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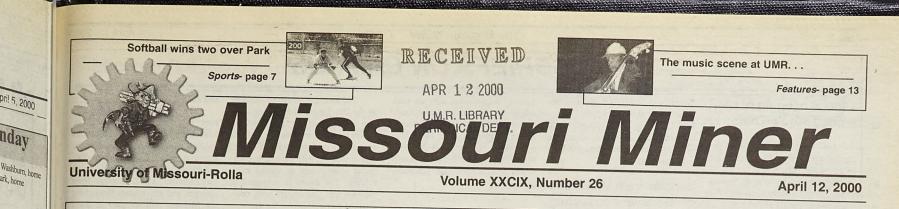
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## African Gala Night



Dancers from the Afi Ama African Cultural Group perform at African Gala Night, which was presented this Saturday by the African Student Association and Student Council. The theme of the event was "African culture and its socioeconomic impact." The event featured traditional music, dance, fashion and and cuisine. photo by Sarah Taylor

## **Blue Key Block Party to** be held this weekend

#### Chip Kastner News Writer

For anyone looking for something to do in Rolla this upcoming weekend, the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity will be hosting a block party from 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15. The intent of the block party is to bring the campus together and provide entertainment for the students. Admission to the event is free.

The block party will be held in the common area along State Street between Engineering Management, Harris Hall and McNutt and will feature activities provided by several dozen co-sponsors. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved to the Multi-Purpose building.

"I think students need to get involved in activities like this to get more out of their college experience," Alycia Ahrens, the Public Relations Chair for Blue Key, stated. "Blue Key is hoping to make the block party even more successful than the tailgating event [before the first football game] provided in September.

The party's seven corporate sponsors, which include Boeing, the

City of St. Louis, HBE Corporation, Schlumberger, USG Corporation, US Marine Corps and the US Navy, will be providing game booths. Over 30 student organizations will be providing activities as well, and many of them will donate their proceeds to charity

"We have something that has the potential to be phenomenal," Ben Braker, the president of Blue Key, said. "Each participating event draws in the special interests of all student groups.

Besides standard fare such as casino and carnival games, tug-ofwar, inflatable rides, basketball, dunking booths, putting greens, palm readings and a fireworks display, some organizations are providing non-traditional activities. Army ROTC will provide computer simulation games, IEEE will demonstrate robots and Sigma Phi Epsilon is donating an old car which students can help destroy for a small fee.

In addition to the activities, several groups will be selling food such as cotton candy, pretzels, peanuts, drinks, hot wings, baked goods, Imo's

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## **UMR researchers discover way to fight** infection using glass, silver compounds

#### Chip Kastner News Writer

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Dr. Delbert Day, Curators' Professor of ceramic engineering, and Dr. David Westenberg, assistant professor of biological sciences, have discovered a way to fight infections by incorporating silver into various glass compositions.

Day came up with the idea as an extension of his research with glasses and their biological uses. About a year and a half ago, Westenberg joined the project, since Day needed a microbiologist to confirm the antimicrobial properties of the glass.

The research involves a special type of glass that dissolves over time. In theory, a composition of glass and silver can be introduced to a region of bacterial contamination. As the glass dissolves, it will carry the silver, a known bacteria-fighting substance, throughout the region.

Currently, the most promising application of the glass/silver composition is

the creation of glass pins and sutures to replace metal pins and staples in severely broken bones

According to Westenberg, materials made from metal have some serious drawbacks. As a bone mends around a metal pin, it grows rather inefficiently. Day and Westenberg's proposed glass pins would be superior because, Westenberg said, "as they dissolve, the bone meshes with the glass, and they work together as one unit."

"The science behind this is solid," Westenberg commented. "This research has the potential to make a big impact on the way the medical community thinks about treating broken bones."

Although Day and Westenberg have come a long way in developing glass and silver mixtures as bacteria-fighting and bone-mending materials, there is still much research to be done, and it may be five or more years before doctors are using glass-based pins for surgical applications

The researchers are experimenting

with different glass compositions to find which ones dissolve at rates that would make them suitable for both surgical pins and antibacterial purposes.

Furthermore, safety issues must be considered. Research must be done on the effects of glass/silver mixtures and their effects on human cells.

There is a lot of data on the effects of silver on humans," Westenberg said. "However, before something like the silver-containing glasses is used internally, a lot more testing would have to be done.

Although this research has not been published in any scientific journals, Westenberg will be presenting a poster on the research at the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Los Angeles at the end of May.

Day and Westenberg are confident that glass-based pins will ultimately be more effective than metal pins, and believe the results of their research will be worth the wait.



Dr. Delbert Day, Ceramic Engineering, has been working with Dr. David Weston, Biological Sciences to develop glass and silver compounds which will fight infection in surgical implants. The research is to be presented at the American Society for Microbiology this May. photo courtesy of Public Relations

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## **NEWSBRIEFS ON CAMPUS**

#### Official opening of UMR writing studio Thursday

University of Missouri-Rolla faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the official opening of the Dr. Beverly Bowen Moeller Writing Studio on Thursday, April 27. The event will take place from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The new writing studio is located in Room 113 of the Campus Support Facility. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact UMR's Writing Across the Curriculum program at 341-4436 or by email at wac@umr.edu.

#### Alpha Phi Alpha Celebrates 35th Anniversary

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Missouri-Rolla will celebrate its 35th anniversary Friday, April 28, through Sunday, April 30, on the UMR campus.

Alpha Phi Alpha was established on April 27, 1965, as the first fraternity for African Americans at UMR.

The following Alpha Phi Alpha Anniversary events are open to the public and will be held in UMR's University Center-East:

-Registration, 2:30-5 p.m. Friday, April 28, Miner Lounge. —Family Dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28, Centennial Hall. -Banquet beginning with a reception from 6-6:45 p.m., Miner Lounge, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall, Saturday, April 29. Banquet tickets are \$30 each for those 12

or older; \$15 each for those below age

12. -A church service, 10-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 30, in Centennial Hall, followed by brunch from noon-2 p.m. in the cafeteria. Brunch tickets are \$15 and \$8 each for those below age 12.

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Tickets will be available through the ticket winter at the University Center-West beginning Tuesday, April 11, or by contacting Lawrence C. George at 341-6314 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. after April 11

#### Scholar from University of Geneva conducting chemistry seminar

Dr. Alan F. Williams of the department of inorganic chemistry at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, will conduct three seminars April 10-12 in Schrenk Hall at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The seminars, which are free and open to the public, are sponsored by the UMR chemistry department:

"Complexes of molecular oxygen with transition metals," 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, Room G-3 of Schrenk Hall.

"Metal driven self-assembly of helical complexes: complex struc-tures without tears," 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, Room 206 Schrenk Hall.

"Organizing complexes in the solid state," 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Room 206 of Schrenk Hall. For more information, contact Donna Riggs, secretary of UMR's chemistry department, at (573) 341-4420 or driggs@umr.edu.

#### **UMR** Commencement to be held May 13 at

The University of Missouri-Rolla's Annual Commencement will be held Saturday, May 13.

About 500 degrees will be awarded during commencement, which will begin at 2 p.m. at UMR's football field. In case of inclement weather, commencement will be held in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building

People with sight, hearing and a 24-karat gold desk clock.

mobility impairments who are plan ning to attend commencement should contact UMR's Office of Affirmative Action, Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, at (573) 341-6314 before Friday, May 5, for the university to provide reasonable accommodations

#### Professor to discuss asteroids, aliens during UMR visit on April 13

Should we worry about the possibility of giant asteroids colliding with Earth? Does the universe teem with life? These are some of the questions Dr. Steven J. Shawl will try to answer during a colloquium and a public lecture Thursday, April 13, in Room 104 of the Physics Building at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The colloquium-"Will an asteroid or comet collision with Earth ruin a perfectly good day?"-begins at 4 p.m. The lecture, "The astronomical search for life," begins at 7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the general public.

Shawl is a professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Kansas. His lecture is part of the UMR Harlow Shapley Lecture Series and is sponsored by the American Astronomical Society

For more information, contact Dr. John Schmitt, associate professor of physics at UMR, at (573) 341-4369

#### Student wins industry's **Old Timers Club Award**

Wesley Prothe of Paola, Kan., a senior in mining engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla, is the recipient of the Old Timers Award for 2000

Prothe received the award during a luncheon in his honor on the UMR campus. The award consists of

The award is presented annually by the Old Timers Club, an organization established to promote the advancement of engineering and science in the coal industry and to recognize students with outstanding academic achievement in mining engineering. The award is presented at colleges and universities with coaloriented curricula across the nation Prothe was chosen by the UMR

mining engineering faculty for his academic achievements, leadership qualities and extracurricular activities.

The award was presented by Dennis Kostic, president and chief executive officer of Weir International Mining Consultants of Chicago.

Prothe has accepted a job position with Decker Coal in Montana, a subsidiary of Peter Kiewit Sons.

#### Sorority/Faculty Social to be held April 20

UMR Panhellenic Council is sponsoring a social with UMR sororities and faculty. The social will be held Thursday, April 20 from 4-6 p.m. at the hockey puck on campus. In the case of inclement weather it will be held in the University Center-East cafeteria. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. All faculty are invited to attend.

Reservations are requested. To make reservations, or for more information please e-mail Jamie Ferrero, programming chairperson for UMR Panhellenic Council at jferreroJ @umr.edu.

#### Student chapter of ASCE to host regional conference April 27-29

The student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the University of Missouri-Rolla will host the ASCE's regional conference

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and student competitions in April. The ASCE's 2000 Mid-Conti-

nent Regional Conference will be held April 27-29 at various locations at UMR and the area. The conference activities include a steel bridge-building competition and a concrete canoe race. Student ASCE chapters from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest will compete in these events. Last year, UMR won the regional steel bridge competition and earned a trip to the national competition.

Conference events that are open to the public include:

-Steel Bridge Competition, 10:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, UMR's Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building.

-Concrete canoe display competition, 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, April 28, UMR's Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building. Contact mas@umr.edu for

more information.

#### Poet to read work April 14 in honor of National **Poetry Month**

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the University of Missouri-Rolla English department will host a poetry reading by Dr. Pamela White Hadas at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, in the Missouri Room of University Center-East on campus. The reading is free and open to the general public.

Hadas has published five collections of poetry, a scholarly book on Marianne Moore, and several essays. Her 1998 book, "Self-Evidence: A Selection of Verse," was a finalist for the 1999 National Book Critics Circle Award.

For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Cummins, UMR professor of English, at (573) 341-4622.

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## Microsoft seen by some as victim of American justice system

#### **David Streitfeld**

L.A. Times/Washington Post

For the true believers in Microsoft Corp., last week provided final confirmation that something is indeed horribly wrong, not with the software company, which was slammed as a corporate lawbreaker in a District of Columbia courtroom, but with the American system of justice.

In the wake of the resounding legal defeat, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates and chief executive Steve Ballmer have been firm but relatively low key. They've made clear their respectful disagreement with the ruling, their faith in the appeals process and the fact that it's business as usual at the company, which by any measure is one of the most successful in the world.

Beyond this public face, however, there's a fair amount of incredulity and defiance here in Microsoft's home territory, as well as a search for villains. The antitrust proceedings were "a public show trial in the true sense of the word," said Nathan Myhrvold, Microsoft's chief technology officer. "It was about innuendo, character assassination, completely unsupported claims."

