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Remmer's Lecturer Clarence Page speaks on racial issues

Charles Robinson
News Writer

Clarence Page, Nobel Prize winner for Commentary, delivered a lecture on Race Relations. Mr. Page is a syndicated columnist out of the Chicago Tribune and his column appears in over 150 papers.

Mr. Page has made several appearances on the McLaughlin Group, ABC News' "This Week," and contribute regularly to "NewsHour" with Jim Lehrer. In the press conference before the lecture, Mr. Page spoke on today's political issues concerning the presidential race, gun control and labor relations dealing with race.

During the press conference, Mr. Page stated, "The smallest growing groups in the work force in America are the white males." Mr. Page continued saying, "Women and people of color are the fastest growing groups in the work force." With this new light on workforce diversity, he said that diversity management is a big factor these days in large and

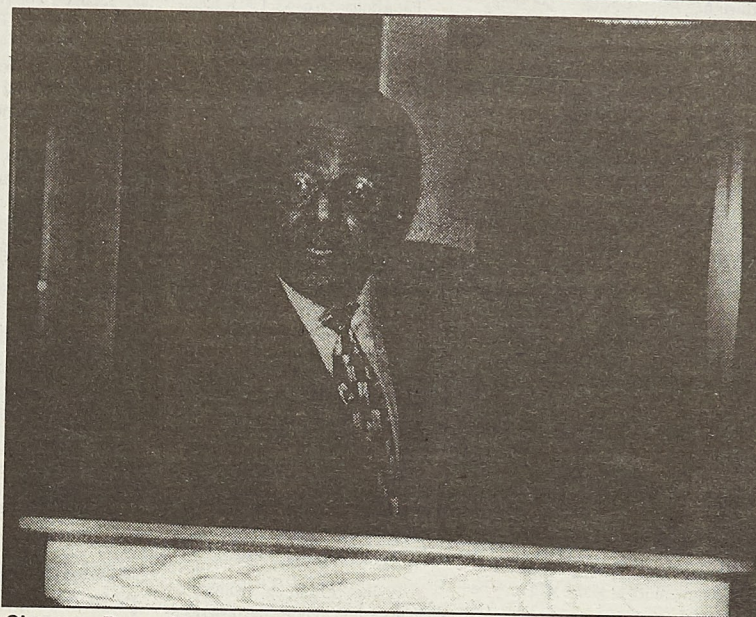
small companies.

During his speech, Mr. Page added a touch of humor to the serious issue of Racial Relations. In his book, "Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity" Mr. Page said that people live in parallel realities.

According to Page, people of color and minority are raised within a certain reality and the people of the majority are raised in another reality.

When asked if he feels that statement out of his book is still true to this day he said, "Yes, we still live in parallel realities." Mr. Page's lecture went on to discuss Race and Identity in the past and present, and what we could look forward to in the future.

Mr. Page's speech was the 23rd Lecture given in the Remmers Special Artist and Lecture Series. His speech on Race, Identity, and Diversity coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Minority Engineering Program and Multicultural Educational Support Program here on the UMR Campus.



Clarence Page, 23rd lecturer in the Remmer's Special Artist and Lecture Series, speaks on race relations.

photo by Brandon Beivin

State Auditor orders audit of UM System

Charles Robinson
News Writer

On March 21 Missouri State Auditor Claire McCaskill ordered an audit of the University of Missouri System due to the recent rehires of three administrators at the University of Missouri - St. Louis Campus. With a policy set by the Curators of the University of Missouri stating, "Under no circumstances would senior level administrators be able to choose early retirement and allowed to remain in their administrative positions," these rehiring have been called into question.

The Board of Curators of the University of Missouri System offered an early retirement incentive program to all University employees 55 and older with at least 10 years of service. This retirement program was billed as a way for the University to save money by allowing workers to retire early. University administrators were specifically prohibited from being re-hired.

Mr. Glenn Campbell, Public Relations Director for the Missouri State Auditors office stated "three

senior level administrators opted for the early retirement program and were then re-hired as contract workers at a higher pay than what they were receiving when they were full time and more than they are receiving in pension benefits."

President Manual Pacheco said that the three administrators that were re-hired were not given a large amount of responsibility but were given equally higher titles.

Auditor McCaskill said, "It seems they made a choice to retire; it's hard to believe they weren't aware of the policy as it would have affected them."

McCaskill also said, "Essential or not, they have really called this policy into question and we are going to open this up."

The early retirement incentive program does not come out of operating funds of the University of Missouri System. The retirement pensions come out of the University Pension Fund setup by the University of Missouri System.

The audit does not directly concern the University of Missouri - Rolla campus but the audit does concern the overall administration of the early retirement incentive program. UM - System wide, there are 808 faculty, staff, and administrators who have opted to take the incentive program.

The audit can affect the University of Missouri - Rolla by not allowing some administrators, faculty, or staff to retire under the incentive program.

In a statement made in the Board of Curators meeting at the UMR Campus on March 23 and March 24, President Pacheco said, "At this juncture, I can report to you that the VERIP (Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program) policy that you approved in December has been applied fairly and consistently to all eligible employees."

eligible employees."

He also said, "Those who believe that there was ever a prohibition against rehiring administrators are mistaken. The policy states 'under no circumstances will senior system or campus officers be allowed to remain in their administrative positions (or similar positions) and draw retirement.'"

President Pacheco also said that Senior administrators who retire and are rehired under the VERIP will relinquish their official positions, including any line authority they may currently possess.

"It seems they made a choice to retire, it's hard to believe they weren't aware of the policy...they have really called this policy into question and we are going to open this up."

-- Claire McCaskill

Five Department Chairs opt for early retirement

Bradley Neuville
News Editor

Members of the University of Missouri-Rolla's three colleges will be busy searching for new department chairs in the coming weeks as to date five department chairs across the University have officially announced that they are taking the early retirement option.

As reported in the March 8, 2000, edition of the *Missouri Miner*, 124 of the 398 current faculty members and 87 of the 681 current staff members were eligible for the early retirement program.

Of these, 58 members of the faculty and 45 members of the staff chose to retire early. This means that UMR will lose 14.6 percent of its total faculty and 6.6 percent of its staff members through this plan by next semester.

Those department chairs who have officially announced their retirement effective September 1, 2000 are Dr. Nord Gale, Distinguished Teaching Professor and chair of the Biological Sciences Department, Dr. John D. Rockaway Jr., chair and professor of Geological Engineering, Dr. Richard D. Hagni, Curators' Professor of Geology and chair of Geology and Geophysics, Dr. John W. Wilson, chair of Mining

Engineering and as reported in the last issue of the *Missouri Miner* Dr. Edward Hale, chair of the Physics Department.

Dr. Paul Parris has been named as the new chair of the Physics Department but none of the four other positions has been filled. Members of the department's respective colleges will determine who will become the department chair.

Gale came to UMR in 1968 to initiate a program in life sciences, which later became known as the Biological Sciences Department. Biological sciences has grown to become the second-largest undergraduate program in the UMR College of Arts and Sciences under Gale's supervision.

In 1999, Gale won the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. During his career at UMR, he has won 18 Outstanding Teacher Awards.

Rockaway, who is also a Gulf Oil Foundation Professor at UMR, joined the UMR faculty in 1968 as an assistant professor of geological engineering. He has taught multiple classes during his tenure at UMR.

Rockaway has also worked extensively with the St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-

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NEWSBRIEFS ON CAMPUS

Brown Bag Lunch set for April 18

The Student Affairs Staff Education Team is sponsoring another brown bag lunch session in the series "Enhancing a Caring Campus Community." The session will be held Tuesday, April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Missouri Room of the University Center-East. The topic of this session will be "Learning Communities" with presentations on the programs "Voyageur," "Hit the Ground Running," and "Freshman Leadership and Success Program," formerly known as the Student Mentor Program.

Presenters will be Harvest Collier, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dale Elifrits, professor of geological and petroleum engineering; Anne Matthews, assistant professor of English; and James Seville, student affairs. These presentations will outline the university's plan to create learner-centered communities intended to enhance student academic achievement. Strategies for collaborative efforts among student affairs staff and faculty to create learning communities at UMR will also be addressed.

You will need to bring your own brown bag or cafeteria lunch; beverages and desserts will be provided. Please contact the student affairs office at 341-4292, or by e-mail at mfries@umr.edu, no later than April 14 to make your reservation.

"Blue Jeans for Babies" set for Friday

The year 2000 marks the 30th year that Americans from all walks of life will come together to help save babies through March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

More than one million volunteers in 1,400 communities are expected to

participate in the first and the best walking event in the nation.

UMR Staff Council will be helping raise money for the March of Dimes by sponsoring a "Blue Jeans for Babies" casual day on Friday, April 7.

For a donation of \$3, UMR faculty and staff can wear blue jeans to show their support for the March of Dimes.

Donations can be made to your building coordinator or directly to Shelly Plank.

Posters and fliers are being distributed with the name and location of a contact person in each building who will collect the donations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Shelly Plank at 4185 or by e-mail at splank@umr.edu

Physics offers visitors night at observatory

The University of Missouri-Rolla physics department is sponsoring a visitors night beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the UMR Observatory.

Weather permitting, visitors may view the Moon through the observatory's 16-inch telescope, says Dr. John L. Schmitt, UMR associate professor of physics.

The event is free and open to the public.

The observatory is adjacent to UMR's Stonehenge replica on Highway 63 North, north of V.H. McNutt Hall and west of St. Patrick's Lane.

New Orleans Jazz at UMR on April 7

You don't have to visit the French Quarter to listen to live New Orleans jazz. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans is playing in Rolla Friday, April 7. The con-

cert, which is part of the University of Missouri-Rolla Campus Performing Arts Series, begins at 8 p.m. in UMR's Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall.

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$16 for students and \$16 for those age 18 and younger. For more information, contact the UMR Ticket Window at (573) 341-4219.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band is a group of touring New Orleans jazz artists. Among the musicians who will be appearing at UMR are John Brunious (trumpet), Frederick Lonzo (trombone), Richard Payne (bass), Thaddeus Richard (piano) and Neil Unterseher (banjo).

Jazz musicians from all over the world flock to Preservation Hall, which is located in the heart of the French Quarter. The building itself is a historic landmark. In addition to its rich tradition as a home for jazz music, Preservation Hall served as a tavern as far back as the War of 1812.

The members of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band are dedicated to keeping the music and tradition of New Orleans jazz alive.

Mucking Teams to compete on April 21-22

Members of the men's and women's mucking teams at the University of Missouri-Rolla will compete against colleges and universities from across the United States and Australia during the 22nd International Intercollegiate Mining Competition April 21-22, in Butte, Mont.

UMR will field two women's teams and one men's team during the event, says Ron Robison, supervisor of UMR's Experimental Mine Facility and adviser to UMR's mucking teams.

The competition consists of teams using old-fashioned mining methods and hand-held tools to compete in timed events, including gold

panning, surveying, hand-mucking, hand-steeling, track-standing, Swede sawing and jackleg drilling.

Members of the women's team No. 1 are: Denise McMillan of Granite City, Ill., a senior in metallurgical engineering; Jamie Crump of Hermantown, Minn., a freshman in chemistry; Lori Douglas of Vicksburg, Miss., a senior in mining engineering; Patricia Robertson of Rolla, Mo., a senior in mining engineering; and Connie Meyers of Mountain Grove, Mo., a junior in mining engineering.

Members of the women's team No. 2 are: Rachel Kuro of Lincoln, Ill., a junior in mining engineering; Christy Shannon of Poplar Bluff, Mo., a freshman in mining engineering; Gen Dubois of St. Charles, Mo., a senior in mining engineering; Megan Marler of Rolla, Mo., a freshman in mining engineering; Julia Andoe of Rolla, Mo., a freshman in mining engineering; and Amy Pousson of Houston, Texas, a senior in mining engineering.

Members of the men's team are: Wade Smith of Terre Haute, Ind., a senior in mining engineering; Wes Tull of Camdenton, Mo., a senior in civil engineering; John Foster of Clute, Texas, a sophomore in mechanical engineering; Brett Wissel of Bloomington, Ind., a sophomore in mining engineering; Chris Bryan of Kirksville, Mo., a graduate student in mining engineering; and Kaan Ataman of Ankara, Turkey, a graduate student in mining engineering.

Lecture on "Mozart and Mathematics" April 6

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, famous for his musical compositions, also dabbled in mathematics. That interest in mathematics is the topic of a lecture by Daniel N. Leeson at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in Centennial

Hall of University Center-East on the University of Missouri-Rolla campus.

