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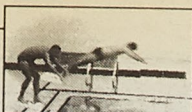
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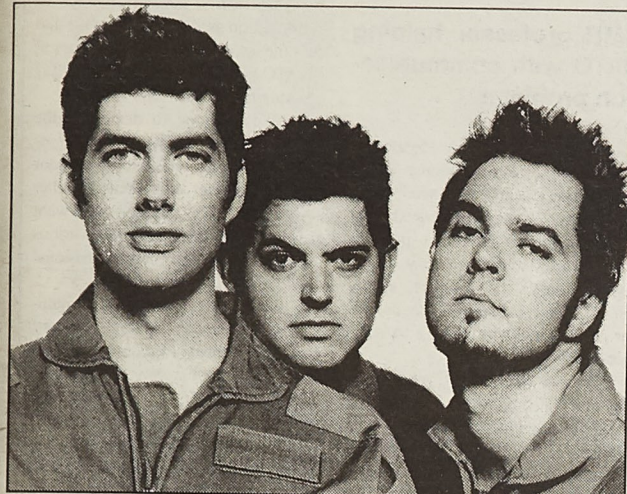


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Better than Ezra band members from left to right are Kevin Griffin (vocals, guitar), Tom Drummond (bass) and Travis McNabb (drums).

photo courtesy of SUB

Better Than Ezra is St. Pat's concert

Nicole Brossier and
Bradley Neville

The Student Union Board (SUB) at the University of Missouri-Rolla, will present a concert by "Better Than Ezra," a rock and pop musical group, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building Auditorium. The concert will mark the culmination of the 92nd annual St. Pat's celebration at UMR, which will be held from March 13-18.

"It's the right genre for what students have been looking for, which was the first part of our search. Price was the second; it had to fall within our price budget," J.B. Mette, SUB Concert Director, said.

Tickets to the concert are \$15 for UMR students and \$18 for the general public. The Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building will open at 6 p.m for

event seating.

"We're looking at 3,000 tickets being sold," Mette said. "Usually we don't sell all of them, but 3500 is the maximum capacity."

There are many locations where tickets may be purchased. Tickets are available at the following locations: the UMR ticket window, 103 University Center-West, phone (573) 341-4219; Adventuretime Total Entertainment Center, 1081 E. 18th St., Rolla, phone (573)364-0905; Streetside Records, 222 E. Broadway, Columbia, Mo., (573) 875-7105; Sammuels Tuxedo, 236 E. High St., Jefferson City, Mo., phone (573) 634-7267; Kaleidscope, 1416 E. Sunshine, Springfield, Mo., phone (417) 883-9636; Car Tunes, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Now Hear This, 9809 Watson, Crestwood, St. Louis, phone (314) 965-3585; and Streetside Records,

6314 Delmar, St. Louis, phone (314) 726-6277.

For information about the concert contact UMR's SUB office at (573) 341-4220, or visit SUB's World Wide Web site www.UMR.edu/~sub.

"I encourage everyone to look at the webpage, which we've updated concerning the concert," Mette said.

You can also find information about the St. Pat's celebration at UMR by calling the UMR St. Pat's celebration committee office at (573) 341-6025, or on the World Wide Web www.UMR.edu/~stpats/.

In addition, you can find information about Better Than Ezra on the World Wide Web www.betterthanEzra.com/.

"This should be an awesome live show," Mette said. "[Live performance] is really what they're good at."

Search committee to select new chancellor holds first meeting

UMR Press Release

University of Missouri System President Manuel Pacheco named the members of a search committee to seek qualified successors to John Park, chancellor of the University of Missouri-Rolla on Friday, Feb. 18.

The 12-member committee met for the first time Monday afternoon on the UM-Rolla campus to hear its charge from President Pacheco and to begin its work. Results of the meeting were not available at press time.

Park, a faculty member and administrator at UMR for 35 years and chancellor for eight, last month told members of the Board of Curators of

his plan to retire effective Sept. 1, 2000.

Jeff Cawfield, professor of geological and petroleum engineering, UMR, will chair the committee to replace Park

Members of the search committee, in addition to Cawfield, are: Catherine Riordan, director of management systems; Keith Bailey, president and chairman of the board, the Williams Companies, Tulsa, a 1964 graduate of UMR; Frank Blum, Curators' Professor of Chemistry, UMR; Al Crosbie, Curators' Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and engineering mechanics, UMR; Mariesa L. Crow, associate professor of electrical and computer engineer-

ing, UMR; Harry Eisenman, professor of history and political science, UMR; Wayne Huebner, chair and professor of ceramic engineering, UMR; Andy Laegeler, senior in chemistry, UMR; Tony Nanni, Jones Professor of civil engineering, UMR; Mo Qayoumi, vice chancellor for administrative services; UMR, and Ben Strehlman, computer programmer/analyst, engineering management, UMR.

Guy Horton, former executive assistant to the president of the UM System, of Athens, Tex., will serve as a consultant to the committee and Stephen Lehmkuhle, UM System vice president for academic affairs, will provide staff support to the committee.

Pacheco says he expects mem-

bers of the committee to represent the interests of the entire Rolla campus and of the University of Missouri System.

"Members of the committee have been chosen for their knowledge of the university, their understanding of its needs and their ability to work diligently as a team to conduct an efficient and successful search." The leader of the University of Missouri's renowned science and engineering campus will play a significant role in the UM System's development and success, Pacheco said.

He will ask the committee to conduct a national search for qualified candidates and to present him with an unranked listing of the three to five

most promising prospects by May 15.

"Our aim is to have a new chancellor on campus by the time Chancellor Park takes his retirement," Pacheco said. "Because that is an ambitious goal, we are wasting no time putting the search process in motion."

Pacheco will appoint the new chancellor, with the approval of the Board of Curators. The Curators govern the University of Missouri System, including its campuses in Rolla, Columbia, Kansas City and St. Louis as well as the University's statewide Outreach and Extension organization. The Curators appoint the president of the university and, with the president, they appoint the campus chancellors.

Park, Solar Car team receive Rolla Chamber of Commerce awards

Chip Kastner
News Writer

At the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce's 80th Annual Banquet, which was held on Feb. 12 on campus, both Chancellor John T. Park and the members of UMR's solar car team were presented with awards.

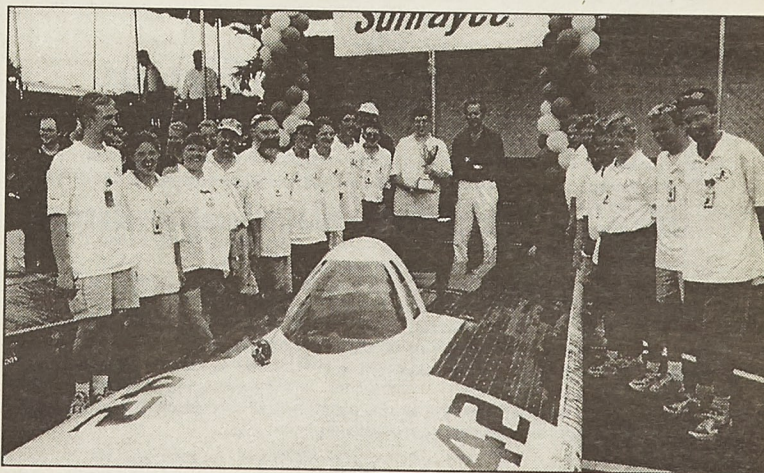
Park, who will retire as chancellor on Sept. 1, was honored with the Chamber's Edmund Ward Bishop Award for community service. During his 36 years as a member of UMR's faculty, he has worked as a researcher, teacher, administrator, and leader. As chancellor for the last eight years, he has brought about many impressive changes to the campus.

Park earned national recognition by setting up a more businesslike administration across campus. His efforts caused UMR to become the

first public university to win the prestigious Missouri Quality Award. Other significant changes brought about by Park include a 47 percent increase in faculty salaries and more of a focus on leadership education.

The UMR solar car team was presented with the Chamber's Annual Achievement Award due to its first place finish in Sunrayce 99 last summer. The Solar Miner II, the solar-powered car that was designed and constructed by UMR students, defeated dozens of teams from prestigious universities across the United States and Canada.

Then, last fall, the solar car team went to the international solar car challenge in Australia. The Solar Miner II performed quite well, finishing third in its class and bringing much recognition to UMR.



Members of the UMR Solar Car team are shown here with their winning solar car, which brought about a Rolla Chamber of Commerce award for the team and for Chancellor Park.

photo courtesy of UMR Solar Car Team

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Brazilian exhibit travels to UMR

"Cauldrons of Creativity," a collection of graphic works by Brazilian poet Max Martins, will be on display at University Center-East on the campus of the University of Missouri-Rolla during the month of March.

Martins is from Belem in the Amazonian state of Para, Brazil. His poems, collages and designs have appeared in magazines in Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, Mexico and the United States. Martins' books include "O Estranho" (1952), "Caminho de Marahu" (1983) and "Noa Para Consolar" (1992).

The "Cauldrons of Creativity" exhibit features Martins' workbooks and journals, which contain the original versions of many of his poems. "In these workbooks, Martins was free to explore, create, mark, and fuse color, words and inspiration into idiosyncratic visions on paper," says Dr. James Bogan, Distinguished Teaching Professor of art at UMR.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Bogan will present a lecture, "Tangled Art: the Poetry and Designs of Max Martins," at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, in Room 138 of Castleman Hall on the UMR campus.

Bogan, who has translated several of Martins' books and poems into English, selected the samples for the "Cauldrons of Creativity" exhibit from thousands of pages of material. Previously exhibited at Colorado State, "Cauldrons of Creativity" will travel to the University of Missouri-Columbia after leaving Rolla. The traveling works were color-xeroxed in Brazil and framed by UMR.

For more information, contact Bogan at (573) 341-4755.

"Western Star" musical set for March 2-5

The theatre and music programs

at the University of Missouri-Rolla will present "Western Star," a new musical by Dale Wasserman, from March 2-5 at Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall on the UMR campus.

The first three shows, March 2-4, begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday show on March 5 starts at 2 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for UMR students, and \$4 for those age 18 and under. For more information, call the UMR Ticket Office at (573) 341-4219.

"Western Star" is the latest musical by Wasserman, who also wrote "Man of La Mancha," which featured the hit song, "The Impossible Dream."

Set in the 19th century, "Western Star" tells the story of the citizens who live in a Colorado Territory town, Espemanza. In the play, which features waltzes and country-western ballads, the citizens of Espemanza witness the return of a recluse and the redemption of a lost soul.

In the UMR performance of "Western Star," all actors, musicians and stage technicians are UMR students.

UMR graduate awarded science fellowship

Joel Buckley, a 1999 graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla, has received a six-year National Physical Sciences Consortium (NPSC) fellowship worth up to \$200,000.

NPSC fellowships are awarded competitively to college graduates who have earned a bachelor's degree in a scientific field and plan to pursue a Ph.D. degree. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$12,500 during their first four years of advanced study and then receive \$15,000 in each of the remaining two years of study. In addition, the fellowship guarantees tuition and fee waivers at all signatory universities. The total value of the fellowship, up to \$200,000, is dependent on where the fellow pursues his or her graduate-level education.

Buckley, who will enroll in a Ph.D. program next fall, plans to study radiation and its interaction with matter, and he's also interested in the field of nanotechnology. He has applied to graduate programs at seven universities.

"If I had my choice, I would love to study at Cornell (University, N.Y.) because I spent a summer working out there," says the Iberia, Mo., native. "I was really impressed with their science and engineering programs."

Buckley's research interests were formed at UMR, where he majored in physics. "I think the entire UMR physics department - faculty and students - offers an outstanding learning and research environment," he says.

KUMR's spring membership drive begins

The spring membership drive for Public Radio KUMR, located on the University of Missouri-Rolla campus, will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, with Bluegrass for a Saturday Night. The 10-day drive has a goal of \$65,000 and 125 new members.

"Kicking off our drive with the bluegrass supporters always gives us a boost," says Janet Woodward, KUMR general manager. "Their support is always strong and they see the importance of supporting the whole station and not just a segment of it. And when all our phones are ringing in Pledge Central, we know that we have connected with our listeners in special ways."

Funding for KUMR includes tax dollars being channeled to the station through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). Member dollars are one of the factors that CPB uses in determining how much grant money to be passed on to KUMR, Woodward says.

Public Radio KUMR is a 100,000 watt non-commercial, education station licensed to UM-Rolla. It

serves a quarter of a million listeners in 15 counties of South Central Missouri.

KUMR is located at 88.5 FM in Rolla and at 96.3 FM in Lebanon, Mo. du.

UMR professor helping NATO with communication problems

NATO's expansion to include former Soviet Bloc nations, where information technology needed for military operations is antiquated compared to western standards, presents the organization with a new set of communications challenges, and a University of Missouri-Rolla professor is working with NATO to meet those challenges.

Dr. Ann Miller, the Cynthia Tang Missouri Distinguished Professor of computer engineering at UMR, is a member of the NATO Research and Technology Agency's Information Systems Technology Panel. This group of information technology experts is working to make the communication systems of NATO's 19 member nations more compatible.

The quality of information systems used by some NATO members -- particularly the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland -- lags far behind the systems in use by the U.S. military, Miller says. "Some countries are using radio systems from the United States that were used in World War II," she says.

This gap between the IT haves and have-nots within NATO is not the only communications challenge facing the organization, Miller says. As chair of the NATO Task Group on Validation, Verification and Certification of Embedded Systems, she leads the effort to improve the reliability of all manner of systems. The group's biggest challenge comes in trying to integrate "off-the-shelf" commercial systems into military applications.

The question boils down to: How can NATO upgrade all critical communications systems in the most cost-effective manner? At an October 1999 conference at NATO headquarters in Washington, D.C., Miller and the panel considered the critical issue of "information assurance." She will discuss the issue again with colleagues at a NATO symposium in April at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

"We're trying to determine the best practical methods to make a system as secure as possible, given your time and budget constraints," Miller says. "We're trying to determine what are the best specifications for various systems, given our member nations' vastly different situations."

An expert in satellite communications, Miller was the Navy's deputy assistant secretary for command, control, communications, computing, intelligence, electronic warfare and space. She was appointed to the NATO effort while with the Navy, and was asked to continue her involvement after joining UMR. She was appointed chair of the Task Group on Validation, Verification and Certification of Embedded Systems in October.

Miller's work with NATO reflects her interest in large-scale communications systems. She's always been interested in attacking big problems.

"They're fun problems to work on," she says. "I love to get my hands on a big problem and break it down into smaller components in order to solve it."

In March, she'll break down to software engineers -- the design and management of large-scale systems -- during the Joint International Conference of Software Management and Applications of Software Measurement in San Jose, Calif. One of four keynote presenters for that conference, Miller will present "Design and Test of Large-Scale Systems" on Wednesday, March 8. You can find more info at www.sqe.com/sma.sm/2000.



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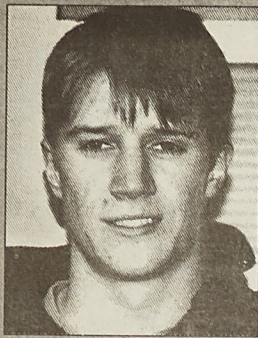
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Miner Question of the Week

Is there enough to do around Rolla?



Dan Schulte
Soph. Civil Engineering

"I think so. I have enough stuff to do. I keep myself occupied playing basketball and soccer every week. I'm in a fraternity, so I have stuff going on there, plus homework."



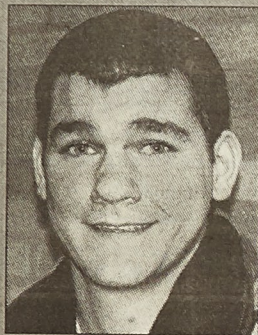
Gualberto Sanchez
Junior
Chem. Engineering

"No, there's not! We need clubs here - 2 or 3 dance clubs."



