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Washington University ends association with Southwest Hall

by Justin R. Lopinot
Editor in chief

For over a decade, Washington University students have rented residential space in Southwest Hall. As of August, this no longer became the case.

The College is presently conducting a campus master plan and it could call for the use of space in Southwest Hall as soon as the next academic year. It was this potential issue that prevented the College from complying with Washington University's request for a three to five year contract. Neither side would budge and, eventually, Washington University ended its association with the building.

"We had two groups of people looking at the same piece of property with different thoughts in mind," said Mel Patton, vice president of administration and business. He said that the final decision came down to figuring out exactly "what we need to do to improve the quality of service that we provide for the faculty, staff and students... and if we lost Wash U's rent money, then we lost it."

The agenda for the use of Southwest

Hall has been established only for the immediate future. The building's first floor has housed the OPTIONS program for the past six years and will continue to serve that purpose. The rest of the building is currently being used as a resident overflow hall. There are presently four foreign exchange students living on the third floor.

"I think that for this year, we will continue to make some limited use of the space as a residence hall," said Gary Zack, vice president for enrollment management and student development. "I don't think we would put a lot of renovation time and resources into the space until we are pretty sure of what we are going to use it for, and right now the only thing it can be used for is a residence

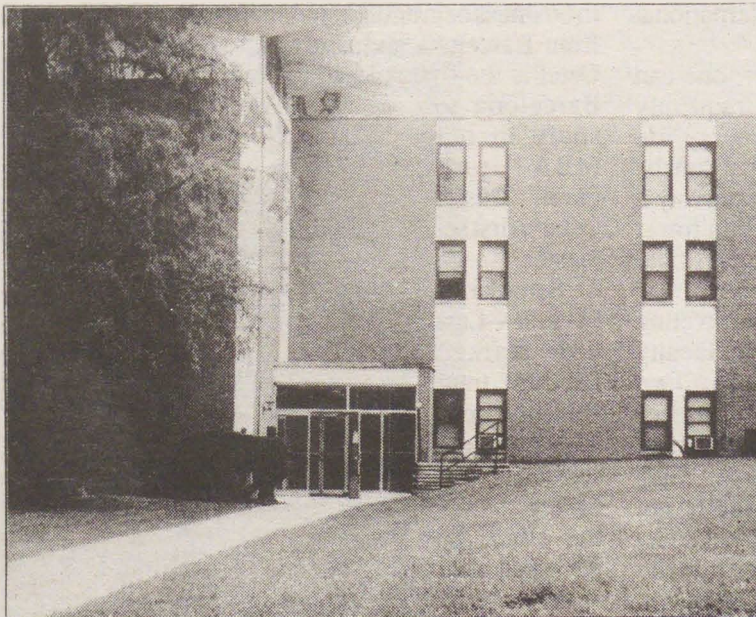


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Southwest Hall, which had been rented to Washington University for over a decade, is now back in possession of the College

to house several employees who will be receiving technology training in the area. There will be six to eight employees rotated to the campus at any given time, with a total of 35. College President Dr. Dennis Golden is longtime friends with the president of Alumax and offered the space as a convenient and thoughtful gesture.

Beyond the current academic year, the use of Southwest Hall is extremely uncertain.

"There are some real opportunities with that building. I think the school is just going to have to evaluate it and decide what to do with it," said Carla Hickman, director of resi-

dential life.

Some possibilities being discussed

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Prejean, CSJ, dazzles Convocation crowd

by Allison Brock
Staff Writer

With her left elbow leaning firmly against the podium, Helen Prejean, CSJ, spoke in a charming Louisiana drawl. "Don't let Hollywood touch that book, they told me. Do you know what kinds of things people will imagine is goin' on between a nun and a man on death row? People are used to seein' movies about nuns like The Flying Nun and... The Bells of St. Mary's. Nothin' like this."

Anyone who happened to saunter past the Fine Arts Theater during the afternoon of September 3 would have easily guessed that a stand up comedian was making a special appearance at the College. However, this was certainly not the case.

Instead, what they were witnessing was Sister Helen delivering a very personal, laid-back, and light speech at the College's Annual Academic Convocation, that often possessed her attentive audience to burst into fits of laughter.