Myhrvold labeled the case "a witch hunt," called it an "intellectually corrupt" venture by a government that shouldn't be trying to regulate technology at such a specialized level, and said U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson was biased. "He seemed to have decided very early on he didn't like the company."

Jon Shirley, a former Microsoft president who is now on its board of directors, accused the Justice Department of initially pursuing the antitrust suit for political reasons.

"Look at what was going on with (Attorney General) Janet Reno at the time she brought this case," Shirley said. "She was under heavy congressional pressure to investigate campaign finance misdeeds at the White House, which she

didn't do. The antitrust suit may have been a convenient way to create a diversion."

While declining to be specific, Shirley also said there were at least two cases of perjury by the prosecution's witnesses. "There were people who got up on the stand, raised their hand and did not tell the truth."

A Justice Department spokeswoman, Gina Talamona, responded that "these wild charges demonstrate Microsoft is still denying the reality they broke the law."

Indeed, any sign of repentance or acknowledgment of any mistakes by Microsoft, beyond, said Shirley, the "lousy" job its legal team did, are missing here.

"If people at the Justice Department, and those who helped the Justice Department in pressing this suit, are looking for vibes about how Microsoft screwed up and it's sorry, they're not going to get it," said Bob Watt, president of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

The reason, said Watt, is "they truly believe they've done nothing illegal.' He added he doesn't believe it either.

Watt, who blames Jackson for a "bit of a lack of understanding about how the technology even works," has known Gates since the chairman was a computer-mad teenager three decades ago

While Seattle is definitely not a company town that speaks in only one voice, a great number of other people in this area have their own connections to the software firm, whose college-like campus is less than ten miles by highway and bridge from downtown Seattle. If they don't work there, they have friends and relatives who do, or who work for the many companies that have sprung up to serve Microsoft and its workers

With 18,000 employees in the state, Microsoft isn't the largest employer, aerospace giant Boeing Co. has four

**UMR Crime Blotter** 

04/02/00 at 8:00 a.m.: UMR Police investigate student report of a minor vehicle accident where the striking vehicle left the scene. Same was located and personal information obtained from student driver. No charges filed at present.

04/04/00 at 9:35 p.m.: UMR Police detain and arrest non-student Charles W. Brown, age 39, for Disobey Stop Sign and Driving While Sus-pended. Same was released on summons for the latter offense.

04/07/00 at 12:44 a.m.: UMR Police detain and arrest student Samuel G. Beckham for DWI and Careless and Imprudent Driving. Same was released on summons on summons.

04/07/00 at 1:54 p.m.: UMR Police respond to the Multi-Purpose parking lot in reference to a staff report of someone operating a white SUV in a reckless manner. Same was gone on officer's arrival, but license plate check identified registered owner and case continues.

04/09/00 at 9:30 p.m.: UMR Police respond to a report of a stolen stu-dent backpack at the campus library. Investigation revealed a student's pack was stolen from unsecure 3rd floor study room while unattended for five minutes. Student lost a black backpack with a Casio calculator, two notebooks, two or three CDs, headphones and some consumables. Continuing.

## Viewpoints on Politics: 2000 National sweepstakes begins for VP nominee

#### Charles Robinson **Political Columnist**

The Missouri Miner

With the Presidential primaries and caucuses coming to a close and four months until the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, Ca., the race will be at almost a stand still with the only thing keeping it alive being policy and platform issues. But the decision about who will be the right hand man or woman will be the question in the debates until August of this year. Vice President Al Gore has asked former Secretary of State Warren Christopher to help in searching for the "perfect" candidate as his vice president. A few names have been placed on a list for consideration as a candidate for vice president. Some of the names include Governor Gray Davis of California, Senator Evan Bayh of Indiana, Former Senator Bill Bradley who challenged Vice President Gore in the Presidential Primary, and Former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. In another shocking twist, Secretary of Defense William "Bill" Cohen, a noted Republican is also on the list for the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination

for his Vice Presidential candidate, but Texas Governor George W. Bush has as well. A lot of time remains until the Republican National Convention, but Governor Bush must do a lot of integration with his campaign and the Republican party. He may have a lot of time to consider his candidate, but he also has a great deal of work to do. The list of names for the Republican Vice Presidential nominee includes: Governor Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania, Governor Christie Whitman of New Jersey, Senator John McCain of Arizona who challenged Governor Bush for the Presidency, Senator Fred Thompson and Missouri's very own Senator and former Governor John Ashcroft. Other noted republicans include retired General Colin Powell, former Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole, former Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, as well as Former Secretary of Education Bill Bennett.

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The names on both lists are common, and there is a lot to consider. Vice Presidental candidates can help win electoral votes in large states as well as in certain regions. They can also make up for the weakness of their own candidacy. Many times the candidate for Vice President contains all of these attributes to help win their parties nomination.

Not only has Vice President Gore began his search

times that number, but its influence is arguably more deeply felt. It has created millionaires and billionaires who have been benefactors to charities and art museums. The company's vast success has driven up housing prices, clogged the bridges that provide access to Seattle and made it a high-tech center.

"To understand the reaction of the city to the antitrust suit, you have to go back to the late '60s and early '70s," said Seattle Deputy Mayor Tom Byers. It was a time when Boeing was laying off tens of thousands of people, the regional unemployment rate was in double digits, and there was a billboard on the highway out of town joking that the last person to leave should turn out the lights.

Then a couple of local kids returned after a four-year stint in New Mexico, bringing with them a fledgling software operation. Much of modern Seattle has flowed from that relocation by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.

"Over the last 25 years, from a frontier town built mostly on natural resources, timber, and fish, this has become a city powered by the imagination," said Byers. "When you have an economy and a city and a culture driven by the imagination, and Bill Gates stands up and says, 'I'm fighting for the freedom to innovate,' it has resonance.

In statements by Gates, chief executive Ballmer and Chief Counsel Bill Neukom after Monday's ruling, they used the word "innovate" or some variation on it six times in 11 sentences. Gates uses the word in a TV commercial the company has just started running. Part of the company Web site is dubbed 'The Freedom to Innovate Network.'

The reason that word is turning up so frequently, says Microsoft Executive Vice President Bob Herbold, "is that to be successful in this industry you have to be constantly modifying your product with clever new approaches that make it simpler for the user while at the same time supplying new capabilities. That's been the issue for the last 25 years, and will be the issue for the next 25."

Microsoft's terror that somehow

this ability will be taken away from it is at the root of its unwillingness to settle the case, no matter how detrimental it may appear for the company.

'You might say, 'Are they thickskulled or what?" Herbold conceded. "You might be surprised we're going to stand tall on this. But otherwise, we don't have a business. This industry moves so fast. ... You can't have a lot of bureaucracy or checkpoints."

In his ruling, Jackson took a muchdarker view of Microsoft's behavior. saying it "trammeled the competitive process through which the computer software industry generally stimulates innovation." When the company tied its Internet browser to its Windows operating system, the judge said, it wasn't trying to help consumers but "quash innovation that threatened its monopoly position.

Jackson-who next must rule on the remedies to be imposed on the company, including possibly its breakupwrote that Microsoft does "violence" to the natural process of competition and innovation in the industry.

"That's an incredibly bizarre point of view," says technology chief Myhrvold, who is on leave from the company. "It's like in the 1960s when countries used to call themselves 'the People's Democratic Republic.' You knew if those words were used it was neither of the people nor democratic nor a republic."

As for what the judge called illegal, anti-competitive, bullying behavior? At most, the defenders say, it was a couple of youthful employees who got carried

away. "I don't believe they did anything "But out of illegal," says Myhrvold. "But out of 20,000 people, are you going to ask me to say we don't have any (expletive)? Okay, there is somebody who acted like an (expletive) once. I don't know"

Watt, the Chamber of Commerce president, agreed: "Mean-spirited occasionally, too cocky, pushy as hellabsolutely. Illegal? I don't think so."

For Microsoft's critics, however, the judge's ruling merely confirms what

they had argued all along.

"It's not an innovator," says Marcus Courtney, co-founder of the Washington Alliance of Technology Workers, group that often tangles with Microsoft. "But by saying it they tap into the spirit of entrepreneurialism, the spirit this industry has been built on. Microsoft wants to make sure that's the way the issue is framed, and not around their monopoly power and unfair competitive practices.

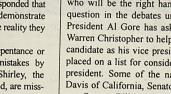
Microsoft stock hasn't been doing that well, as fate analysts largely attribute to the antitrust case. Although the official attitude is that the trial has had no other measurable effect on the company, board member Shirley doesn't think that's true

"I don't think there's any question that this case, and the way it has gone so far, is a drag on the company from a public-relations standpoint, as well as a drag internally," he said. "It does not make employees feel good to be branded by a court" the way they just were.

Shirley, who retired in 1990 after seven years as Microsoft's president, goes even further, asking: "Is there some feeling that there should be a way for us to be a kinder, gentler, better corporate citizen? The answer is, there are probably some areas where we should temper our conduct. Figuring out where and how to do that is something that (chief executive Ballmer is) going to have to do. It's a matter of degree.

Executive Vice President Herbold agrees that the company is going to have to do some things differently. But he's thinking more along the lines of an extended public-relations operation, as well as keeping closer watch on the company's competitors, whom he blames for instigating the case in the first place.

"The fact that our competitors would spend a lot of time with the Department of Justice," presumably complaining about Microsoft, "is something that probably we will take more seriously in the future than we have in the past," Herbold said.



# Schedule **LURX** inal

The final examination period will begin Monday, May 8, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2000. Common finals are scheduled for those courses listed in Section II below. Room assignments for common finals will be announced by the instructors. The courses not covered in Sections I, II, and III are to be arranged by the instructor in cooperation with the students in that course.

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# Opinions

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## Is Negativity Good for Politics? Positively

Dana Milbank

L.A. Times/Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Buckle your seat belts, ladies and gentlemen. Mean Al Gore and Bad George W. Bush, those two nattering nabobs of negativism and nastiness, are about to embark on the longest and ugliest race to the White House we've ever seen- or so we're told. Consider these recent headlines:

Gore, Bush Step Up Bitter Attacks

Gore and Bush Find Another Way to Be Nasty

Ideals Give Way to Smash-Mouth Political Tactics

It's enough to make you want to hide under your bed. The mudslinging promises to be so terrifying that it's easy to overlook an inconvenient detail: It's a bunch of nonsense.

Presidential campaigns are not getting nastier or more negative. Even if they were, there's new evidence that negativity doesn't necessarily hurt turnout or increase cynicism, as the righteous good-government types have claimed. There's reason to believe that tough, negative campaigning helps strengthen our leaders, boost creativity in policymaking and bring reform to government.

Our problem is not negative campaigning but an increasingly puritanical press that often makes no distinction between negative comparisons (which are common and useful) and gratuitous personal attacks (which are harmful but rare). Journalists are the ones poisoning public opinion and injecting cynicism into the electorate, by making people think politics is much uglier than it is.

The Bush campaign thinks so. "There is a ridiculous semantic dance that goes on about what is negative," says Mark McKinnon, Bush's ad man. "The press plays a big role in pretending to referee what is negative and is not, and to a large extent, hyper-inflates the idea. Any time a candidate mentions an opponent they scream 'negative attacks."

And here's Bob Shrum, Gore's media adviser: "There's no precision in the use of language. The press created a definition that makes no distinction between policy comparison and personal and nasty attacks."