Michelle Windsor
Fr.
Biochem. Engineering

"No. We definitely some more dance areas and places to go and hang out. There's the Grotto for older people but there's nothing really for younger people."



Tim Madden
Junior
Mech. Engineering

"Sure. Join clubs like Juggling Club or Tae-kwon-do."



Yashas Shetty
Junior Computer Science

"No. There's nothing to do. There's no social interaction."



Craig Rickel
Senior Computer Science

"Yeah. With the UMR Gaming Association we're having something going on pretty much every weekend. I can always find something to do."

UMR Crime Blotter

02/15/00 at 5:25 p.m.: UMR Police issue University Traffic Violation to student for Careless/Reckless Driving in a campus parking lot. \$30.00 fine assessed.

02/15/00 at 4:58 p.m.: UMR Police detain three non-student juveniles for skateboarding on campus. Same were given verbal Trespass warnings and released. Trio was entered in the department computer database.

02/15/00 at 4:40 p.m.: UMR Police issue verbal Trespass warning to student caught bicycling on campus. Same was entered into department computer database.

02/15/00 at 9:35 a.m.: UMR Police issue city citation to a Denise D. Scaggs (age 32), non-student, near campus for Failure To Register Motor Vehicle. Court date set and violator was released.

02/13/00 at 10:00 a.m.: UMR Police take report from student receiving harassing phone calls. Student was instructed on Trace and Hold procedure to capture harassing phone calls. Investigation initiated.

02/12/00 at 6:30 a.m.: UMR Police respond to a fire near a trash dumpster at the Quad along with RPD and Rolla Fire Dept. Students had been previously using university extinguishers on flames. Same was extinguished without incident by RFD.

02/12/00 at 2:30 a.m.: UMR Police respond to RPD request to meet in reference to a "streaking" incident off-campus believed to involve university students. Same was not established.

02/11/00 at 4:38 p.m.: UMR Police respond to an alarm at the reactor. Same was determined to be a malfunction and was corrected.

02/09/00 at 4:20 p.m.: UMR Police respond to Civil Engineering in reference to a professor's report of having found ammunition on the floor of classroom #114. Additional rounds were recovered from classroom by officers. Ammunition was in marginal condition. Same was placed in Evidence for safekeeping.

02/08/00 at 3:50 p.m.: UMR Police investigate complaint from staff member being harassed by a collection agency at work, a violation of federal law. Report completed and criminal charges will be pursued against company and it's representatives if problem reoccurs.

McCain campaign stumbles with ad

Janet Wilson

L.A. Times/Washington Post

Illustrating the unpredictable business of negative campaigning, one wrong move by insurgent John McCain on the airwaves contributed to his loss in this weekend's South Carolina presidential primary, while a slashing response by George W. Bush worked just fine.

Voters in droves said in exit polls that they felt McCain ran a more negative campaign than Bush, although he briefly aired one 30-second ad indirectly comparing his foe to President Clinton. By comparison, Bush blanketed the state with millions of dollars worth of advertising attacking McCain.

Experts say that even if McCain hadn't run the ad, he still might not

have won the conservative, traditionally Republican state.

But like the infamous "Willie Horton" ad that savaged Democratic contender Michael Dukakis in 1988, or the "Daisy" commercial against Barry Goldwater that ran one time in 1964, a single ad that ran for three days could come to symbolize how and where a presidential campaign went astray.

"This is similar to those (commercials), except this one is self-inflicted," said Blease Graham, who taught political science at the University of South Carolina for 25 years. "It was a great ad, but in South Carolina it really rallied support around the accused rather than the accuser."

McCain's communications director, Dan Schnur, said voters reacted negatively because they expected

more from McCain, who has promised not to stoop to mudslinging.

"The same ad from another candidate would have barely raised an eyebrow," he said.

The problem wasn't that McCain ran a negative ad, but that "it was a bad negative ad," said former GOP operative Rich Galen, author of an Internet political column called mullings.com.

Its worst mistake was trying to paint Bush as Clintonesque: "Do we really want another politician in the White House we can't trust?"

By trying to link Bush with Clinton in a state where Republicans were already worried about McCain challenging the status quo, the ad backfired, Graham said. McCain courted

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ERA meeting today in University Center East

Bradley Neuville
News Editor

A meeting on the Equal Rights Amendment will be held on campus Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Carver/Turner Room in the University Center East.

The Society of Women Engineers, the Society of Phenomenal Women and Delta Omicron Lambda Sorority are sponsoring the meeting.

"This is an opportunity for students on campus to learn about the ERA and what actions to take to aid its passage," Billie Snodgrass, President of Delta Omicron Lambda Sorority said.

Guest speakers at the meeting will include Carol Conway from Springfield, Mo, the ERA Coordinator for Southwest Missouri, and Kaye Steinmetz, Rolla resident and former member of the Missouri Legislature.

The meeting will give a brief overview of the ERA history, what difference passage of the ERA would make and an explanation of the process that will take place in the Missouri Legislature this spring.

The meeting is public and all students are invited to attend. If you have any further questions contact Carol Ann Smith at 341-4868.

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Students Underrepresented on Chancellor Selection Committee

Bradley Neuville
News Editor

As I was reading through the press release sent out by the University of Missouri-Rolla on the selection committee for the new chancellor I could not help but notice the lack of student involvement. On the committee there is only one student, Andy Laegler.

Now I happen to know Andy, we are both on the golf team and I regard him as a friend as well as a competent and knowledgeable person. I believe he will represent us (the students) as well as he can. If you have any questions or comments about the selection I'm sure he'd be more than willing to talk with you about them (I hope I'm not going too far out on a limb on that one Andy!).

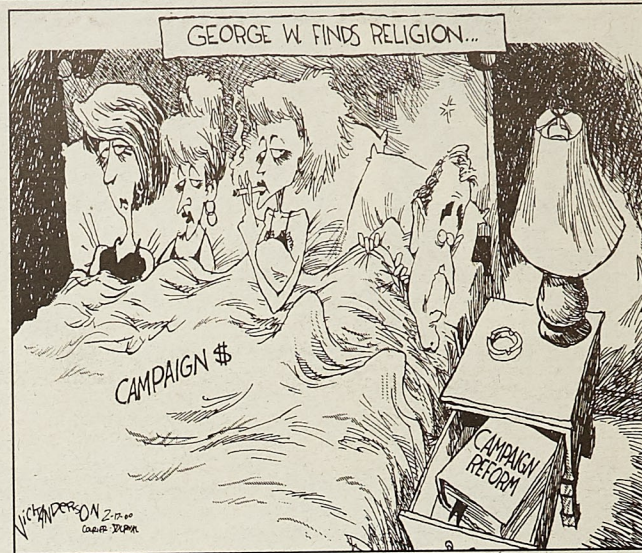
However, I can't help but feel underrepresented on this committee. Is this University not here for us? Shouldn't we have at least half the say in the selection of a new chancellor?

One of the main "accomplishments" that has been touted since Dr. Park announced his retirement is that he increased faculty salaries by 47 percent or something like that over his eight year term as chancellor. Is that really

what we, the students, really want done with OUR money? Granted there are a lot of teachers here that deserve such pay increases but I can think of just as many that don't. While their salaries go up, so does our tuition. Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here.

I believe this committee further exemplifies what the powers that be think of the students. I am not saying that those that are on the committee don't deserve to be there. I do not know most of the committee members and I am sure that they are fully competent and will take all matters into account when selecting a new chancellor. I simply feel that the students on this campus continue to be undervalued and underrepresented in most, if not all, areas of campus life, OUR campus life.

I mean when it really comes down to it do you think your teachers will vote for a chancellor who is in our best interests first and theirs second? I know I probably wouldn't but that is my whole point. This school is supposed to be of us, by us and for us and I just don't feel like it is.



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Capital of capital punishment should heed example

Alan Berlow
LA Times/Washington Post

How many wrongful death sentences does it take to conclude that a state's criminal justice system is fatally flawed?

For Illinois Gov. George Ryan, the answer is 13 the number of people found to be innocent on his state's death row since capital punishment was reinstated there in 1977. (The state executed 12 during that time.) Two weeks ago, Ryan declared an indefinite moratorium on executions, saying, "I cannot support a system, which, in its administration, has proven to be so fraught with error and has come so close to the ultimate nightmare, the state's taking of innocent life."

Illinois has no monopoly on wrongful convictions. Nationwide, 85 innocent people have been freed from death rows since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976, including seven in Texas. The action by Ryan, a moderate Republican and death penalty supporter, raises the issue of whether governors of the 37 other death-penalty states are tolerating systems that are as bad or worse.

The question is perhaps most worth asking in Texas, the nation's execution capital, accounting for 206 of the country's 610 executions since 1976. Its death row currently holds 457 people out of about 3,600 nationwide, second only to California's 563.

Like Ryan, Texas Gov. George W. Bush is a long-standing supporter of the death penalty and has expressed concern about the possibility of executing an innocent person. Unlike Ryan, however, Bush has signed off on 119 executions in five years and repeatedly endorsed his state's death penalty machinery displaying a conviction hard to fathom for anyone who has given the Texas criminal justice system even a cursory look.

Lawrence Marshall, the Northwestern University law professor who helped free five wrongly accused men from Illinois' death row, says Texas deserves a far worse reputation than Illinois'.

"Illinois has been a lot more accurate about who it sentences to death than a whole lot of other states," he told me. "We give people better lawyers, generally speaking, and more protection at trial. ... Texas is worse, I'm sure, in convicting innocent people, and it's worse in not giving people who are innocent the opportunity to prove it."

The flaws in Texas' system become evident as soon as a defendant is arrested. There's an overwhelming chance that he is poor nationwide, 80 percent of felony defendants are indigent and Texas is particularly ill-equipped to provide competent attorneys to such defendants. In some counties, defendants have waited

weeks or months to be assigned an attorney.

A 1996 U.S. Justice Department study reported that a major reason innocent people are imprisoned is that indigent defendants receive "inadequate" counsel lawyers who fail to interview clients and witnesses, or to conduct even the most cursory investigations. Elizabeth Semel, director of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Representation Project, says capital defendants in Texas in particular are regularly provided with lawyers who are little more than "warm bodies."

Semel noted that Texas courts have upheld convictions of capital defendants whose attorneys have literally slept through portions of their trials. In the most infamous of those cases, the judge announced that "the Constitution doesn't say the lawyer has to be awake."

In another Texas case, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit ordered death row inmate Federico Martinez-Macias freed in 1993 because of attorney incompetence. Judge Patrick Higginbotham noted the defendant's attorney had been paid \$11.84 an hour and "the justice system got only what it paid for."

Only three of Texas' 254 counties have full-time public defender offices generally acknowledged to provide better representation than attorneys appointed ad hoc by judges. Last year, the Texas legislature unanimously approved a bill that would have encouraged the creation of more public defender offices. But it was vetoed by Bush, who said judges are "better able to assess the quality of legal representation."

But in a 1999 survey conducted for the state bar, more than one-fourth of Texas criminal court judges admitted that court-assigned attorneys don't have the basic resources investigators, forensics and other experts they need to defend their clients, and 72 percent believe court-assigned counsel are less prepared than retained attorneys.

Despite the widespread perception that convicted murderers can appeal their cases indefinitely, their grounds for appeal actually narrow considerably upon conviction. After sentencing, the condemned prisoner who had an incompetent attorney is not only presumed guilty but is at an enormous disadvantage because issues his attorney failed to raise at trial may be inadmissible on appeal. And Texas enforces stringent time limits on the introduction of new evidence following conviction.

In 1995, Bush signed legislation designed to limit appeals by death row inmates and to shorten the time between conviction and execution, despite overwhelming national evidence that, over the preceding two decades, a sizable number of people including several in Texas, one during Bush's first term would have been

wrongly executed had that time been narrowed. The last hurdle before execution what Bush has called the "fail-safe" is the clemency process. Nine states allow a governor to grant a pardon or reprieve only if it has been recommended by a clemency board. Bush has written that he has confidence in the recommendations of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP). But the BPP has proved little more than a rubber stamp of death sentences.

Its review process came in for withering criticism in December 1998, when U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks heard a civil action against the BPP brought by two death row inmates. Sparks noted that the board two-thirds of whose 18 members were appointed by Bush had never held a hearing on a death row clemency appeal.

"It is incredible testimony to me," Sparks said, "that in 70-plus cases in an 18-member board, that no person has ever seen an application for clemency important enough to hold a hearing on or to talk with each other about." It was revealed that board members may vote without reviewing case files or explaining their decisions. "(T)here is nothing, absolutely nothing that the Board of Pardons and Paroles does where any member of the public, including the governor, can find out why they did this," Sparks said. "I find that appalling."

Bush has OK'd 100 percent of the board's recommendations since he took office, all but one denying clemency. Bush has always supported the death penalty. But Bush has also called his role in the execution process an "awesome responsibility" because of the risk of executing an innocent person. If he really believes that, he should listen more closely to Ryan who is also his Illinois campaign chairman and reexamine Texas' dangerously flawed criminal justice system.

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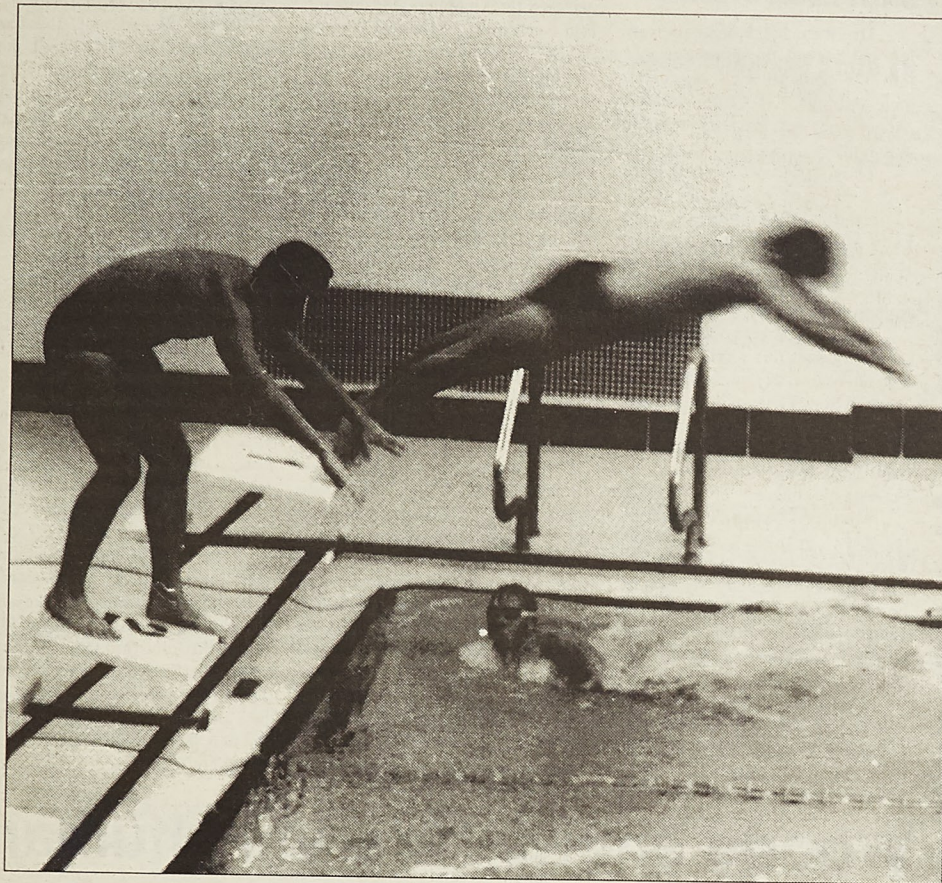
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Swimmers take second in conference behind Drury



A Miner swimmer leaves the blocks before his teammate in their Intrasquad Meet on Oct 16. The Miners took second this past weekend in their new conference behind Drury College who is currently ranked first in the NCAA Division II. The Miners will now head to Buffalo, Ny. for the NCAA Championships March 8-11.

photo by Dozzle

Tera McCallum
Sports Writer

After taking a weekend off the men's swim team started their last regular season meet of the year. The Central States Invitational, which will serve as their conference this year, hosted a number of nationally ranked teams.

