Compton is a little girlie-man!

Connie,
I know something you don't know!

Hey Homer!

Beth,
Thanks for putting up with me the last weeks. I have been a little stressed out. Have a great spring break, and I promise I will be better when we all get back.
Luv in KD,
Your roommate

P.S. Gotta love this town

Stephanie,
So glad you are my lil sis. You are AWESOME! Stay that way. Have a terrific spring break.
LUV,
YBS

Shelly,
Next time, make sure I go to AEPI with you!
The One who Stayed Behind

Zurb has got Jungle Fever!

Nice Hand!

Hey Connie,
Psyché!

In case you didn't catch it the first time.....Schwing!

We did, we just ignored.

Eric, Jim, Wade, and Chris,
Geez, it is the Cops!

Uncle Larry,
I am still be not havin no job!

Deena,
You are an awesome little sis.
YBS

Christine,
You are the coolest little sis. I guess it just runs in the family.
Zlam,
YBS

Deena,
UR the best!

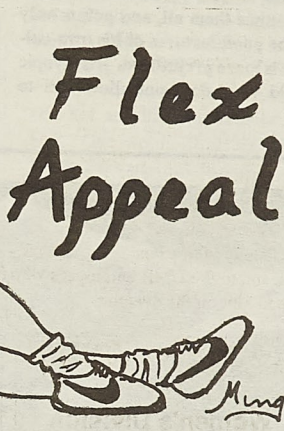
C,
I am glad you were here St. Pat's weekend! I miss you when you are gone!
Love,
G

Wylle,
Take your medicine, shut up, and sit down!
An observer

I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?

Sigma Chi Spring Formal was awesome!

Uncle Lar has an STD. (he got it from OP)



Eck Eck,
Maybe if you grew up you would get a girlfriend. Who know, you might luck out and get one you could see.

Deena,
So which is it—is he the guy you kinda hang out with or he guy you do stuff with?
You know who

Jill,
You are a most awesome Big Sis. But I will get you back for my string day fun!
Love,
Hug #1 and kisses
Peanut

Giggles,
I always knew you'd look good in whipped creme.
Coach Derby

Boner,
What was her name again?
AA

McFly,
I'll rock your world!
R

Stale Bread,
You are outa there!
An observer

Homer & Flappy's live Bait and Ammo for info call 555-Hick

Antonakki has the leach syndrome!

Zurb,
Wash your toothbrush lately?

Sigma Chi wishes everyone at UMR a great Spring Break!

Let your fingers do the walking in the hot tub!

Espy,
Congrats on a job well done at the knighting ceremony!

Ruler of the Universe,
You have been replaced! Ha Ha. I win!

Amy,
Owen!! I'm talking in my sleep.

Amy,
Hey, wanna date? Glad you got a boyfriend.
C and A

Deena,
You are an awesome little sis.
YBS

Christine,
You are the coolest little sis. I guess it just runs in the family.
Zlam,
YBS

Deena,
UR the best!

C,
I am glad you were here St. Pat's weekend! I miss you when you are gone!
Love,
G

Wylle,
Take your medicine, shut up, and sit down!
An observer

I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?

Sigma Chi Spring Formal was awesome!

Uncle Lar has an STD. (he got it from OP)

And Uncle Larry still not be havin any sense or intelligence

Schwiiliiiiiiiing!

Mmmmm, purple!

He who laughs last, laughs hardest!

BDC,
I got you!
Becky, Sarah, etc.

Wylle,
Take your medicine, shut up, and sit down!
An observer

I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?

Sigma Chi Spring Formal was awesome!

Uncle Lar has an STD. (he got it from OP)

Dont mess with my professionalism.
Cadash!

Bouncers for hire! Call Sigma Chi.

St. Pat's and StuCo What a combination! NOT!

Hey Zurb,
It is spreading isn't it?
Tyson

MMMMMM, women in the weight room!

Brian,
I hate to be the one to tell you this but.....I saw Sally Jessie with Gerald this weekend.
Your pal,
Jay Lenno

Gee, Uncle Lar, you give sucky advice.

Gee Uncle Lar, you give swell advice.

What a crummy St. Pat's. StuCo msut be full of losers.

Takes one to know one, doesn't it?

Scorch! the mother of all games,

Compton is a little girlie-man!

Connie,
I know something you don't know!

Hey Homer!