Implicit in the media coverage is an assumption that we've turned our backs on some golden era of high-minded campaigning. But when, precisely, was that age? Was it before Thomas Jefferson's opponents called him "a mean-spirited low-lived fellow, the son of a half-breed Indian squaw"? Or was it after the pols called Abe Lincoln (who engaged in many nasty attacks during the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas Senate campaign debates) "the original gorilla" and mocked his "hideous apelike form"?

Perhaps these nostalgic types are recalling the 1884 presidential campaign, when Grover Cleveland's opponents chanted about his illegitimate child: "Ma, Ma, where's my Pa?" (After Cleveland won, his supporters retorted, "Gone to the White House, ha, ha, ha.") Or maybe they were thinking about the 1948 contest, when Republican Thomas Dewey blamed Franklin Delano Roosevelt for every death in World War II.

If anything, the 2000 campaign is one of the most "positive" campaigns since political advertising first came into our living rooms. A study of this season's primary ads by University of Missouri professor William Benoit and his students found that 91 percent were positive- which they defined as candidates portraying themselves positively rather than portraying their opponents unfavorably- compared with 46 percent in 1996. The study's sampling of six of this year's primary debates found that only 25 percent of candidate remarks were negative, down from 37 percent in 1996. But there we go again, acting as if there's something wrong with going negative. The

McCain-Bush showdown argued otherwise. McCain aides worried that Bush's attacks in South Carolina would keep people at home; instead, turnout was a record, as it was in 12 of the first 18 states to hold GOP primaries. Bill Bradley, who tried to run an above-the-fray campaign, also proved, inadvertently, that this didn't interest enough voters. The majority wanted a fighter, not a choirboy.

A study by academics from Rutgers and George Washington universities tested the conventional wisdom that negative ads depress turnout. "We uncovered little evidence to warrant the fears," the researchers reported. Of course, shrill attacks and utterly baseless charges can turn off voters, but campaigns with substantive criticism can increase enthusiasm. It's time for us to admit that negative can be positive, that nasty can be nice. This will involve an even more difficult proposition: acknowledging that some of the maligned practitioners of attack campaigns serve a useful purpose.

To that end, let's meet the two Drs. Evil of negative advertising: Gore's Shrum, and Alex Castellanos, Bush's media buyer and ad man for GOP nominee Bob Dole in 1996 and President Bush in 1992. Castellanos is probably most famous for a 1990 Jesse Helms ad in which white hands crumpled a job application as a voice said, "You needed that job ... but they had to give it to a minority." Shrum is famous for an ad demonizing Maryland GOP gubernatorial candidate Ellen Sauerbrey for votes against a civil rights law, hate crimes legislation and fair housing, saying she has "a civil rights to be ashamed of." But in defense of tough politics, they speak with one voice. "Politics without conflict," Castellanos says, "is the politics of the amoeba. It's an evolutionary dead end." Without conflict, he says, the U.S. government would be more like that of his native Cuba, "where failure is not punished and nothing works."



#### The Right Remedy: Split Up Microsoft Rudolph J.R. Peritz

L.A. Times/Washington Post

It has taken the government two years to persuade U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson of the obvious- that Microsoft has been waging a predatory campaign to maintain its Windows monopoly, to seek dominance for its Internet Explorer and to restrain the marketing and research initiatives of companies as powerful as IBM and Intel and as weak as Apple.

The facts are clear, and Jackson's conclusions of law are certainly consistent with the evidence.

Still, Bill Gates insists that his company did nothing to harm consumers and everything to benefit them. Indeed, controversy rages about the appropriate remedy, in part because the Windows operating systems are seen as a prominent part of technological changes and economic shifts that have benefited so many.

About 90 years ago, with a far less compelling record before them, the federal courts sliced John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Trust into 34 pieces. Even after the breakup, there was so much public fear that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision might pave the way for more carefully camouflaged monopolistic predation that Congress passed new legislation, which included creation of the Federal Trade Commission. Twenty-two states enacted their own antitrust provisions.

Like Standard Oil, Microsoft dominates an industry that is shaping our economy and, like Standard Oil, Microsoft forces those around it to adhere to standards it has set for the industry. Yes, it is true that, as Jackson found, Microsoft engaged in entrepreneurial conduct, but that was overshadowed by its predatory conduct.

Such are the commercial realities. Yet what captures public attention is a set of images that color those realities, in particular, the corporate images of Rockefeller in his time and Gates in his. A hundred years ago, Rockefeller, whether in political cartoons or in muckraking newspapers, was the most notorious of American robber barons who personified the industrial drama of a new century.

Nowadays, businesses mostly do not have recognizable faces- except for Microsoft. In the public eye, Bill Gates is Microsoft. He projects onto Microsoft the image of youthful exuberance, intelligence and innovation.

The reality, however, is that Microsoft and Gates have engaged in negligible innovation. The Windows "look and feel" was taken directly from Apple's Mac OS at a time when intellectual property protection of software was weak. Today, Amazon.com can protect from infringement something as simple as a single-click technology. Comparable protection for Mac OS likely would have stopped Microsoft from licensing Windows.

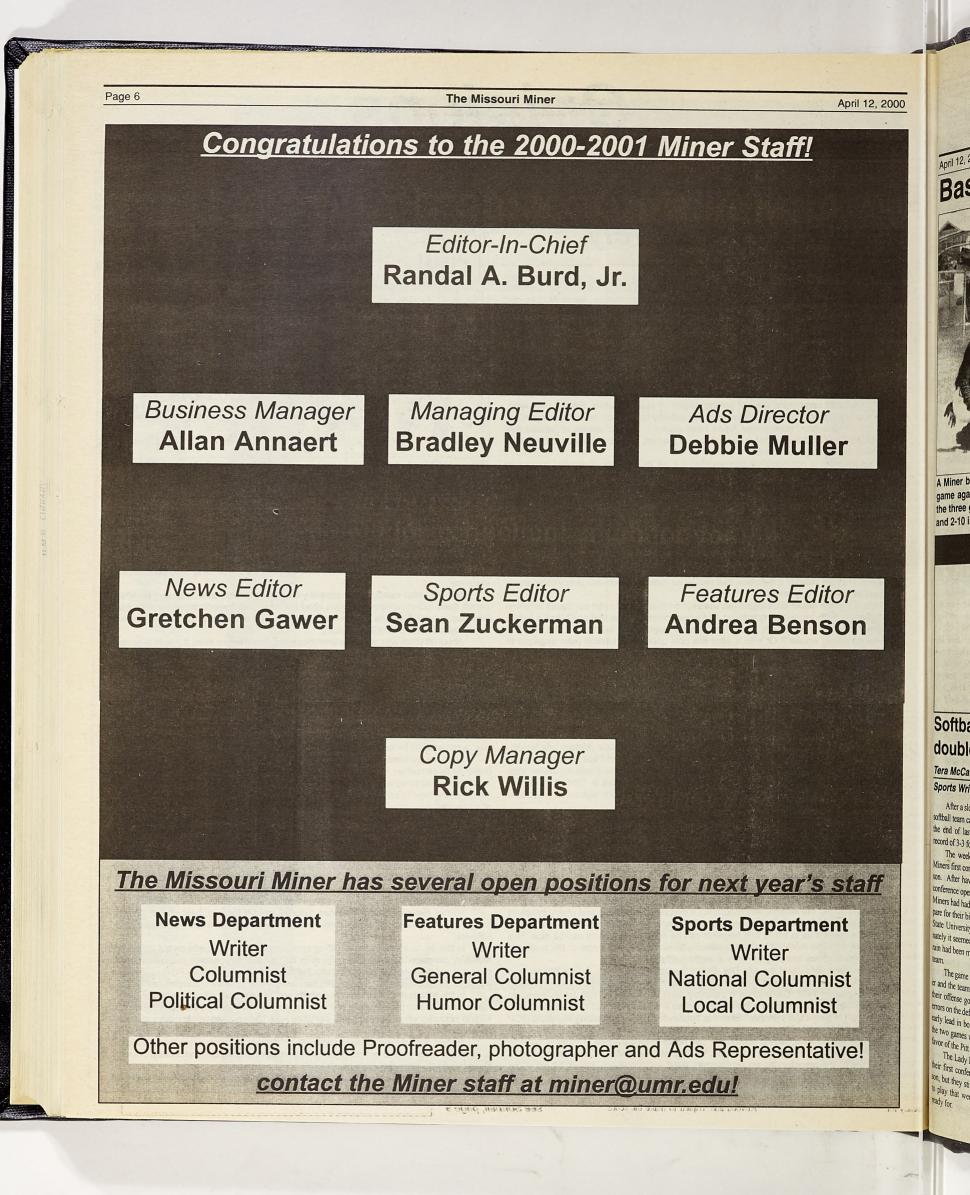
Further, features added to Windows, including Internet Explorer, have typically been bought outright by Microsoft or were developed by Microsoft programmers based on existing software.

In fact, as Jackson has found, stifling innovation by competitors was central to Microsoft's predatory campaign. As a result, not only rivals but also business partners and consumers have been harmed because they have no choice but to pay monopoly prices for PC operating systems that are less stable and less efficient than comparable software in competitive markets.

In this light, both the government plaintiffs and Jackson must consider remedies that reflect Microsoft's corporate culture of predation, remedies that will establish competitive conditions in industries whose research and marketing have been blocked by Microsoft's restraints of competition.

In short, the right remedy must begin with splitting Microsoft into several independent competitors, accompanied by appropriate safeguards that will maintain and develop industry standards for PC operating systems.

Innovation, Gates insists, is what Microsoft is all about. If so, only breaking up Microsoft will get him that



# **Sports**

On Wednesday, April 5, the

Miners baseball team took on Mid-

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by the College Baseball Division II

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A Miner baseball player waits for a pitch during the team's game against Washburn on April 8. The Miners lost two of the three game mini-series. The Miners are now 5-20 overall and 2-10 in the MIAA. photo by Brandon Belvin

#### Miner Match-up

#### **Men's Baseball**

UMR

VS. **Emporia State** 

Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16 Emporia, Kan. Game Time: 1 p.m. for both games

Softball wins two games over Park, 8-0, 8-1, splits doubleheader with Lincoln Blue Tigers 4-2, 11-8

"The losses to Pitt seemed to make

#### Tera McCallum

Sports Writer

After a slow start, the Lady Miners softball team came back in a big way at the end of last week to finish with a record of 3-3 for the week.

The week started with the Lady Miners first conference game of the season. After having all of their previous conference openers rained out, the Lady Miners had had quite a long time to prepare for their big game against Pittsburg State University (14-11 0-2). Unfortunately it seemed that the time off due to rain had been more of a detriment to the team.

The game was to be a double header and the team was just not able to get their offense going in either game, and errors on the defense side let Pitt take the early lead in both games. The final for the two games would be 7-1 and 4-1 in favor of the Pitt State Gorillas.

The Lady Miners came away with their first conference losses of the season, but they still had four more games to play that week that they had to get ready for.

us realize that we really had to focus,' catcher Sabrina Greenwell said. "We had a few days between the Pitt games and our weekend games so we were really able to get our focus on what was important.'

The days off between games this time benefited the Lady Miners, as on Saturday they would make up two of their rained out games against Lincoln University (11-17). The Lady Miners had previously played the Lincoln Blue Tigers in a tournament and had lost in the last inning by one point. The Lady Miners saw this as an opportunity to revenge the loss.