Leeson's lecture, "Mozart and Mathematics," is sponsored by the UMR College of Arts and Sciences, the UMR mathematics and statistics department and the UMR philosophy and liberal arts department. The lecture is free and open to the general public. For more information, call 341-4641.

When he wasn't composing, Mozart liked to occupy himself with number theory, one of the most abstract of all mathematics disciplines, says Leeson, whose talk will be about the theoretical relationship between the thought processes of music and mathematics.

"With only minimal training, this extraordinary genius, thought by some to be the most creative musician ever born, occupied and amused himself in the same discipline that has been at the center of creative mathematical thought for millennia," Leeson says.

Leeson was an invited speaker at the Salzburg Mozarteum, an international event held in February of 1991 to commemorate the bicentennial of Mozart's death. From 1992-93, Leeson was a faculty member at the Mozart Opera Studies Institute sponsored by San Francisco State University and California State University, Fresno.

As a musician, Leeson has performed with the San Jose Symphony, the San Francisco Opera, the San Diego Symphony, the Oakland Symphony and the New Jersey Symphony. Leeson's writings have been published in the International Journal of Musicology, Mozart Jahrbuch (Germany), Music & Letters, The Instrumentalists and The Musical Times.

In addition to his interest in music and mathematics, Leeson is a computer programming expert. He was an active national lecturer for the Association of Computing Machinery for 25 years. Now semi-retired, Leeson teaches mathematics at De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif.

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-Viewpoints on Politics: 2000- Balance of Power heated issue in 2000

Chris Wilson
Political Columnist

So, how will this November's election affect the balances of power that exist in our federal and state governments? More importantly, what needs to happen in order for the GOP to maintain their foothold or to sway the balance more to the right?

As of now, the GOP controls both the House and Senate. However, a Democratic White House opposes the conservative Congress. In the November election, the Democrats hope to regain control of the House, in addition to increasing the number of democratically controlled governorships. Let's see how the numbers stack up.

Right now, the GOP holds 222 seats in the House and 55 seats in the Senate. One seat in the House is held by an Independent who usually votes Democratic. The Democratic Party holds the remaining seats. Of the 100 Senate seats, 33 are up for grabs. Of these 33 seats, 19 are held by the GOP. If the Democrats win the White House, the GOP must keep at least 15 of these seats in order to maintain control of the Senate. However, if the GOP wins the White

House, they only need to keep 14 of these seats to preserve majority rule.

The House balance is a little more even than that of the Senate. Only five seats need to be lost in order to tilt control to the Democrats.

Of the governorships, 38 are held by the GOP, 18 by the Democrats, one by an independent, and one by a reform party member. Only eleven seats will be elected in November, seven of which are Democrats and four are Republicans. Even if the Democrats win all of the seats, they would still be five seats short of a majority.

Now, why is the balance of power being given special attention this election? Every ten years, the citizens of the United States get to fill out their census forms.

The major effect of the census on the political arena will be the redefinition of districts. With this redefinition could come a switch in the overall balance of power by increasing or decreasing the number of GOP voters in each congressional district.

Therefore, the Democrats want to grab as many seats as possible. That way, after the census is released, if the number of GOP sup-

ported districts does increase, they will already hold House seats in those districts.

However, the GOP has the potential to win just about every seat and take the entire election. With Bush leading Gore following Super Tuesday, he is still favored to win the November election.

With Gore's recent stray from party lines over the Elian Gonzalez case, his support among the reigniting democrats is beginning to dwindle. Taking hits from both sides, this could possibly set Gore up for a hard fall come November.

Bush criticized Gore saying, "I am concerned that Al Gore's sudden change of position yesterday may have had more to do with the vice president's political interests than with the best interests of Elian Gonzalez."

Gore's decline, accompanied with the fact that many voters have become sick of the Democratic Party rhetoric as a result of the impeachment proceedings, could lead to an increase in the GOP balance of power in both the House and Senate. With a presidential victory, the GOP would sweep the November election.

ASUM to take action based on results of English proficiency survey

Press Release

ASUM

University of Missouri System Board of Curators this afternoon heard the results of a survey conducted on the four campuses of the UM System to gauge the extent of the English proficiency problem. The Associated Students of the University of Missouri Board of Directors have made legislation requiring the testing of faculty as well as graduate assistants a top priority during the current session.

Student government associations on the campuses have approved resolutions supporting this effort, and Donny Collins, vice-president from UM-Kansas City, and Michael Rankins, acting president from UM-Saint Louis, testified in favor of the legislation. Bills have been passed out of both the House Higher Education

Committee and the Senate Education Committee addressing the problem.

After listening to the survey results, Stephen Sugg, Student Representative to the UM System Board of Curators and ASUM legislative director, said, "ASUM unreservedly believes that legislation is still necessary. Attempts to rectify the situation at the campus and system level are not adequate, and no solution was presented today. In essence, as the voice of 55,000 students, ASUM encourages the Board of Curators and the State legislature to take appropriate measures."

Amy Hackmann, UMKC Student Government Association president and Intercampus Student Council Chair, also attended the meeting. "Students have been filling out evaluations of professors for years and have seen no progress as a result of their comments. The presentation today

offered no solution other than the promise to conduct a survey again next year. Students have lost faith in the ability of the 'administration' to correct the problem."

"I was rather upset after the Curators' acknowledgement that they had been reactive rather than proactive in addressing the problem of English proficiency within the faculty and then they're still content to wait another year before taking any decisive action," commented Cody May, newly-elected student council president at UMR.

Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle, UM System vice-president for academic affairs, presented the survey results. During testimony in Jefferson City, he promised to provide the results to the members of the House Higher Education and Senate Education committees.

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neers on a wide variety of geotechnical projects in Missouri and Illinois.

Hagni is known for his research work in ore microscopy, which includes studies of the copper, lead and zinc ores of the Viburnum Trend in southeast Missouri. His studies have improved understanding of how the minerals originated and were deposited in the Viburnum

Trend. The research has also helped industry deal with problems associated with geology exploration, extractive metallurgy and ceramics.

Wilson joined the UMR faculty in 1990 as chair and professor of Mining Engineering. Beginning his mining career as a coal miner in the coalfields of the north of England, Wilson has 35 years of international experience in the exploration, development and management of mining operations, and underground geotechnical aspects of mining design

and planning.

Wilson recently received national awards from the National Stone Association, The Coal Industry and the Missouri Limestone Producers Association, for his contributions in tertiary education for the Mining Industry.

Names of all faculty and staff that are taking the early retirement option are being withheld for privacy reasons. However, individual faculty members are allowed to release their names as they see fit.

UMR Crime Blotter

03/29/00 at 10:45 a.m.: The property stolen by the juvenile in the report dated 03/28/00 was returned to its rightful owner.

03/28/00 at 10:00 p.m.: UMR Police assist Phelps County Sheriff's Deputies in locating and arresting student Nathan Bachelor, and two non-students, Shawn A. Hutchins, age 19, and James R. Lees, age 21, at TJ Residence Hall on Burglary related charges. Lees was also charged later for cultivating marijuana at his residence.

03/28/00 at 4:36 a.m.: UMR Police arrest a juvenile for Stealing and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. Same was processed and released to his mother. Juvenile Office notified and report copies will be forwarded.

03/26/00 at 10:00 p.m.: UMR Police arrest non-student Joshua A. Henson, age 22, for Driving While Suspended. Same was processed and turned over to Phelps County Jail.

03/24/00 at 4:05 p.m.: UMR Police investigate student report of a minor vehicle damage in a TJ Hall parking lot, where the striking vehicle left the scene. Continuing.

03/24/00 at 3:30 p.m.: UMR Police investigate a misdemeanor theft from an office in the Mechanical Engineering Annex. Continuing.

03/22/00 at 3:30 p.m.: UMR Police investigate employee report of a minor vehicle accident in a campus lot, where the striking vehicle left the scene. Continuing.

03/22/00 at 4:50 a.m.: UMR Police investigate a staff report of Property Damage and Stealing in a Mechanical Engineering bathroom. Continuing.

03/21/00 at 8:00 p.m.: UMR Police take report from student concerning an unsecure bicycle stolen on 03-16-00. Investigation initiated.

03/20/00 at 12:30 p.m.: UMR Police investigate a case Stealing where two slide projectors were taken from McNutt Hall. Continuing.

03/20/00 at 5:30 a.m.: UMR Police investigate a report of a missing wall clock from Harris Hall. Continuing.

03/19/00 at 2:00 a.m.: UMR Police issue traffic summons to student Christopher D. Herbold, age 20, of Rolla for Careless and Imprudent Driving.

03/18/00 at 10:21 p.m.: UMR Police assist MSHP in locating a female student who fled during a contact for Open Container violation. Student was located in Holtman Hall and ID'ed. Same was released by MSHP with a verbal warning for Open Container and Littering.

03/18/00 at 9:06 p.m.: UMR Police contact an intoxicated individual sleeping in his vehicle on a campus lot. Same was sent to a friends house in lieu of criminal charges or 12 hour Hold.

03/18/00 at 1:50 a.m.: UMR Police respond to TJ Hall in reference to a report of the smell of marijuana. Non-Student Jeffrey C. Stephenson, age 20, of St. Louis, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia. Same was released on summons.

03/17/00 at 5:00 a.m.: UMR Police take report concerning the theft of a student's wallet that occurred at TKE fraternity (off-campus). Information passed on to PRD.

03/17/00 at 4:00 p.m.: UMR Police investigate staff report of a missing fire extinguisher from Computer Science. Continuing.

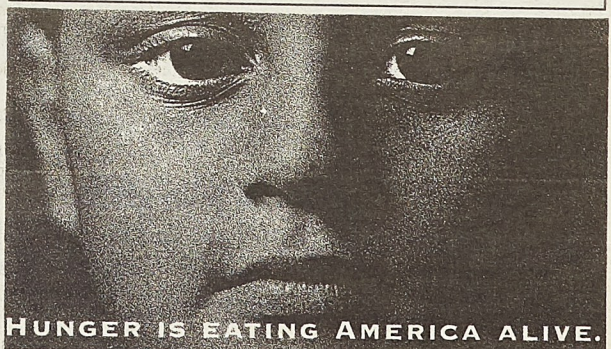
03/16/00 at 10:50 p.m.: UMR Police receive eyewitness employee report of two persons stealing "No Parking" signs from the parking lot at Multi-Purpose. Same where in a brown Ford Bronco. Information processed and identification pending photo lineup. Continuing.

03/16/00 at 5:00 a.m.: UMR Police assist RPD in taking custody of detained student determined to be Intoxicated In Public. Same was released to the custody of a fraternity officer.

03/16/00 at 1:30 a.m.: UMR Police notified by RPD of a Domestic Assault committed by a known felon. Search initiated but met with negative results. Continuing.

03/16/00 at 1:10 a.m.: UMR Police notified by RPD of the arrest of student Eric A. Carter, 21, for Tampering With a Motor Vehicle and DWI. Court date pending on felony charge.

03/15/00 at 10:35: UMR Police respond to TJ Hall in reference to the smell of burning marijuana. A misdemeanor amount of the drug was recovered from a visitor and the dorm room occupant was referred to Residence Life for academic discipline. Charges were not filed on visitor at this time.



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April 5, 2000

Census a key tool in allocating funds to states

By Harley Collins

Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

I am constantly amazed by the utter stupidity of Republicans, especially in Oklahoma. From Frank Keating's remark about murdering teachers and more recently second district Congressman Tom Coburn's remarks about the U.S. Census.

Coburn is actually encouraging one out of six of his constituents to not fill their entire census forms out. He claims that the U.S. census bureau is, "out of control" and is "appalled and outraged by the intrusiveness of the questionnaire."

He is of course referring to the longer 53 question forms that one out of six households is receiving. The longer forms have a wide array of questions ranging from their real estate value to their mode of transportation to and from work.

Many around the country are scoffing at the longer forms and calling their legislators to complain. They think the government is invading their privacy by asking them questions they claim are not related to the census. The U.S. Census is a vital part of our national identity. It shows how many people are living in the U.S., the status of our citizens and the programs the government should spend money on. Full participation is crucial. Many people do not understand the reasoning behind the longer questionnaires, but the Federal government does have a need to obtain information.

Much like a business that does market research to see what people want and use, the federal government must do the same to make sure it's two trillion dollar pie is properly cut. Using the U.S. census is both accurate and cost effective in that it can be done at the same time.

A question about transportation might be used to assess the needs of the highway department. Should the government fund more highways or look into alternate forms of transportation such as train service? It all depends on who is using what and where.

A question about real estate value might be used to assess projected property taxes used for schools. Coburn, a doctor and U.S. representative, should have more sense than to tell people to not fill out their census forms.