Beth,
Thanks for putting up with me the last weeks. I have been a little stressed out. Have a great spring break, and I promise I will be better when we all get back.
Luv in KD,
Your roommate

P.S. Gotta love this town

Stephanie,
So glad you are my lil sis. You are AWESOME! Stay that way. Have a terrific spring break.
LUV,
YBS

Shelly,
Next time, make sure I go to AEPI with you!
The One who Stayed Behind

Zurb has got Jungle Fever!

Nice Hand!

Hey Connie,
Psyché!

In case you didn't catch it the first time.....Schwing!

We did, we just ignored.

Eric, Jim, Wade, and Chris,
Geez, it is the Cops!

Uncle Larry,
I am still be not havin no job!

Deena,
You are an awesome little sis.
YBS

Christine,
You are the coolest little sis. I guess it just runs in the family.
Zlam,
YBS

Deena,
UR the best!

C,
I am glad you were here St. Pat's weekend! I miss you when you are gone!
Love,
G

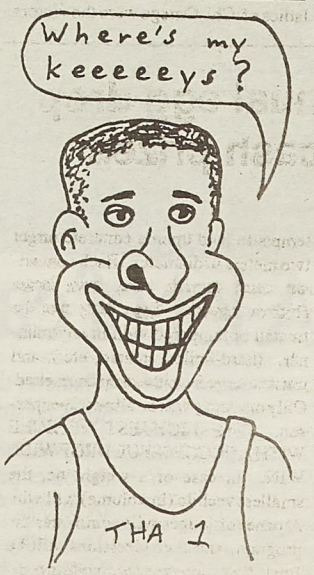
Wylle,
Take your medicine, shut up, and sit down!
An observer

I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?

Sigma Chi Spring Formal was awesome!

Uncle Lar has an STD. (he got it from OP)

Dont mess with my professionalism.
Cadash!



Ignorance

follow our own tradition. We had our own form of democracy in ancient India, true, it was a democracy of upper class propertied males, wasn't it the same here in the United States a few hundred years back. "We, and we alone, abandoned slavery, racism and sexism" Yes one had to, people should amend for one's own sins. After exploiting the rest of the world for hundreds of years, following the most draconian form of discrimination, perpetuating the worst kind of trade practices, suddenly one comes with that kind of a lofty claim. Those elevated virtues were conveniently forgotten

when dealing with people of different race and culture.

All these statements made by me will appear to be one sided, biased and fault-finding by many people. Yes, they are. The point I want to make is all cultures and civilizations have their moments of glory and infamy. Western culture is not an exception. The way the writer of that piece picked up only past bad points of non-western cultures, to denounce them all, and points only to the good features of his own culture is more prejudiced. His myopic world view does not allow him to

acknowledge anything good about others. I was not taught by my "inferior" parents and teachers that to claim your superiority you have to disparage others. There are great western traditions which we would love to learn and follow, but arrogance and ignorance are not those virtues.

The silver lining to this controversy is that not everybody in western society subscribe to views like that of Mr. Hobart. Recently I was going through Paul Tsongas' election document: "A call to economic arms." He writes there, and I quote, "Finally it's urgent that we spend the time neces-

sary to understand how Third World nations think. They are not mini copies of Western nations. They are different peoples with different cultures — cultures no less worth of our respect and understanding...They (third world countries) don't act as we in the West would expect because their cultures and histories and institutions are not the same as ours. Fundamentally many of them do not believe that we respect them. And, sadly they are often correct. We think that human history and the Judeo-Christian traditions are the same thing. Perhaps we can see how offensive it is to billions

of people who don't share that tradition." Is he a new Leftheretic? No! He is a sensible person. A sense which Mr. Hobart lacks.

I wish some other westerners who appreciate the views expressed by Mr. Tsongas will counter the reactionary thoughts portrayed in that article. One should not allow an "ethnocentric" (nice euphemism for racist) to represent their culture. I and others like me will continue to accept and admire valuable Western traditions, the traditions to which the writer of that supercilious article has nothing in common. Diganta Das

from page3

More COMMENTS, page 11



A lot of campus rapes start here.

Whenever there's drinking or drugs, things can get out of hand. So it's no surprise that many campus rapes involve alcohol.

But you should know that under any circumstances, sex without the other person's consent is considered rape. A felony, punishable by prison. And drinking is no excuse.

That's why, when you party, it's good to know what your limits are. You see, a little sobering thought now can save you from a big problem later.

© 1990 Rape Treatment Center, Santa Monica Hospital.