The Lady Miners took the quick lead in the first inning when Candice Luehrs pounded a triple that brought in Jennifer Triplett, but Lincoln would equal their one point in the following inning, as they would bring one across home plate. The Lady Miner would stay persistent

and in the third would put another point on the board as Gina Daugherty would get on base with a single and be advanced around by teammates Tori Atwood and Triplett to make the score

once again in favor of the Lady Miners 2-1

While the Blue Tigers were held scoreless for the next few innings the Lady Miners put together an inning that seemed to put the game out of reach for Lincoln who was having trouble putting together any offense against pitcher Kristi Curry. The bottom of the fifth turned out to be the winning inning for the Lady Miners as with two outs they would put together a drive that would bring two more across the plate.

The Blue Tigers would try to come back, scoring one in the following inning, but the pitching of Curry proved to be too much for Lincoln, as they would have to settle with a score of 4-2 in favor of the Lady Miners. Curry got the win and was given much of the credit for the win after striking out a total of 12 batters and only allowing one hit for the duration of the game.

In the following game time seemed to take its toll on the Lady Miners as the game would be taken to extra innings. The game got off to a quick start as in the

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could not overcome the first inning rally that Central Missouri State put together. Central Missouri State scored seven runs in their first inning rally. The inning started off with a homerun, which was a bad sign, but only got worse as Central Missouri State started hitting the ball to the gaps.

Minus the first inning, the game was pretty close. The Miners scored two runs in the fourth inning and Central Missouri State added three more in the sixth inning. Scott Hendrickson led the Miners at the plate by going two for three with one run batted in. Other than that, the Miners were left dumbfounded by the pitching of Central's Jason Herz. Jason struck out seven of the 24 batters he faced, walked two batters, and only allowed two runs off of five hits.

The Miners lost the game 10-2. With this loss their record moved to 4-18 overall and 1-8 in the MIAA.

After facing the MIAA conference leaders, the Miners moved on to play the second place team in the MIAA, Washburn University. This meeting took place Saturday, April 8 here in Rolla as a double-header.

The first game proved to be pretty one-sided as Washburn blasted away at the Miners' pitching scoring 20 runs off of 17 hits with two homeruns. Washburn pitcher Devan Hansen went the distance

allowing only five runs.

For the game, outfielder Ben Frank was two for three with one run scored and one run batted in, designated hitter Randy Root was two for three with one run scored, outfielder David Coit was two for four with two runs scored, and second baseman Brain Hutsell was two for four with a double and one run scored.

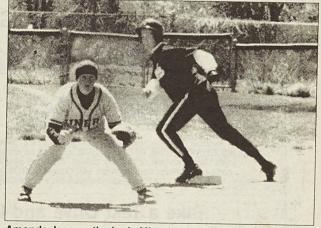
Having just been beaten by a large margin, the Miners tried to overcome the last game and win the second game of the double-header. The Miners proved to be resilient as they won the second game 6-1.

Alan Woodyard took the win for the Miners as he struck out two batters and walked four, but did not allow any runs in five innings of work. This gave the Miners their second victory in the MIAA conference

Offensively, the Miners were led by third baseman Jeff Morris and catcher Steve Fridley who both were two for three with one run scored and one run batted in. They were followed by shortstop Mike Mahoney who was two for three with one run batted in and designated hitter Kyle Bruemmer who was one for two with one run batted in, one run scored, and one walk

On Sunday, April 9, the Miners

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Amanda Jessen, the Lady Miner's first baseman, prepares to field a ball during the team's game on April 8 against Lincoln. photo by Brandon Belvin

#### Miner Match-up

Women's softball UMR VS. Northwest Missouri State Friday, April 14 Maryville, Mo.

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## Track fares well at the Washington Univ. Invite

#### Tera McCallum Sports Writer

This week the University of Missouri-Rolla track and field team competed in the largest meet that they have participated in thus far this season. With 18 scoring teams on the men's side and twenty teams scoring on the women's side, including a number of Division I teams, the meet fielded some of the best competition that the Miners have seen this year.

"The competition was great this week," distance runner Kevin McGuire said. "I think we all were pushed to run harder by the competition that we were running against."

Teams such as Truman State, Monmouth University and the home team Washington University are some of the best teams in the country and showed how they got such reputations as they took many of the top spots on Saturday, but the UMR team had a number of outstanding

races as well. On the men's side triple jumper Chris Keithley took the top spot for the Miners. "Chris has really been improving in past weeks," Coach Sarah Preston said. "He had been suffering from an ankle injury early in the season and is just now recovering from that. The past two weeks

he has really been showing what he is capable of."

In the triple jump Keithley showed just what his rehabbed ankle was capable of as he jumped two inches farther than his best performance before spring break. Saturday he jumped 44' 1 1/4" taking third place overall.

In the javelin Heath Misak continued to improve. After finishing fifth at the Truman State Open three weeks before in the javelin, Misak bettered his performance on Saturday at the Washington University meet as he took fourth place in the highly competitive field with a throw of 160' 7".

Jeremiah Bridges made his debut in the pole vault event with a jump of 11'3", which left him just out of scoring range in tenth place.

In the running events, the Miners continued to have their best success in the distance events. Kevin McGuire took sixth place in what has become one of his best events this season, the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

"The weather on Saturday was perfect," said McGuire. "For once we had great weather that was not too hot and not too cool. It really helped me throughout my race. I felt that this was the first time that I was really able to run the splits that I have been wanting to run all season." McGuire finished in a time of 9:48.77, which is over fifteen seconds faster than his time at the Big Cat Classic in Memphis just a week ago.

McGuire also placed high in the 5,000-meter run. McGuire took almost a full minute off his best time in the event as he posted a time of 9:48.77.

"I really felt that the competition in the race pushed me to run my best in both of the events that I ran Saturday." The time was good enough to get McGuire an eighth place finish in the 5,000.

In the 400-meter dash Mike Smolinski equaled McGuire's finish in the 5,000 as he too would take eighth place in the 400. Smolinski would post a time of 51.84, which was a full two seconds faster than his previous best time from earlier in the season.

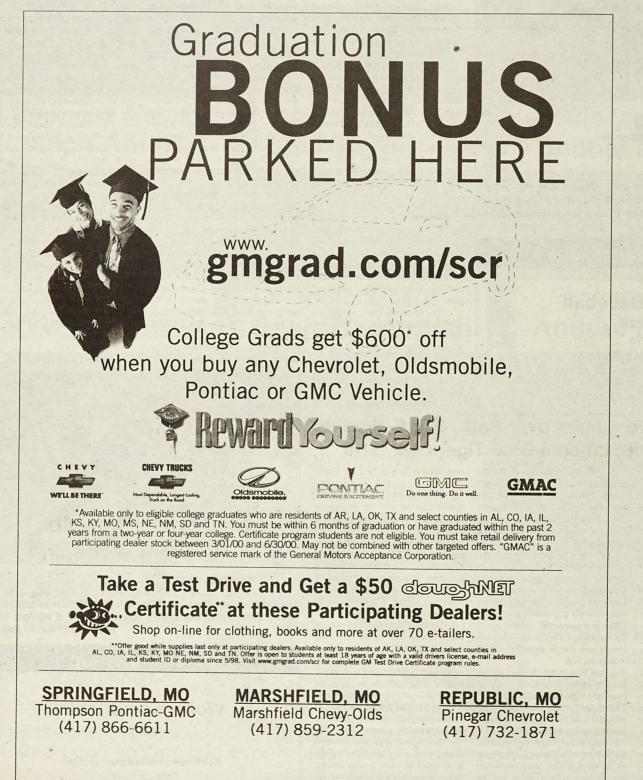
In the sprint events Genesis Williams continued to show improvement. After a great meet over spring break, Williams showed additional time improvements in the 200-meter dash. After dropping time in the Big Cat Classic, Williams dropped an additional second to take his time down to 22.48, a time that was good for 20th place in a highly competitive field.

On the women's side the Lady Miners continued to get spectacular performances out of their field event team as well as their running team, the two even working together to try to compete in an event together.

Jackie Kelbe once again took the top spot for the Lady Miners in her event, the javelin. Kelbe threw 125'4", which got her the top spot of the day for UMR as she took second place in the javelin. While the throw was off her best of the season, it held up well against some of the best competition in the area.

Dion McNeal also continued to throw well for the Lady Miners in the shot put and discus. In the discus, the event that she currently

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second inning the Lady Miners would once again take the early lead 2-0, but Lincoln would counter with four runs of their own in the following inning. Not wanting to give up quickly, the Lady Miners would come out in the bottom of the third to put three more runs on the board and to put the score once again in favor of UMR 5-4.

The game would continue on in regulation with the score almost always in favor of the Lady Miners until, in the top of the seventh, the Blue Tigers would

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take the lead by one, the Lady Miners would quickly tie the score in the bottom of the seventh, putting them into extra innings. Both teams would find it hard to get any more offense going in the extra innings, forcing the game into the 10th inning, where Lincoln got their break

The Lady Miner defense fell apart allowing four hits that would score three runs to give Lincoln the win with a score of 11-8.

The loss was hard on the team, but they came out even more focused the next day as they took on Park College. Park took the lead 1-0 at the top of

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the first inning, but they would have to

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The Missouri Miner settle for that one run being that only one

that they would get for the day.

In all the Lady Miners would have eight players touch home plate in the first game after massing a total of 13 hits. Greenwell led the way with hitting going 4-4 in the game.

Once again, Curry stood out as the pitcher of the game allowing only four hits and striking out 11, including a run in the fifth inning of nine strikes in a row to retire the Park Pirates for the inning.

"We really seemed to come together as a team for the first time this season in the Park games," Greenwell said. "We finally got our bats working and we worked together as a team. For once it

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was just fun to be out there playing together.'

The Lady Miners continued the teamwork in the second game of the double header, as not one Park player would get to cross home plate. The Lady Miners on the other hand put together an inning in the second that put the game out of reach early for the Pirates.

After scoring one in the first inning, the Lady Miners were up 1-0, but in the second is when the Lady Miner bats really started flying. The inning would start with a huge triple from Greenwell that would take the Pirates left fielder all the way to the fence. Greenwell would soon cross home after Rachel Helser would make it to first on an error by the Park second base player. Helser would also cross home not much later as both she and Michelle Grace would make it home after Darcy Rapp would drop one in the gap that would get her to second base. The scoring was far from over for UMR, though. After stealing third, Rapp would be driven home by a single from Gina Daugherty, and another run would be

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scored as Daugherty would be driven home by another huge triple, this time from Triplett. The final run of the inning would come, as Luehrs would put a line drive down the left field line for a double that would bring Triplett in. In all, the Lady Miner put six runs on the board in one inning that would make the score 7-0 in only the second inning.

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After adding another two runs in the forth inning, and Park still not able to produce any runs in the fifth, the game ended with UMR on top 8-0. Lady Miner pitcher Stacey Fletcher was credited with the win after only allowing three hits and striking out five.

The Lady Miners hope to keep their momentum going in games this week, as they will be on the road for three conference games. On Thursday they will take on Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo. The following day the will travel to Maryville, Mo. to take on Northwest Missouri State, and then on Saturday they will take on Missouri Western in St. Joseph, Mo.