Many people look to their elected officials for advice and use them as examples to determine their own actions. If someone like Tom Coburn tells them to not complete their census forms, they probably will not.

This weekend I was at the new liquor store on the strip, and I had an interesting conversation with some Republicans and Democrats. We pretty much agreed that politicians must be careful as to what they tell the public. When they use their position to publicize uninformed personal rants, they are being reckless and harming the community they represent.

But the Republicans are notorious for waxing foolish in the public eye. Sometimes they go off on traditional 'morality' issues and try to make the entire country believe that the only acceptable religion is Christianity. Just look at the 'Pat Pack'.

Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson get on national TV and condemn Muslims and anyone else who isn't just like them.

I guess Coburn is just following the crowd in making an idiot of himself. Unfortunately, it will be the people of the second district and the state of Oklahoma who will bear the cost of his remarks.

I am from Muskogee, Tom Coburn's hometown, and I will be very upset if it loses out on federal funds the town so desperately needs because people wouldn't fill out their census forms. The people there need federal funds to make their community better. Coburn should have understood the cost of his remarks to the people of the second district. While he may be leaving office, he should still try to help his constituents and encourage them to fill out their census forms - completely.

In addition, Oklahoma is in danger of losing a Congressional seat. Our six seats may go down to five after reapportionment based on U.S. census figures are compiled.

We are a small state as it is, we cannot afford to lose this representation in Congress to a larger state like Texas or California.

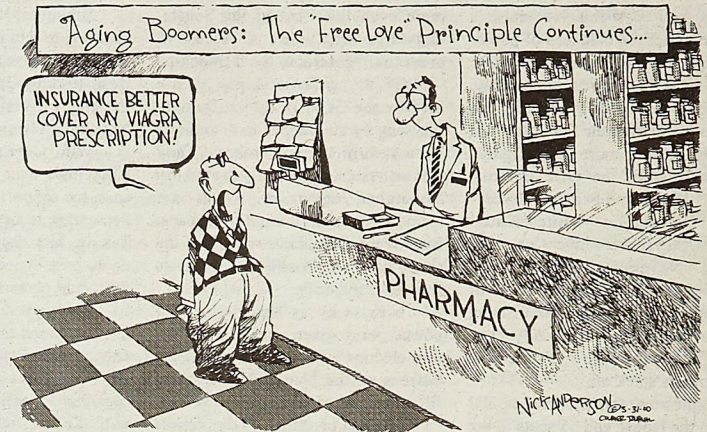
Maybe Coburn plans on moving to one of these states next year. That would certainly explain the damage he is causing to our state through his wreck less and irresponsible remarks.

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Privacy Losing Clout in Public Domain

By Robert Reno

Newsday

The price of privacy in America is rising even as its value seems to be eroding.

The result is total confusion. Do you know who has the right to paw over your medical records, inspect your bank account, retrieve your phone records, review your credit history, release supposedly sealed files documenting your juvenile offenses, intercept your Internet chat room conversations? More people than you suspect. Even defining privacy has become trickier than ever.

When Kathleen Willey invaded her own privacy by giving CBS an interview to complain about her supposed encounter with President Clinton, nobody denied her right to make a tasteless spectacle of herself. Now a U.S. District Court judge has ruled that Clinton violated the federal Privacy Act when the White House, somewhat ungallantly, released letters in which Willey expressed an entirely friendly attitude toward the president after the alleged incident happened.

To the public at large, Linda Tripp's privacy may seem as moot as a tree stump since she invaded the privacy of Monica Lewinsky and made it her business to be busybody-in-chief of the Clinton White House. But even Linda has a lawsuit claiming her own privacy was cruelly invaded when her government employment record leaked out of the Pentagon. Meanwhile this "victim," this federally immunized witness, has been indicted in the state of Maryland for tape recording a telephone conversation.

What next, a rash of lawsuits in which guests on the Jerry Springer show claim their privacy was invaded when they were permitted to parade their histories of lust, incest and jealousy while they were filmed pulling hair, ripping bodices, throwing wedding cakes and hurling chairs?

If poor, motherless Elian Gonzalez had been put in a Macy's window for the past two months, would his privacy have been invaded any more thoroughly than it was when his 6-year-old body was waved like a flag in front of his uncle's house in Miami or when he was gushed at on television by glamour news hound Diane Sawyer?

The laws of privacy were put to an interesting test recently when an e-mail was sent listing the names, job titles, salaries and Social Security numbers of employees of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. It was mistakenly sent to a man who just happened to be a critic of the corporation and who gleefully posted it on a Web site he maintains to complain about the railroad's management. The railroad sued and a federal judge ruled that he must delete the names and Social Security numbers. Meanwhile, the privacy of several hundred railroad employees can't exactly be put back in a bottle since the names and Social Security numbers remained on the Internet for a whole day, free for anybody to copy.

Whatever the privacy issue in this case, it's an interesting commentary on how e-mails flying around in cyberspace can land in strange places with weird consequences. And while the indefatigably curious Linda Tripp merely went to Radio Shack to buy her low-tech tape recorder, the high-tech revolution has undoubtedly done more to make personal privacy vulnerable than any development since the telephone party line permitted nosy neighbors to freely listen to each other's calls.

Nothing we know about the security of electronic information and its vulnerability to accidental or intentional disclosure leads us to believe that it can ultimately be made as secure as the locked and guarded steel file cabinet which is the way companies, governments and institutions formerly protected private information.

Oh well, some day we all may regard privacy as a quaint and obsolete concept. Maybe this won't be such a bad thing. After all, if the secret files maintained on Americans by J. Edgar Hoover's FBI had one day been spilled onto Pennsylvania Avenue, what would have shocked us most?

From what we have seen of files from that era obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, we would have been appalled most by the exceedingly low quality and juvenile mentality of the unverifiable and idle gossip that found their way into most of them. If you can imagine the portly, humorless Hoover without any clothes, you've got an idea of the embarrassment he'd have suffered.

Sports

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Softball defeats Mo. Valley, Evangel to win three of last four

Tera McCallum

Sports Writer

While their classmates were off in Cancun and Ft. Lauderdale over spring break the University of Missouri-Rolla women's softball team was building their first winning weekend of the season. With a record of 2-16 previous to spring break the women were hoping that the break from school would prove the rest that they needed to make a winning mark in the seven games scheduled for the break.

Despite three of the games being cancelled due to wet grounds or rain, the games that the team were able to play proved to be some of the best games that the women had played all season.

The Ladies played in the Lincoln Classic Tournament the weekend previous to spring break. The tournament hosted some of the best teams in the country, including nationally ranked Truman State. Despite the nationally ranked teams in the tournament Coach Dave Burwell still felt that the team had a good chance in the tournament.

"Going into the tournament I

really felt that we had a chance to be playing for the championship on the last day," said Burwell. "Our bracket had some good teams in it, but I knew that we had a chance of making it all the way through."

The Lady Miners would get their first chance to show that their coach was right on Friday. The first game of the weekend put the Lady Miners up against the Missouri Valley Vikings. The game proved to be one of a battle between the defenses as neither team was able to get much offense going for the entire game.

The Lady Miners finally got the break that they needed in the fourth inning as Candice Luehrs would crush the ball and earn a trip to second base. With the help of a single from Sabrina Greenwell and a sacrifice by Michelle Grace, Luehrs would prove to be the only player of the game to touch home. The Vikings would be held scoreless for the remainder of the game to leave the final score 1-0 in favor of the Lady Miners for third time this season. The shutout would give pitcher Allison West her first shutout win of the season.

Winning the first game of the break was a big lift for the Lady Min-

ers, but they still had one more game to play on Friday.

The Lady Miners had been scheduled to play Lincoln University the previous Tuesday, but the ground had proven to be too wet, so Friday's game against the Lincoln Blue Tigers would be their first meeting of the season.

"I knew going into the game that Lincoln was going to be our hardest game of the tournament," said Burwell. "I knew that we were going to be pretty well matched against them."

The game would prove to be decided by who could put together the biggest innings. While once again the game would remain scoreless into the fourth inning, once again the Lady Miners would turn on the offense in the fourth.

The inning would get started as Greenwell smashed a double that would advance Luehrs who had previously walked. Rachel Roth would then reach on a wild pitch that would earn her a single and allow Luehrs and Greenwell to touch home. With Roth on second after stealing on a wild pitch, Grace would step up to the plate and smash a home run for two more points on the scoreboard for the Lady

Miners.

"Michelle Grace just had a great tournament," said Burwell. "She hit well all the way around and her home-run was one of the high points of the tournament."

With the score at 4-0 in favor of the Lady Miners the game seemed to be going in UMR's favor, but the Blue Tigers began to chip away at the score with one player crossing home in the bottom of the fourth and another run in the sixth.

Going into the last inning the score was still in favor of the Lady Miners 4-2, but then Lincoln got their big inning as in the bottom of the seventh just three hits would prove to be enough to score three runs that would put the final of the game in favor of Lincoln 5-4.

The Lady Miners had to make a quick comeback from the tough loss for the next day they would have two more games to play for the tournament.

The first game would be against

the Evangel Crusaders. Evangel would start the game off fast as in the first inning they would take the early lead of 1-0, but the Lady Miner defense would pull together to end the inning quick on a double play from short stop Luehrs to second baseman Kerri Bokath.

It would not be until the sixth inning that the Lady Miners would be able to put together an offensive inning of their own. Bokath would get the inning started, as the Crusaders third baseman would commit an error that would allow Bokath to take first. Luehrs would then advance Bokath on a sacrifice bunt, and a double by Greenwell would drive Bokath home.

With the score still tied at one at the bottom of the seventh the game would be forced into extra innings. The Crusaders went to bat first, but after some quick play by the Lady Miners' infield UMR was quickly up to bat to try to put an end to the game.

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Baseball splits doubleheader with Southwest Baptist, 9-11, 6-5

Antone Smith

Sports Writer

The Miners played 13 games going into the week before spring break. They had won three of those 13 games and lost ten. They have played a lot of close games that could have gone either way, but did not have luck on their side.

Coming off of a win, the Miners headed into their conference games on Wednesday, March 22. In their first Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference games, the Miners would have a double header against Pittsburg State. Pitt State, who advanced to the championship game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Central Region last spring, were 14-7 before their conference opener with

the Miners.

The Miners lost their conference opener by a score of 10-8. The Miners were doing well until the sixth inning when an error opened the door for the Gorillas. The Gorillas scored six runs in the sixth inning and continued to rally in the seventh, adding four more runs to the score. The Miners were given a ray of sunshine in the bottom of the seventh as the Gorillas' shortstop forgot how to use his glove and committed two errors, but the Miners were unable to use the help.

In the game, center fielder Scott Henderickson went three for four batting in two of the Miners eight runs and scoring three. Right fielder Jason Mannon also went three for four batting in two of the Miners runs. Second baseman Randy Root

was two for three scoring two of the Miners runs. Designated hitter Brian Hutsell was two for five with one RBI and one run scored.

In the second game of the double header, the Miners would lose again by a score of 10-0. Right fielder Jason Mannon was two for four for the Miners and designated hitter Joe Schmidberger was two for three for the Miners.

The Miners would then play their next conference game the first Saturday, March 25, of spring break. They would face Missouri Southern in another double header, here in Rolla. Missouri Southern started off the season 13-10-1 and was looking to win its conference opener.

Missouri Southern would have a rocky road ahead of them, but would prevail to defeat the Miners 6-5. In the game eight errors were committed, three by the Miners and five by Missouri Southern. Every Miner would get a hit in the game and while both centerfielder Henderickson and shortstop Brian Kecec would get two. In the sixth inning, Vince Sanvi would homer to right field and Ben Frank would follow him up with a homer of his own to left field.

In the second game, the Miners lost 13-7. Two errors were committed both teams. The sixth and seventh inning would hurt the Miners as Missouri Southern would score five

and three runs, respectively. Catcher Stever Fridley would go two for two with one home run, one walk, three runs batted in, and score twice. Substitute right fielder David Coit would come in and go two for two with one run batted in and one run scored.

The Miners were scheduled to play another double header the next day, Sunday March 26, but their second game would be rained out. The Miners played the one game against Central Missouri State who were 14-6 overall and 2-0 in the MIAA. The Miners' infield committed four errors in an 8-1 loss to Central Missouri State.

First baseman Sanvi would lead the Miners in batting as he went two for two with a triple and one run batted in. Right fielder Jason Mannon would go two for three and score the only Miners run.

The Miners would not spend all of their spring break here in Rolla as they were to travel to Joplin, Mo. to face Missouri Southern on Wednesday March 29. This double header was rained out though.