The College Swim Coaches Association of America posted its latest rankings on Feb. 16 and the results had good and bad news for the Miners. Previously second ranked California State University-Bakersfield was for the first time of the season ranked first over previously first ranked, and Miner opponent for conference, Drury University. Unfortunately for the Miners they were for the first time ranked fourth instead of third, as University of California-Davis would take third place. Besides second ranked Drury, the Central States Invitation also hosted 10th ranked Truman State University, and 15th ranked University of Indianapolis, Indiana.

While Drury would prove to be the biggest national contender the Miners would have to worry about in the first two days of swimming, they would also find that the well-rested Truman Bulldogs would also provide big competition.

Competition started Friday morning with the qualifying rounds of the day. Finals soon followed that evening where the first points of the meet would be put on the board. The top two national ranked teams would make the early statement in the 200-

yard freestyle, as Drury would beat the Miners, who are now ranked first in the nation. The Missouri-Rolla team of John Reiter, Mike Lach, Dave Belleville and David Nurre posted a time of 1:24.92, which was less than a second behind Drury, and easily beating out the other competitors.

In the following event, the 500-yard freestyle, the Miners had a number of swimmers in the finals. In the consolation finals Miner Vanja Dezelic, currently ranked 17th in the nation, took first in the consols which was good for ninth place overall. In the finals David Nurre, who is ranked eighth currently in the 500 came in sixth overall in a time of 4:46.54.

In the 200 individual medley the Miners had four representatives in the finals. In the consolation finals the Miners found that two of their swimmers were too evenly matched as Ben Karstens and Matt Scott would touch the wall in a dead tie. They would both finish in 1:58.43, which was good for a tie in 11th place. In the finals the Miners had only one representative, Sean Garceau. Garceau finished in fourth place in a season best time of 1:56.93.

In the 50-free the Miners saw what may be a preview of the 50-free in two weeks at nationals as the fourth ranked Drury swimmer beat nationally second ranked Belleville by less than three tenths of a second. Lach took third coming just behind Belleville in a time of 21.54.

In the last event of the day the 400-yard medley relay team of Bruno

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Men's basketball eliminated from playoffs after losses to Mo. Western, NMSU

Antone Smith
Sports Writer

The University of Missouri-Rolla men's basketball team played two more conference games this past week. The Miners took the court against Missouri Western State College on Wednesday in St. Joseph, Mo. Then faced off against Northwest Missouri State University on Saturday in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Missouri Western (18-6, 8-6), the Griffons, have defeated the Miners in the last three meetings and lead the series between the two schools at 9-4. The Griffons were in a four-way tie for third place in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association standings.

The Miners out-shot the Griffons in the first half of play, but were unable to convert the points. The Miners were 11 for 31 from the field with most of their shots being three-pointers. They attempted three-point shots 20 times, but were only able to

put down six of them. The Griffons shot fewer times but converted on their shots. They were 16 of 26 from the field drowning three of their six three-point shots. The Miners were three for three from three the line, while the Griffons were only two for four.

In the second half of play, the Miners continued to take more shots than Missouri Western. The Miners were 16 of 25 from the field having sunk nine of their 20 three-point attempts. The Griffons were 16 of 25 from the field making three of their seven three-point attempts. The Griffons were able to outscore the Miners in the second half due to being 14 of 17 from the free-throw line, while the Miners were just five of five from the foul-line.

The Miners lost the game with a final score of 77-86. They were out rebounded 18 to 40, but ahead in steals 8-2. The Miners had three players in double digits for points (Kasim Withers-32, Kevin Robert-

son-14, and Scott Holly-12).

Northwest Missouri State (17-6, 9-6), the Bearcats, lead the series between the two schools at 86-46 and defeated UMR when they met on Jan. 22. The Bearcats were tied for third place with Missouri Western.

Without a hope in the world for gaining a place in the MIAA conference tournament, the Miners were went into the game just trying to finish the season strong. The Miners came out in the first half making key shots. At halftime the Miners were leading the Bearcats 37-30. The Miners shot 55 percent from the field, 63 percent from the three-point land, and 89 percent from the free-throw line. The Bearcats were so hot as they only shot 37 percent from the field, 55 percent percent from three-point land, but 100 percent from the free-throw line. The thing that tipped the scales was the Miners had nine free-throw attempts compared to the Bearcats four.

The Miners came out in the sec-

Miner Match-up

Men's Basketball

UMR

vs.

Truman State

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Rolla, Mo.

Game Time: 7:45 p.m.

ond half hoping to keep up the same style of play. They went up to a 46-36 lead over Northwest, but things started to turn for the worse. The Bearcats went on a 23-6 pint run and never trailed after that to add a win to the record.

Shooting a nightmare for the Miners in the second half. They were ten of 32 from the field making only two of their 16 three-point attempts. The Miners were solid from the line making 10 of their 13 attempts. But, the Miners just couldn't pull out the win as they lost the game by a score of 75-69.

The Miners did have three players in double figures for points (Kevin Robertson-24, Scott Holly and Kasim Withers with 12 a piece). They also out-rebounded the Bearcats 37-24.

The Miners have been eliminated from the MIAA conference tournament, but will continue their season tonight. Tonight they will be facing Truman State University in the Multi-Purpose building at 7:45 p.m. They will then play their final game of the season against Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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Women's basketball takes NMSU 91-78, playoff berth still a possibility

Antone Smith
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team has not locked down an entrance into the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference tournament, but are looking to gain a place.

They started off the past week with a record of 5-17 overall and 3-11 in the MIAA conference. The Lady Miners needed two victories in the last four games in order to clinch the last opening in the conference tournament.

The Lady Miners played two of the four games this week. The first was on Wednesday versus Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Mo. The second took place this Saturday against Northwest Missouri State University in the Multi-Purpose building.

Missouri Western State College (15-7, 9-5), the Lady Griffons, were ranked fourth in the MIAA. They defeated the Lady Miners earlier in the year and have the two games previous to those. The Lady Griffons lead the series over the Miners 8-6.

The Lady Miners were out-matched in the first half of play. The Lady Griffons were 13 of 34 from the field sinking six three-pointers and making two free-

throws, while the Lady Miners were 10 of 27 from the field drowning just two three-pointers and making four free-throws. Missouri Western led 34-19 at halftime.

Both teams shot better in the second half of play, but the Lady Miners were not able to make up the points that they were already behind. Despite shooting 50 percent from the field (12-24), the Lady Miners were not able to fend off the Lady Bearcats. They Lady Bearcats were 11 of 27 from the field in the second half of play, converting for five three-point shots.

The Lady Miners kept up with Missouri Western in the rebounding, but eventually lost 68-55. The Miners did have one player in double digits for points (Janel McNeal with 10).

Northwest Missouri State University (4-19, 0-15), the Lady Bearcats, are in a fifteen game losing streak and have not scored a win within the MIAA. They lost to the Lady Miners in overtime in January and had lost the meeting just before that one. Northwest does lead the series over the Lady Miners at 17-15.

The Lady Miners walked through the first half of play as they were leading 49-27 at halftime. This was due the Lady Miners being 17 of 32 from the field with 6 three-

pointers and 9 free-throws going in the basket. Also, UMR went on a 22-1 run to close the first half.

In the second half, the Lady Miners were able to extend their lead to 26, but Northwest would rally to close it to a six point lead. The Miners were able to fend off another late rally by Northwest and hold the Lady Bearcats at 51 points score in the second half.

The Lady Bearcats were 20 of 34 from the field, with five three-pointers and six free-throws. The Lady Miners were 13 of 31 from the field, with one three-pointer and 17 free-throws. It was the Lady Miners ability to shoot free-throws (11-16) that held off the late rally.

The Lady Miners won the game by a score of 91-78. They also had five players score in the double digits (Amy Milliken-19, Jackie Kelble-14, Eriaka Phillips-13, McNeal-12, and Leah Kessenich-10).

The Lady Miners will continue their journey to the MIAA conference tournament tonight. They will be playing against Truman State University in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose building at 5:45 p.m. Their final game of the season will take place this Saturday, Feb. 26 in Topeka, Kan. versus Washburn University at 5:30 p.m.

Woods shows he's only human

Jerry Crowe
L.A. Times/Washington Post

You knew it was going to be a different kind of Sunday for Tiger Woods when he hung his head and lingered in the tee box after pushing his drive into the right rough alongside the 13th fairway.

Under dark, ominous skies at the Riviera Country Club, in the final round of the Nissan Open, Woods at that moment looked for all the world as if he would rather have been anywhere else.

"Hang in there, baby," a fan called out. "You'll be OK."

It was that kind of day. His legion of followers felt compelled to console the world's greatest golfer, the sport's all-time leading money winner.

No late charge was at hand, no miracle victory forthcoming.

Though he would recover nicely on No. 13, making a 25-foot putt from the fringe of the green for a birdie, it was his last hurrah.

And, besides, he was already out of contention at that point, having put himself out of reach of the leaders with consecutive bogeys on the seventh, eighth and ninth holes.

After playing the last five holes at par, Woods finished his round at 1-over-par 72, ending the tournament tied for 18th at 5 under.

It was the first time since last

April's MCI Classic that Woods, whose six-tournament winning streak ended with a share of second place last week at La Jolla, had finished out of the top 10 in a stroke-play tournament a span of 13 PGA Tour events.

"It was just a bad round," said Woods, who wound up seven shots behind winner Kirk Triplett after starting the day only three shots out of the lead. "I didn't really have it going this entire week. If I would have putted a little better, I would have been right there in the championship."

"But you can't have everything, you know. It's just one of those weeks where I hit so many good putts that just lipped out."

It was an errant drive, however, that started a bad stretch for Woods on Sunday.

After a birdie on No. 3, he was at seven under when he reached the seventh tee. From there, he landed his tee shot in the rough. On his second shot, he said, "I hit a bad drive, a little bit of a flier."

It landed in deep rough, and Woods' chip shot stopped rolling about 30 feet past the hole.

He two-putted for bogey, then three-putted from about 11 feet on No. 8 for another bogey.

On No. 9, another errant approach shot sailed beyond the hole into the rough. Woods chipped

to about nine feet from the cup, but two-putted from there for his third consecutive bogey.

He was out of contention.

For the first time in his career, Woods was paired on a Sunday with the world's No. 2 player, David Duval, but this isn't what he had in mind.

Duval's final-round 74 left him two shots behind Woods.

"Neither of us played too well," said Woods, who will join Duval and 62 other players in the WGC-Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship starting Wednesday at La Costa.

"Maybe we'll meet under different circumstances, preferably next week on Sunday morning — and then again in the afternoon," he said.

That would mean they'd be playing in the 36-hole final, a more familiar situation than the one Woods found himself in Sunday.

"It was a little bit frustrating," Woods said of playing the back nine with virtually no chance of winning. "But given the way I played this week, I really shouldn't have been where I was today, to be honest with you. I should have been a little bit worse going into today. ...

"My ball-striking was not too bad. I drove it beautifully this week, hit a lot of good irons. But my bad shots were pretty bad."

Miner Sports Recap

Men's Basketball

UMR 69

Northwest Missouri State 75
Saturday, Feb. 19

Kevin Robertson 24 points, 9 rebounds

Scott Holly 12 points, 7 rebounds
Eric Harris 8 points, 5 rebounds

UMR 77

Missouri Western 86
Wednesday, Feb. 16

Kasim Withers 32 points
Kevin Robertson 14 points, 5 rebounds

Women's Basketball

UMR 91

Northwest Missouri State 78
Saturday day, Feb. 19

Amy Milliken 19 points, 5 rebounds
Jackie Kelble 14 points, 2 rebounds

UMR 55

Missouri Western 68
Wednesday, Feb. 16

Janel McNeal 10 points, 6 rebounds
Jamie Schroetlin 8 points, 4 rebounds

Indoor Track & Field CMSU Classic

Saturday, Feb. 19

Men's

200-m Dash: 10. Genesis Williams 23.65

400-m Dash: 8. Adam Farag 54.04.
Mile Run: 4. Dale Elliott 4:17.62

Triple Jump: 5. Chris Keithley 42-10 3/4

Women's

400-m: 11. Nicole Schmidt 1:08.54.
Mile: 7. Kim Hoffman 5:33.70

High Jump: 5. Rachel Kuro 5-1

Swimming

UMR at Central States Invitational

Feb. 18-20

Drury 946, Missouri-Rolla 662, Truman State 606, Indianapolis 264, Lewis 197, Vincennes 179

Dave Belleville- second 50-yd free 21:15, second 46:18 Bruno Amizic- third 100-yd breast 58:66, third 200-yd breast 2:07.64
Jeff Raggett- fourth 100-yd fly 51.75, third 200-yd fly 1:54.81 Mike Lach- third 50-yd free 21:54, eighth 100-yd back 55.15

200-yd free relay: John Reiter, Lach, Belleville, David Nurre, second 1:24.92

200-yd medley relay: Josh Jolly, Jeremy Evans, Matt Scott, Lach, fourth 1:36.40

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Inline hockey club heads to regional tourney

Steven Brown

UMR Inline Hockey Club

The University of Missouri-Rolla Inline Hockey team is preparing for the end of an exciting season. The year will culminate with an invitation to the College Roller Hockey League championship tournament held in Tampa, Fla.

UMR will represent the Great Plains Collegiate Inline Hockey League where they own a solid second place with 13 wins and only six losses. The Miners will play their remaining four season games Feb. 19 and 20 at the Dry Ice Arena in Wright City, Mo. before ending regional play in St. Louis. Come support the Miners in the GPCIHL regional tournament at the All-American Sports Complex in St. Louis on March 4 and 5.

The 1999-2000 season has been a year of change for the UMR Inline Hockey team. The team incorporated a second team into Division II of the GPCIHL. The B-team has shown a marked improvement in the second half of their season. After a slow start in the fall semester, the team has not lost a game in the winter semester.

Both teams have had stellar indi-

vidual efforts from its forwards. In Division I, Ryan Rosheim leads all scorers with 62 points, with Derek Englestad placing seventh with 37 points. UMR is well represented in Division 2 with Brad Redden and Anthony Duehren placing in the top

ten as well.

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campus presentation

Loyola Marymount and fans pay respect in Hank's house

Chris Dufresne

L.A. Times/Washington Post

Ten years later, it was different at Gersten Pavilion.

This time, Hank Gathers' No. 44 jersey moved.

It elevated from the ground and kept rising, off the court to the rafters, hoisted to a permanent perch almost directly above the spot he collapsed on March 4, 1990.

In an emotional tribute during halftime of Saturday night's game against Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount retired the uniform numbers of Gathers and sidekick Bo Kimble, No. 30, heroes of another generation in Lions' lore.

As a basketball program, Loyola (2-23) has all but vaporized since the Hank and Bo show.

They were always a team, a package, so it was fitting their jerseys go out together.

"This is really overwhelming," Kimble said to the crowd. "This is one of the greatest moments of my life."

Lucille Gathers, Hank's mother, accepted the jersey on behalf of her son.

She blew kisses to the crowd, which chanted "Hank, Hank, Hank."

"Hank loved this gym, he loved this campus," Lucille Gathers said. "He worked very hard to get where he was, and I know he's watching over us now."

Paul Westhead, who coached Kimble and Gathers, was present but did not speak.

Kimble and Gathers grew up together in Philadelphia, attended Dobbins Tech High School, went to USC together.

Both transferred to Loyola and supercharged Westhead's frenetic offense. Gathers led the nation in scoring and rebounding in 1989-90,

Kimble scored 50 or more points four times in his Loyola career.

Both were headed toward the NBA when fate cut Gathers' life short.

The partnership ended March 4, 1990, when Gathers fell at Gersten during a West Coast Conference Tournament semifinal game against Portland.