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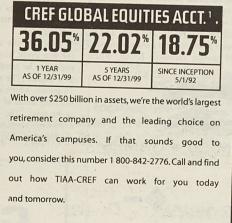
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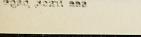
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#### **Track and Field**

#### Washington University Invitational

April 8 Men: 14 of 18 teams Women: 12 of 20 teams Men's: 8. Mike Smolinski 400-m dash, 51.84 3. Chris Keithley triple jump, 44' 1 1/4". 4. Heath Misak javelin, 160-7 6. Kevin McGuire 3,000-m steeplechase, 9:48.77

Women's: 2. Jackie Kelble javelin, 125' -4" 3. Dion McNeal discus, 128'-1" 15. Kim Hoffman 1,500-m run, 5:08.46 16. Nicole Schmidt 400-m dash, 1:07.60

#### Track

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holds the school record in, McNeal threw 128'1", which was good for third place in the meet. McNeal also placed well in the shot put where she threw one of her best throws of the season. McNeal hefted the shot 33' 3 3/4", which was good for 15th place in the event.

In the running events Nicole Schmidt turned in a great perform-

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ance in the 400-meter dash as she took 16th place in a time of 1:07.60. Deb Leonard also turned in one of her best times this season in the 800meter run. Leonard turned in a time of 2:30.97, which was good for 19th place.

In the distance events Kim Hoffman turned in the best performance in the 1,500-meter run. Hoffman posted a time of 5:08.46, which was good for 15th place.

The women's team got a dose

of disappointment when the meet officials decided the meet was running too far behind to run the event that the team had been looking forward to all day, the weight relay. The event was to be composed of four athletes, all of whom must have participated in one of the throwing events, javelin, shot put, or discus. The four would then each run 100meters of a relay. The Lady Miners were going to field a team composed of javelin throwers Kelbe, Alicia Kobb and Jenni Garrison, and discus thrower McNeal. The team was disappointed when the event was cancelled.

points, but we were really looking forward to it," said Garrison. "The worst part was the Truman team got to run it anyway without us, so we could have participated if we had just been told."

the one event, the meet as a whole proved to be good effort from UMR as a whole. The men's team posted 16 points, which was good for them to finish ahead of five scoring teams in the meet. The women's team had even more success ultimately finish"I felt that we did really well as

another big challenge as they make a long trip to Jonesboro, Ark. for the Arkansas State Classic on Saturday. The meet will be another big one for the Miners fielding a number of Division I teams, including the

team," said Leonard. "We have always done pretty well at the Wash U meet, but this year we knew that there were going to be double the number of teams that have usually been at the meet. The increase of teams did not hurt us at all, though because many of the teams that came this year were ones that we were able to be more competitive

home team.

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with." Next week the team will get

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Men's Tennis UMR 3 Washburn 6

Women's Softball

UMR 8

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Sunday, April 9

Sabrina Greenwell 4 hits, 1 RBI

Kristi Curry 7.0 IP, 4 hits, 11 strikeouts, 1 earned run

**UMR 8** 

Park 0

Sunday, April 9

Candice Luehers 2 hits, 3 RBIs

Gina Daugherty 3 hits, 1 RBI

Saturday, April 8 Singles: #1: Miguel Lopez def. Adam Wood, 6-3, 6-4 #2: Mike McCoy lost to Geoff Allen, 6-1, 6-0 #3: Steve Posch lost to Richard Quirion, 6-2, 6-3 #4: Jordan Owens lost to Desmond Tan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 #5: Robbie Gordon lost to Brandon Dunstan 5-7 6-4 6-4 #6: Ryan Lynch lost to Will Heidebrecht, 6-2, 7-5 Doubles : #1: Lopez/McCoy def. Wood/Allen, 8-6 #2: Posch/Owens lost to Quirion/Tan, 8-5 #3: Gordon/Michael Droszcz def. Dunstan/Heidebrecht, 8-6

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## Tennis loses to UMSL, Truman State and Washburn; Emporia State up Antone Smith

#### Sports Writer

The tennis team had a week off and then continued play last Tuesday, April 4, with a match at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. UMSL won the earlier meeting 5-4.

The Miners tried to seek revenge, but fell short as they lost 6-3. They received wins from Miguel Lopez (7-5, 6-2) and Mike McCoy (7-5 the match ended because of darkness) in singles. Robbie Gordon and Michael Droszcz worked together to get the other win in doubles by a score of 8-5

Truman State traveled to Rolla to play last Thursday, April 6. They put on a show for the Miners, defeating them 8-1. The only win came from number three doubles Steve Posch and Jordan Owens. They won by a score of 8-6.

On Saturday, April 8, Washburn came to our town to face the Miners. They extended the Miners' losing streak to four with their win of 6-3. Miner wins came from number one singles Miguel Lopez (6-3, 6-4), number one doubles Miguel Lopez and McCoy (8-6), and number three doubles Gordon and Droszcz (8-6).

The Miners will travel to St. Louis, Mo. to take on Webster University tomorrow at 5 p.m. Emporia State will then visit our campus on Sat-

#### Baseball From page 7

played Washburn again. Washburn led the game 6-5 going into the seventh inning. They would then use the seventh inning to add another three runs to their score. These three addition runs would prove to be the game winning runs as the Miners could only add one in the bottom of the seventh.

Derek Engelstad would take the loss for the Miners as he walked six and had four runs added to his earned run category.

Offensivley, the Miners were led by centerfielder Hendrickson who was three for three with a triple, one run scored, and two runs batted in. Pinch hitter Ingram came in to hit in the ninth and did his job as he reached on a single and ended up scoring.

Second baseman Hutsell also helped out the team as he went two for four with one run batted in. First baseman Sanvi was two for five with a double, one run scored, and one run batted in

With the strong showing that the Miners put up against Washburn, look for the Miners to be moving up in the MIAA standings in the next few weeks.

The Miners are in Pittsburg, Kan. today taking on Pittsburg State in a double-header. They will be on the road this weekend in Emporia, Kan. where they take on Emporia State this Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16.

## Miner Match-up

Men's Tennis UMR VS. **Emporia State** 

Rolla, Mo. Saturday, April 15 Match time: 2 p.m.

urday, April 15, to compete at 2 p.m. On Tuesday, April 18 the Miners will play Jefferson Col-lege here in Rolla at 3:30 p.m.

With these exhibitions taking place next week, the Miners are looking to improve their play for the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship. The MIAA championship will take place Saturday, April 22, in St. Joseph, Mo.

Miner Match-up

Track and Field UMR at Arkansas State Classic

> Saturday, April 15 Jonesboro, Ark. Time: TBA



#### **Block Party** From page 1

pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs and caramel apples.

Other items such as glow sticks and products provided by the Society of All Paths will be sold. ROLLAMO will be distributing yearbooks from the 1998-1999 year, and KMNR will be broadcasting live at the event. SUB has also arranged to have two

bands play during the party.

The first band that SUB will provide is Shaman's Harvest, which will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday. Shaman's Harvest is a rock band from Jefferson City that has played at quite a few clubs and bars across Missouri. The band recently released their first full-length album, "Last Call for Goose Creek.

The second band, Cuillin, will play at 8 p.m. on Saturday. They are a Nova Scotia-based band that plays

a blend of rock, Scottish and Irish music. They recently released their self-titled debut album and are currently on a university and club tour across the US. "The organizations and compa-

nies have put a lot of time and money into planning this event, so we all have an interest in seeing the Block Party succeed," Ahrens said. "There should be a variety of activities for all interests, and I encourage all students, faculty and staff to attend.'

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Each year Air Force ROTC awards scholarships to students in a variety of majors who are currently enrolled in college. The most recent board, held in March, awarded 284 scholarships to current college students - 69% of which were in nontechnical majors!

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- You must have no grade of "F" or "I" during the most recently completed term prior to nomination. (Note: 2 "D"s in one term is equal to an "F.")
- You must have an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.65 (for the most recently completed term prior to nomination).
- You must be interviewed by the unit commander.

If you're interested in scholarship opportunities or would like more information, contact the Air Force ROTC department at 341-4925 or visit us at 206 Harris Hall.

#### **Rez Week** From page 15

and in the tomb for days and yet somehow, some way, he came back He showed himself to his friends. His friends told others. And, somehow, he went with them. And he is here with us today. Here with his killers. And rather than coming for revenge, he comes to simply say, "I forgive you. I'm here for you. I know you never intended to do what you did. And I want to fix the problems that led you to do what you did. I want to show you a better way. I want to lead you on that way."

The man is Jesus. Celebrate his resurrection next week during Rez Week. Rez Week is April 17-22. Every night of the week at 8 will be a different event, capped off by a big concert and show starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Schedules and other information will be available at the Puck for the entire week. Come to the big cookout at the Puck on Monday afternoon, grab a free meal and find out more.





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#### Priscilla Schulte Features Writer

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Starving for music at University of Missouri-Rolla? Well, look no further. While the University of Missouri-Rolla isn't exactly the music capital of the country, there are some great acts that have come and will be coming to UMR and also performances by UMR choirs and orchestras. Whatever your musical taste may be classical, gospel, rock, folk there is sure to be something at UMR to please you. While many performances require a fee for admission, there are also performances that are free of cost for those with tight wallets. So sit back and relax while the world of UMR music is revealed.

For those lovers of classical music, the Symphony Band performed on Feb. 13 in Leach Theatre at Castleman Hall. If you missed the show, don't fret--there are still a few left this semester. On Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m., the UMR and Community Orchestra will be performing at Leach Theatre. On Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m., the University Choir and Orchestra will performing Franz Joseph Hayden's "Mass No. 10, Heiligmesse" or "Missa Sancti Bernardi von Offida" in Leach Theatre. Best of all, both performances are free of charge

If spiritual music is more your taste, then you are in luck. This Saturday, April 15, at 7 p.m., the Collegium Musicum will be performing a program of Lenten and Easter works in Leach Theatre. Again, this program is free of charge. And the following Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m., the Voices of Inspiration Choir will be hosting a Gospel Festival in the University Center-East Cafeteria. For more information about the Festival, contact Mary Ann Pulley at 341-6937.

Many college students are usually into a good rock or alternative performance, and thanks to the Student Union Board we have gotten to experience the tunes of Gravity Kills, Third Eye Blind, Fragile Porcelain Mice and They Might Be Giants, among many other bands. On March 18, students were given the opportunity to attend a performance by Better Than Ezra for the annual St. Pat's concert. If you did not have the \$15 admission to go, do not fear-there is still another chance for you to catch some great rock music this semester. This coming weekend, April 14 and 15, Blue Key Honor Fraternity will be hosting a campus Block Party in the common area bordered by the Mechanical Engineering Annex, the red lot, Engineering Management and Harris Hall. Many campus organizations will be sponsoring booths with games and food, and there will be a bonfire and live music. At 8 p.m. on Friday, April 14, the band Shaman's Harvest will perform, and the band Cuillin will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 15.

Everybody I know that has seen Shaman's Harvest has loved their music and their shows. The one guy that I know that has seen Cuillin was really impressed with them. I think the music at the Block Party will be really terrific," Ben Braker, president of Blue Key Honor Fraternity, said.

For more information about the Block Party, visit the Blue Key web page at www.umr.edu/~bluekey.

The Campus Performing Arts Series is an excellent opportunity to see renowned musical performances of many different kinds. While there are no rock shows in the series, lovers of jazz were delighted to watch the Preservation Hall Jazz Band perform last Friday evening, April 7, in Leach Theatre. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band is a group of touring New Orleans jazz artists from Preservation Hall, a historic landmark in the French Quarter that has a rich tradition as a home for jazz music. If jazz makes your spirit soar, you can also catch a free Jazz Ensemble performance on Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m. in Leach Theatre.