Despite a disappointing conference opening, the Miners got another chance at the end of spring break to make the week well worth it. The Miners would travel to Bolivar, Mo. on March 31 to face Southwest Baptist in a double header. Southwest Baptist was 0-4 in the MIAA thus far

into the season.

In the first game, Southwest Baptist would use the Miners' five errors to take the game by a score of 11-9. First baseman Sanvi would have another strong showing as he would go three for four with four runs batted in and two runs scored. Designated hitter Steve Ingram would have a good game as he went two for four with three runs batted in.

The Miners would win the second game of the double header and take their first win the MIAA conference. They would use the Southwest Baptist two errors to their advantage to win the game 6-5. Southwest Baptist would leave 13 runners on base.

For the Miners, second baseman Brain Hutsell would go two for three as the lead-off hitter with one walk, one run scored, and two runs batted in. Shortstop Mike Mahoney would also have a good game as he went two for three with two doubles and two runs scored. Pitcher Dave Jablonski would take the win for the Miners and pitcher Mike Cash would take the save.

The Miners are now 4-16 overall and 1-6 in the MIAA. They will play Central Missouri State today in Warrensburg, Mo. They will also be hosting Washburn this Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9.

Miner Match-up

Men's Baseball

UMR

vs.

Washburn

Saturday, April 8

Rolla, Mo.

Game Time: noon

Miner Match-up

Soccer

UMR vs.

Southwest Missouri State

Thursday, April 26

Rolla, Mo.

Game Time: 7 p.m.

The game will consist of three 30 minute periods.

Track and field fares well in Kirksville, Memphis

Tera McCallum
Sports Writer

Over spring break the University of Missouri-Rolla track and field team showed that even with a split squad they could still go up against division one teams.

"I gave the team the option of traveling to the Truman Open the first weekend of spring break or going to Memphis for a meet the last weekend of spring break," said Coach Sarah Preston. "While most of the team

chose to only go to one of the meets a few did choose to go to both. In all we had about 12 people at each meet, but we were still able to do really well at both meets."

The first weekend the split squad team traveled to Kirksville, Mo. for the Truman Open. While some of the best teams in the area were attending the meet, UMR was still able to score points in events, including many in the field events.

The Miners best finish came from Lady Miner Dion McNeal in the

discus. After setting a new school record in the first meet of the season, Dion fell just short of her record in the Truman meet, throwing 127' 7", but was still able to take first place in the event.

Rachel Kuro, one of the most consistent placers for the Lady Miners once again put points on the board for the UMR as she jumped her season best 5' 2 1/2" in the high jump, which earned her fourth place for the meet. The height was over one full inch higher than she has jumped in

meets previously this season.

On the men's side of the meet the field events were also where the points were scored for the Miners. Heath Misak made a huge improvement on his javelin throw, throwing 174' 11", which earned him fifth place. "Heath has made great improvements in the last few weeks and it really showed in the Truman meet," said Preston.

Chris Keithley, who was coming off an ankle injury that has been bothering him in previous meets, showed

how much his ankle had improved as he jumped a season best 42' 10 1/4" in the triple jump. The distance was good for sixth place, which earned points for the Miners as well.

At the Memphis meet the following weekend it was the runners that took the show. With five Division I teams at the meet the Miners showed that they could still be competitive.

Gensis Williams started the running events off for the Miners as he improved all of his times. "Gensis really improved a great deal at the Memphis meet. We were in the heart of 'Sprinter Country', so for him to be able to place at such a meet was a great accomplishment," said Preston. Williams had his best finish of the day in the 100-meter dash where he finished in a time of 10.80, which put him in a tie for sixth place.

After the great start in the sprint events the distance men were ready to show what they could do. Kevin Johnson and John Sanders were running the 10,000-meter run for the first time in the season, but it did not seem to bother either one of the men. Johnson finished in a time of 36:27.70 in his first outing and took first place for the Miners. Sanders would finish just behind Johnson to take third place. "Kevin Johnson just had a great race. It was great weather for once for the distance events and he really took advantage of it," commented Preston.

Kevin McGuire, who had taken first in previous meets in the steeplechase, showed that he could compete with the bigger schools, as he took fifth in the event in a time of 10:07.09. "Kevin had a really good race going, and could have probably finished quite a bit higher, but just as he was getting on his pace he cracked his knee on a steeple barrier and I think that affected his race," said Preston. "He has made some real improvement and I think will continue to do well in the event in meets to come."

On the women's side it was once again the field events that took center stage. Jackie Kelbe, UMR's national competitor from last year made a great throw in the javelin, despite not having been able to throw any in the previous week due to being out of town, of 127' 9 1/2" to take first place for the Lady Miners.

McNeal, one of the Lady Miners attending both meets, showed that it was not a fluke that she had set the new school record in a previous meet in the discus as she broke her own school record with a throw of 140' 3". The throw was good for third place for the Lady Miners.

In all the Miners came from the meets knowing that even with smaller squads than usual they could still score points against the big schools. The team is now preparing to travel to the Washington University Track meet this coming weekend. At the meet the team will be up against a large host of Division I schools that will prove to be tough competition for the Miners.

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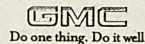


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Florida, Michigan State 40 minutes from NCAA title

Jamie Cook

U-Wire

MSU senior guard Mateen Cleaves is 22 years old. His coach, Tom Izzo, is a mere 45. But compared to Florida and its youthfulness, the Spartans look like a group ready to file for social security.

In what should turn out to be a high scoring, up-tempo game, the NCAA Championship will be decided Monday by the age-old argument of youth versus experience.

MSU starts three seniors and two juniors, and learned from playing in last year's Final Four.

The Gators go 10-deep with only

one senior, guard Kenyan Weaks. They lost to Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 of last season's NCAA Tournament.

"We've been through a lot of wars, and I think the experience factor can help us," senior forward Morris Peterson said. "But this game is new to both of us, and it will come down to which team comes out harder."

Three sophomores open the game for Florida, including spark-plug point guard Teddy Dupay and star forward Mike Miller, an all-around skill player from South Dakota.

Historically, the Spartans find themselves in their second-ever

national championship game. MSU won the national title in 1979 with the heroics of Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Greg Kelsey. Florida made the Final Four in 1994 but has never played for a NCAA Championship. After beating Wisconsin a fourth time this season in the Final Four, MSU looks forward to a team that allows its opponent to run the fast break more often. Gators head coach Billy Donovan, who at age 34 personifies the team's adolescence, employs a fast-break offense the Spartans rarely played against this year.

Add Florida's full-court press to the mix, and MSU is looking at a gambling defensive style that may

allow Cleaves to push the ball up the floor.

"I think these guys want to run, too," Izzo said of his team. "That style is 180 degrees from what we played (against Wisconsin), but I think these guys have been through it before."

Thus far in the tournament, MSU has gotten off to slow starts in the first half but has come alive with big runs in the second.

The Gators are a streaky shooting team that has relied on Miller and reserve guard Brett Nelson to score when needed. Perhaps the biggest advantage Florida holds is with its bench.

In the 71-59 Final Four win over North Carolina, Donovan inserted 10 players who played 13 minutes or more.

"You never have a chance to relax," Cleaves said. "Sometimes when you play teams and they bring in subs, you can't relax or take plays out, but it's a tad easier."

Not so with Florida and Nelson. Only a freshman, he scored a team-high 13 points off the bench against the Tar Heels and has been a key reason the Gators reached the Final Four.

"He does a good job of creating

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Softball

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Bokath was placed on second and was quickly advanced around the bases by the same group that had helped her home in the sixth inning. The final gave the Lady Miners one more mark in the win column with a final score of 2-1.

The second game would be against Missouri Valley, who UMR had beaten by the narrow margin of 1-0 just the previous day. The Lady Miners were looking to make a bigger statement to the Vikings in their second meeting and the Lady Miners were able to thanks to three huge offensive innings.

The Lady Miners made a huge statement in the top of the second inning as Luehrs, Grace, Kacey Morris, and Roth all touched home thanks to singles from Luehrs, Greenwell Roth, Morris, Tori Atwood and a sacrifice bunt from Amanda Jessen.

The Vikings would try to counter in the third, but would only be able to put up one point on the board in their attempt, which would be their only point of the day, but the Lady Miners were not done.

In the sixth inning the part of the lineup that had scored almost all the points for the Lady Miners in the past two days did it again as Luehrs would start the inning with a double and would then be driven in by Greenwell. Jessen would then get on with a single and be advanced around the bases by Roth. At the end of the sixth the score would stand at 6-1 in favor of the Lady Miners.

The Lady Miners were not going to let the score stand there though. While the defenses held strong not

allowing the Vikings any more runs, the Lady Miners put together another offensive inning in the final inning of the game. Atwood would start the inning with a double and then quickly be advanced around to home plate by Jennifer Triplett. Triplett quickly made it to home plate herself thanks to Bokath and West. The Lady Miners put together one more run as Greenwell would make her way around the bases again after Grace would crush a double that would bring Greenwell in.

The Vikings would try to regain some ground in the bottom of the seventh but the Lady Miners' defense would prevent that as center fielder Morris would snag a high fly ball for one out, Luehrs would put another Viking out, and Triplett would add on the final out of the game to leave the Lady Miners with a huge win of 9-1.

"Winning three of the four games in the tournament gave us a big confidence boost as we get ready for our conference games," said Sabrina Greenwell. "We have been playing well and we are just hoping that it will continue into the games in the next few weeks."

After their first conference game had to be stopped in the fourth inning on Wednesday against Missouri Southern the Lady Miners are now getting ready for their first official conference game which will be a double header at Pittsburgh State on Wednesday. They will then play two double headers in a row on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday they will play at 1 p.m. against Lincoln and Sunday they will play at 3 p.m. against Park University. All games will be played at the UMR softball complex.

Miner Match-up

Women's softball

UMR

vs.

Lincoln

Saturday, April 8

Rolla, Mo.

Game Time: 1 p.m.

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Miner Sports Recap

Men's Baseball

UMR 9

Southwest Baptist 11

Friday, March 31

Steve Ingram 2 hits, 3 RBIs
Vince Sanvi 3 doubles, 4 RBIs

UMR 6

Southwest Baptist 5

Friday, March 31

Brian Hutsell 2 doubles, 2 RBIs
Dave Jablonski winning pitcher, 1-3

Women's Softball

UMR 1

Evangel 0

Saturday, March 25

Jennifer Tripplett 1 hit, 1 base-on-balls
Sabrina Greenwell 1 hit, 1 base-on-balls

UMR 9

Missouri Valley 1

Saturday, March 25

Tory Atwood 2 hits, 1 RBI
Michelle Grace 2 hits, 1 RBI

Track and Field

Big Cat Classic

March 31-April 1

Men's: 1. Kevin Johnson 10,000-m run, 36:27.70
3. John Sanders 10,000-m run, 37:00.20
6. Genesis Williams 100-m dash, 10.80
5. Kevin McGuire 3,000-m Steeplechase, 10:07.09
21. Joe Stehly 100-m dash, 11.40

Women's: 1. Jackie Kelble javelin, 127'-9 1/2"
3. Dion McNeal discus, 140'-3"
18. Nicole Schmidt 400-m dash, 1:09.20
12. Deb Leonard 800-m run, 2:30.25

Men's Tennis

UMR 0

Northeastern State 9

Monday, March 27

Singles #1: Miguel Lopez lost to Emilio Lopez, 7-6, 6-3
#2: Mike McCoy lost to Nikola Ojdanic, 6-0, 6-2
#3: Steve Posch lost to Carlos Jimenez, 6-1, 6-0
#4: Jordan Owens lost to Julian Negre, 6-3, 6-0
#5: Robbie Gordon lost to Alex Guindon, 6-1, 6-0
#6: Ryan Lynch lost to Billy Popejoy, 6-3, 6-1
Doubles #1: Lopez/McCoy lost to Lopez/Jimenez, 8-5
#2: Posch/Owens lost to Negre/Guindon, 8-5
#3: Gordon/Michael Droszcz lost to Ojdanic/Popejoy, 8-3

Tourney

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for others, and he's a great shooter," Cleaves said. "He makes things happen when he comes in."

The Spartans feel Peterson could excel against Florida's pressure defense, especially with the hot hand he's had in the tournament. He scored 20 points against the Badgers and has been MSU's most consistent player on offense. Still, Peterson said he'd rather make his name

defending well against Miller in the title game.

"He's an unbelievable player," Peterson said. "He can handle the ball, he can finish and he causes problems for defenses. He can beat you in so many ways."