Prejean, who wrote the book *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, was very eager to share her "stories" and adventures concerning the film and its origins and development.

Despite the many forewarnings she



photo by Andy McKenzie

pictured (from left): Sarah Hammond, Hellen Prejean, and Danielle Lindhorst

received that Hollywood would sensationalize her story, Prejean had enough trust in Tim Robbins to take her account, which he turned into an Academy Award winning feature film. It was the first film produced that brought the death penalty up close to the public. "The movie is like an invitation telling people that it is possible to do a film like this," she commented.

She spoke considerably about the movie, from the nature of phone conversations and visits she shared with Robbins and Susan Sarandon, to the feelings of the actors in the movie concerning the death penalty. When she met Sean Penn, who had just declared to the world that he had given up acting for good, she was compelled to ask, "What made you want to do this film?" His response came from the heart. "When you read a script and it makes you cry, you know it's good."

She briefly spoke about those experiences she has had in ministering to not

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Commission hears parking proposal

by Ann Rapko
Staff Writer

The potholes are gone, the aisles are wider, and the white lines are freshly painted. While the main student parking lot, which is located by St. Joseph's Hall, has a visually pleasing appearance, one main problem still exists—finding a legal parking spot. Currently, there are two parking lot proposals waiting to be voted on by the City of Clayton Plan Commission.

According to Mel Patton, vice president of business and finance, "The College has submitted a request for a conditional use permit which would be issued by the City of Clayton. This permit would allow us to build a new parking lot on campus."

Two different locations have been selected for additional parking areas. The area north of the Fine Arts building, which would be the Wydown Boulevard lot, would have the capacity of 95 cars. The other area would be located off of Big Bend Boulevard and would have the capacity of 152 cars. "The College plans on building only one of these parking lots," stated Patton.

The City of Clayton Plan Commission, however, has the final vote over approval of these parking lots. "The Clayton Commission has to vote on approving one or both of these locations. If they do approve these locations, the final vote is decided by the

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Tales from the Fontbannon Crypt



from the Font,
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Hints on Being Tawny and Stoney

We don't want our Fontbonne students to lag in the race for beauty. According to *Mademoiselle*, there is only one word to describe the new beauty look: "Tawny." Now if you want the tawny look be sure to change your blue, green, and turquoise eye shadow to beige, gray, and taupe.

And since the sculptured face is in (quite a chilling experience to look at stone faces all day), you can add depth and warmth to that stone by peachy and beige colors.

While the English faculty are diligently at work correcting the two most common errors -- run-on sentences and

fragments -- *Mademoiselle* offers help on correcting two common feature problems: opening deep-set eyes and filling out thin lips.

By the way, hairpieces are coiled, plaited, and wound around the crown this year. If you are at all symbolic-minded you see the snake image emerging. But the new shape adds height.

And best of all a new beauty aid has been developed solely for the eyebrow: A slanted brush and pressed powder give a softer look. Maybe that's just the instrument needed after semester examinations.

NEWS

Trips planned for Amazon rain forest and Moscow

International Affairs fuels global quest

by Norene Diel

News Editor

One of the most frequently changing aspects of the College's campus is not the landscaping or the up-graded computers--It's the International Affairs Department. Dr. Robert Miller, director of international affairs, is one of the most recent additions to International Affairs.

If one has met Dr. Miller, one can understand why things are frequently changing. Miller is a man of energy. He is always on the go. Speaking of "on the go," Miller has just gotten underway a planned trip to the Amazon Rain forest in Brazil which will last for ten days and take place in mid-May.

Dr. Rex Van Almsik is also traveling this May. Van Almsik is taking faculty and students to Moscow, Russia. Two years ago, Van Almsik started a summer course with a Professor from Russia to come to our College to teach. This provided a wonderful opportunity not only our College but also for advancement in the College's relationship with International Teaching Exchanges.

With this passing summer came another opportunity for International Teaching Exchanges.

The College and Webster University have joined together to increase International Relations for both faculty and students. Faculty and students now have the opportunity to spend a semester abroad. This opportunity will not be offered until the following fall semester but for anyone interested, now is the time to prepare.