The Campus Performing Arts Series also brought the Tulsa Philharmonic to UMR last semester. This performing arts group is one of the largest in Oklahoma and offers many different types of instrumental performance, including smaller ensembles such as chamber orchestra, string orchestra, string quartet,

The Mulicene woodwind quintet and brass quintet. On March 10, the Campus Performing Arts Series hosted a performance by The Amadeus Trio, which consists of pianist Marian Hahn, violinist Timothy Baker and cellist Jeffrey Solow. For all lovers of music, the Campus Performing Arts Series included a performance by Footworks on Jan. 28. Footworks is a dance and music group that delights its audiences with an interactive show of folk and cultural song and dance The Campus Performing

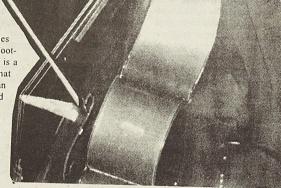
Arts Series shows cost between \$12 and \$16 admission for UMR students. If you could not afford to go this semester, the committee for the Campus Performing Arts Series is planning another year of stunning shows by world famous performers. In addition to musical acts, there

are dance groups and theatre performers as well. Whatever your entertainment taste, the tickets for the series are well worth the money, as you may never have a chance to see many of these performances again.

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This is what we anticipate the 2000-2001 Campus Performing Arts Series season will be: the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, The River City Ramblers, The Kansas City Ballet



Richard Payne plays a rousing bit of jazz. photo by Brandon Belvin

ment, the committee members agree that the Campus Performing Arts Series is an excellent opportunity for cultural enhancement "I just think it's a wonderful opportunity for this commu-

see Music, page 14

**Concert Review:** New Orleans Jazz a piece of heaven

Joseph Miller

Features Writer

A piece of New Orleans was in Rolla on April 7, as the Preservation Hall Jazz Band put on an unforgettable concert at the University of Missouri - Rolla.

The seven man jazz band performed in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall on Friday as part of the Campus Performing Arts Series. Members of the band were John Brunious playing trumpet, Ernie Elly on drums, Ralph Johnson with the clarinet, Frederic Lonzo on trombone, Richard Payne on the bass, Thaddeus Richard on piano and Neil Unterscher playing the banjo.

Starting the evening off, the band sprung into an upbeat piece, while a few of its members were still absent from the stage. A full minute or two into the first song, Johnson made his way onto the stage, introducing the sound of his clarinet and proceeded to take his seat. Following Johnson's entrance, Lonzo appeared, playing his trombone and swinging it high and low. With all the band members finally together, the open-

ing song gained an unbelievable amount of newfound energy and excitement. By the end, the audience had a good idea of what the rest of the concert would be like-and there were no objections.

The first half of the show featured several fast-paced, jazzy numbers along with some slower pieces that held a blueslike feeling. Occasionally, Brunious would contribute vocals to some of the songs-and his vocal talents were just as astounding as his instrumental. Whether he was playing the trumpet or singing, Brunious' voice blended excellently with the rest of the band, and never interfered with the flow of a song.

Then, after what seemed to be only 10 minutes of performing-when in all actuality a full hour had taken place-the jazz band headed backstage for a short intermission, during which the audience could catch their breath.

Following the intermission, the band regrouped and was as ready as ever to wail once more. Brunious looked around at his companions, spoke the title of the next song, "Shake it and Break it," to them, and the second half of the show

began where the first half had left off.

The second half of the jazz band's concert was, by far, the more energetic portion. Opening with songs that had a "get-up-and-move-around" feel to them, and closing with a spiritual called "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," the ensemble completed a concert that was well deserving of the two-minute standing ovation it received.

Following the ovation, an encore was played, "When the Saints Go Marching In," and the audience simply exploded. Brunious, Johnson and Lonzo made their ways down from the stage and through an aisle of the audience, and proceeded to gather a group of at least 40 people to follow them back onto the stage

The performance the Preservation Hall Jazz Band gave that Friday night has been described by several peoplemyself included-as one of the best jazz concerts they have ever seen; which gives an "answer" to one of Brunious' final statements, "I hope you enjoyed that."

The Prazak Quartet string ensemble, the Broadway Musical 'Crazy For You' and Hal Holbrook performing 'Mark Twain Tonight.' I de not know if the contracts an in yet, but this is what is anticipated," John Wood son, a committee membefor the Campus Perform ing Arts Series, report

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When asked when the final scheduk will be confirmed and published, Barb Palmer also a committee member for the Campus Performing Arts Series, was very optimistic.

'I hope very, very soon. I'm waiting for one per-t son to get back to me... I'm hoping the schedule will be finalized this week," Palmer said. As well as entertain-

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## Fashion: Capri pants are in style again

#### 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.

At the African fashion show at UCE last Saturday, this dancer from the Afi Ama African cultural group wore this colorful outfit. It is a green skirt and blouse combo with white trimmings and a matching head tie. The skirt is no ordinary skirt. It is actually a one piece wrapper that is tied around the waist. Wrappers come in different designs and colors and are typically worn by women all over Africa. Over the wrapper, the dancer is wearing a strip of raffia, made from palm trees, around her waist. The raffia is worn mostly by dancers on special occasions. Raffia dance strips also come in different colors but this dancer is wearing a plain beige raffia strip. The dancer is wearing a black leotard under the outfit because of its loose fitting which is the style. On her wrist and legs, she is wearing colorful beads. Beads are worn by dancers to compliment the costume and, if they are music beads, to add rhythm to the steps

#### Fashion advice for girls:

Do you love this season's Capri pants, but don't know what you should wear them with? This season's Capri pants have a modern look with a more feminine feeling. Pairing them with a long blazer looks great for a business look. For a more casual look, you can't go wrong with a simple 3/4 sleeve knit top. Finishing it off with some simple flat or low-heeled slides maintains the feminine feel. Ankle length pants and Capri's were all the rage last summer. This year they're back, but with a difference. This year's look is all about wider leg cropped pants in shorter

lengths and all colors and patterns. They're fun and flattering on everyone.

#### Fashion advice for guys:

It's the small simple things that often make all the difference! Listed below are a few fashion dos and don'ts that are guaranteed to keep you looking your best whether you are a professor or a working student.

Casual clothes should be clean, pressed and well fitting. Never out-dress your boss or superiors.

- Keep a blue blazer and tie in your office for unexpected appointments

Pay as much attention to your physique and physical appearance as your clothes

- Invest in a few very high quality separates. A doublebreasted blue blazer over a pinpoint oxford white button down shirt is always a great look.

- Want attention? Wear a white shirt. White next to the face is very flattering.

- Want to make a statement? Keep most of your wardrobe subtle, express yourself with interesting socks and conversational ties

- Trouser length should at least touch the top of your shoe, or ideally with a slight break. Length is a personal preference, but longer is better.

- When wearing a belt, it should be color coordinated with the shoe, i.e. a black belt should not be worn with brown shoes

- Button down collared shirts do not belong with doublebreasted suits

- When wearing a polo-neck, mock-neck or turtle-neck knit shirt with a suit or sport coat, it should be tucked into the trouser

## **Commentary:** Are the Oscars legitimate?

#### Evan Rau

#### **Commentary Writer**

Recently, another of the great award shows was held, demonstrating our ongoing attempts at art appreciation. The Acadamy Awards was televised live on March 25 so that members of the film industry might be honored for their great works of the silver screen.

Is this really the reasoning behind the program, though? After all, how can one determine who is a better artist? Art is based on very personal forces and inherently carries with it personal differences in preference.

The Oscars, like other award shows of its kind, is a miserable attempt at honoring those who produce things that we often do not even understand. Please do not confuse this statement with one that might indicate that we have a mass inability to grasp symbolism. That is a given. What I mean to say is that the artistic insight and creativity that go into film-making could never be captured or represented by a trophy.

These people are not making films so that they may one day receive an award on television. They are making films because they want

profession, and not one that can be summed up by a label of "best film editing" or something similar. While I am on the subject of

credibility of the show, who exactly decides who wins these awards? Does a panel of judges have such omniscience and arrogance that it may say it has determined what film is the best at this and what actress was the best at that? That seems a bit bizarre. I don't recall Van Gogh's Starry Night beating out Salvador Dali's Persistence of Memory for best original painting.

Oh, but that is different, right? It is not different in the least. Both paintings and films are works of art that need not be recognized by a selected panel as remarkable or better than another's efforts. Both were birthed from creativity deep in the minds of the creators. To me, the whole notion shows a great deal of disrespect to those who make the film industry what it is

I am happy that those men and women who pour everything into their films get such recognition. I think that is wonderful. But to set them apart from others who work just as hard and have just as much talent seems a crime to me. When I am asked if I thought the Oscars to make films. It is a very artistic \_ were fair, I say no. I do not think it is

fair to all those who do not get the same honor as the winners, just because certain crucial people did not think they deserved it.

There is no way one can say that they do not deserve it. It all comes down to greed and its inability to let an avenue for money remain untapped. I would wager confidently that what the Academy Awards are today is not the vision of artists to which the show should belong, but to executives that see a way to exploit art behind a façade of glamour, status and commercial breaks.

I vote that movie judging be left to individual viewers, not to a pool of special interest nominators. It is like putting the fate of filmmakers back into the hands of those who appreciate, support and encourage them, simply by becoming their audience. This is where it began, and where it should remain.

Though Hollywood is a very glamorous scene nowadays, the roots and mainstays of the industry are with common people who enjoy expressing themselves through film. These are the rightful owners of the honors served up on golden statues at the Oscars. This award program is a bastardization of film. It should be dispensed of promptly.

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nity. Castleman Hall has provided a wonderful venue for these artists to come to Rolla to perform for these students as well as the community,' Woodson said

photo by Abere Karibi-Ikiriko

"One of the goals of our Campus Performing Arts Series is to expose our students, who are mainly engineering and science majors, to a wide variety of cultural and art events while also making these experiences available to the local community. This may be the only opportunity some of our students will be given to attend performances of this type. When possible, presenters and artistic groups conduct workshops and master classes for local talented students," said Palmer.

So take a break from school, and go to the Block Party this weekend. Catch a jazz or choir performance. And plan on attending the Performing Arts Series next semester. The creative part of your brain will thank you. For more information about any show that is presented in Leach Theatre, contact the box office at 341-4219.

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I guess the secret has gotten out. Word has gotten around. It seems like everyone knows; and if they don't, they'll know now. I planned on killing a lamb and serving it at a Rez Week event.

Yes, killing the lamb was all my idea. I take full responsibility

But then a funny thing hap-pened...I realized Fd already killed the lamb. Yep, already dead.

Thing is, it wasn't a lamb after all. All the talk of a lamb, but wouldn't you know it turned out to be a man. Yes, a man. And not just any man, a really good man at that. A man who hadn't done a bad thing to anyone ... totally innocent. Perfect would be one way to

And it turns out I'm responsible for the death of this really good man. And it's not just me, we are all in on it.

And he didn't just die with a quick knife to the throat, or anything simple and relatively painless. No, he died a very slow, painful death, in one of the most brutally painful forms imaginable. I won't even go into the grisly details, but the way he died was so agonizingly painful that a whole new word had to be coined to describe that form of pain. The word is excruciating.

And I'm responsible. We're all responsible.

Isaiah 53 talks all about what happened ... strangely enough it was written hundreds of years before the man died. Verse 5 is a good overview, "But he

was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." I'd recommend the whole chapter though, it's very informative.