But Miller only hit 3 of 13 from the floor against North Carolina. He'll need to execute better against MSU for Florida to keep it close.

"We know that they are going to be tough down the stretch," Miller said. "It's going to be a question of

who goes out and executes."

At stake is the college national championship. With Cleaves, Peterson and senior forward A.J. Granger together for the last time as Spartans, it's a reality to them that perhaps there is more to lose than just a game. But for now, beating Florida is all that matters.

"This is the moment you dream about," junior guard Charlie Bell said. "There's only 40 minutes of basketball left and we want to make it special."

Miner Match-up

Men's Tennis

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Truman State University

Rolla, Mo.

Thursday, April 6

Match time: 3:30 p.m.

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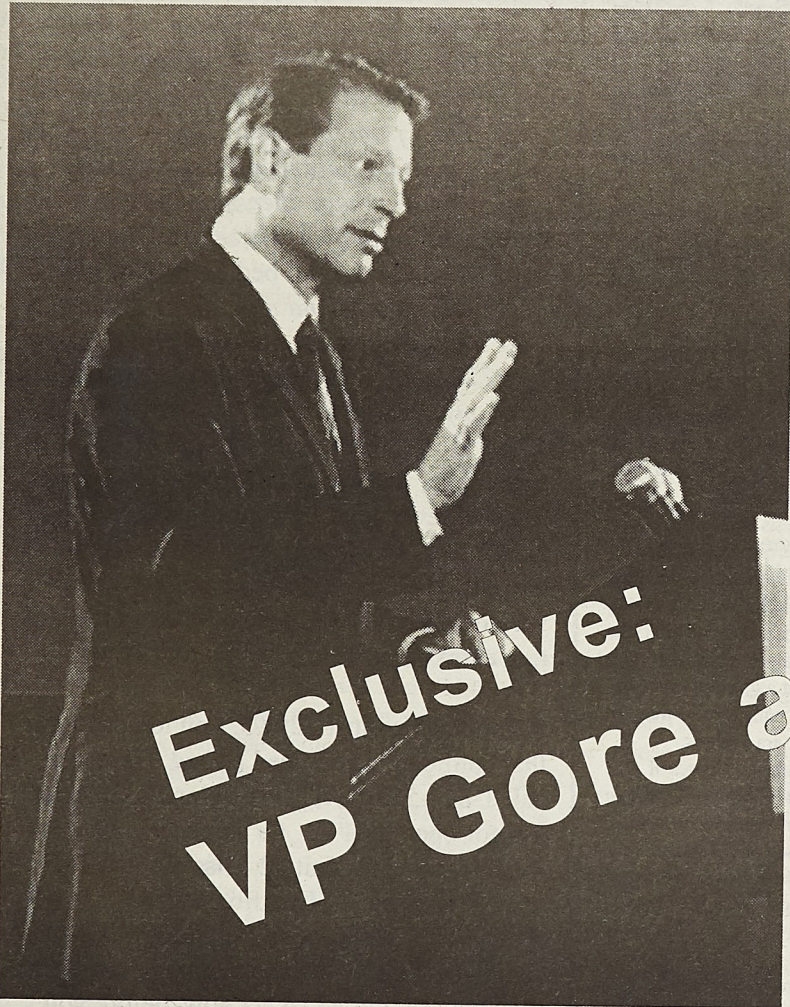
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Abominable Snowman Wreaks Havoc

SNOWMAN SIGHTED IN NORTH AMERICA FOR THE FIRST TIME

The first ever North American sightings of the Abominable Snowman (A.S.) of Tibet were reported last night in Rolla, Missouri. According to Rolla PD, 69 different people called and reported seeing a "large white hairy creature." Some described it as "an albino Bigfoot." Rolla Police Chief Leeroy Puts said the department was only annoyed by the first 30 calls. They did not grasp the severity of the situation until renowned NASA astronaut and UMR professor Col. Thom Akorns "cussed" Puts for not trying to capture the beast.

The first sighting came from about a mile out of Rolla, near the UMR mine. Mrs. Luann Roach's flowers were attacked by A.S. Mrs. Roach told *The Miner* "When I saw the dang thang getting at my petunias I was in my bathrobe and slippers. Well the son-of-a-beast moved on to my azaleas and that roasted my friar so I set out with my bowling trophy and let the sucker have it. A.S. lit out like a 40-year-old-Volkswagon."

From the tracks around the Roach house, expert huntsman Genghis Kahn traced A.S. backward to the origination of the trail: the UMR mine. When asked if he really thought A.S. was in Rolla, Kahn replied "You smell like a dead monkey," in Swahili.

Upon vigorous research, the *Miner* learned that the A.S. tracks lead miles into the earth. After a CAT scan of the mine, it was learned that the mine is actually much larger than previously thought. It is connected by a series of caves that lead around the world and all the way to Tibet, the

home of A.S. The Abominable Snowman traveled around the world underground and emerged in Rolla. This would explain the low number of A.S. sightings in Tibet in the recent months.

The accepted hypothesis about A.S.'s sudden appearance is that it was lured by the nine inches of snow and frigid temperatures of a previous weekend. When it arrived to the warm climate, A.S. was thoroughly enraged and went after the Mrs. Roach's petunias. Others speculate that Abominable Snowman caught a glimpse of American TV and wanted to mate with what it thought was the last female A.S., Barbara Walters.

To add to today's confusion, scores of A.S. specialists and researchers have swarmed through Rolla looking for clues; hair, dung, claw marks, footprints, or leftover carcasses of half-eaten children. At present, there have only been five eight-year-old girls reported missing, but no one lays any of the blame for those crimes with the Abominable Snowman.

Most citizens don't really care about A.S. Most think it's as innocent as Audrey Hepburn and as harmless as KISS in pink tutus that are too small. Some, like Joe Yaks, see it as more of a tourist opportunity: "Heck, if the Abominable Snowman comes to Rolla, it must be the middle of everywhere."

Report by Jose Yakusk, with Helga O'Rielly and Norman Boolanski.

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AL GORE REALLY SAM THE EAGLE

HENSON'S MUPPETS ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE WORLD
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We always thought Al Gore was a little strange. The real reason why came to light after we noticed a striking similarity in the looks and mannerisms of Vice President Al Gore and Jim Henson's Sam the Eagle.

After watching Al Gore standing stern face beside the boss throughout the entire Clinton administration, we noticed the exact same actions and facial expressions in Sam the Muppet, always found stern faced and never to far from his slimy amphibian boss.

At first passed off as purely coincidental, more and more photographic evidence led us to the conclusion that it was more than coincidence. More evidence has surfaced with the discovery that Al Gore's birthday on March 31, 1948 is exactly 9 months after the UFO incident outside Roswell, New Mexico on July 8, 1947. The other four aliens allegedly aboard the UFO have yet to be identified in their Muppet form.

The latest Muppet movie, "Muppets

In Space," shows the growing bravado of the Muppets cutting ever closer to the truth, and the totally obliviousness of the public to this fact up to now.

Now the question has become motive for the impersonation that has become the latest Great Muppet Capers as the possibility becomes evident that we may in fact have a Muppet as the next President of the United States.

The plot thinkens with Henson's Muppets being sold to a German film company. With the muppets running the United States from Germany through the big blue eagle we have come to know as our Vice President, it is only a matter of time before the whole world comes under the control of the velvet bodied, googly eyed, seemingly lovable and innocent creatures.

Investigations will be no doubt be shortly following the release of the breaking information as Congress and the White House staff come under increased scrutiny from the public in the wake of this disturbing and earth-shaking revelation.



Student Trapped in Refrigerator: Eats Own Foot

Twenty-year-old Tiffanor Dwaynesmithouser, of the former Czechoslovakia, found himself in a "sticky" situation as he went to grab a snack one day. As he reached into the vegetable bin in his refrigerator at home, he found that an entire bowl of Jell-O had melted and run down to the bottom.

As he attempted to adjust the temperature settings of his 'fridge, he stumbled over a small Cuban boy and found himself locked in his larder. Fortunately, that cool light stays on, no matter what that fellow at Whirlpool says. The Calculus major had miraculously avoided serious injury, but was nonetheless stuck in his ice box for several days.

About the third day, his voice gone from screaming for help, Tiffanor found himself in the pangs of hunger unparalleled in Western Civilization. That boy was hungry. In an attempt to satisfy his hunger, he chewed and subsequently ate both finger and toe-nails. Finally, in a fit of desperation, he resorted to animal instincts and began the two-day long task of devouring his left foot. The task would have taken much less time, but Dwaynesmithouser had left his mustard out of the ice box, and was unable to "spice up his meal."

On or about the fifth day of his entrapment, Tiffanor was released from his not-quite-icy Hell by his roommate, who opened their dorm room refrigerator to procure a cooled beverage of caffeinated variety. Tiffanor promptly called an ambulance and left for Phelps County Health Shack, where he was treated for 1/2 degree frostbite. On a positive note, Pope John Paul called Dwaynesmithouser from the Vatican on Monday. He was glad to hear that Tiffanor would survive, but was very concerned for the small Cuban boy. "I sure hope he turns out all right," the Pope commented. "It'd be a pure waste if anything happened to him."

STARTLING NOSTRADAMUS

PREDICTIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The greatest prophet of our time, Michel de Nostradame, more commonly known as Nostradamus, has accurately predicted over 500 worldwide events ranging from Hitler's rise to power to the Challenger explosion. Further exploration of his collection of writings, "The Centuries," has revealed startling predictions that effect everyone around the world. Dr. Alan Sprugg, internationally renown goat farmer and Ichthyologist, reveals to you now the terrible future foretold by Nostradamus.

According to the Good Doctor, at some time in the near future, a flood of mammoth proportions will take place "near a river," as Nostradame states in his writings. Also, "there shall, at some time in the near future, be a great wind that blows trees to and fro."

"Obviously, Nostradamus is referring to the 1992 hurricane 'Andrew.' This has implications as far reaching as you can imagine. Just think—now, we can see for certain that Nostradamus had this one right on the money. There certainly was 'a great wind,' as southern Floridians could tell you."

Also, Dr. Sprugg notes one very heavily worked prediction. In it, Nostradamus is obviously trying to word just perfectly some findings of his. The phrase "sustained energy" and "exciting vigor" point to some medicinal prediction or discovery. However, the phrase "in bed" shows up over twenty times. "There is really only one good explanation for this—that one day, our beds will have 'sustained energy,' meaning they will be floating beds," said Sprugg.

And finally, in one of his last writings, Nostradamus states "without question, many scribes will try to capriciously take from these writings and make light of such words of wisdom. To those, God only have mercy on your souls."



The Lord of the Damned escapes from the grim depths of Hell underneath the Civil Engineering Building during groundbreaking.

Face of Satan raises test scores

Students reminded of formulae by Visage of Beelzebub

Chemistry students struggling with an hour exam found the fate of their souls in the balance as the image of Satan appeared on the blackboard of Mechanical Engineering Annex room 204. As proctor Alan Gibult erased the previous "25 min" notice form the board, gasps and panicked screams filled the room as all eyes witnessed the Unholy One mouth " $U=q+W$."

Almost instantly, every face returned to the test and promptly answered questions 7 and 9 which required that formula for correct solution. Next, from out of the paneled walls, a hairy hell-spawned arm reached to the chalkboard and wrote in fiery letters "P-V equals n-R-T" which took care of the first two problems of the exam. At one point Belial used transparencies to display other key formulae and examples on the front wall.

Investigation into this incident have shown it was not unique. In the past month, three other police code "666; incarnations-of-evil" have been reported. Cross-referencing the class lists yielded a startling result, as UMR police sergeant Dolf Drowning explains:

"Construction work on the Butler-Carlton Civil Engineering

Building accidentally opened a portal to Hell early last semester, releasing Satan, Mephistopheles, and a host of other demonic beings, like Sir Isaac Newton. Apparently, sophomore Jason Goldfardge took advantage

"Construction work on the Butler-Carlton Civil Engineering Building accidentally opened a portal to Hell early last semester"- Dolf Drowning

and had sold his soul to Satan last semester, when his Calc I grade dropped to a C. If only he had known of our Excel program." Anyway, the Pure Evil That Is Beelzebub was recaptured during Spring Break. Police set up an ingenious "box and stick" trap, using a Strawberry-filled jelly donut as bait. Sergeant Drowning expects there to be far fewer appearances of Satan now that He is back under the Civil Engineering building, where he belongs. The Pope left a message on Drowning's pager, telling him "what a fine job you [and the UMR police force] did in capturing Satan. Thanks for doing in ten days what I couldn't do in over 25 years, you lousy jerk." Jason Goldfumng has regained partial access to his soul through a class-action settlement and is currently enrolled in UMR's Excel program.