Not only are there opportunities for

faculty and staff from the College to travel abroad, but also for those abroad to come here. In the summer of 1994, the College set up a program for students from Barcelona to study here. The aim was to permit qualified seniors in business or graduate students to come from Barcelona and study here. Toni Ostal is the first student to come from Barcelona to study in our MBA program. This is Ostal's first semester.

Speaking of first--Last year marked the first time students from Botswana attended the College. All of the other aspects had to do with students or faculty choosing to come here or go somewhere else. The students from Botswana did not have those choices.

In Botswana, you do not receive a degree. You only receive a diploma. Because of this, students choose to study abroad. Given the opportunity, one can qualify to study a desired major, but only by leaving Botswana. After you pass an intensive test, the government

does the rest. There is no decision on which college you will attend or which state you choose to live in. The government places each student at a specific college with the major of her or his interest. The students do not have a strong grasp of where they are going until they actually arrive. The students on campus from Botswana are here by choice, but not of their own. They are here at this institution by the government's choice.

Sr. Joan Lescinski, CSJ, vice president and dean for academic affairs, stated, "In the last four years, [Fontbonne College] has endeavored to create multiple opportunities for students and faculty to have more international experience."

Lescinski was not joking when she said this. The opportunities are there. The campus community just needs to learn more about them. People need to have the desire to learn. Learning is a long process. It starts internally and moves externally. If the desire wasn't there, these opportunities, as Lescinski describes them, would not be there either.

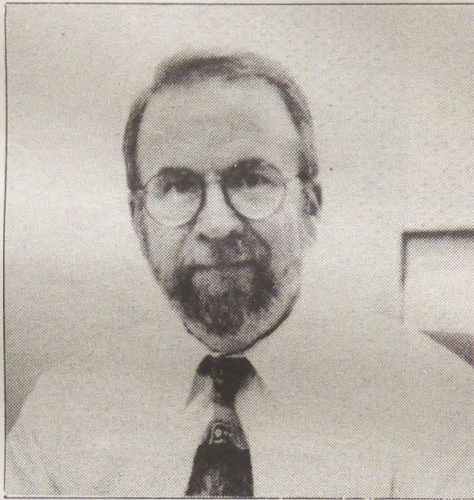


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Dr. Robert Miller joins the campus as director of international affairs

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only death row inmates, but also murder victims' families and how she has learned a great deal from them. Through her involvement with poor, inner-city residents in the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans, Prejean developed an interest in prison ministry. She became more committed by corresponding with Patrick Sonnier, a man who was on death row in Louisiana. In 1982, she became spiritual adviser to Sonnier. Eventually, she accompanied him to the electric chair, and since his passing, has witnessed three more deaths.

Prejean treated the subject of the death penalty much in the same way as she did the telling of her movie: like a story. She could have fiercely shook the podium and in a fire and brimstone speech, attempted to convert all of her listeners into following her stance on capital punishment. Instead, the audience was plainly told of these people's lives and left on their own to decide which side of the fence to be on.

She mentioned that people are always commenting on how tired she must be because of all the work she does. However, she claims that she's not tired. "When we use our gifts with the work we're supposed to do, our energy comes back." Prejean puts this into practice every day with the many ministries she's involved in.

At the closing of her address she placed a lot of importance on "getting the knowledge." She wished passion for

the students, and her inspirational story of the inexperienced lawyer, who happened to be Gandhi, proved that if we "act out of knowledge, it leads to passion."

Her impressive list of accomplishments denotes the kind of true passion Prejean has for her work. She has become a kind of spokesperson for educating the public about the death penalty and has voiced her opinions on such news programs as *60 Minutes*, *BBC World Service Radio*, and an NBC special series on the death penalty. In addition, her articles centering on this topic have appeared in many publications, including the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Baltimore Sun*.

She has also brought much solace to murder victims' families by organizing Survive, a victims' advocacy group in New Orleans.

Prejean still continues to minister death row inmates, and currently chairs the Board of Directors of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Her most recent project is a book about the Catholic Church entitled, *If Mama Ain't Happy Nobody's Happy: Women's Struggle for Equality in the Roman Catholic Church*, which is due to be published by Random House.