I realize now a lot of people got angry and upset when they heard a lamb was going to be killed. I'm really afraid of what they'll think when they find out it's actually a man. How will they react when they realize they were in on it too? I wonder. Should I even tell anyone? People will be very upset. But they need to know. Because if they don't know this awful news, how can they know the good news that follows?

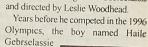
That's right, there's good news. The man we killed rose up again. Dead

see Rez Week, page 12

## Winter **Film Series**

decided to run. The eighth of ten children born to a farmer's wife in a mud hut in Ethiopia, one of the world's poorest countries, he ran six miles to school and back, his books tucked in the crook of one arm. After the chores were done and after his daily threehour trip to fetch the family's water, he would take off across the fields. Haile would do anything to keep running. G-1999.

The movie will be shown in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m.





## **SUBconscious:** The end is near, relax

Well we're on the last leg of a long school year and I know you guys a

Also get ready for the Blue Key Block Party on April 14 and 15. Blue Ke

stressing as you are trying to get all of your projects done. The Student Unic Board is working hard to help you relax by sponsoring the April Fools Comdy Series. April 12 is Alonzo Bodden, April 19 will be Mark Nizer and Apr

and other organizations on campus will be providing booths with various form

of entertainment. SUB is going to have inflatable things, wax hands and will b

providing two bands; Shaman's Harvest and Cuillin. Now is your chance t

become more involved on campus. Thursday, April 13, SUB is having Director

elections. The positions available are Concerts, Performing Arts, Comed

Entertainment, Film & Video, Leisure & Recreation, Special Events, Light &

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come by our office at 218 University Center-West.

26 is Darren Carter. All comedians will be at 8 p.m. in Centennial Hall.

#### Kate Carter

Student Union Board

## Air Force ROTC: Money for school and a job for you! Major David Cox

#### Air Force ROTC

Each year Air Force ROTC awards scholarships to students in a variety of majors who are currently enrolled in college. The most recent board, held in March, awarded 284 scholarships to current college students, 69 percent of which were in non-technical majors!

Air Force ROTC scholarships offer a myriad of benefits to include two- and three-year offers paying up to \$15,000 in tuition and fees per year, an annual textbook allowance of \$480 and a tax-free monthly stipend of

\$200. If these benefits sound good to you (and let's face it, who can't use a little financial help to pay for college) then read on for how you may qualify. The general requirements needed

to meet a scholarship board are: You must meet Air Force ROTC entry standards

- You must obtain qualifying scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (similar to an ACT/SAT). Mini-mums scores (out of 99 possible) are Verbal-15 and Quantitative-10. - You must be currently enrolled as a

full-time student (at least 12 hours per term or 6 hours per quarter) at an accredited college or university host-

ing an Air Force ROTC unit. - You must have no grade of "F" or 'I" during the most recently completed term prior to nomination. (Note:

Two "D's in one term is equal to an "F.") - You must have an overall cumula-

tive GPA of at least 2.65 (for the most recently completed term prior to nomination)

- You must be interviewed by the unit commander.

If you're interested in scholarship opportunities or would like more information, contact the Air Force ROTC department at 341-4925 or visit us at 206 Harris Hall

## StuCo Minute: UMR to celebrate Diversity Week

#### Amanda Modlin

Student Council The Intercultural Relations Committee of Student. Council will be hosting a Diversity Week April 17 through 21 in order to increase cultural awareness on campus. On Tuesday,

April 18, various Diversity Workshops will be offered and the following day at the puck, a free BBQ will be held featuring a wide variety of cultural foods and music. On Friday, April 20, a speaker sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity will address the University of Missouri -Rolla campus in order to discuss diversity and other cultural issues facing our students. If you would like further information concerning Diversity Week and its activities, please

contact Jon Trujillo trujillo@umr.edu or stop by the Student Council office in 202 Univer sity Center-West or call us at 341 4280.

In addition to the Diversity Week activities, the Student Services Com mittee will be hosting a Chalk the Walk competition at the Puck on Fri day, April 21. This competition is open to any student organization and prizes will be awarded to the top three pieces of artwork. Chalk the Walk is a great opportunity for your organization to get a little free publicity and possibly attract new members. If your group is interested in participating, please stop by the Student Council office to fill out an entry form and pick out a piece of Puck. Best of luck to all the groups who will be participating!

## WANTED

Cartoonists, photographers, and writers who are interested in making money by joining the staff of the Missouri Miner. Meetings are 130pm on Thursday. If interested, please contact us at miner@umredu

## Blue Key: Shake your booty at the Block Party

#### Alycia Ahrens

Blue Key PR Chair

So, you say there is nothing to do in Rolla? That's up to you. University of Missouri-Rolla's Block Party 2000 kicks off on Friday, April 14 at 6 p.m.. Admission is free, and all students, faculty, staff and their families/friends are encouraged to attend. The Block Party will be located in the common area between Engineering Management, Harris Hall and McNutt along State Street. In case of rain, all activities will move to the Multi-Purpose building. Events are schedule from 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15.

So, why should I go? Blue Key organized this event to bring the campus together and to provide fun in Rolla for the students. With over 30 student organizations and seven corporations (Boeing, City of St. Louis, HBE Corporation, Schlumberger, USG Corporation, US Marine Corp and the US Navy) co-sponsoring the event, there will be a variety of activities to meet everyone's interests. The corporate sponsors are providing game booths and information. Some student organizations will be donating their proceeds to charity.

Game and activity booths include: traditional games, simulation games, dance lessons, robots, casino games, tug of war, coin toss, flicking bottle caps, basketball, dunking booth, car

bash, putting green and palm readings. Besides these activities, several groups will be selling food or other products, including: cotton candy, pretzels and peanuts, drinks, hot wings, baked goods, Imo's pizza, hamburgers, hot-dogs, caramel apples, glow sticks and products provided by Society of All Paths. ROLLAMO will also hand out yearbooks and KMNR will have live broadcasts.

So, is that all? No! SUB is providing inflatable games and two live bands. Friday night will feature Shaman's Harvest at 8 p.m.. This Jefferson City based band has performed throughout Missouri, including the Blue Note in Columbia. Soul Patch will be their opener. For more information on Shaman's Harvest or their latest album "Last Call for Goose Creek," visit their web site at www.shamasharvest.com. Saturday night will feature Cuillin at 8 p.m.. This Nova Scotia based band has a background of rock and roll, Scottish and Irish music. Cuillin is currently touring throughout the United States and has a self-titled debut album. For more information on Cuillin, visit their web site at www.cuillin.com. The Saturday events will conclude with a bonfire beginning at 10 p.m. and a fireworks finale at midnight.

So grab all your friends and head over to the Block Party! For additional information contact Blue Key or see our web site: www.umr.edu/~bluekev.

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This week, the University of Missouri-Rolla Film series will present: Endurance, starring Haile Gebrselassic

Years before he competed in the 1996

#### **The Missouri Miner**

## Humor: KMSM radio DJ is "REALLY heterosexual," and wants everyone to know in speaking

#### Ira Dunn

#### **Humor Columnist**

In his own way, Michel Johnson is your typical student. Average grades, up late goofing-off with his roommate, loaths tests. However, Mr. Johnson wants everyone to know how incredibly heterosexual he is and how much he loves women. With the advent of Spring, and women on campus shedding clothing in the warmer weather, Mike has found his hormones in overdrive as he tells the Miner:

"I really dig chicks. I mean, I'm not even picky, which is a good thing around here. Anyway, I have decided to just have a day of nonstop talking and hitting on anything in a dress. Even on the air, I'm not going to let some pansy boy-band CD get in the way of my bully-pulpit. I'm gonna talk the entire hour about how much I love women and only vaguely like men in a distinctly non-homo-erotic way.

Johnson is not alone in his "Day of Speaking," as the approximately 4000 other heterosexual male men on campus would attest. As supporter Daniel Geoffries says, "We love to look at women, to talk to them, to touch them. Heck, we'd even pay grossly over-priced online prices for explicit pornography just to imagine any number of activities with them. We love 'em!'

KMSM, the student radio station, is also gun-ho about this celebrated event. Since its inception in 1994, the "Day of Speaking" has been the heterosexual male's

sex-and only the opposite sex. On-air shows have been running non-stop ads promoting the event. However, some other student groups have felt the day was "unfair" to some, while still other have called it outrightly "bigoted.

mode of "speaking out" about his love for the opposite

"What about all of the right-minded women on campus?" claimed Women's Society of Engineers President Aimee Giraff. "Where do we get to express our extreme affection towards men? How come we're stuck keeping to ourselves the obvious fact that we enjoy the feel of manflesh?"

"I don't know about anyone Since its inception in 1994. else, but I think it's the clothing the "Day of Speaking" has that really turns me on. I mean, been the heterosexual every time I see a black leather male's mode of "speaking backpack tossed over a lavender cardigan-clad shoulder, I just can't out" about his love for the hardly help myself. It's all that opposite sex-and only the fashion talk in the paper that's doing it. I love it! In fact, I don't think I would have even noticed the glaring heterosexual tendencies in

my life had not that one girl last week avoided looking like a My Little Pony copycat with those khakis pants, Johnson continued.

Students everywhere on campus are encouraged Wednesday, April 11, to speak out about their desire toward the opposite sex. Ask your classmates about the numerous activities on campus, such as the "speed pickup lines" contest at the Puck or "Purely Heterosexual Dance" at the Multipurpose building at 8 p.m. Speak out and be heard

## Chad Cole's Culinary Corner: Conch chowder in the Bahamas

opposite sex.

#### **Chad Cole**

#### **Culinary Columnist**

Wow! I just received the best FOAD (Fudge Off And Die) from a company that I was trying to secure a summer internship from. They sent me a huge care package of food, everything from chips to candy bars. Now that company sure knows how to break the news in an agreeable way. If all of these companies that I'm applying to would just treat their rejects in the same way, I wouldn't even need I job. Another food thought tidbit for you. Well, enough rambling and on to this weeks delicious topic: Bahaman Food Part Deux.

The Bahaman Islands are replete with seafood, and conch, pronounced "conk," is the chief dish. This little dude can be found in nearly every restaurant on the islands in some form or another. And boy does it take a lot of forms. Reading one of the conch restaurant's menus brought back flashbacks from Bubba's shrimp spiel in the Forrest Gump movie - Conch salad, conch fritters, conch burger, conch fries, conch soup, conch scampi, curried conch, broiled conch, conch and potatoes, conch and shrimp, conch and eggs, raw conch, and even a "conch dog." (No joke, it was some sort of reformulated mixture of conch guts thrown into a sausage case.)

This conch critter is actually the animal that lives inside those big sea

shells that frequent a lot of people's living rooms for decoration. You probably know which ones, those big shells that one of your parents might have told you to hold to your ear and listen to the ocean sounds inside. Well, those shells house the tasty conch meat that is the ingredient in so many Bahaman food dishes

During a little boat cruise that I was on, one of the local Bahaman guys gave a demonstration of gutting a conch shell and separating all of the meat out from the undesirable parts. He gave a pretty entertaining show, pulling out some of the animal's organs and eating them raw, then cutting up the meat and throwing it into a simple salad mixture with tomatoes and green peppers. The raw conch salad was actually very good. This guy also made a remark about how eating conch would, "make all of the ladies want to ride the men like those American horse jockeys ride those race horses!" He was referring to the aphrodisiac properties of this dish which are rumored to be like that of oysters. I don't know if this is true, but it was something that just had to make this article

Conch can be purchased at some seafood restaurants in the United States, but it is not a common menu item. Its taste is similar to shrimp in that it doesn't really taste all that fishy. It does have a fairly pungent fishy odor, but no more than other commonly eaten

U.S. fish such as some Salmon or Pollock. Most of the myriad ways of cooking conch will disguise this slight odor and save your kitchen from smelling like a fishing dock. I strongly recommend the conch salad and conch fritters, but only the bold should attempt to put down a conch dog.