Loyola Marymount was leading, 25-13, with 13:34 left in the first half. Gathers had just scored on a rousing dunk when he backpedaled to mid-court and collapsed.

He was rushed to the hospital but pronounced dead at 6:55 p.m.

The coroner's report ruled the cause of death as myocarditis, a treatable inflammation of the heart.

Sadly, the legacy of Hank and Bo would be tainted by finger-pointing and lawsuits. We would remember more about defibrillators than the mystical moments of that season.

Many things were retired Saturday. "There's been some misunderstanding, but that's in the past," Kimble said. "We never need to talk about it ever again."

Gathers' death triggered an almost otherworldly journey through the NCAA Tournament.

The Lions were stunned, but played on. In their first-round game against New Mexico State, Kimble, a right-handed shooter, made a left-handed free throw to honor Gathers.

"At that moment, I really didn't care if the ball went over the backboard, to be quite honest," Kimble said. "I was paying tribute to Hank, it wasn't about the extra stuff."

In the second round, Loyola, seeded No. 11 in the West Region, stunned No. 3 Michigan, 111-92, and then defeated Alabama in the round of 16 before losing to Nevada Las Vegas, the eventual national champion.

Selig dispenses his justice in different doses

Jack O'Connell

L.A. Times/Washington Post

Selig Dispenses His Justice In Different Doses (New York)

By Jack O'Connell (c) 2000, The Hartford Courant

"If a club has an opening in any of these positions, the club owner must notify me personally. In addition, your list of candidates must be provided to me. I expect the list to include minority candidates whom you and your staff have identified. I will provide assistance to you if you cannot identify candidates on your own."

Commissioner Bud Selig, in an April 1999 directive to major league teams regarding openings in five decision-making positions, including manager and general manager.

Bud Selig may eventually come to regret having dismantled

the American and National League offices because he is finding out that disciplinary decisions, once the responsibility of league presidents, are subject to severe criticism.

The latest example: Selig's wrist slap of the Tigers for disregarding his orders regarding interviewing minority candidates for managerial jobs and other front office positions. Last October, the Tigers hired Phil Garner as manager without interviewing any other candidates. The Tigers actually talked to Garner and decided to bring him into the organization while Larry Parrish was still manager.

Not surprisingly, the Tigers' action drew strong criticism from the NAACP, whose president, Kweisi Mfume, said: "Mr. Selig lost a golden opportunity to set a new course by using the full authority of his office."

Just last month, Major League

Baseball owners gave Selig the hammer to fine teams up to \$2 million for breaking rules. He certainly didn't have any trouble sitting down Braves reliever John Rocker for 6 1/2 weeks of spring training plus the first month of the regular season as penalty for insulting minority groups in a magazine interview.

The Tigers skirted Selig's wrath by creating a five-member committee they termed the Community Advisory Board on minority employment, contract issues and public relations. "The Tigers have recognized the problem and addressed it," Selig said. "That, I believe, is more important than taking disciplinary action."

Would Selig have felt the same way if Rocker had hired a public relations firm and followed the same after-the-fact path as the Tigers?

Kimble's NBA career didn't pan out as he hoped, but how many careers of L.A. Clipper draft choices do?

Kimble has other memories to cherish.

"I miss him making me laugh," Bo said of Hank. "I miss going to war with him. We kicked butt wherever we went."

Whenever Kimble needs to be reminded, he pops a cassette into the VCR.

"I've seen all our tapes," Kimble said. "It's not different than when Hank was alive. The No. 1 thing we used to do was, we'd go home and rewind our dunks. Yeah, I watch the tapes all the time. The Loyola memories are the best of my life."

Gathers was more than a death, more than a story.

Joe Resnick, a veteran Associated Press writer who was at Gersten Pavilion the night of Gathers' death, returned Saturday night to cover the ceremony wearing the West Coast Conference media credential he was issued on March 4, 1990.

"It just seemed appropriate," Resnick said.

Reporters try to stay detached from the stories they cover and, for the most part, Resnick has abided by the creed.

But Saturday night, 10 years later, he heaved heavy sighs as he put the finishing touches on his story.

"It didn't really get to me until yesterday," Resnick said. "Until I watched the tapes. I had taped all the news reports. When you're just sitting there, not involved, it affects you like everyone else."

Resnick says the left-handed free throw Kimble made to honor Gathers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament ranks among the

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Lacrosse makes debut against Truman State, Mizzou Saturday

Joe Molinaro
Missouri Miner

A new sport has arrived at the University of Missouri -Rolla thanks to the dedication and hard work of its team members. This new sport is known as lacrosse.

This sport has been rapidly spreading through out the Midwest states and has a strong foundation in the eastern United States. This sport is fast This UMR Lacrosse team is an actual club that anyone can join and learn how to play. This year there has only been enough members to start the men's team, but if there are enough women out there interested in playing there can be a women's team by next season.

The team was formed through the hard working efforts by club president Rich Ormsby and Coach Nathan Hoeckelman. The UMR Lacrosse team draws its talents from a young squad of experienced and inexperienced players. The experienced players that have assisted Rich Ormsby and Coach Hoeckelman in molding this team are Joe Molinaro, Ben Goebel, Anderson

Chen, Tom Hulsy, Greg Rieker and Chris Rewczuk. Some of the inexperienced players that show high levels of potential are Brian Epperson, Tim Horstmann, Scott Harms, and Mankit Au.

The team is coming together as a fluid unit showing its skills with quick agile attacks. The mid-fielders have the endurance of marathon runners and the defense has a thunderous presence on the field. The UMR Lacrosse team's season opens Saturday Feb. 26 with a double header against Truman State at noon and the University of Missouri-Columbia at 6 p.m. at the intramural fields behind the Gale-Bullman the games begin in the parking lot. The team would like to welcome all students and faculty to watch and support them as they begin the season with a hopeful victory.

If there are any questions about UMR Lacrosse please check the web at www.UMR.edu/~lacrosse or contact the coach at lacrosse@umr.edu, or the president Rich Ormsby at ormsby@umr.edu.

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Hank

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top five moments he has ever witnessed.

How do you ever forget?

Ed Arnold, the longtime Los Angeles sportscaster, hosted Saturday's luncheon with Kimble and the Gathers' family.

Hank and Bo served as summer interns at the station under Arnold's watch.

Ten years ago, Arnold went on the air and delivered the news of Gathers' death.

He says no story has so profoundly affected him.

"It was the first time I ever broke down on the air," he said. "I went to pieces. It's the only time it ever happened to me. Ten years later, it still affects me."

It took Lucille years to return to the scene but, no, Saturday was not the first time she had been back to Gersten Pavilion.

In 1994, unannounced, she just

showed up with her husband, Edward, one spring day and wanted to go in the gym.

"I just got that feeling that I needed to come back," she said. "Try to go over some of the things I missed."

Lucille asked a campus worker to let her in. She remembers the gym floor was being resurfaced. She went to the balcony and sat with Edward for about 45 minutes.

"I recaptured some things I had tried to put out of my mind," she said.

Her second trip to Gersten Pavilion, on Saturday, was a celebration, but Lucille was torn.

"My son passed out on that court," she said, "but there were so many good memories."

Lucille was asked if life had cheated her son.

"Hank was a flower that was picked," she said. "It was time for him to go. He was mine for 23 years."

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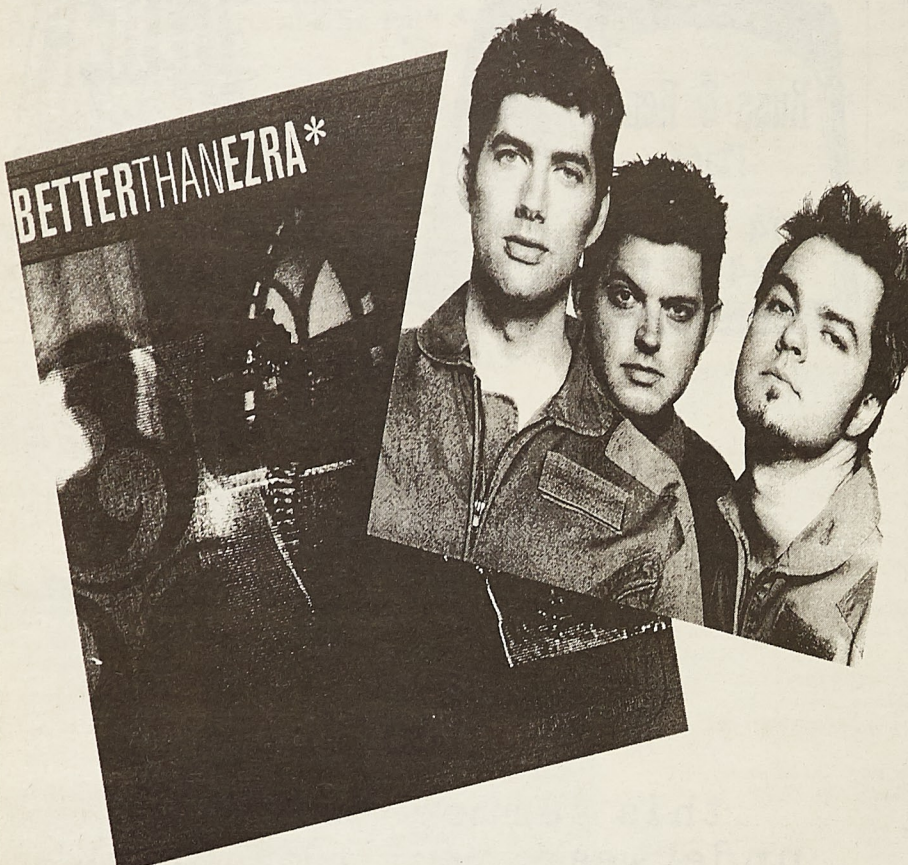


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Swimming

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Amizic, Jeff Raggett, Josh Jolly and Belleville took third place in a time of 3:28.49, just two seconds off their season best time.

The second day of swimming began with the 200-yard medley relay of Jolly, Jeremy Evans, Scott and Lach had to settle with fourth place. The Miners touched in at a time of 1:36.40 just a second off their best time.

In the following event, the 400 individual medley the Miners had two swimmers in the finals. Steve Caruso finished in a time of 4:19.36, which was good for 7th place. Ben Karstens finished just ahead of Caruso in a time of 4:17.47. In the preliminaries earlier that day Caruso had set a new personal best for the season.

In the 100-yard butterfly Kris Leftwich led the consolation finals to take 9th place overall and teammates Scott and Raggett finished less than two tenths apart as Raggett would take 4th and Scott would take 5th.

In the 200 free the Miners had two swimmers in the finals. Nurre currently ranked 7th in the 200 took 5th overall while Belleville took 6th less than a second behind Nurre.

In the 100 breaststroke the Amizic, who is currently ranked first in the nation was beat out by a well-rested Truman swimmer and the Drury swimmer currently ranked second. Sean

Garceau, currently ranked 13th stepped up to take 5th place, and Miner Jeremy Evans, who is ranked third in the nation, took 8th place.

In the final individual event of the day Jolly was the highest finisher in 7th place in the 100 backstroke, while Lach would round out the field in 8th place.

The final event of the day, the 800-yard freestyle was easily taken by second ranked in the nation Drury, but the UMR team of Dezelic, Caruso, Belleville, and Nurre was able to post a time of 7:03.64 which was good for third place.

With one day left of competitive swimming left the team scores stood at Drury 689, Truman State 408, Miners 400, Vincennes 155, Indianapolis 154 and Lewis University 144.

While the Miners were after two days trailing the 10th ranked Bulldogs by eight points, the Miners head Coach Doug Grooms was not at all worried.

"Right now Truman is well rested since for most of their swimmers this is their last meet of the season. Most of our swimmers are still training hard in preparation for nationals. While they may be ahead of us now, I have no doubt that we will be able to crush them as nationals. Despite being tired we had some phenomenal swims today and yesterday and I am sure we will continue tomorrow."

The last day's results were not available at press time.

McCain

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Democrats and independents in the state's open primary, giving the impression that he was "inviting Democrats and independents to take over the Republican Party," said Graham.

The spot was prepared after J. Thomas Burch, head of a national Vietnam veterans' group, made a speech with Bush at his side, saying McCain, "Came home (from Vietnam) and forgot about us."

Bush refused to criticize Burch, infuriating McCain, who spent 5 1/2

years as a POW in Vietnam. Then Bush put up an ad accusing him of not telling the truth about his tax plan.

Many of McCain's advisers urged him to respond with a negative ad.

McCain initially resisted but changed his mind, and the ad hit the airwaves Feb. 8. Bush, in a response ad, asked McCain in wounded tones to stop attacking his integrity.

Within days, McCain's poll numbers started dropping, and the ad was dissected relentlessly by national media. McCain yanked the ad, but the damage was done.

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Is there *anything* to do?

Gretchen Gawer

Assistant Features Editor

"Rolla—The Middle of Everywhere." The saying is plastered on billboards along I-44 and is the slogan of the Rolla Chamber of Commerce. So, being so centrally located, there must be a lot of fun things for a college student to do, right? Well, it's mostly a matter of perspective.

So what do University of Missouri—Rolla students do to have fun? Get drunk and party? Well, yeah, some of them do, but that's not all. Many spend their free time socializing, participating in intramurals, watching movies, going outdoors and being active in campus organizations.

The Greek system affords many social opportunities according to those who are a part of it. Kristen Hartman of Chi Omega said, "A lot of my socializing goes on in the Greek Community. We [Chi Omega] have usually one social a weekend with a fraternity that's organized. They [socials] have themes. One of our socials had a theme that was money night and there was play money and a scavenger hunt and trivia questions and stuff like that and the object was to get the most play money and there were prizes at the end. We've had dinner exchanges and we'll have a fraternity over for dinner and some of us will go over there for dinner. We've gone ice skating in Jeff. City before."

What about those not involved in the Greek community? What is there for them specifically to do for fun? Candice Luehrs, an RA in the Quad, said, "The Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the governing bodies of each complex (TJ and the Quad) along with the RA's plan programming for the residents. These programs range from activities like host-

ing a hypnotist to having a house/floor dinner. Popular activities are ones that bring out competitiveness for individuals like card tournaments or video game tournaments etc. The good thing about the programming that we do is that it is usually a good study break. Going to one of our events won't lick you for the next day or prevent you from getting things done that evening."

Intramurals offer students a chance to have fun and play their favorite sports. The also offers those not participating some entertainment. Shannon Foil of Zeta Tau Alpha said, "We have a dress up night, or bring a date or wear funny. The house does those and tries to be active in supporting our girls in the intramurals. All the sports they play we try to be at every one of those [games]."

Leaving Rolla on the weekends seems to also be very popular. With St. Louis, Jefferson City, Columbia and the Lake of the Ozarks all about an hour and a half away, this option is readily available. These cities offer more in the way of activities, such as concerts, night clubs, bigger movie theaters, malls and shopping. Adam Steimal of Kappa Alpha said, "Fun things to do are usually outside of Rolla. Every once in a while we take a trip up to St. Louis to see a concert. Or take off for a weekend and go camping."

For those without specific plans or more relaxed attitudes, there are the options of going out to eat, going out for coffee or donuts, going to the movies or renting movies or just hanging out with friends. These tend to be good activities after a long hectic week of studying and classes. As Meghan Reed said, "I sit around and watch movies mostly. Oh, and I made a 1 a.m. Steak and Shake run last [Saturday] night."



Kate Carter and Angie (Haines) Wester have some fun on a weekend at Meremac Springs. photo courtesy of Kate Carter

Commentary:

When there is nothing to do in Rolla

Evan Rau

Commentary Writer

Here I sit, on a Friday night, working, content that I am actually taking part in something and not asleep yet. I am not tired, but wished I were so that I could get some sleep and feel refreshed for the week ahead of me. Am I someone who likes to stay in and doesn't like people too much? No, I love people, and I love to go out and have a great time. However, I don't like the party scene, and getting smashed so that I can't remember my actions doesn't sound like a first-rate weekend to me. I am doomed to a mundane and lifeless weekend, known only too well to residents of Rolla.