Sports

Typical season for Mizzou

By A.T. Goon
STAFF WRITER

What is it with the Missouri Tigers? Why can't they finish a season...ever? Every year, these guys play great during the middle of the season, get their fans fired up, and then slide at the end and choke in the tournament. The 1991-92 collegiate basketball season was no exception.

Not that I'm a Tigers fan or anything; I am just upset because my friend Squiggy (who just happens to like the Tigers just a little bit) won't talk to me, and it's the Tigers' fault.

Question: What do these colleges have in common? Rhode Island, Creighton, and Northern Iowa.

Answer: They are all perennial Division I basketball powerhouses that Mizzou had the unfortunate experience of facing in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

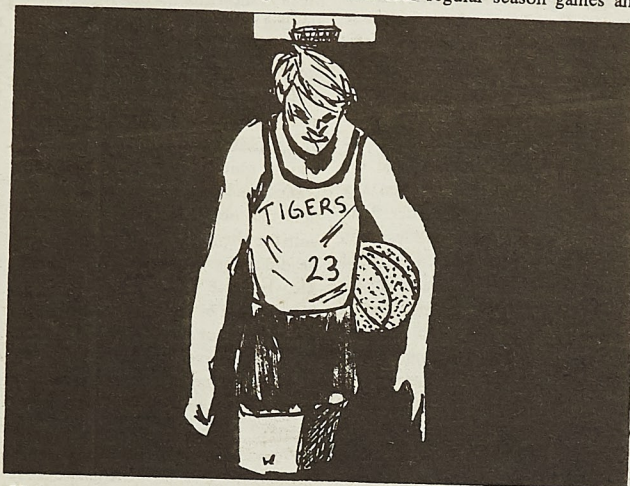
The early exit has almost become a signature of Norm Stewart's basket-

ball program. Since 1982, they have been to the tournament five times and won a whopping total of three games.

of the regular season. Take, for example, this season when they lost their last four regular season games and

they ended the regular season with an eight game winning streak and the Big Eight championship crown. But, surprise, Mizzou was on probation that year so there was nothing to look forward to.

Mizzou always starts slow, gets very hot, and then freezes to ice in the end. One word: Pressure. Either Norm Stewart can't handle it or he can't teach his players to handle it. In any case I, as a former Tigers fan, have become disgusted with the perennial letdown of the Mizzou basketball program. Just as Mizzou has proven over the past decade, you can win thirty games a year, but if you can't beat the Northwestern Idaho girls technical preparatory school for the blind, you'll never be considered champions. Stompin' Norman needs to do something with the pussycats. I hardly think a 21-9 record and a second round loss in the NCAA tournament constitutes a successful season for a basketball program of the caliber of the University of Missouri.



If they were just a bad tournament team, I believe their fans could live with that, but Mizzou has mad a habit of beginning their downfall at the end

dropped from eighth to twenty-first in the polls.

Once in the last few years, Mizzou has finished strong. In that season

St. Louis hockey fans singing the Blues

By Chris Merris
STAFF WRITER

A wild turn of events has hit the NHL in the last two weeks. The Blues seem to have an injury bug hitting hard. Defenseman Garth Butcher is out with a broken foot as is defenseman Rick Zombo. Goalie Curtis Joseph is down with a bad ankle, but is a day-to-day. The other and most notable is Brett Hull, who has been experiencing back spasms. Goalies Guy

Hebert and Pat Jablonski have filled admirably, but the Blues lack a little offensive punch. The Blues, however, have played very well going in 1-3-1 without the punch provided. As it has turned out with defenseman Bret Hedican has signed and should be with the Blues shortly.

In other developments the NHLPA has not yet met an agreement with the NHL as far as a collective bargaining agreement. There is a good possibility that a strike may occur right before playoff time. The strike deadline is

March 30th. What does this mean for the NHL and the Blues? We may see Minor league-ers in the playoffs and a few picket line crossers.

Nelson Emerson is one player having a superb year. He is the leading candidate for Rookie of the Year so far. Brett Hull is making a bid for MVP again and Curtis Joseph may be in line for the Vezina Trophy for best goalie. The playoff look shaky as many teams are rounding out their top lines. The Blues need badly to get healthy if they are going to beat the Blackhawks.

M-Club

Athlete of the Week



This week's Athlete of the Week is Jeff Kuta. Jeff, a senior from Chesterfield, finished his collegiate swimming career by competing at Nationals. He placed 4th in the 50m with a time of 20.73 seconds and 8th in the 100m with a time of 46.00 seconds. Jeff also recently competed in the Olympic trials as the only NCAA Division II swimmer. As of the trials, Jeff had the 68th fastest time ever recorded in the U.S. in the 50m. Congratulations Jeff!