Here is a recipe to try out and treasure forever:

The Johnny Bread INGREDIENTS **7 CUPS FLOUR** 7 TEASPOONS BAKING POWDER **1 TEASPOON SALT 4 TABLESPOONS SUGAR** 1 STICK MARGARINE (4 OZ.) 2 CUPS MILK

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix all dry ingredients together then cut in margarine with fork until mixture resembles pie crust mix. Add milk gradually while mixing with fork, mix until dough is sticky. Set for 10 minutes. Knead with fingers. Let kneaded dough set another 15 minutes. Pour onto cookie sheet or pan and bake unitl lightly brown (about 15 minutes). Enjoy!

recipe compliments of web site: http://www.roatanbayislan.J ds.com/Newsletter/johnnycJ akes.htm

## **CD** Review: You don't need nine lives to enjoy this album or Steven Tyler's style

Rebecca Lexa **CD** Reviewer

The feline theme of this album is highly appropriate because if an alley cat could sing, its voice would be that of Aerosmith's lead singer, Steven Tyler. His scratchy yet likable tenor takes us through a variety of songs on "Nine Lives

One of the recent comeback bands, Aerosmith was formed in 1969 by Steven, who had performed in several bands before then. Four years later, the band, having swapped some members, recorded their first, selftitled album. Eighteen albums later, Aerosmith released "Nine Lives" in 1997. Steven, with lead vocals, keyboards, guitars and other instruments, is accompanied by Joe Perry on guitars, dulcimer and background vocals, guitarist Brad Whitford, Tony Hamilton on bass and chapman stick and drummer Joey Kramer.

"Nine Lives" not only is reminiscent of the band's earlier, distinctive style, but also adds a large influence of Eastern sounds to the mix. The CD opens, amusingly, with a series of yowling cats followed by Steven's similar voice. What follows is one of the most unique sounds of classic rock reborn.

One of the best songs on the album, "Pink," is an easygoing song

His scratchy yet likable tenor takes us through a variety of songs on "Nine Lives."

with a catchy little melody and cute lyrics. It's probably one of the most amusing love songs out there, with lyrics like "Pink as the bing on your cherry/Pink because you are so very," and "Pink, you could be my flamingo." Reminiscent of the heady feeling of new love, this song easily became a success.

Another great offering gives the opposite side of the coin. "Falling in Love is So Hard on the Knees" is a more up-

tempo song of being jilted. It's another great melody and an example of the versatility of Steven's voice which ranges from near-dialogue to his unique cat-yowls. More creative lyrics are a part of this tune, including, "I'm major in love, but in all minor keys," and even the title is descriptive and to the point.

Taste of India," predictably, is heavy on the Eastern esoteric. Flavored with dulcimers and possessing a mesmerizing melody, this song is definitely unique and illustrates the changes the band has made to its music. The vocals on this are particularly talented, matching the feel of the accompaniment and lyrics wonderfully.

The following song, "Hole In My Soul," is another down on love tune, this time more along the lines of a ballad. As with most of the songs on "Nine Lives," the background instrumental is very emotional, matching the plaintive lyrics Steven performs flawlessly.

The best lyrics can be found on "Full Circle." A song celebrating memories and the realization that we all end up where we began eventually, it has a slow, lazy beat and another one of Aerosmith's definite melodies, as well as some really good guitar riffs thrown in here and there. But, the lyrics are what really make "Full Circle." As the chorus says, "Time/Don't let it slip away/Raise yo' drinking glass/Here's to yesterday/In time/We're all gonna trip away/Don't piss Heaven off/We've got Hell to pay/Come full circle."

On the other end of the lyrical spectrum ("Sitting on a castle/On the floor with Ezmerelda/Waiting for the Geezer/Captain Crunch to come around"), "Crash" is an example of good classic Aerosmith rock and roll. Fast paced with shining examples of the guitar talent found in this band, but also rather confusing lyrics, this song gives variety to this CD.

In addition to awesome music and really spiffy cover booklet art (each picture, featuring gray Siamese-ish cats, can be found in miniature within the next one), "Nine Lives" has an added bonus. Pop the CD into your CD-ROM and it will offer you an extra Aerosmith program featuring not only the ability to play the music like other CD's, but also everything from a virtual drum set to several rather challenging games that you can play while listening to the tracks.

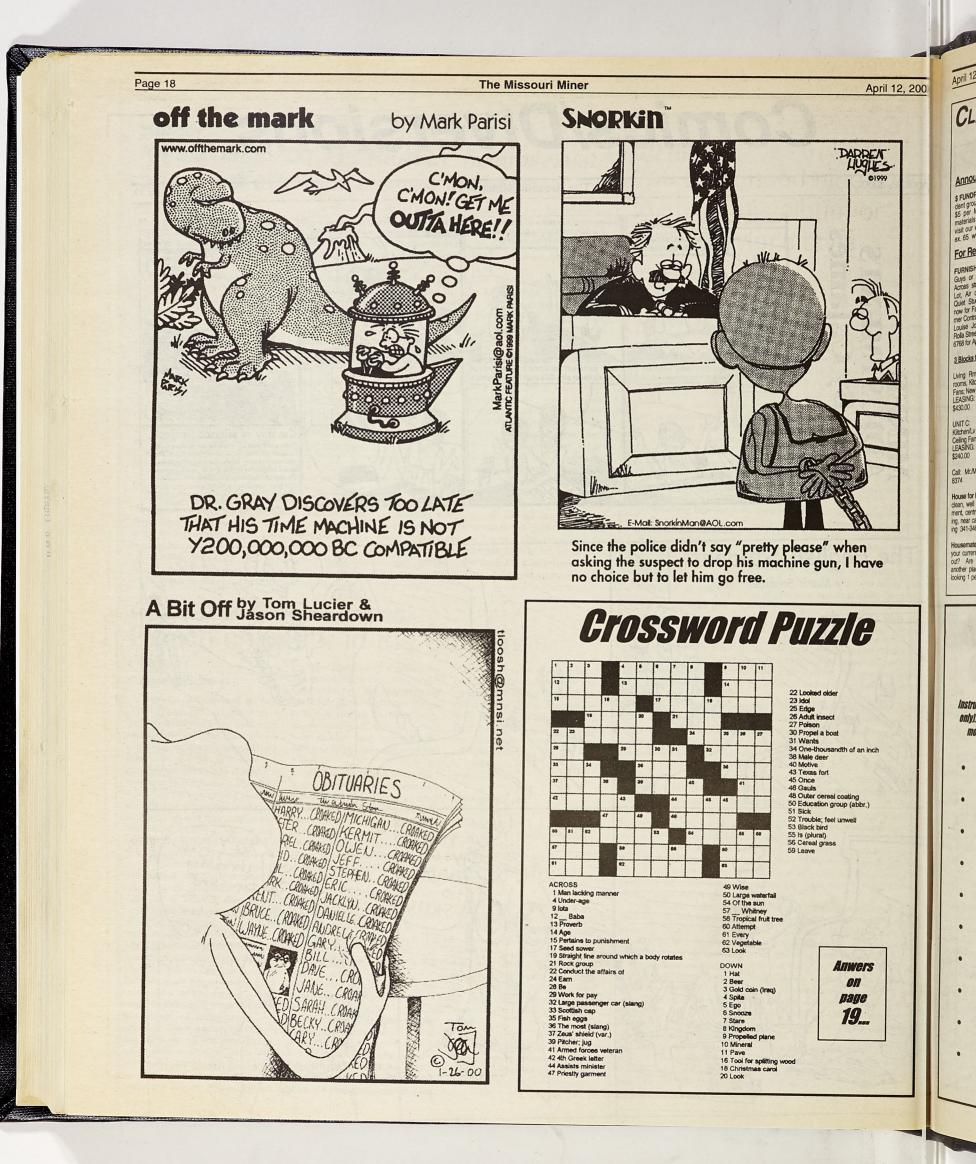
There's even a virtual studio with which you can record your own music. Plenty of little nooks and crannies exist in this program waiting to be explored and it is a definite positive addition to an already musthave CD

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<ul> <li>11:00 a.m Tau Beta Pi BBQ, Puck</li> <li>12:30 p.m Sigma Tau Delta meeting, CSF 109</li> <li>2:00 p.m BB at Pittsburg State, Pitts- burg, KS</li> <li>5:30 p.m Blue Key weekly meeting, ME 216</li> <li>6:00 p.m Eta Kappa Nu meeting, EE G31</li> <li>6:00 p.m MSM Spelunkers Club meeting, McN 204</li> <li>7:00 p.m AIChE meeting, ChE G3</li> <li>7:00 p.m Amateur Radio Club meet- ings and office hours, EE G29, 30</li> <li>7:30 p.m History Club meeting, HSS 204</li> <li>8:00 p.m SUB presents comedian Alonzo Bodden, Centennial Hall, UCE</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3:00 p.m SB at Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO</li> <li>5:00 p.m TN vs. Webster, St. Louis, MO</li> <li>5:00 p.m Christian Campus Fellow- ship bible study, EE G31</li> <li>6:00 p.m UMR Toastmasters meeting, CSF 109</li> <li>7:00 p.m Society of Mining Engi- neers meeting, speaker, McN 216</li> <li>7:00 p.m Solar Car Team meetings, BE 202.</li> <li>7:45 p.m St. Pats weekly meeting, ME</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All Day - UMR Block Party, State Street</li> <li>2:30 p.m SB at Southwest Missouri, Maryville, MO</li> <li>3:00 p.m Trap &amp; Skeet Club weekly meeting, UCE</li> <li>7:00 p.m Show Me Anime meetings, 204 McN</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All Day - UMR Block Party, State Street</li> <li>12:30 p.m Show Me Anime, Anime showing, McN 212</li> <li>1:00 p.m National Society of Black Engineers tutorial program, McN 204</li> <li>1:00 p.m SB at Missouri Westerm, St. Joseph, MO</li> <li>1:00 p.m BB at Emporia State, Empo- ria, KS</li> <li>2:00 p.m TN vs. Emporia State, home TBA - GO at Central Missouri, War- rensburg, MO</li> <li>TBA - TF at Arkansas State, Jonesboro, AK</li> </ul>	1:00 p.m BB at Emporia State, Emporia, KS TBA - GO at Central Missouri, War- rensburg, MO All organizational meet- ing times and places are provided by the Student Activity Center, 218 UCW. Please send all changes to the afore- mentioned office. SPORT CODES: FB-Foot- ball, MS-Men's Soccer, MB- Men's Basketball, WB- Women's Basketball, SW- Swimming, BB-Baseball.
17 Monday 7:00 a.m Christian Campus Fellowshi meeting, Sunrise room, UCE 11:00 a.m Christian Campus Fellowsh Puck	Walnut room, UCW	ARC, Puck tts officer meeting, cience & Engineer- 3:00 p.m SB at So 3:30 p.m TN vs. Je	216 uthwest Baptist, Bolivar, MO 7:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Interfratemity Council meeting, McN</li> <li>Tau Beta Pi meeting, ChE G3</li> <li>Circle K meeting, ME 117</li> </ul>



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