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Is UMR an ARTS CAMPUS?

Priscilla Schulte
Features Writer

"As I walk around campus, I notice that there are no displays of art, no examples of student creativity, nothing but canned knowledge. In fact, there are not even any signs of original thought whatsoever except for an occasional guitar player under a tree.... So far, classes have been based upon memorization of facts, theorems, or processes. Nothing is attributed to personal invention," lamented Evan Rau in his commentary entitled "UMR needs to fix its attitude," published in the March 22 issue of the Missouri Miner.

"...the Stonehenge replica is an example of the human struggle to understand the mysteries of science, as well as the beauty of architecture."

- Priscilla Schulte

for original thought. But in many upper level classes, after the basics have been mastered, the curriculum is focused on the application of the incurred knowledge to real world problems. Once the foundation for a math, science or engineering degree has been laid with those basic classes, the student has the insight needed to creatively and originally solve problems.

The difference between creative problem solving and many other forms of art is just that problem solving does not always manifest itself in a visible or audible form. You can see paintings, sculptures and monuments. You can hear music. But it is sometimes hard for us to understand the beauty of a solar powered vehicle that wins an important race. That is because the art is not necessarily the vehicle itself, it is the intuition, the creativity and the teamwork of the group of stu-

dents who designed and built it.

That point having been established, there may be less traditional art on the campus of UMR than exists at other schools. But that does not mean that UMR is completely devoid of visual stimulation. The Astrolabe that hangs inside the library is an example of art on campus. An astrolabe is an ancient computer (over 2,000 years old) designed to

show the position of the sun and stars in the sky at a specific place at a given time. On a functioning astrolabe, "the movable components are set to a specific date and time, and then the entire sky is shown on the face of the astrolabe. This particular astrolabe was made by Thomas Schulte in 1999 and purchased by UMR. Other works of art that can be found in the library are the sculpture of Einstein, made by Louie Smart and donated to UMR by Friends of Einstein, and the statue of Saint Patrick, made by R. Torrini and presented to UMR by the Class of 1966.

Another example is UMR's very own Stonehenge. The monument that was erected by the side of Highway 63 is a miniature replica of the 4,000-year-old structure that stands in Wiltshire, England. The purpose of the ancient Stonehenge is unclear. It could have been built as a temple, an astronomical calendar or a guide to the heavens. But the architecture and building of Stonehenge make it truly a work of art, and UMR's monument to this ancient structure is art as well. In the journey to learn science and math, there are often unexplained phenomena, and the Stonehenge replica is an example of the human struggle to understand the mysteries of science, as well as the beauty of architecture.

The Millennium Arch, currently a work in progress, is UMR's most recent artistic undertaking. If the polishing of the stones that com-

prise the Millennium Arch stays on schedule, the monument could be finished by graduation this year. The vision of the Millennium Arch is the work of Edwina Sandys, but faculty and students at UMR are helping with the actual construction and polishing.

"The process to make the sculpture is one that should please the scientists, engineers and artists among us for it is experimental and

improvisatory," Dr. James Bogan is quoted as saying in "Millennium Arch arrival delayed due to broken leg" in the March 15 issue of the Missouri Miner.

The Millennium Arch combines beauty and artistic vision with science and engineering as a symbol of the welcoming of the new millennium by the UMR community. The Arch is also a symbol of UMR's interest in creativity and art, as well as science and engineering.

And finally, all one has to do is walk through the floors of Thomas Jefferson residence hall to see the creativity of UMR students at work. The floors are full of paintings by students from times past and present. Evan Rau, who is a freshman in Civil Engineering and is quoted above in this article, lives on the sixth floor of Thomas Jefferson South. He painted a large and very artistic mural on Six South, outside his door.

"I was inspired by sort of a combination of things. I worked on a mural at my high school, and it was such an awesome experience. Our floor does not have a lot of paintings, and I wanted to add diversity to

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Photo by Allan Annaert



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Fashion:**Got a butterfly mood ring?****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.

Melissa Sennert struts past the puck, with her cool black leather backpack behind her. She is wearing a black and white paisley transparent shirt with 3-quarter sleeves. Underneath her top, she is wearing a short black leotard...a winning combo! She simplifies her trendy look with blue jeans and brown sandals. Melissa's accessories are exceptional! She has on colorful silver Jewelry on her neck and wrists, silver ear cuffs, toe rings and a hemp necklace. She's also got her hair cut in a short modern style. She is definitely in the right century! "Everyone should have a butterfly mood ring," Melissa said as she glanced at her unique butterfly mood ring.

Fashion advice for girls:

Purple gingham dresses, lavender cardigans, violet paisley pedal pushers. These are all cluttering up your favorite stores as we speak! We may even see some mauve. Yep, that's right, violet and her cousins lavender and mauve are planning a big fashion fling for spring. However, to avoid looking like a My Little Pony copycat, it's best to pair this popular pastel up with neutrals such as khaki, white, stone, gray or denim. To spice it up a bit, break out your snakeskin belt, snap on your animal print cuff or tote your stuff around in your zebra print bag. Oh, and don't forget the ultimate accessory: grape Bubblicious gum. Yum!

Fashion advice for guys:

Sports-centric styling is still going strong in this season's clothing. High-tech fabrics like nylon and rubber are at the forefront, showing up in everything from drawstring pants to hooded anoraks. In simpler contrast, the racing stripe



Melissa Sennert, shows the campus how to dress with comfort and style.

photo by Abere Karibi-Ikiriko

and color tipping on collars and cuffs continue to rev up staple items like track pants and baseball tees - perfect under the new breed of motorcross-style jackets. Or for more relaxed sweatshirt tonality, heathered versions of basic black, brown and gray play down your favorite knits.

CD Review:**There is No Doubt that you should avoid this CD****Rebecca Lexa****CD Reviewer**

Tragic Kingdom was released in 1995, but it wasn't until the next year that it launched Gwen Stefani and the rest of No Doubt onto the alternative/pop charts with such songs as "Spiderweb", "Just a Girl" and "Don't Speak." Based in Anaheim, California, the band had been around for almost a decade before their first hits surfaced from "Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt's third recorded album.

The band's sugary-sweet and silly style makes it a unique offering. Headed by Stefani's stereotypically blonde (and shallow) voice, the music is a haphazard combination of many genres from classic rock and roll to carnival calliopes. The people creating this cacophony are Tony Kanal on bass, guitarist Tom Dumont and drummer Adrian Young.

Gwen admitted that in the beginning there was no talent. "Originally it was just a bunch of people who didn't know how to play their instruments, trying to imitate the music we loved, which was ska." The level of expertise hasn't improved much. No Doubt tries way too hard to make unique noises, sacrificing talent, skill and good songwriting in the name of funky sounds and instruments.

Probably the pinnacle of the mess is Stefani's voice. Weak and lacking in substance, it's reminiscent of how a Barbie doll would sound if given vocal chords. Granted, this goes along with No Doubt's bubble-gum image of the Tragic Kingdom era just fine, but that doesn't mean it's any good. With little exception, No Doubt's vocals are annoying.

In "Happy Now?," for example, Gwen tries to sound tough, but

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Chad Cole's Culinary Column: The Johnny Cake creates a foreign food frenzy

Chad Cole**Culinary Columnist**

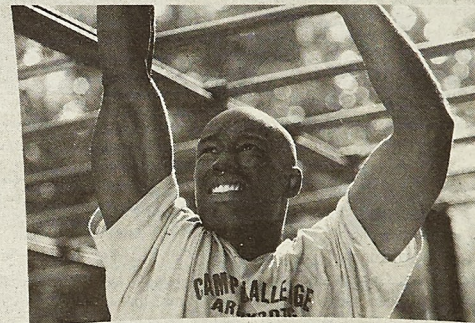
Food, of course, is everywhere. Every country and culture has a unique idea of what goes onto a dinner plate. For spring break this year, I got the privilege to experience the fun of the Bahama Islands for five days and four nights. Now, although there were many great sights, interesting people and duty free liquors in the Bahamas, I will refrain from mentioning anything except for the food. It was a general consensus among the 15 members on the trip that the food was delicious.

We stayed in Freeport on the Grand Bahama Island, the biggest of all of the Bahama Islands, and the food situation was great. The international invasion of American fast food had saturated the island and I counted ten or so franchises on the island. Subways were the most prevalent with multiple locations and surprisingly they were not priced much higher than their United States counterparts. Greek and Italian cuisine dominated the locale island restaurants. Seafood was probably the most popular food on the island, and luckily I loved

seafood. Now, all of you are familiar with fast food and Italian food is easy to find here and almost everybody has had a few encounters with seafood. It is my duty to inform you about the two dishes that characterize what Bahamian food really is. As McDonald's is to the United States, Johnny Cake and conch are to the Bahama Islands. This week I will talk about Johnny bread, conch will have to wait until the next issue.

My initial contact with Johnny bread came within a few hours of landing on the island. A group of us went to one of the Greek/Italian restaurants, and after ordering and waiting a couple of minutes, our local waitress came back and asked us, "You want I should get you guys some Johnny bread, baybee?" (All of the women called me "baby", pronounced with the proper accent as "baybee", and all of the men called me "mon", the local dialect for "man") None of us knew what the heck she was referring to, so we replied with the usual, "Uh, Okay." Well, when she brought us back our heaping basket of the Johnny bread,

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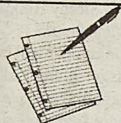
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fails miserably, and instead ends up sounding like her voice is about to break. The guitar work is limited mostly to simple chord progressions and a little bit of distortion.

"Different People" suffers from the same problems. The vocals waver uncertainly in a parody of crooning. The instrumentals are mediocre at best, and the staccato brassy additions seem misplaced.

"You Can Do It" is a bad resurrection of disco, which may be Stefani's best possible genre. It is one of the most style-constant songs, sticking mainly to the bad 70s sounds, but this doesn't do much for it.

"The Climb" sounds promising with a good bluesy introduction and beat, but the calliope lurking throughout the tune ruins it when it rears its head in the middle of the song, turning what could have been a decent blues song into a carnival ride.

"Spiderweb" is a bit better. The bass keeps up a good beat in this fast-paced song, and the overall song quality is improved. The song is even blessed with a melody, unlike a lot of the songs on "Tragic Kingdom." The lyrics, about getting rid of an unwanted manipulator, are ones that many people can relate to.

"Just a Girl" is another saving grace. Its lyrics are similar to the later Aqua song, "Barbie Girl" in its sarcastic treatment of chauvinistic views of women. Unfortunately Stefani's saccharine voice makes this song sound more like a temper tantrum than a statement of independence and disgust with the status quo.

The one really good song on "Tragic Kingdom" is "Don't Speak." Instead of presenting the listener with fast paced silliness or a plethora of unrelated instrumentals, this song speaks to the vast majority of the population involved in a painful breakup in the past or present. The rhythm is good and matches the lamenting quality of the song. The lyrics are the best on the album. They include lines like "I really feel/I'm losing my best friend/I can't believe/This could be the end," simple but going straight to the heart. "Don't Speak" actually flatters Stefani's voice, lending it an opportunity for depth and quality the other songs don't.

The rest of the songs are essentially along the same lines as "Happy Now" and "Different People," mediocre and tuneless. The best course of action is buy the single of "Don't Speak," because no doubt buying the whole CD would be a tragic waste of money.

Johnny
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it was love at first sight for me, baybee. I ate the Johnny bread at every chance I had for the next four days.

Johnny bread is cake-like in structure and texture. It is usually cooked in a cake form, square, and ranging in depth from two to four inches. It has a whitish yellow inside with a thin brown coating layer on top. It tastes sweet, a dessert-like cornbread.

I remember at an all-you-can-eat dinner on the island there was this local Bahamian guy passing out Johnny bread in the buffet line. He seemed so happy - dancing to some local music, tongs in hand, dishing out the Johnny bread left and right, like Santa Claus handing out presents. Most

people were just taking the one piece that he put on their plate, but I said something like, "Hey, man, I love this Johnny bread! It's good stuff!" He looked at me in such an excited, glowing way, "Hey, mon, you know what the Johnny bread is?! I will give you two, mon! It's good stuff!" I spoke with him for a second about the wonders of Johnny bread and, to my delight, ended up getting three choice pieces of the bread. Yes, the local Bahamian people sure do love their Johnny bread. It really is something to be proud of. I don't see Johnny bread ever reaching the status of, say, a hamburger and fries in the United States, but there is definitely a place here in this country for some Johnny bread.