Attention:

Anyone interested in writing for the Sports page covering baseball, softball, and track come to the Miner meeting on Thursday at 5:00pm or drop a note in the drop box in 103 Norwood Hall

COMMENTS

from page 10

REPATRIATION, Hypocritical policies by the United States

I was re-reading some articles the other morning, articles back from the 80's about the poor Cuban refugees. The ones that came in droves to the southern shores of the good old U.S. when Fidel Castro kicked them out. And we proudly took them, after all it was our duty and the leaders of the free world to open our hearts and homes to them. The same thing with the poor poor Vietnamese boat people. We ranted and raved at Hong Kong for not granting them entry. We threatened them with economic sanctions and everything. We said, "If they came to our shores we wouldn't turn them away." And then the Haitians came, their President thrown out of the country, and chaos ruling their land. They came here afraid for their lives, they had heard what the U.S. said to Hong Kong regarding the endless numbers of Vietnamese. But to no avail, the U.S. said, People of Color GO HOME, we don't want you.

Any Haitian who is returned to Haiti will, upon arrival, be fingerprinted and put on a list. They will be considered enemies of the state and summarily shot when the ruling government decides to make more examples. The U.S. knows what they are sending these people back to, but they choose to look the other way. Why is that? Is their skin not light enough? The U.S. has always been the pillar of justice and freedom but that doesn't seem to apply to anyone with a slightly darker complexion. The American people took a long time to divest in South Africa, and forgot about South Africa the minute someone over there said, "I promise to give the blacks equality, scouts honor." Although the U.S. plays peacebringer to the rest of the world, a point in fact is the Israeli, Jordanian, Palestinian affair, they can't seem to do that for a close country whose rightful leader was exiled and whose economy is being destroyed and whose people are being persecuted.

These are policies that make me proud to be a Black American citizen.

Marvin Francois (A Proud Black Man)

Western Superiority: A false ideology

Last week an article titled *Multiculturalism: A false God* by Rob Hobart was printed in this newspaper. I found Mr. Hobart's comments to be very narrow-minded and ignorant.

In Mr. Hobart's degradation of the Native American's civilization he states, "I find nothing admirable in cultures which regard cannibalism or torture as acceptable." It is obvious to this reader that he has never heard of Jefferey Dahmer or the thousands of lynchings that took place in this country and the thousands of crucifixions in the Roman empire, the foundation of Western Civilization. Crucifixions and lynchings were the worst forms of death ever committed against humanity.

He further states, "Tolerance is an explicitly Western value." You have to wonder what West he was referring

to. He surely can not be talking about the society that wiped out over half of the Native American population and then drove the remaining natives off their own land in the name of civilization and Christianity. The same society that enslaved my ancestors for 400 years. They have not tolerated anyone who did not look the same as they.

Finally Hobart stated, "We and we alone abandoned racism and sexism." Enough said. I would like to thank Brother Marvin for allowing me the opportunity to make this statement. Peace.

Ruben J. Howell III (Ex Slave) - A Member of the NETWORK

More COMMENTS, page 12

Critics agree, "Gladiator" definitely not a knockout

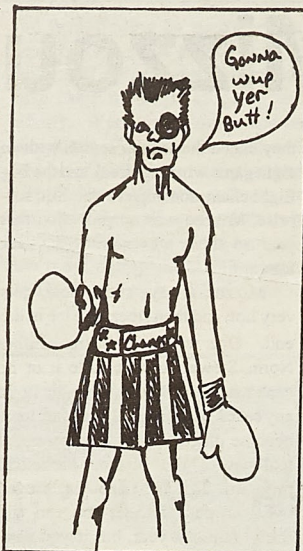
Gene says "stinker of the year"

Sickle points to violence as the only redeeming quality

By Roger Egbert
STAFF WRITER

This week Sickie and I reviewed "Gladiator." This was quite possibly the worst Rocky ripoff ever to be released. Just enough of the plot was changed to keep it from being really obvious, but it was written for a much younger crowd than your average boxing movie (as would be evident by the pack of nubile, young 12 year olds sitting in front of us. Between the feeble characterization and even poorer acting this movie gets my vote for stinker of the year.