I don't wish to complain just for the sake of complaining, however it seems odd and disturbing that the "best years of my life" are filled with nights based solely on futile attempts at entertainment. If I have so much as a stimulating conversation, I feel like the planets must be in alignment for such an occurrence. I actually said I

wanted to go back to high school today, because there was something to look forward to at the end of a hard week's work. The fact that I actually told someone this scares me. There must be a reason for all these feelings of hopelessness.

I think the most haphazard scrutiny would end up showing an apathetic campus and a dead town at the center of this problem. I am nearly sure that I am not the only one feeling the effects of this numb-weekend syndrome. I don't suppose anyone has noticed that a good majority of the students here just want to get through the curriculum so that they can get out of Rolla, and start bringing in the cash. I don't believe everyone came here with that attitude, but many have adopted it as a result of having nothing else to think about except for getting their piece of paper that says they know enough to get paid for it. I haven't even seen more than a handful of students that show any interest in the quest for knowledge over the quest for a good paying job. We are paying thousands of dollars but that

money is seen only as an investment. I am paying as a price for the opportunity to continue to learn and become knowledgeable about those things that interest me, not as a four-year payment plan for a diploma.

While we are dissecting the way of life of a University of Missouri—Rolla student, let's see what's on the schedule for this weekend. Hmm, that's funny, nothing at all. That is because unless you are part of the Greek life, there are no options for entertainment (or at the very least, occupation of time) except studying or the occasional campus program. No one can or should be expected to study all the time.

There are attempts at activities and events, I suppose, but they do not get the turnout necessary to warrant the time spent planning them. That could be due to the low entertainment value they typically provide, but that is only speculation on my part. Things need to pick up on campus and in the whole town of Rolla. I cannot even

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Research lab mural proposed by Dean Mitchell

Mandy Modlin
Student Council

The dean of the School of Engineering, Dr. Bob Mitchell, has recently discussed his desire to create a mural on the blank white wall of the Engineering Research Laboratory. He also mentioned that he would prefer a mural that incorporates a technology theme and also the imagery of Route 66 and the St. Pat's celebration.

Dr. Mitchell also proposed creating a tile mosaic with a support-

ing frame to be built by a student design group. The design of the mural may go as far as incorporating moving components or the like.

In addition to this, Dean Mitchell mentioned that the administration is looking into installing wireless networking in either the outdoor or indoor common areas. The transmitters would run around \$1000 and the receiver cards would cost about \$200 and may be subsidized in part by the University. The first receivers can be expected to be in place by this May.

Chad Cole's Culinary Corner: Name brands don't always mean good food, try generic

Chad Cole
Culinary Columnist

Today's food message is - Name Brand is not always better! When it comes to most everyday items, especially food, the generic cheap stuff is just as good (or better) as the real stuff they show on T.V. Most people just grab that popular brand name without thinking. Just out of habit, they reach for the most expensive and easily accessible brand that stares them right in the eye on the shelf. Well, this line of thinking could be costing you a ton of cash each trip to the grocery store!

I worked in the Guy's snack factory in Liberty, Missouri for a little while, and in addition to the popular Guy's brand of chips, they also make Wal-Mart's Great Value line of generic products. Did you know that the exact same ingredients and manufacturing process go into both the Great Value line and the name brand "Guy's" chips? You might not have known that, but I bet you DO know that a bag of Great Value chips will run you a significantly smaller sum of money than a bag of "Guy's" chips, right? That pretty packaging can really boost up the price in any kind of product.

Another good example of this phenomenon is a cereal called Happy Shapes. Now, almost everybody has heard of Lucky Charms, but how many of you have discovered the secret generic marshmallowy gem that is Happy Shapes? This breakfast delight is a mainstay around my fraternity house, but most of the world is oblivious to the fun of Happy Shapes. They are less than half the price of Lucky Charms and they taste much better. Eating a big bowl of Happy Shapes always brings a smile to my face. They are put out by the Banta food distributor and the brand name is Hospitality. Give

them a try. Marshmallow Maties is another substitute for Lucky Charms. They are obtainable at Wal-Mart, along with all of the other Malt-O-Meal cereals, which are just as tasty as their name brand counterparts.

Great Value, Castle Crest, Dr Thunder, Always Save, etc. are all perfectly edible products. Every big chain of grocery stores has a generic product line for their select locations, and I have yet to taste one that didn't compare pretty equally to the original brand name item.

Think about how many millions of brands of boxed macaroni and cheese inhabit grocery store shelves around the country. How come "Kraft Cheese and Macaroni" is priced about twice as high as the multitude of off-brands? It's not because Kraft's little packet of that powdered cheese mix is so much superior to the little brand's packet of cheese mix. It's not because Kraft's macaronis were hand cut by the cheap labor of some third world country's underage children. No, both brand's macaronis were most likely produced at the same pasta factory. It's all in the name. Is that name really worth the extra money?

In some cases the name brands are still the best choice. I love Cheez-it's and would never stoop so low as to buy a box of 'Cheese Nips' over them. Sure, it may cost quite a bit extra to get the good stuff, but if the taste is that much better, then it is always a wise investment. This is kind of a personal guideline of mine. You must let your own sense of taste guide you on the right path to finding that special line between price/taste. Anyway, the point of this endless rambling on my part is to get you to try some of the cheapy brands. The next time you are in Wal-Mart, give that lonely box of Great Value something-or-other a shot. It just might surprise your taste buds as well as your wallet.

Now, almost everybody has heard of Lucky Charms, but how many of you have discovered the secret generic marshmallowy gem that is Happy Shapes?

-Chad Cole

Fashion: Embellished jeans are back

Abere Karibi-Ikiriko
Fashion Columnist

With all the homework to do and tests to study for, students don't have time to worry about what to wear. For most students, anything would do. However, I searched the campus to bring you this week's campus fashion.

Fashion advice for girls:
What kind of jeans are popular this year? Embellished jeans. They're back but better than ever. The coolest jeans this year feature flared

bottoms with embroidery, feather appliqué, or beads. Everything old is new again.

Fashion advice for guys:
Going for an interview and wondering how you can achieve that "corporate look?" By matching your dress shirts and ties, you can get that look you're going for. Muted earth-tone colors are a great place to start. By matching a similar color shirt and tie, you can create a tone on tone look. Be business-like and stylish, too. This type of dress is sure to catch the interviewer's eye!

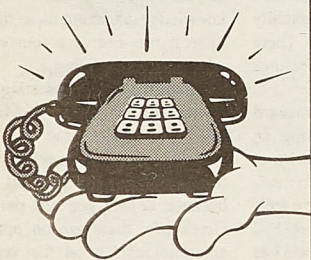
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CD Review: Bela Fleck and the Flecktones tones jazz up the hits

Rebecca Lexa
CD Reviewer

How do you mix traditional bluegrass and jazz and still sound good? One band that could answer that question is Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. Combining off-the-wall instruments, several very different genres and a few guys with interesting musical styles, this band has created its own niche in the musical world. Working primarily with instrumentals, the Flecktones have become quite a group of achievers, winning the 1999 Grammy award for Best Pop Instrumental Performance.

Yet calling their music pop is far from the truth. A highly imaginative blend of jazz with heavy blues influences, bluegrass and the occasional cameo appearance of other music (and musicians), the music of the Flecktones is definitely a trip.

The headman, Bela Fleck, had been playing guitar since he was very young. At the age of 15 he was introduced to the banjo, and became astonishingly skilled with it in a very short time. Four years later he joined his first band, Tasty Licks. Since then he has not only performed numerous presentations, but has worked with other bands such as New Grass Revival, the Dreadful Snakes and, of course, the Flecktones. Prior to the formation of the latter band, Bela released 10 albums with or without accompaniment. Then, in 1990, he brought together the Flecktones. This newest band consisted of Victor and Roy ("Futureman") Wooten, who play bass and synthax drum respectively, and Howard Levy, whose skills include piano, diatonic harmonica and various synthesizers.

The Flecktones released six independent albums with Warner Brothers prior to the "Greatest Hits of the Twentieth Century" CD. Their music each album is consistently unlike anything else recorded by other artists and the most popular of their songs have been placed on this most recent CD. The chosen songs are also graced with the presences of other famous musicians from various musical worlds, including Dave Matthews, Peter Dinklage, and Sam Bush.

Probably the best-known Flecktones song is the aforementioned Grammy winner, "The Sinister Minister." Unlike most bands, the Flecktones give their bassist a key role, rather than sticking him in the back as pure rhythm and "Sinister" gives Victor a chance to really shine. His snaky bass open automatically draws the listener into the song and becomes its easily picked-out backbone as the banjo, synthax and other instruments come in play. Never once is it lost amid the other players, which is fortunate considering the immense skill that flows from Victor's fingers. It is easy to see how "The Sinister Minister," arguably the best song on this CD, earned an award.

A song that really brings out the bluegrass influences of the Flecktones is the live version of "Stomping Grounds" found on this CD. Heavy on banjo work, the song is a lively tune which, although is not purely bluegrass comes very close in comparison to some of the other songs on "Greatest Hits." Another bluegrass song is, appropriately, "The Yee-Haw Factor." Nowhere near as silly as it sounds, this cheerful tune is "dedicated with respect to the incredible musicians of Bluegrass music," from Bela. For those who are fans of this genre, "The Yee-Haw Factor" has a marvelous banjo solo that is not to be missed.

Predictably, "Big Country" is a good bluegrass song with a synthesized thread amid the banjo sounds. It is a very peaceful number that creates about as much stress as the average pillow, but still manages to be interesting enough to keep a listener awake.

On the other end of the spectrum is "Flight of the Cosmic Hippo" which draws heavily from a deep, bluesy jazz. Though the song was originally titled "Flight of the Codeine Hippo," Bela remarks, "Not wanting to disregard our awesome responsibility as role models to America's youth, we changed 'Codeine' to 'Cosmic.'" The great piano work reflects the birth of this song from the strings of that versatile instrument, and again the monobass comes growling in to make itself known and adding to the "hippo-ness." The bass also speaks for itself in "Road House Blues." While rather subdued in many places, as Bela's banjo takes the front, Victor's contribution is unmistakable, and keeps "Road House Blues" from being wholly bluegrass.

One song that just about anyone can dance to is "Sex in a Pan." It is an easy beat that can be swayed to with little effort, and is a joy to listen to besides. The name comes, not from an imaginative tryst, but from an incredible dessert...featuring chocolate pudding covered with Cool Whip and a graham cracker crust," as reported by Bela.

Not every song is a winner, however. "Shocktime" falls flat with a beginning that within 10 seconds become an annoyingly frantic cacophony.

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Student Life

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Lambda Sigma Pi logs over 356 hours of service

Debbie Holdorf

Lambda Sigma Pi

One of the top priorities of Lambda Sigma Pi is its loyalty and service to people. This is why the 29 members of this female service fraternity performed 356 hours of service to the Rolla Community during the fall 1999 semester. That is over 12 hours of service per member!

The 356 hours were accumulated through various activities such as volunteering at Heritage Park Nursing Home or the Rolla Manor, helping Choices for People, sorting donations at the Salvation Army and serving food at the Open Door Soup Kitchen. Most of the members also tutored at the local elementary, junior high and high schools.

The organization was, and still is, very motivated about helping others. Mary Grass (Senior, Civil Engineering) commented on why she liked doing service: "I love service because of the fact that helping make someone else's life better makes me feel better about myself. I know that I am a very lucky and privileged person for having what I have and I want to share what I have with others. I think we were so successful last semester because everyone in the organization feels the same way. We've had a great number of opportunities to become involved in the community and have had a great time doing it."

Each semester Lambda Sigma Pi awards a traveling plaque to the dedicated member who performs the most

community service. The recipient of this award for Fall 1999 was Jen Splaingard. Jen commented, "I did 31 hours of service, and loved every minute of it! My favorite was tutoring. I got to tutor a whole class twice a week in eighth grade algebra."

The organization plans to continue this momentum into this semester as well. The service goal is for 300 hours. The Service Chair Ellen Eye (Junior, Biological Sciences) commented about the upcoming semester, "I am very confident that Lambda Sigma will reach our service goals. The organization is made up of dedicated individuals. The ladies are of outstanding character and are very unselfish. What we commit ourselves to achieving as an organization, we achieve."



Winter Film Series presents

teenager to a dour salaryman to a serenely senile woman, check in. They are offered condolences on their recent deaths and told they each must select a treasured memory. It will be recreated on film, and they will then take that single recollection into eternity. This matter-of-fact approach is the basis of what is possibly the most convincing film ever made on the subject of the hereafter. In contrast to the pomposity and preciousness of most celestial cinema, *After Life* is a fascinating commentary on the link between movies and memory. In Japanese with English subtitles. PG-13-1999.

The movie will be shown in Miles Auditorium (ME Building) this Tuesday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m.

This week, the University of Missouri—Rolla Film series will present: *Afterlife* starring Arata and Erika Oda and directed by Kore-eda Hirokazu. A group of young, casually dressed staff members arrive for another day's work at what appears to be a drafty, antiquated high school. Some two dozen clients, ranging from a bubbly

Save electrons, write a letter

Bevin Raines

WAC

Has anyone written or received a personal letter lately? Electronic mail is often advantageous to traditional letter writing because it requires no stamp or trip to the post office, and requires almost no time to arrive at its destination. Although electronic mail is more convenient and immediate than traditional letters, handwritten letters are still a viable means of communication. Electronic mail requires so little effort to send that it does not show a great deal of thoughtfulness on the part of the sender.

A handwritten letter, on the other hand, shows that the person writing cares enough to take the time to express and send his or her thoughts on paper. While e-mails are conversational and typically short and to the point, traditional letters provide an opportunity to explore thoughts and feelings. You can say things in a letter that would not normally be said in an e-mail and would sound corny if expressed verbally.

Handwritten letters are more intimate than electronic mail. When someone sends a letter, they send a piece of themselves. The handwriting, doodles, choice of stationery and even choice of stamp reflect the authors personality, style, and creativity; whereas electronic mail is impersonal and uniform with black type on a white screen. Letters are often worth saving for years, but electronic mail is rarely even printed onto paper and is eventually thrown away to recover disk space.

If you want to let someone know that you care about them, that you miss them, or that they are special, receiving a handwritten letter will indicate all of the above and will brighten their day.

Residence hall leaders recognized

Candice Luehrs

NRHH

Yes, it is true...good things do happen here in Rolla's residence halls. Every month the University of Missouri—Rolla's chapter of National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), composed of the top one percent of our hall leaders, recognizes excellence in students and programming in our residence halls with an Of The Month (OTM) award.

The OTMs are then sent on to our Midwestern region where our leaders and programs compete against with leaders and programs from schools like Kansas State, Washington University, Southeast Missouri State University and many others up and down the region. Winners from the region are then sent to compete nationally against schools like Colorado State University, California State University—Chico, etc.

In the past semester we have had several leaders recognized both regionally and nationally for the excellence that they have shown in the halls here in Rolla. Since August we have had 13 regional winners and three of those have won national awards.

We have 12 categories that we give awards in every month: Student, Resident Assistant, Community, Community Service, National Communications Coordinator, Educational Program, Diversity Program, Spotlight, Adviser, Executive Board and Social Program.

For August, the awards were: Scott Borchers—Resident Assistant, Mary Sullivan—Student, QHA executive board—Spotlight and 7 N—Community. The September winners were: Matt Coffman—Resident Assistant, Matt Ethridge—Student**, Mike Walden—National Communications Coordinator and James Seville—

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Delta Tau Delta Fraternity wins international award for excellence

Jason D. Bridges

Delta Tau Delta

The Epsilon Nu chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at the University of Missouri—Rolla has received the Hugh Shields Award, the highest honor given to any chapter by its international organization. Presented to a delegation of four members at the regional conference held Feb. 5 in Columbia, Mo., the award was given to only ten of the 130 chapters worldwide. Its selection is based upon a comprehensive evaluation of the chapter's academic and philanthropic performance, levels of campus and community involvement and overall growth and development.