I was planning on finding a recipe for Johnny bread on the web, but so far I've had no luck. This special recipe will be shared as soon as it's found. In the meantime, if the chance ever strikes you, give the Johnny bread a try. It is one of the true tastes of the Bahama Islands, mon!

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Rez Week: Out of the foxhole and into camo pants

Devin Martin

Christian Campus Fellowship

Over the next few weeks, you'll be seeing a lot of individuals walking around campus in camo-pants and "Rez Week" T-shirts with our theme "Out of the foxhole." So what's with all the camo, you may ask. And what is Rez Week?

Contrary to popular confusion, Rez Week is not the same as Res Week, a week of activities in the Residence Halls. Rez Week (short for Resurrection Week) is a week of activities from April 17-22 (the week before Easter) celebrating Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Through discussions, drama, coffeehouses, a concert, free food and other activities, students will have a chance to learn about and celebrate Jesus. Now you may be asking, what does coming out of the foxhole have to do with Jesus or Rez Week? Well...quite a bit, actually.

A foxhole is a hole in the ground in which a soldier hides to protect against enemy fire. Hopefully, a soldier's stay in a foxhole is only temporary. After all, a war can't be won by soldiers hiding in foxholes. This relates in three big ways to Rez Week.

First of all, for three days Jesus was in a hole in the

ground—a tomb. During this time, the enemies of Jesus appeared to have defeated him. But as Jesus rose out of his tomb, his foxhole, he won victory over the ultimate enemy, death.

Secondly, during the time Jesus was in the hands of the authorities, and later while Jesus was in the tomb, Jesus' followers hid out and laid low, wanting to avoid the same fate as their leader. But after Jesus appeared to his followers, they too came out of their hide-outs, their foxholes, to proclaim to the world the good news of Jesus' resurrection and victory over death.

Finally, Jesus' followers today often hide out in foxholes of our own. Maybe we think we're too busy to follow Jesus. Maybe we're afraid of what people will think if we genuinely believe in Jesus' resurrection. Whatever our foxholes may be, Rez Week is a chance to come out and celebrate unashamed what Jesus has done and continues to do in our lives today!

So now you'll know what's behind the "Rez Week: Out of the foxhole" shirts and camo pants you'll soon be seeing around campus. Hopefully you'll want to come to one or several of the activities being held each evening during the week. Or maybe you'll want to don some camo of your own.

Alpha Epsilon Pi wins St. Pat's competition

Azurdee M. Garland

St. Pat's Committee

St. Pat's 2000 has come and gone. We have seen new baby reps and old alumni come out to help us celebrate the best ever UMR tradition. Even though the celebration has ended and your favorite green reps are back to studying, you can still see a hint of green where ever you look (if you really want to see some green take a look at Pine St., you'll see green for at least the next month) All kidding aside, this year the men of Alpha Epsilon Pi have taken home another first place St. Pat's victory.

This year marks the third year the men of AEPi took home the trophy. In the women's division, the ladies of Kappa Delta Sorority were proud to take home their first ever first Place St. Pat's trophy. Theta Xi came in first with their awesome pirate ship that actually shot smoke out of a cannon. Keep up the tradition because the next St. Pat's is less than a year away.

National Poetry Month contest announced

Michelle Paulsen

English Department

April is National Poetry Month, and UMR's English Department is sponsoring a poetry contest open to all current UMR students, including International students who can enter in a special division. Submit all entries by April 18 to Michelle Paulsen, 231 HSS. All entries must be typed, poem and title plus division (standard or International) ONLY on entry. Each entrant must also submit a 3x5 card with poem titles, name, address, phone and email. All work must be original; three poems maximum per student, 50 lines maximum per poem. No poems will be returned, so submit copies. Entrants in the International division may submit work in English or in native language plus English translation. Winners will receive award certificates and Applebee's gift certificates; winners will be announced on April 28 on KUMR, KMNR, in the English Department and at an award ceremony and reading.

Student Affairs Education Team sponsors brown bag lunch

Marie Fries

Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Staff Education Team is sponsoring another brown bag session in the series "Enhancing a Caring Campus Community." The session will be held Tuesday, April 18, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. in the Missouri Room, University Center East.

The topic of this session is "Learning Communities", with presentations on the programs "Voyageur," "Hit the

Ground Running," and "Freshman Leadership and Success Program," formerly known as the Student Mentor Program. Presenters are Dr. Harvest Collier, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Professor Dale Elifrits, Geology and Petroleum Engineering; Dr. Anne Matthews, assistant professor of English; and James Seville, Student Affairs.

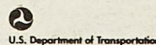
These presentations will outline the University's plan to create learner-centered communities intended to

enhance student academic achievement. Strategies for collaborative efforts among student affairs staff and faculty to create learning communities at UMR will also be addressed.

You will need to bring your own brown bag or cafeteria lunch; beverages and desserts will be provided. Please contact the Student Affairs office at 341-4292, or by e-mail at mfries@umr.edu, no later than April 14 to make your reservation.

If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

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This week, the University of Missouri-Rolla Film series will present: *The Castle*, starring Micheal Caton and Anne Tenny and directed by Rob Sitche.



Winter Film Series presents

Darryl Kerrigan may be working class, and his house may need work, but to this man, who takes enormous pride in his property and family, his home is his castle. When government officials try to kick them out to make

space for an airport expansion, they refuse to give up their home, their memories, or their view without a fight. R-1999.

The movie will be shown in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

SUBconscious:

April Fools Comedy Series returns

Kate Carter

Student Union Board

Well I hope that everybody had a really good and safe spring break. We're on the back stretch to summer. So now is a really good time to be thinking about what organizations you want to be involved in next semester. The Student Union Board gives you the chance to be involved in the selection of what types of entertainers come to campus. Director elections are on April 13. The positions include Concerts, Performing Arts, Comedy Entertainment, Film and Video, Leisure Recreation, Special Events, Publicity and Light and Sound. To sign up or for more information come by the SUB office at 218 University Center-West, or e-mail SUB at sub@umr.edu.

During the month of April, the Student Union is having its April Fool's Comedy Series this year's theme is "On the road of comedy there are comedians and there are audiences. Audiences wanted."

This year we have Mike Rayburn on April 8 at 8 p.m. in Leach Theatre. Mike is bicycling across America, covered by VH-1. With a great new CD called "Unstoppable," Mike Rayburn, twice voted America's most popular campus entertainer, has come up with a daring and unique way to take his music

straight to the people. Beginning February 25, he will begin a wild cross country concert tour—on bicycle! UMR is proud to be one of the campuses that Mike is making a stop at. The show is free and will be in Leach Theatre on Saturday, April 8. You may remember Mike from his appearance two years ago in our comedy series. We're *still* hearing compliments about that show. If you wish to hear some of Mike's mp3's or read more about him, you can check out his website at www.songs.com/mr.

Other dates for the series are April 12 Alonzo Boden, April 19 Mark Nizer and April 26 Darran Carter. All will start at 8 p.m. and will be in the University Center-East cafeteria. Admission is free to all University of Missouri-Rolla students.

This Friday's movie is Raiders of the Lost Ark. It will be at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in ME104. Admission is free to all students. April 14-15, Cartoon Night will be shown. Beverly Hills Cop will be shown on April 21 and 22. And April 28 and 29's movies will be Batman and Sleepy Hollow. They are all at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

On campus will be having a booth. Admission is free, and it should be a really good time so plan on stopping by. For more information contact SUB at sub@umr.edu or call 341-4220.

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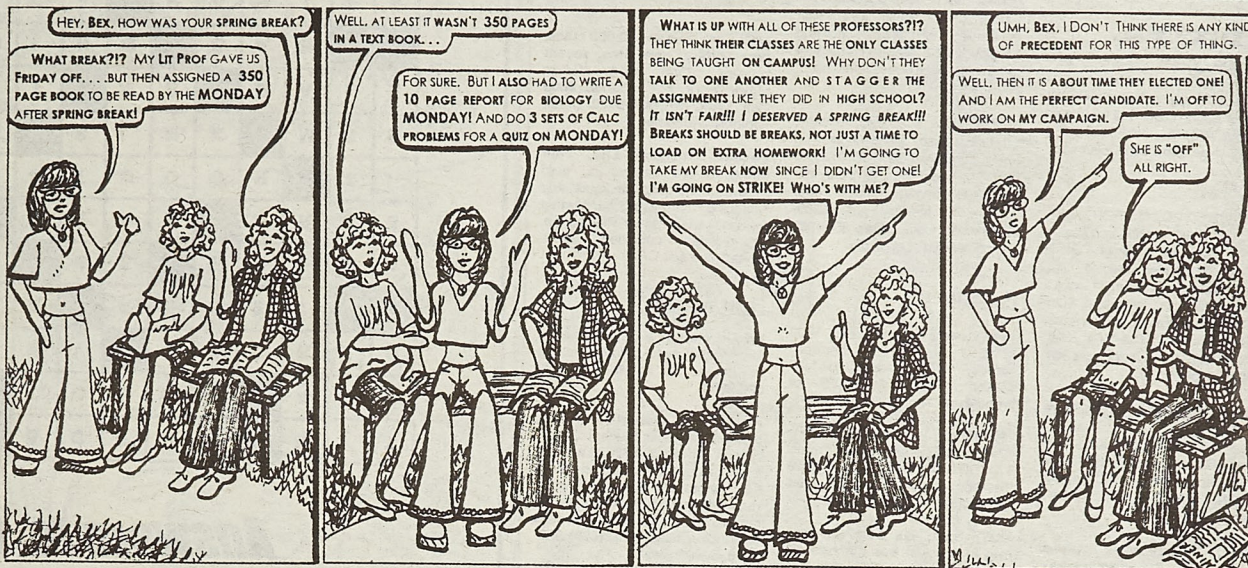
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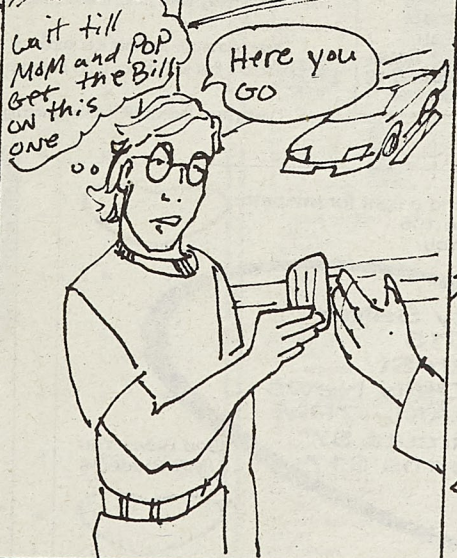
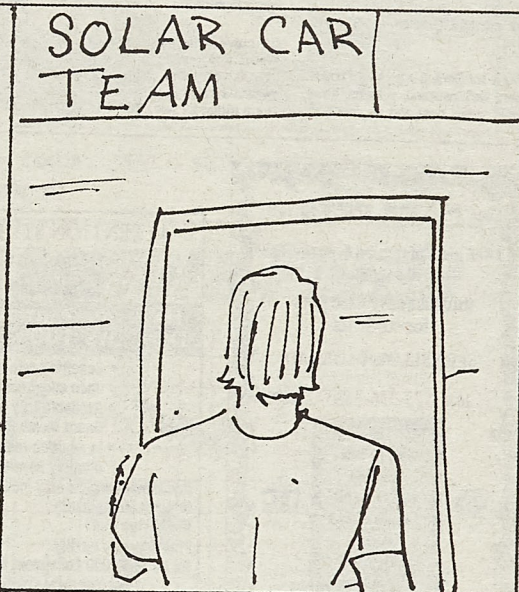
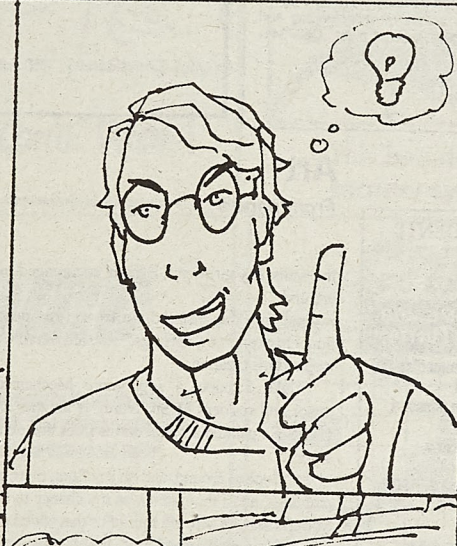
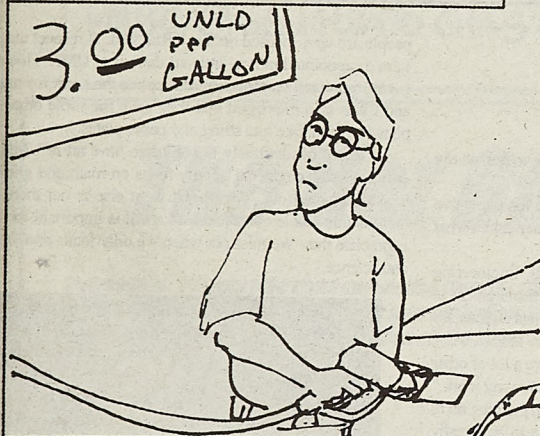
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The English Student

by Mark Smelcer



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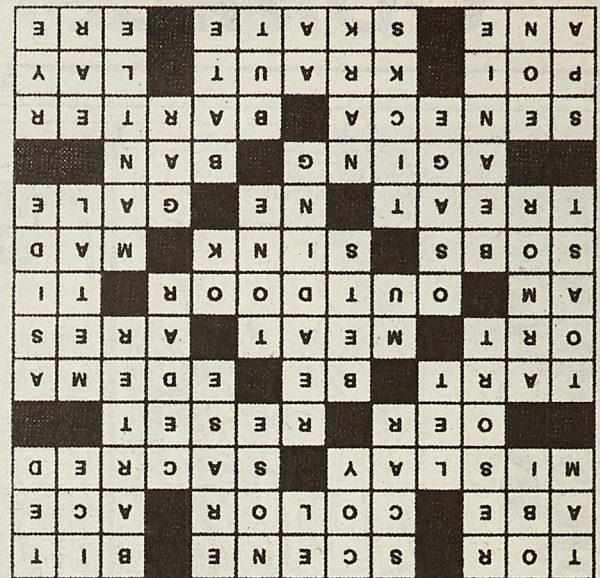
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Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