Our story begins with a middle class white man losing his job due to excessive drinking and gambling after he is forced to relocate to a slum. He then "gets his life together" by getting a job as a travelling salesman. Up until now the story seems pretty original but then the main character, Tommy Riley (notice that he is an Irish minority sort of like Rocky), decides that he has to fight to pay off his father's gambling debts. Here is where we depart into the realm of Rocky-ism entirely. He gets a girlfriend Dawn, who looks and acts just like Adrienne. They had a sex scene, but it looked more like a church social to me. Maybe if they weren't all covered-up, I mean, is this a movie or what? Also similar to our beloved Rocky were his tow friends Romano and Lincoln who both radiated Apollo Creedness. They alternately took on the role that Apollo played one by nearly dying (a subtle change from the original) and one by having to fight Tommy. The whole theme is intertwined with his struggle to get an education and keep out of trouble with those troublesome



boys at school. Well as it works there is another original part of the movie. There is a certain villain, Horn, played by Brian Dennehy (the only established actor in the movie), who managed to force him into fighting for him by securing his father's gambling debts from a loan shark buddy. Naturally he was the lightweight champion when he was young and he and Tommy fought it out in the end. Of course Keeping with tradition Tommy won and left the ring to hug his girlfriend. I'm only thankful that he didn't yell out her name while looking for her.

I guess maybe if you like pre-teen dribble it wouldn't be such a bad movie, but I don't see "box office smash" written in flaming letters in the sky or anything. Warrant didn't help by butchering "We will Rock You" either. Bad music and a bad movie, what more can you ask for?

By Gene Sickie
STAFF WRITER

When I paid an exorbitant amount of money to see "Gladiator" at one of our fine Rolla theaters, I wasn't expecting very much. And that is exactly what I got, not much. The movie was full of tedious cliches, unbelievable occurrences, and terrible music. The only redeeming quality it had was the gratuitous violence. The only thing that constituted giving this movie the R rating was the violence and the swearing. There weren't even any good sex scenes. For that matter, there was only one and it showed less skin than a Puritan preacher's wife. One of the most unbelievable parts of the movie dealt with that of the leading character Tommy Riley. This guy had the body of an Olympic gymnast, yet he was probably a freshman in high school. This is a conclusion that can be drawn from his first day in his new school. In his English class, they are studying Mark Twain. Not obscure, advanced Twain, but what he wrote, what his name meant, and how Twain was only a pseudonym. This is a word that almost every inner-city child portrayed in the movie found hilariously funny. I mean a freshman in high school? Puberty hasn't even goosed this guy, much less clenched him in it's vicelike grip.

Well, as always, Riley is coaxed into fighting to pay for some of his self-rehabilitated father's gambling debts. You see, a gang of hoodlums are drawn to Tommy's youthful innocence, and begin tormenting him from the first of the movie. When it finally comes to blows between Riley and the gang leader, there just happens to be

one of the main fight-promoters guys present. He feels Tommy has promise, go figure. Anyway, he talks Tommy into fighting once, only once. (Geez, where have you heard that one before? Let me give you a hint: Rocky I-XXIV). Our valiant, young, leading man shows for his first fight, and is amazed to discover it is to be held in a dingy, greasy, basement where there are a bunch of social outcasts betting on the winner. Tommy is shocked to discover there are virtually no rules in this sophisticated sport. Well after taking quite the beating, Tommy comes back and pummels his opponent into oblivion. This manages to gain the attention of one Horn (I guess he didn't have a first name besides Mr., because that is all they called him) played by Brian Dennehy. Supposedly, Horn was once the greatest fighter who ever fought in the lightweight division. Con on, give me just a little break here. Dennehy a lightweight? The man probably weighs 387 and 1/2 pounds, and we are supposed to believe that he is the greatest fighter of all time. Didn't Cassius Clay/Ally say that?

Well, Horn manages to persuade Riley to continue fighting through unethical means (now there's a new twist, not!) When Tommy's buddy, Romano (a Cuban youth who dresses like an early 1970's pimp), is injured, Tommy has to avenge his injury. Again, enter the Rocky-like theme. After demonstrating his potential to be the best fighter on Horn's list, Horn makes Riley and Lincoln, another of Tommy's buddies and the current reigning champ, fight for the title. You see, Lincoln is afflicted with a boxing injury which could cause him to be paralyzed if he gets hit in the head.

But, Tommy refused to fight his injured comrade, being the good little hero that he is. After Lincoln beats up on Riley for a while, he, too, refuse to fight his friend. Horn then gets into the ring and strikes Lincoln, sending him flying over the top rope like a discarded rag doll. This angers Tommy to no end (imagine that) and Tommy challenges Horn to a fight. If Tommy wins, Horn lets him and his dad go. But if Horn wins, Tommy has to fight for him as long as Horn wants him to. After an unbelievable amount of time, Horn (an old man) keeping up with Riley (a nubile, young athlete), to everyone's surprise, Riley wins. He then rushes off to make up with Lincoln and pour lovingly all over his girlfriend. Sound familiar?