"We are very proud of earning this award," stated Matt Chesebrough,

President. "All of the men here have worked very hard for this."

Corey Ernst, a freshman at UMR attended the conference, "After winning the award this year, we will have to keep it up to win again next year." Some of the activities that contributed to the chapter's receipt of the Hugh Shields Award include multiple Big Brother/Big Sisters projects, neighborhood picnics, a Tri-County Center for Independent Living project and many others.

Delta Tau Delta is an international fraternity founded in 1858. The local chapter was established in 1966 at its present location on Vienna Road. At the conference, Epsilon Nu was also awarded plaques for Philanthropy, Exceeding the All Men's GPA and Alumni Newsletter.

Departments of the month for December and January named

Jamie Ferrero

Panhellenic Council

The University of Missouri—Rolla Panhellenic Council is proud to recognize Management Systems and the History department as the December and January departments of the month, respectively. These two departments were not only nominated by one of our campus's sororities, but they were selected by the Panhellenic Council to receive this honor. These departments are recognized for going far beyond the basic duties of a department, inside and outside of the classroom.

Management Systems goes out of the way to make sure that their students succeed at UMR. One of the newer programs the department is using to aid student retention and success in the department is a mentoring program for all management system majors. They have also formed classes that assist upper-level computer science students in classes for which EXCEL workshops are not offered. Being a fairly new department, Management systems still has the intimacy of a small department. Everyone is there to help each other in and out of class. Still, the department is large enough to provide excellent resources for the academic enhancement of its students. Management Systems is a new department that has already done so much for its students.

Before the History department

itself can be discussed two outstanding teachers have to be recognized. Dr. Donald Oster and Dr. Lawrence Christensen will be retiring soon. These are two men that will be greatly missed in this outstanding department. Their retirement is part of the reason that the History department is being recognized as one of the departments of the months. The department is presently holding interviews to replace the two professors, and they are including their current students in the selection process. The students are attending the interviews and the department is taking into account their opinions and insights.

Along with allowing the students take an active role in their department, the department takes an active role in the students' academic pursuits. The department not only offers excellent scholarships but also plays an important role in the job placement of the students. Having an open door policy and commitment to engineers and history majors alike has made the UMR History department one of the best in the state. The teachers are devoted to providing a great education and earnestly care about helping all students that enter their classrooms.

This is why the Panhellenic Council is proud to present Management Systems and the History department with the department of the month award. Panhel would also like to thank Dr. Oster and Dr. Christenson for their years of devotion to the students of UMR.

Entertainment

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call it a college town without a snicker. There is a bowling alley. Everyone's wrist gets sore sometime, and then we're fresh out of options. I hate sitting around pretending that any moment someone will blurt out a great idea for the evening. The hopelessness in that situation here at UMR has created its own class. All that I ask is that reasonable and attractive options are offered, enough to satisfy a wide range of interests. Oh, please forgive me. I forget sometimes that it violates UMR policy to provide diverse and appealing options to its students.

I will give the university the benefit of the doubt, though. It is possible that the philosophy is that with limited choices, a decision is easily made.

Perhaps the present enrollment trend would indicate fault with the current theories observed in relation to students, the assumed focus of an institution of learning. Quality of student life would be a good place to start. I am not talking about the dormitory quality, because that is better than a lot of other places I have seen. I am talking about the atmosphere and environment in which we all live. I have never been exposed to such a group of disheartened, tunnel-visioned zombies. Apathy breeds apathy.

Bela

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which can cause abrupt skipping to the next song. "Vix 9" is so-so, sounding like jazz-flavored elevator music with holes in it. "Communication," without the vocals that are (thankfully) seen rarely in the works of the Flecktones, is reminiscent of the ditties played during the Weather Channel's local forecast. And the final song, "Sunset Road," is useful only for putting children and small

furry animals to sleep with its lack of imagination.

The few fizzled attempts aside, "Greatest Hits of the Twentieth Century" is a wonderful musical snack that deserves to be tasted. Its variety of music creates offerings suitable for many different preferences. If nothing else, the absolutely peerless and unbelievable sounds that Victor Wooten cajoles out of his bass are reasons enough to take a good, long listen to the amazing hits of Bela Fleck and the Flecktones.

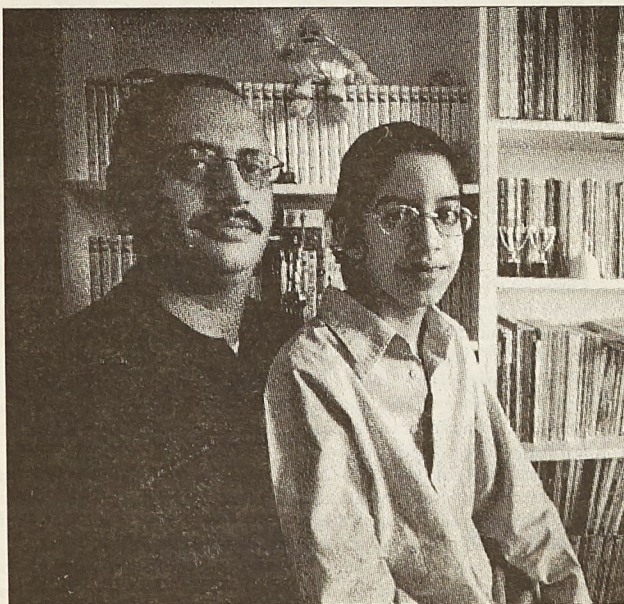
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Advisor. The November winners were: Marty Rust—Student ** and the Mac 2 Wall of Cans—Spotlight. The December awards went to: UMR—Chapter, Jessica Bigas—Advisor and 4N—Community **. Recipients of national awards are

starred.

UMR is well known throughout the region and the nation and thanks to these people and others like them our reputation is being maintained and our tradition of excellence is carrying on. To find out more about our chapter of NRHH you can check us out at <http://http://www.umr.edu/~nrhh/>



Seventh-grader Zainab Alkebsi and her father, Abdulwahab Alkebsi, raised questions after Zainab read *The Terrorist* for a class.

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photo by Larry Morris

Humor:

Japanime Club to buy more cartoon porn

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Humor Columnist

Club Japanime, the anime fan club and secret society on campus, announced in last week's Student Council meeting its intent to purchase 14 new reels of "Kyotomjodojzsmith: Blue Anime" cartoon porn. This comes after the decision of the Council to deny funding to the group, citing numerous non-pornographic films being shown last month.

Club President Fagan McBannistar talked about the decision on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

"We had been presenting a pretty good string of graphic films, like the 'Hirohitomatomama' and 'To' trilogies, but last month we decided to just stick to old 'Speed Racer' cartoons. I guess StuCo didn't like that."

The Council had unilaterally denied all appropriations to the group, noting the extreme lack of poorly drawn, scantily clad Japanese schoolgirls in the films shown over the past few weeks. The group's charter clearly states that "each film shown must contain: a) hard or soft core pornographic materials, including, but not limited to [edited for content] ...with the leather whips, and b) either non-English words, or non-English captions."

"We tried something different last month, and it failed," McBannistar said. "Now that we have the Kyotomjodojzsmith series coming, we'll be seeing plenty of explicit sex and nudity, punctuated by overly-flashy chase scenes and unintelligible subtitles."

The Club Japanime members voluntarily put up over \$53 from their own pockets to buy the rights and the film for the new shows. The extra money raised will go toward purchasing a deep freeze in which to store the old films. "This was for a good cause," said Club treasurer Ian Zweible. "What would have happened if we had went under? We're the only true secret society on campus...well, us and that El Clubó de Español de Mayo.

It would be like Commander Kilimojo and the Warrior Princess all over again!"

The Kyotomjodojzsmith film mega-series is the 28-part story of thirteen-year-old Kim Zimatutzi and her quest to find the fabled "Oracle of Love." Her journey takes her through the mountains of Japan, across the ocean and on to the "Promised Land" of overpopulated and industrialized Tokyo.

"The series is full of vague, unintelligible plotlines, over five thousand different characters to keep up with, and about 100 total hours of soft core pornography. We went the extra mile and found a version dubbed in German and subtitled in both Japanese and French."

Club Japanime started in 1897 as the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy League of Oriental and Indo-Chinese Daguerreotypes. Since its inception, over 300,000 different photographs, paintings and "moving picture shows" of tawdry, underdressed oriental girls have been viewed in the Club, most of which were seen under veil of secrecy. It was not until 1985, when Voltron exposed mainstream America to poor animation, that the group became public.

Weekly meetings are held every other Wednesday evening in Castleman Hall's Leach Theatre at 8 p.m. Admission is free, and Club members get in for half-off. Membership costs \$5, and involves a ritualistic and tortuous branding/piercing process similar to that used on graduate students. Club Japanime also reminds you to visit them at their website www.umr.edu/~japporn for lists of movies and features each week.

The preceding article contained childish stupidity and should not have been read by those five years of age and older. The author claims no responsibility for accidental death, spontaneous combustion, fried tomatoes, or the heartbreak of psoriasis brought on by this piece of literary buffoonery. Reader discretion was advised.

L.A. Times/Washington Post:

An Upsetting Read: Book Stereotypes Muslims

Manuel Perez-Rivas

L.A. Times/Washington Post

The book was on a recommended reading list, selected with care by librarians as among the best contemporary fiction for Maryland middle-schoolers.

"The Terrorist," written by veteran children's author Caroline B. Cooney, is about an American girl living in England whose 11-year-old brother is killed when a package bomb explodes in the London subway. The terrorist turns out to be a Muslim girl seeking to avoid an arranged marriage to a man in his fifties who has two other wives.

But instead of being enthralled by the novel, Zainab Alkebsi, a seventh-grader at Earle B. Wood Middle School, was appalled by what she saw as offensive stereotyping of Muslims.

So was her father, Abdulwahab Alkebsi, who complained to the teacher and principal at Wood, in the Washington suburb of Rockville, Md. Not satisfied with the response, he enlisted the help of the Council on American-Islamic Relations to recall the book, published by Scholastic Inc.

"It contained paragraph after paragraph that was just so offensive: Muslims are terrorists. Muslims are wife abusers. Muslims are polygamists," said Alkebsi, director of international affairs at the Islamic Institute, a Wash-

ington-based think tank. "Just one stereotype after another throughout the book."

In an e-mail, Zainab wrote: "It was hard for me to be reading those things being said about us Muslims. It hurt my feelings and I was upset and scared what people think after reading about these stereotypes."

Judy Corman, a senior vice president for Scholastic, defended the book and said the publisher will not stop its distribution. She said the publisher received hundreds of messages Wednesday after the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington-based Islamic advocacy group, publicized the issue on its e-mail distribution list.

"We're upset that CAIR and these people feel this way. We believe in respect for all people. That's our credo," Corman said. She emphasized that the book is a work of fiction and was not intended by Scholastic to serve as part of a school curriculum.

But Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said he was disturbed that the book was assigned reading in Zainab's class.

"The big problem here is that this book was assigned reading in a classroom," Hooper said. "When you have a captive audience of impressionable

young people, whose minds are like sponges at this age, it's not really fair to present them with this kind of reading material and require them to read it."

Montgomery County school spokesman Brian J. Porter said officials will review "The Terrorist" and advise the authors of the reading list of the concerns. Porter said the principal at Wood decided to take no action because students already had read the book when the complaint was made.

The book is not required reading in all Montgomery middle schools but is on the county's approved list of student reading material. Students in the gifted and talented seventh-grade English classes at Wood and throughout Maryland have read the book this year as part of an annual reading program called the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Program. Books in the program, named for the state flower, are selected by a committee of library and media specialists from across the state.

Mary H. Hackman, the program's chairman, said all books on the list are reviewed by a volunteer committee of librarians and teachers before they are selected.

"We do our best to look out for that sort of thing. But this book got good reviews. In our reading it, we didn't see anything objectionable," Hackman said.

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A world marketplace of ideas

By **John Burgess**

Times/Washington Post

The two-day gathering at World Bank headquarters was a like a venture-capital fair, with more than 300 eager entrepreneurs vying for that crucial first funding for Big Ideas.

But what unusual ideas these were: build low-cost wheelchairs in Gaza, combat female genital mutilation in Africa, put an ambodian library on the Internet, turn former boy soldiers in African civil wars into seed dealers. "Development Marketplace," along with a program announced in Tokyo over the weekend to fund Internet start-up companies in developing countries, are new evidence of change at the World Bank. It is diversifying beyond its roots as distant bankroller of large projects such as steel mills and hydroelectric dams.

The sum up for grabs at last week's marketplace \$5 million is a pittance compared with the \$20 billion the bank lends a year. But the bank's officials, and some of its critics, see the marketplace as a significant step in the direction of creative thinking. It also broke new ground in channeling money directly to community groups, rather than taking the traditional route through governments.

The fair was "extremely innovative and it fosters competition around the concept of what is development," said Lisa Jorjani, executive director of the Bank Information Center. Her organization monitors World Bank activities and frequently faults them as unresponsive or harmful to borrowing countries; nonetheless, she was invited as a juror. Still, she says, "Why is the bank not doing these things in general?" As Wolfensohn, the former Wall Street financier who heads the bank, said the fair was a chance to inject some private-sector vitality into the institution. The goal is to ensure "that people didn't feel their ideas were being batted down by bureaucratic superstructure," he said, "so we said to people, 'If you've got ideas, why don't you show them to us?'"

The bank's stated mission is to foster development through long-term lending. The 44 project winners from the marketplace were awarded bank grants, ranging from \$27,350 to \$80,000, that don't have to be repaid. The hope is that many eventually prove workable on a larger scale, thus becoming the target of big-scale lending. In recent years, the bank has shifted off from emphasis on building things; it now commends for such purposes as teaching new farming methods. Change comes slowly, and many officials see the marketplace approach as leading into new and long-taboo areas.

Some of the winning projects, picked by a "jury" of bank employees and outsiders and not carrying the official stamp of the bank's board, directly address sensitive subjects of types the bank has long avoided, such as the plan to combat female genital mutilation, a common cultural practice in parts of Africa. Some younger bank employees who took part in the fair chafe over old-line bank policies that emphasize big-ticket lending. In the jury room, the selection of the mutilation project as a winner was greeted with applause, Jordan said.

During the two-day marketplace, many members of the multinational staff teamed up with groups from their countries of origin. Sophal Ear, a young Cambodian American at the bank, helped a project seeking to fund Internet access at Cambodia's national library. Lina Annab, an International Monetary Fund official who grew up in Jordan, worked with a project to teach people in Gaza and the West Bank to build low-cost wheelchairs.

"The only drawback is there is so little time to interest the jury members," said Gabriel Rugalema, manning a booth for a project to put "youth ex-combatants" development jargon for former boy soldiers in Liberia and Sierra Leone to work peddling seeds to farmers who are replanting after civil war. "If you stumble once, you don't get another chance." The Cambodia, Gaza and Sierra Leone projects didn't win bank funding or take any of 20 other prizes awarded.

Another step in a shift in bank policy trying to harness the Internet as a weapon against world poverty was announced half a world away over the weekend. The International Finance Corp. (IFC), a World Bank affiliate that invests in private-sector projects, said it would put a total of \$82.5 million into a \$520 million venture-capital pool whose other backer is the Japanese technology conglomerate Softbank.

Bank officials say they want to work globally to close the "digital divide" that keeps poor people from gaining access to the increasingly important online world. The idea is to offer venture capital and technical aid to "incubate" start-up companies in developing countries; plans call for the first investment to be announced in May.

Wolfensohn uses this example of the type of impact he's looking for with the IFC project: An entrepreneur in Ethiopia, he says, uses the World Wide Web to contact Ethiopian taxi drivers in the United States and sell them goats, which are delivered to their relatives in Ethiopia. Ownership of goats is a

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A third of workday spent on computer

By **Staff Writer**

LA Times/Washington Post

American workers spend 35 percent, or three hours, of their workday on a computer and 23 percent of their workday on the Internet, according to a February study on work trends. Almost three-fourths of workers surveyed, or 70 percent, report that they use computers at work at least one hour a day, with 36 percent reporting that they spend at least half of their workday on the computer.