(puzzle on page 15)

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Art

From page 9

the walls. My girlfriend, Evelyn, encouraged me to pursue my art, and my painting was inspired by her and my need for a creative outlet to express my feelings," Rau answered when asked what inspired his creation.

Jake Stroupe, a sophomore Mechanical Engineering major and resident of Six North, is another artist/engineer at UMR. He painted a mural on his floor that depicts a planetary scene.

"I looked around, and on my floor, there are a lot of other paintings, and I thought it was my chance to leave my mark," Stroupe said. "There are four of us that ended up painting on it, and it was a really good time. It also turned out to be a really cool picture."

These two artists feel that it is important to bring original art to a school that sometimes lacks in things not science and math.

"I understand that UMR is an engineering school and that

people are very focused on that," Rau said. "I respect that, but I am disappointed in how little art there is at UMR. However, I was impressed that the school supplies the paint for murals and I was also impressed that they gave me some other supplies I needed, like kite string and paper plates."

"It is most definitely important to have art at UMR. It is easy for us as engineers to only focus on math and science. Stroupe pointed out. "We forget what else is out there, and there is this whole other realm of art. It is important for us to appreciate that. We miss out when we only focus on the math and science."

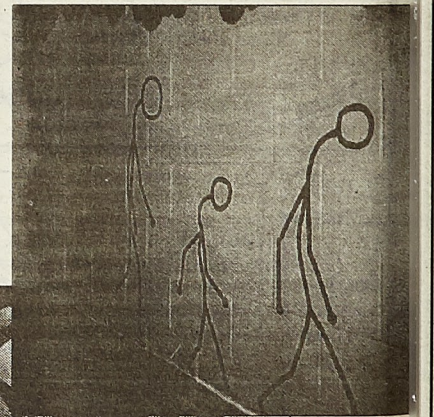


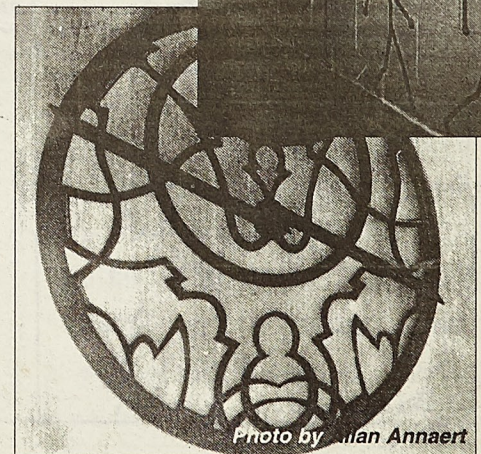
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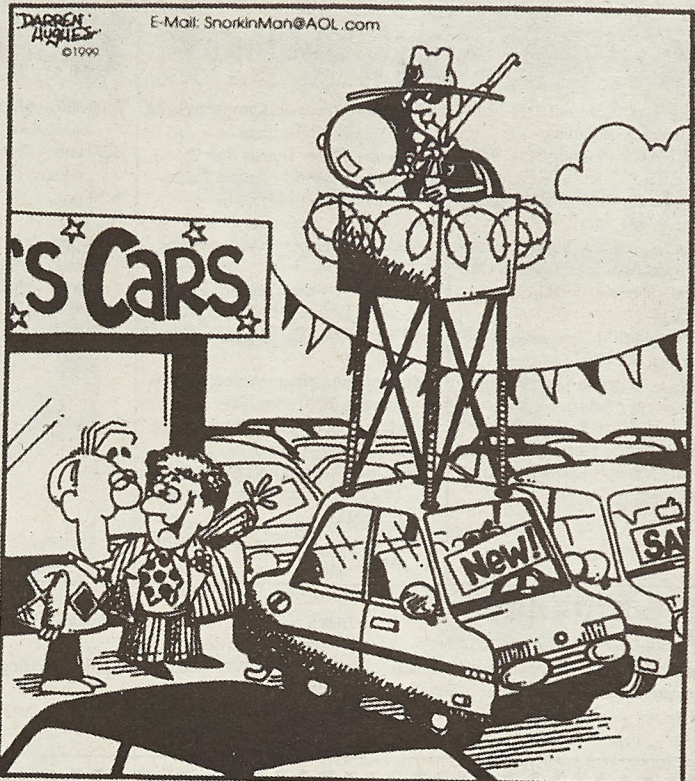
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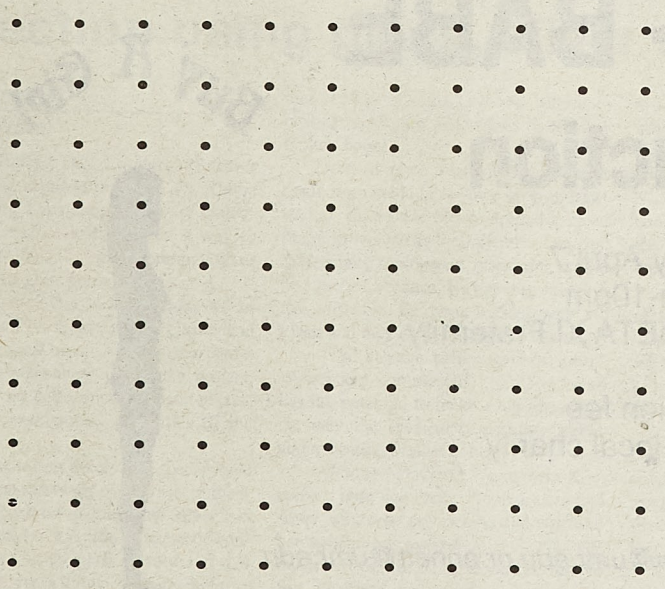
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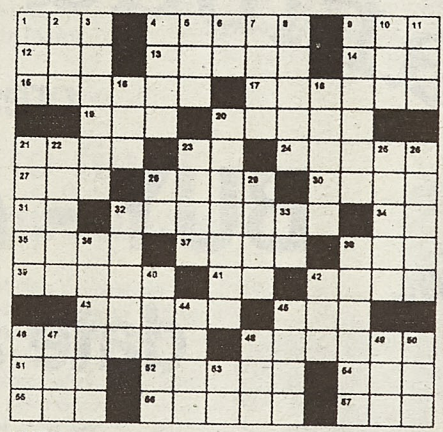
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The Dot Game

Instructions: Players take turns connecting two dots (horizontally or vertically only). If a person completes a box, he puts his initials in it. The player with the most boxes with his initials in it when all the boxes are completed, wins.



Crossword Puzzle



- 21 Warm thoroughly
- 22 Protective body covering
- 23 Waggers
- 25 Iron
- 26 To one side
- 28 12th Greek letter
- 29 Distinct pitch
- 32 Sioux tribe
- 33 All right
- 36 Small brimless cap
- 38 Sleeveless coat
- 40 Clock clickings
- 42 Fish
- 44 Informer (Brit. slang)
- 45 Take away; subtract
- 46 Mineral spring
- 47 Age; eternity
- 48 Conjunction
- 49 Hearing organ
- 50 Cereal grass
- 53 Community college degree (abbr.)

- ACROSS
- 1 Rocks on hilltop
 - 4 View
 - 9 Piece
 - 12 16th president (abbr.)
 - 13 Hue
 - 14 High card
 - 15 Place incorrectly
 - 17 Declared holy
 - 19 Oves (poetic)
 - 20 Redo
 - 21 Sharp taste
 - 23 Exist
 - 24 Accumulation of body fluids
 - 27 Scrap of food
 - 28 Veal
 - 30 Gr. God of War
 - 31 Morning (abbr.)
 - 32 Wilderness
 - 34 Seventh musical note
 - 35 Cries
 - 37 Slope downward
 - 38 Irrate
 - 39 Entertain
 - 41 Direction (abbr.)
 - 42 Very strong wind

- DOWN
- 1 Scottish cap
 - 2 Wide Japanese sash
 - 3 Place for relaxation
 - 4 Blamish
 - 5 Sly
 - 6 Elevated railroad
 - 7 Part of face
 - 8 Rub out
 - 9 Sell
 - 10 Frozen water
 - 11 Spread grass for drying
 - 16 Lease
 - 18 Aromatic, reddish wood
 - 20 Perusing

Answers on page 14...

Calendar of Events

5 Today	6 Thursday	7 Friday	8 Saturday	9 Sunday
<p>8:00 a.m. - African Student Assn. Gaila Night ticket sales, Puck</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - SB at Pittsburg State, Pittsburg, KS</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - BB at Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO</p> <p>4:30 p.m. - Student Missouri State Teachers Assn. meeting, HSS G8</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Blue Key weekly meeting, ME 216</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - MSM Spelunkers Club meeting, McN 204</p> <p>6:20 p.m. - American Concrete Institute society meeting, CE 117</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Amateur Radio Club meetings and office hours, EE G29, 30</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - History Club meeting, HSS 204</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. - African Student Assn. Gaila Night ticket sales, Puck</p> <p>3:30 p.m. - TN vs. Truman State, home</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. - American Nuclear Society meeting, 227 Fulton Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Solar Car Team meetings, BE 202</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - Association of Computing Machinery meeting with speaker, CS 209A</p> <p>7:45 p.m. - St. Pats weekly meeting, ME Annex 107C</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. - African Student Assn. Gaila Night ticket sales, Puck</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - Trap & Skeet Club weekly meeting, UCE</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - TN vs. Drury, Springfield, MO</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - SUB presents: Raiders of the Lost Ark, ME 104</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Show Me Anime meetings, 204 McN</p> <p>TBA - TF at Texas, Austin, TX</p>	<p>All Day - African Student Assn. African banquet, UCE Cafeteria</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - TN vs. Washburn, home</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - TF at Washington Univ, St. Louis, MO</p> <p>12:00 p.m. - BB vs. Washburn, home</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - Show Me Anime, Anime showing, McN 212</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - SB vs. Lincoln, home</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - National Society of Black Engineers tutorial program, McN 204</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Alpha chapter meetings, Silver & Gold room, UCE</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - SUB presents comedian Mike Rayburn, Leach Theatre</p> <p>TBA - TF at Texas, Austin, TX</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. - BB vs. Washburn, home</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - SB vs. Park, home</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <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>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> </div>
<p>10 Monday</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Society of Phenominal Women rape awareness info. table, 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>TBA - GO: District V Tourney, Kansas City, MO</p>	<p>11 Tuesday</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - ASUM Student Curator Reception and Dinner, Missouri room, UCE</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Interfraternity Council meeting, McN 216</p>		<p>6:30 p.m. - SUB All-campus meeting, ME 104</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Association of Engineering Geologists meeting, McN 265</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Tau Beta Pi meeting, ME 216</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - Christian Campus Fellowship speaker, Centennial West, UCE</p> <p>TBA - GO: District V Tourney, Kansas City, MO</p>



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