If you can get past the tired plot, the ludicrous characters and the undeniably senseless premises, you have a fairly good movie on your hands. For me though, this was just a little too much to masticate. I give it one and a half Mike Tyson rape trials out of five.

Concert from page 5

Mark your calendar now for Friday, April 10 for an evening with Paul Adkins and Borderline, along with Radio Flyer. All proceeds from this concert will go to the support of Public Radio Station, KUMR. Tickets are on sale at the KUMR studios, National Foods, and Woolf Music in Rolla, the Meramec Country Music Show in Steelville, the Salem News in Salem, and the Cuba Free Press in Cuba. Tickets can also be ordered by phone before April 1st by calling 341-4386 or 1-800-388 KUMR.

COMMENTS

Multiculturalism vs. Western Civilization: The last word

Multiculturalism is a celebration of all cultures and the acceptance of their uniqueness. Since you are so much for Western Civilization, Robert Hobart, you are its representative. Now keep your eyes closed as they were.

I tell you what, I find nothing admirable in a culture which regards the lynchings of slavery as acceptable, like Western Civilization did, and used Christianity as an excuse for this sinister crime. Yes, you did use Christianity as an excuse, a loophole, a reason to "tame those savage beasts" called Africans. Secondly, America has not abandoned slavery. 1992 style is drugs, the military, liquor stores and gun shops in our neighborhoods instead of libraries. You can squint now.

Were Africans so savage? If you read the article on the page before yours, Robert Hobart, you will see that we as Africans were ahead of Western Civilization, which at that time was

We were ahead. But you had a plot, and it worked, to create a fantasy that blinded all, even your own! you are so blind. Aristotle did not just come up with a 1000 different books on different subjects. Herodotus is not the father of history. Hippocrates is not the father of medicine. Plato did not just have a dream. Your Western Civilization came about because of our stolen property, our stolen legacy, nonexistent, for thousands of years. In fact, you call those times prehistory because you could not write. We as Africans call it history because we could. And not only could we write, we built pyramids that cannot be matched today by your "superior civilization" (try it, you can't do it!), and we created the first religion and the belief in one Almighty God, you Greek! You only seem ahead because of your civilization's lying, cheating, and stealing its way to the top. Open your eyes a little bit more.

Open your eyes a little bit more.

No one told you that you had to study other cultures, but for those who would like to see things not from just one perspective, Western Civilization, it is accessible. Don't you know it has pumped you up so high you can't even attempt to see what is below you? It is the different cultures accomplishments that you have used against us for thousands of years, not to mention slavery. Jump down and open your eyes just a bit more.

Do you know why the "Third World" nationalists speak in the languages of the West? They can not only speak your language but many more different cultures' languages. They are not just set in one wrong direction like the U.S. Other countries around the world speak fluently in many different languages, the U.S. (which stands for "US!") is ignorant enough to expect its people to speak just one, English. America can't even come up

with its own language. See you are not so tolerant of others. All talk and sometimes no action, but no proof or real heart. That's your real Western Civilization. Open your eyes some more.

The West became the West precisely because you stole and rewritten your own names in the place of Egyptian creations and writings and telling your own that you "created" it, you adopted the math of the Arabs who adopted it from us, you used the paper of the Chinese who learned about its characteristics from our papyrus (the first paper), you "traded" for the land of Manhattan from the Indians with some beads. Open them all the way.

Let's get this straight, the Indians let you trade beads for their land? No way! You told yourselves that lie, and kicked them out, not only from Manhattan but almost off the continent, you European! Don't call yourselves Americans, the land of the free! What

a lie! The Indians are the true Americans. You are immigrants, who shipped, stacked, strangled, chained, raped Africans, who did not want to come here. But you can't tell me to go back to Africa. There were Africans who sailed here, that also wanted to be here, thousands of years ago before Columbus. No, Columbus did not discover America. He discovered someone's backyard in the middle of a barbeque! How do you think Mexico came up with temples that are the same as Ancient Ethiopia's?

Blood for oil, obviously not for Saddam's. Explain that one, Western Civilization. Your "superiority" will soon fall, if Japan is any indication, because you do not believe in or know real history, not his story, and not your story.

Herman Smith III

from page 11