And "most workers using a computer (87 percent) report using it for work-related activities and claim they are not abusing their workplace access to computers and the Internet," says the study, which was conducted by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University and the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut.

E-mail and word processing are the most frequently used applications, reported by 80 percent of those surveyed, followed by browsing the Internet (77 percent).

"Just 16 percent of workers report that they pay bills, shop online or play games at work," said the study, titled "Nothing But Net: American Workers and the Information Economy."

The survey, based on more than 1,000 telephone interviews with adult workers throughout the United States, also found that a significant number 41 percent believe they could perform their jobs as telecommuters, but only 9 percent actually telecommute. Distance learning also appeals to a majority of workers (61 percent), but only 26 percent say they have participated in this kind of learning experience.

At the Toy Fair: Hello, Snubelgrass

By **John Oldenburg**

Times/Washington Post

At this week's annual American International Toy Fair in New York, the largest U.S. toy trade show, possibly the most widely toy maker among the more than 2,000 manufacturers, companies and solo inventors showing new product lines is a 30-year-old Israeli woman with a doctorate in biomedical engineering.

Lisa Dolev spent 12 years in the Israeli Air Force and tackled secret projects with Israel's Defense Technology Research & Development Division before starting her toy company last February. Her years of developing man-machine interfacing and bioactive technologies are what hatched the plot to create this y-hatted, striped-beaked, plush, birdlike toy she calls Snubelgrass.

Hatched, indeed. As Dolev gave a motherly hug to a giant Snubelgrass egg which, for demonstration and publicity purposes, is four feet taller than the actual seven-inch model she hopes soon nest on toy store shelves it began emitting a purring vibration. Soft, colorful lights danced inside its shell. With a drum and applause, its hatch-like top gently opened to reveal a huge Snubelgrass baby, chirping like a chickadee.

"We decided to take military technology and do something with it," Dolev said. "We are pioneering bio-interactive play

with it." Dolev emphasizes that she didn't dream up Snubelgrass (pronounced Snoodle-grass) as an antiwar statement or protest against the military. "No, it isn't 'Make Snubelgrass, Not War!'" said Dolev, who runs Snubelgrass Interactive Inc. with three other women from the Israeli Air Force.

"Of course," she said, "I would like a world that does not make war. But we decided that while defense is important and necessary to keeping peace, the technology the military was developing for defense could be applied to other things. Like the way NASA technology from space flights is applied to other things."

The soft, snuggly adult Snubelgrass (for ages 4 to 9), which will sell with an egg in its pouch for about \$25 (eggs alone, about \$16), is anything but high-tech. Neither is the children's storybook about a faraway planet with round water and dream clouds that the Snubelgrass once called home.

But the sensors in the egg's shell that detect human touch the "nurturing" required to send it into its 24-hour gestation cycle provide an early glimpse of the biotechnology to come from Snubelgrass Interactive Inc. Dolev wants to define its corporate spirit and products as technology that "senses the human touch, or the human heartbeat, or body temperature, then responds and teaches something."

Dolev dislikes fast and furious toys that buy into the notion that children's attention spans are short and demand loud, quick,

wacky entertainment. "This is a mother's dream come true," she said, "a quiet toy." Snubelgrass started in Dolev's imagination when, as a 12-year-old in San Diego, she drew pictures when thinking or talking on the telephone. "'Lisa's creature' is what my family always called it. I was never a good artist," said Dolev. The different colored striped beaks were added to illustrate the Snubelgrass genetic code lessons. Each egg also comes with a "hatching certificate."

Dolev didn't come up with the peculiar name until deciding to use her childhood "creature" as her new company's logo. When a professional artist polishing the logo image mentioned that it was a real character, she decided to make it into her first toy. "My mother got out the drawings of it she had saved all these years," she said. "My father said, 'Ohhh, you had a career as an officer in the Air Force. And now this?'"

Only one of the hundreds of people who stopped at the Snubelgrass booth at Toy Fair has wondered what kids do with the Snubelgrass after the egg is hatched isn't it then just one more of the thousands of plush creatures on the market? "These toys do absolutely everything the child wants them to do," said Dolev, whose company now has orders from a nationwide toy chain, with four far more bio-interactive toys in prototype stages.

"Snubelgrass doesn't play for the child," she said, "it lets the child use imagination to play."

Playstation 2 and 'Blockbuster' products; Should you invest?

Fred Barbash

LA Times/Washington Post

My wife says you can tell the men from the boys by the cost of their toys. I agree. But when the kid and the dad converge on one fad, that's an exception.

Such a convergence may come with the Sony Playstation 2, which debuts in Japan next month and here in the autumn. Playstation 2 will be the most advanced game console in history, says the hype, but it will be no mere toy. Faster than a speeding Pentium, more powerful than the most powerful graphics engine, able to play DVD movies and someday download from the Internet, this could become one of the all-purpose, do-everything technologies that will help render the PC obsolete.

Don't take my word for it. It was cited in "The World In 2000" published by the very serious Economist magazine as one of the four great toys for the coming year. The investment angle is not necessarily just Sony (SNE), a massive conglomerate with vast revenues to which Playstation 2 may make a relatively modest contribution. Playstation 1 and Sony games for it comprised roughly 12 percent of the company's sales last year.

Nor is it Playstation itself. It's always possible it won't be ready in time for Christmas, or that Sony won't meet the challenge of keeping the price under control (at or around \$300), or that it simply won't live up to expectations. Indeed, a problem has already cropped up with its ability to play some games made for Playstation 1.

My aim is to show how any investor with access to the Internet can deconstruct a potential blockbuster of a product be it Playstation or Sega's new Dreamcast or Pokemon; learn something about its value chain, and begin determining whether any of its links are worth investing dollars.

It's a method of discovery, yet another device for individual investors.

Often in this process I find companies that I should have known about before, that might be good targets for research independently. I first studied and wrote about BEA Systems, a technology provider to Internet companies, when deconstructing E-trade for a column six months ago. Since then, BEA Systems (BEAS) is up 762 percent and E-trade is down 5 percent. I could not buy BEA Systems then ethical standards preclude, among other things, purchasing a stock that I'm writing about until three months have passed. But I bought it two weeks ago.

How big might Playstation 2 get? Last year, Sony produced and shipped 71 million Playstation 1 consoles. Console users and game-rental companies purchased roughly 600 million units of software-games licensed by Sony and produced by dozens of companies for Playstation. A Playstation console is currently in one of every four American households. If the next generation lives up to the hype and we'll get some hint of that in Japan next month the possibilities are mouth watering.

Begin your research with a visit to the mothership in this case, www.sony.com. Look at the press releases. Over the past two years, Sony has provided information in press releases about the companies supplying components and services for building this complicated toy. Supplement that with a web search through www.google.com using a phrase such as "Sony Playstation partnerships," which may turn up announcements from supplier companies of deals with Sony.

My surfing turned up LSI Logic (LSI), Rambus (RMBS) and MIPS (MIPS). I had hoped for more, but Sony, teamed with Toshiba, is doing much of its own design and manufacturing. The ones I found are all large and successful companies, so large that whatever they make for Sony, while useful, may not necessarily provide a pop in stock price.

On the other hand, you should know about them anyway, rather than allowing them to be the sole province of fund managers and technology specialists. They have their own web sites, which often announce partnerships with other companies.

LSI Logic, for example, makes the I/O (in/out) processor for Sony, the chip that should allow the console to be backwards compatible (usable for Playstation 1 games) and to accept plug-ins of DVD and Internet connections. LSI Logic will make money with every Playstation sold. But it's greatest growth, said spokesman Kevin Brett, is coming from chips for telecommunications, especially wireless telecommunications. LSI became a \$2 billion revenue company last year on the back of telecommunications.

Visit their websites. It's a trip. Having not yet been exposed to these games, and being duly stodgy about them, I was surprised that it wasn't the parade of horrors I expected. While I wouldn't want "Duke Nukem: Time to Kill" in my home, I could live with "Roadrash Jailbreak," "Tomorrow Never Dies," "WWF Attitude," and all the soccer, football and basketball titles among the hundreds I saw.

Interactive software companies that wrote these games are already gearing up for the new Playstation. Among them are Acclaim Entertainment Inc. (AKLM), Activision (ATVI), THQ Inc. (THQI), and Electronic Arts (ERTS.)

'Peanuts' to continue, as merchandising classic

Tami Luhby

LA Times/Washington Post

Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz is gone, but Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the rest of the gang will continue to live ... on cards, mugs, books and more.

The beloved comic strip, the last of which ran Sunday, is only a small part of the \$1.1 billion Peanuts empire. It is run by New York City-based United Media, the world's largest independent licensing organization.

Merchandising experts said Peanuts' appeal will continue despite Schulz's death last Saturday and the cessation of new strips. They pointed to the continuing popularity of Mickey Mouse, despite Walt Disney's death in 1966.

"It qualifies as a classic," said Marty Brochstein, executive editor of The Licensing Letter, a New York City-based newsletter. "Peanuts has passed from something that needs constant exposure to an evergreen."

United Media has syndicated the comic strip since its birth in 1950. Currently, Peanuts appears in 2,600 newspapers in 75 countries and 21 languages, spokeswoman Diane Iselin said. It is the most widely syndicated comic strip, experts said.

Peanuts' popularity is shown in newspapers' overwhelming interest in rerunning the strips, Iselin said. More than 90 percent are reprinting the comics, and have been since January. Schulz, 77, announced in mid-December that his colon cancer prevented him from continuing to draw Charlie Brown and his friends.

The syndication brings in only a small part of Peanuts revenue, she said. The bulk is made up by licensing the characters. Some 20,000 new Peanuts products including toys, jewelry, posters, apparel, stuffed animals

and stickers are created every year. There are 14, book titles, which have sold 300 million copies.

On eBay alone, there were more than 2,800 Peanuts items listed in the auction search, with items ranging from pins to plastic lunch boxes. Some were bid up more than \$100.

United Media owns the Peanuts copyright and handles all the deals, although Schulz retained the right to approve them through his company, Creative Associates. Iselin said the firm has not yet discussed how the approval process will work in the future.

Peanuts is everywhere. Metropolitan Life Insurance has used Lucy, Snoopy and the others in its advertisements since 1985. Hallmark has long created cards featuring the gang. This year, Skippy peanut butter and Wendy's fast-food chain are using the characters in promotions.

Schulz also brought his creations to life in 60 television specials, aired on Nickelodeon and CBS. This marks the 35th anniversary of "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

"The characters have been embraced by so many people around the world," Iselin said. "We anticipate demand will continue to exist."

Unlike some comic strips that become dated, Peanuts deals with common experiences that can be appreciated by both children and adults, experts said.

"It has a gentle humor that elicits warm feelings rather than laughter," Brochstein said.

The key to sustaining Peanuts' popularity lies in maintaining its visibility, said Seth M. Siegel, co-owner of The Beanstalk Group, a licensing and merchandising agency and consulting firm in New York City.

Electronic Arts, among the largest of these companies and famous for its Sim City game and for FIFA 2000, reported in the last quarter that 48 percent of its net revenue of \$600 million came from sales of Playstation 1 games. It has announced that it will be going all out for the next generation.

John Riccitiello, president and CEO of Electronic Arts, explained what he called the "symbiotic" relationship between a new generation of console and a new generation of games: As the console gets more exciting, so do the games. As people see how great the new games are, the more they want to buy the console. And so on and so on and so on. That's how Playstation 1 sales ratcheted up, he said.

The fact that Playstation 2 is supposed to be compatible with Playstation 1 games will not limit sales of new software, he said. On the contrary. Backwards compatibility "is the biggest marketing idea since the beginning of time. The kid begging for Playstation 2 says, 'look Dad, I know you spent \$700 on Playstation software in the last three years....Don't worry. My old library won't be outdated. You're not flushing that investment down the toilet.'"

"So every 13 year old can get one for Christmas and dad won't be going through this massive headache," said Riccitiello. "Truth be told, the new stuff is going to look so much better" on Playstation 2 that the next generation games will be irresistible.

The gamemakers occupy a highly competitive field, make products for a variety of platforms, including Sega, Nintendo and plain old PCs, and have high profit margins. All of that is good for investors, since their fates are not tied to a single device.

To find out who makes peripheral devices such as joysticks, steering wheels, game pads and stuff I don't think I want to know about, I departed Sony's website and ventured into one of the many videogame web-based magazines. These are probably great for kids and useful to investors interested in what's popular. I wouldn't stay too long, however.

This Playstation sojourn was cursory. If it sells, retailers and distributors, game-rental outfits and assorted hangers-on should benefit as well.

I'm not recommending that anyone buy anything — though personally I suspect I'm going to be a sucker for the Playstation whether or not my 5-year-old is interested.

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traditional form of saving there; the new form are in effect transferring earnings through Web contacts.

Bank officials acknowledge that are big challenges in creating Internet access for people who may earn only hundred dollars a year and lack the power.

But they foresee a day in which community Internet centers might allow farmers to get the latest on seed technology or prices and sales outlets abroad. Rather than being captive to traditional middlemen, farmers could tap directly into global markets and spur the prosperity of home communities.

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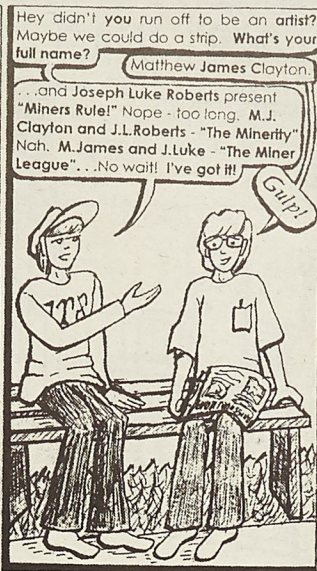
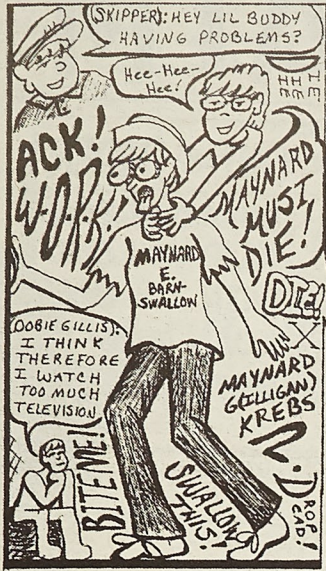
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MINEK ADJUSTMENTS By C. James



(SKIPPER): HEY LIL BUDDY HAVING PROBLEMS?

Hey Matt, wassap? Reading the Miner? Did you catch that Maynard E. Barn-swallow? He just cracks me up. I loved it when he made fun of that wimpy Miner Adjustments. But you know what would be even funnier? If someone would make fun of Maynard making fun of Miner Adjustments. A whole mirror in mirror thing.

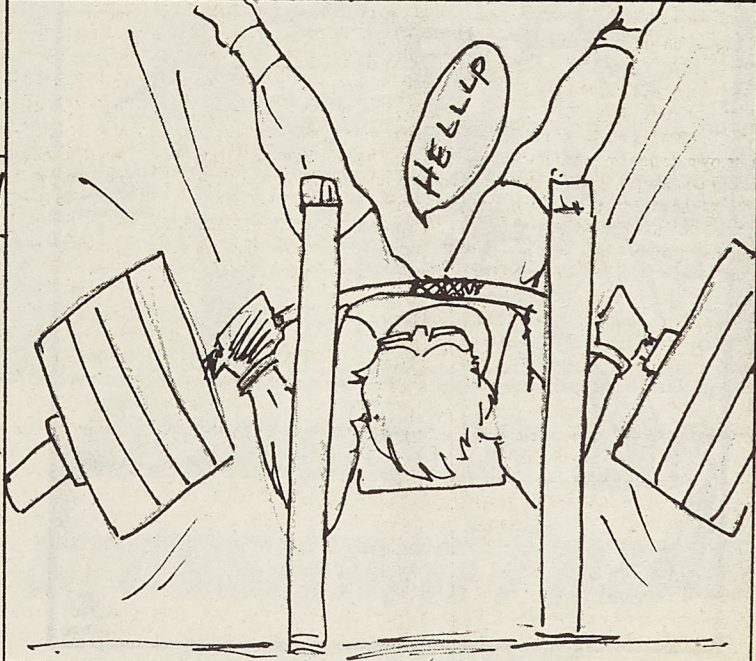
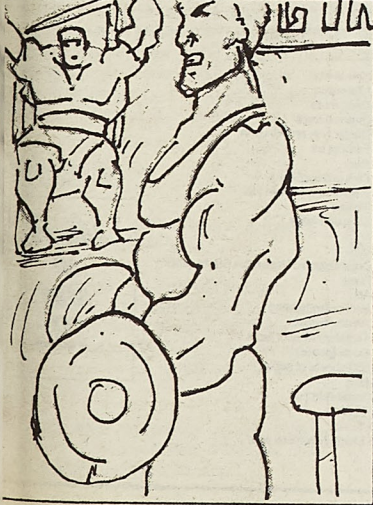
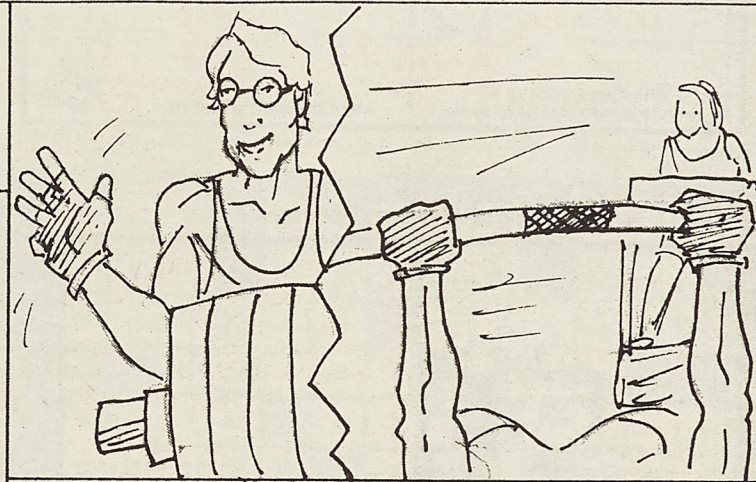
Hey didn't you run off to be an artist? Maybe we could do a strip. What's your full name?

Matthew James Clayton.

...and Joseph Luke Roberts present "Miners Rule!" Nope - too long. M.J. Clayton and J.L. Roberts - "The Minerity" Nch. M. James and J. Luke - "The Miner League"... No wait! I've got it!

Jimmy Joe Bob's Jamboree! I can see it now. It'll be great! I'll do the lines and you can draw the pictures. We'll do single panels. Something to the point. None of this long-winded strip crap where the characters go rambling on and on and on about nothing...

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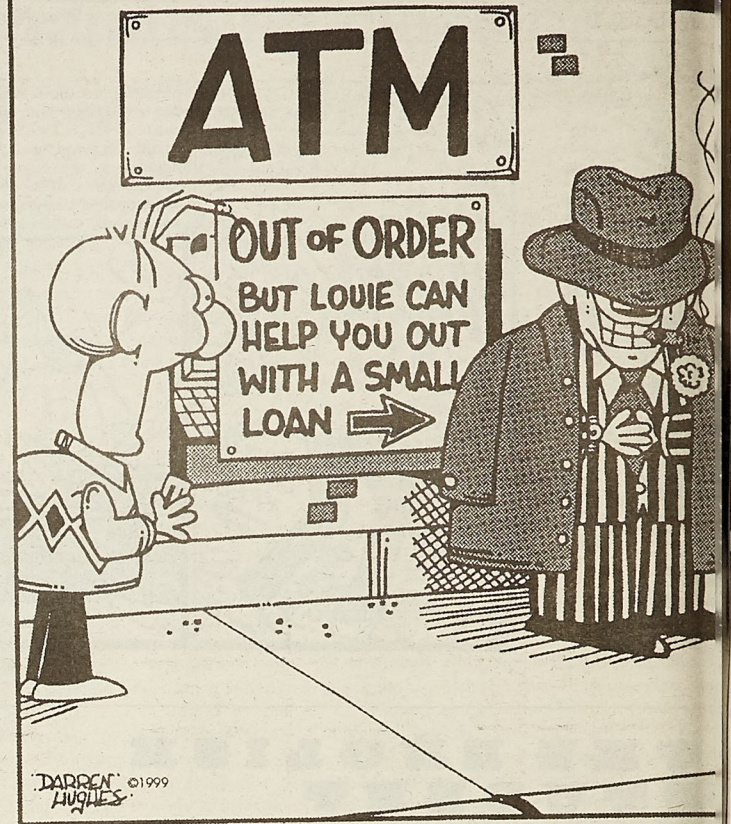
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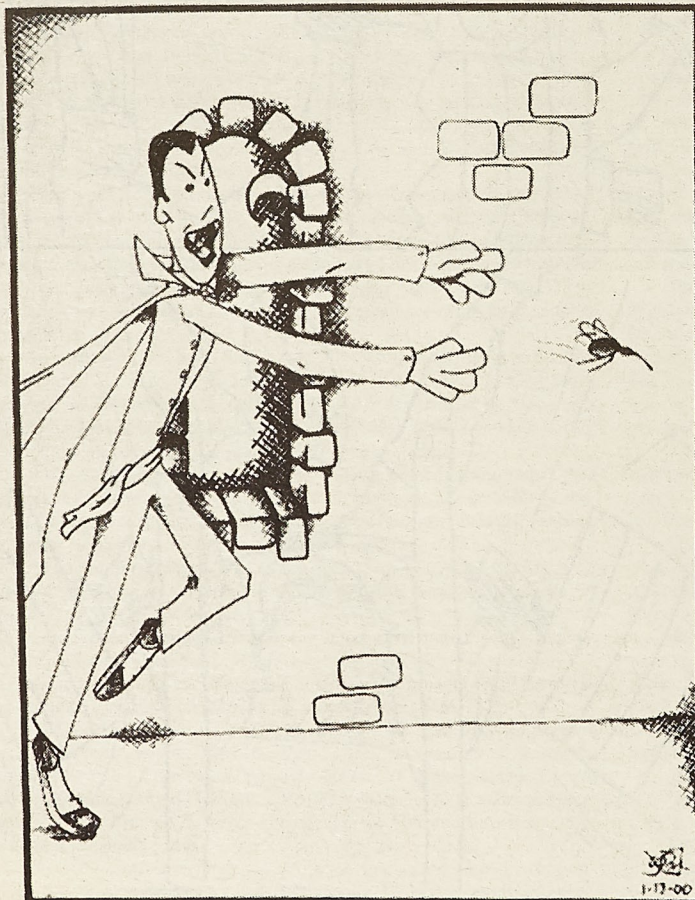


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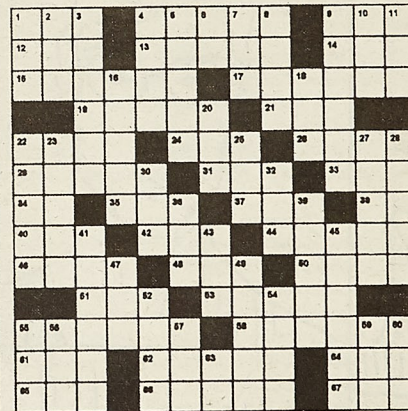
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A Bit Off by Tom Lucier & Jason Sheardown



Crossword Puzzle



- 20 Decompose
- 22 Plant with compounded leaves
- 23 Bestow upon
- 25 No longer is
- 27 Slang for OK
- 28 Annoy persistently
- 30 Witty remark
- 32 Male sheep
- 36 The extreme end
- 38 Having moderate heat
- 41 Depressant
- 43 7th Greek letter
- 45 Give
- 47 Vegas
- 49 Greek marketplace
- 52 Tear down
- 54 One of armed services
- 55 Used to hit ball
- 56 Indicates mountain
- 57 Belonging to a thing
- 59 007's creator
- 60 Horn
- 63 Bone

ACROSS

- 1 Cereal grain
- 4 Pretend
- 9 Portion of body
- 12 Town in Oklahoma
- 13 Crinkled fabric (var. spelling)
- 14 Had dinner
- 15 Comfort in sorrow
- 17 Sunday Christian festival
- 19 Go in
- 21 Calme upon
- 22 Corveyed
- 24 No relative height
- 26 Saucy
- 29 Study of insects (abbr.)
- 31 Road substance
- 33 Fish eggs
- 34 Midwestern state (abbr.)
- 35 Negative word
- 37 Had a seat
- 39 Southern state (abbr.)
- 40 Droop head
- 42 Even
- 44 Natives of ancient Media
- 46 Absent without leave (abbr.)
- 48 Parents education group

DOWN

- 50 Hole in skin
- 51 Altercation
- 53 Once more
- 55 Dwarfed trees
- 58 Confer holy orders upon
- 61 Form of be
- 62 Rain
- 64 Fork prong (Scott.)
- 65 Rocks on mountain top
- 66 Theme
- 67 Direction (abbr.)
- 1 Organization of American States (abbr.)
- 2 Fuss
- 3 Art
- 4 Accountant (abbr.)
- 5 Wicker basket
- 6 Tantalum symbol (abbr.)
- 7 Open (poetic)
- 8 500 sheets of paper
- 9 Mad
- 10 Inhabitant (suf.)
- 11 Each
- 16 Susan
- 18 Month (unofficial abbr.)

Answers on page 19...

Rolla Misery

Panel 1: A stick figure teacher stands at a desk. **Teacher:** Hello class, welcome to Math 249 a.k.a. the hardest class in the known universe!

Panel 2: The teacher continues. **Teacher:** To start out today we're having a "quiz" to test your knowledge up to this point. Of course its worth 90% of your grade and will test every tiny speck of knowledge that has been jammed into your pea-brains.

Panel 3: A student looks stressed. **Student:** I sure hope you've studied everything that you've learned over 18 years of mind-numbing instruction, because if you don't pass this class you can't graduate!

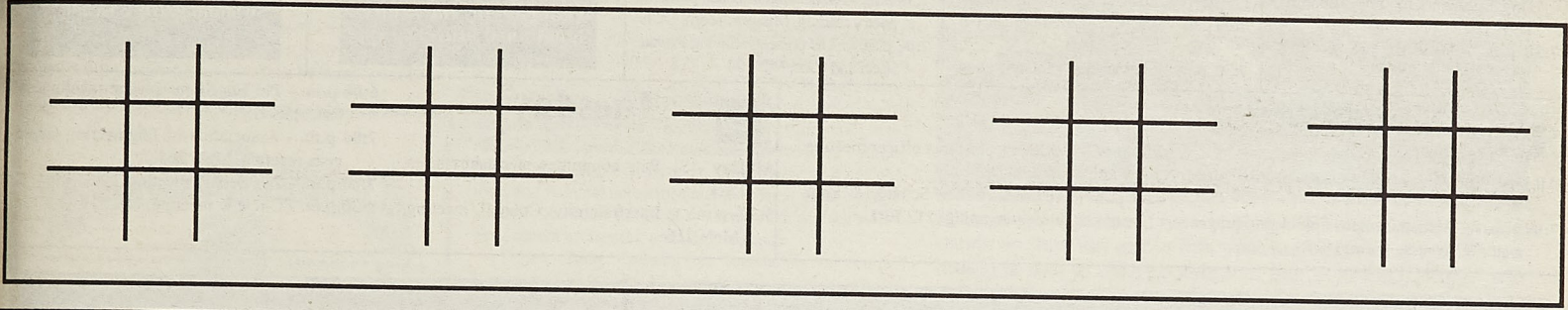
Panel 4: The teacher looks at the student. **Teacher:** OK time's up pass 'em in!

Panel 5: The student looks confused. **Student:** But you haven't even given us the quiz yet!

Panel 6: The teacher waves goodbye. **Teacher:** Well folks that's the way the ball bounces! See ya next semester!

Panel 7: A student looks thoughtful. **Text:** THE END

Panel 8: The student looks confused. **Text:** by F. Johnson



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Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

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Calendar of Events

<p>23 Today</p> <p>All Day - St. Pats committee sweat-shirt sales, Puck</p> <p>Alpha Kappa Alpha Activity Week SW Bell Cultural Center</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Blue Key weekly meeting, ME 216</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Eta Kappa Nu meeting, EE G31</p> <p>6:20 p.m. - American Concrete Institute society meeting, CE 117</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - American Institute of Chemical Engineers computer tutorial, ChE G34</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Amateur Radio Club meetings and office hours, EE G29, 30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Society of Manufacturing Engineers monthly meeting, EM 102</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - History Club meeting, HSS 204</p>	<p>24 Thursday</p> <p>All Day - St. Pats committee sweatshirt sales, Puck</p> <p>All Day - Society of Women Engineers HS conference, Centennial Hall, UCE</p> <p>Alpha Kappa Alpha Activity Week SW Bell Cultural Center</p> <p>National Society of Black Engineers HS student conference, McNutt</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Christian Campus Fellowship bible study, EE G31</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - American Society of Mechanical Engineers meeting, ME 104</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Intercollegiate Knights meeting, McN 210</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - UMR Toastmasters meeting, CSF 109</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Show-Me Anime meetings, McNutt 204</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Solar Car Team meetings, BE 202</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - Association of Computing</p>	<p>24 Thursday</p> <p>Machinery meeting with speaker, CS 209A</p> <p>7:45 p.m. - St. Pats weekly meeting, ME Annex 107C</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - SUB presents MU330 concert, UCE Cafeteria</p> <p>25 Friday</p> <p>National Society of Black Engineer - HS student conference, UCE</p> <p>Alpha Kappa Alpha Activity Week - SW Bell Cultural Center</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - National Society of Black Engineers, Puck</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - Trap & Skeet Club weekly meeting, UCE</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - Association of Black Students poetry reading, Missouri room, UCE</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - SUB presents: Saving Private Ryan and Clue, ME 104</p>	<p>26 Saturday</p> <p>All Day - St. Pats committee sweat-shirt sales, Puck</p> <p>National Society of Black Engineers HS student conference, McNutt</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - Show Me Anime, Anime showing, McN 212</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - National Society of Black Engineers tutorial program, McN 204</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - SUB presents: Saving Private Ryan and Clue, ME 104</p> <p>All organizational meeting times and places are provided by the Student Activity Center, 218 UCW. Please send all changes to the aforementioned office.</p>	<p>27 Sunday</p> <p>All Day - St. Pats committee sweat-shirt sales, Puck</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Voices of Inspiration Agape service, Missouri room, UCE</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Alpha chapter meetings, Silver & Gold room, UCE</p> <p>SPORT CODES: FB-Football, MS-Men's Soccer, WS-Women's Soccer, MB-Men's Basketball, WB-Women's Basketball, SW-Swimming, BB-Baseball.</p>
<p>28 Monday</p> <p>All Day - St. Pats committee sweatshirt sales, Puck</p> <p>7:00 a.m. - Christian Campus Fellowship prayer meeting, Sunrise room, UCE</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - UMR Independents officer meeting, Walnut room, UCW</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - American Indian Science & Engineering Society meeting, 212 ERL</p>	<p>29 Tuesday</p> <p>All Day - St. Pats committee sweatshirt sales, Puck</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Interfraternity Council meeting, McN 216</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Phi Eta Sigma pledge meeting and test, HSS G5</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Association of Engineering Geologists meeting, McN 265</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Tau Beta Pi meeting, ChE G3</p> <p>8:30 p.m. - Circle K meeting, ME 117</p>			

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