Soon, the College's Annual Academic Convocation returned to its formality. Proceeding her convocation address, College President Dr. Dennis Golden conferred Prejean her honorary

degree, one of many that she has received from various prominent colleges across the United States. Dr. Joan Lescinski, CSJ, vice president and dean for academic affairs, then delivered a call to service to both the faculty and students. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, assistant dean, closed the ceremony with a benediction.

Students may study abroad

by Amanda Jones

Design Editor

The College expanded its horizons dramatically this summer due to an agreement signed in June of this year. This agreement will allow students to study at Webster's international sites, which include London, England; Vienna, Italy; Geneva, Switzerland; and Leiden, Netherlands.

The agreement came about after Dr. Dennis Golden, College president, and Dr. Richard Meyers, Webster University president, met to discuss various ways that the two institutions might cooperate. The discussion turned to the availability of international opportunities for students. "I am very interested in making some international opportunities more available to both our students and to our faculty," said Dr. Joan Lescinski, vice president of academic affairs. "From our early interaction, Dr. Golden's and mine, that was a priority for both of us." After a few meetings, the two schools decided to enter into a formal agreement. Lescinski and Mr. James Evans, dean of international programs at Webster, then got together to develop the agreement which was ultimately signed by Golden, Meyers, Lescinski and Dr. Neil George, vice president of academic affairs at Webster University.

Students will pay regular tuition to Fontbonne, which will cover their tuition at the Webster campus. Students would, however, be responsible for the costs associated with foreign travel (airfare, living expenses, etc.).

The details of the program are still being worked out according to Lescinski. In theory if all things are worked out, the program could be ready by the spring semester, however, it will take at least a semester to get the word out and the first students enrolled in the program. "We would like people to start thinking about it," commented Lescinski.

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NEWS

College recognizes von Wolfseck with excellence in teaching award

by Amber Miller
Staff Writer

In an interesting turn of events, the college community found a way to render Dr. Janie von Wolfseck, chairperson for the department of communication disorders, speechless.

When she recalled being told that she had won the Joan Goostree Stevens Excellence in Teaching Award for 1996-1997, von Wolfseck said, "I was just speechless. It's an award that I have such respect for. I admire the people before me. They are masters."

von Wolfseck was acknowledged at the annual Honors Convocation in May. Dr. Ben Moore, professor of English and last year's recipient, introduced her. He commented, "It was a joy to introduce her. It was so easy because I believe so much in giving the award to her." von Wolfseck spoke at the ceremony and thanked her students, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Joan Lescinski, her colleagues and her family.

As a chairperson, von Wolfseck spends time observing other professors in the college. Through this experience, she has seen "the level of teaching in our institution" and knows "that there are just so many deserving people." Receiving the award has made her feel "honored" and "humbled." Both students and colleagues, however, agree that von Wolfseck is the deserving one. A colleague said, "I have benefited from her counsel and mentoring in my own growth as a teacher. I consider it a pleasure and an honor to be associated with her." Students praised von

Wolfseck's motivating lectures, high but fair expectations, and positive encouragement.

After receiving an undergraduate degree from Southwest Missouri State University, von Wolfseck began her career as a high school teacher of English, drama, and public speaking. She later completed her Masters degree in Speech and Language Pathology at St. Louis University and began working as a clinician. She would not trade that experience, because she felt that "it really refined my skills." von Wolfseck then taught at St. Louis University and directed the department's Early Child Learning Center while she worked on her doctorate. In 1981 she earned the position of Clinic Director here at the College. In 1985, she became the chairperson of the communication disorders department.

von Wolfseck began as a teacher and was glad to return to teaching. She teaches both an introductory class and a

class that most students take just before graduation. She said that this arrangement allows her to see her students "at both ends of the spectrum." von Wolfseck said that she enjoys teaching so much, "because of what the students teach me. They give so much back."

The Joan Goostree Stevens Excellence in Teaching Award is the college's highest honor for teaching. Nominations from students and faculty are accepted each year, and a panel of students, faculty members, and the previous year's winner evaluate the nominations to select the excellent professor. Previous winners of the award include: 1990 Mary Abkemeier, 1991 Jason Sommer, 1992 Jean Wasko, 1993 Donald Burgo, 1994 Mary Abkemeier, and 1995 Ben Moore.

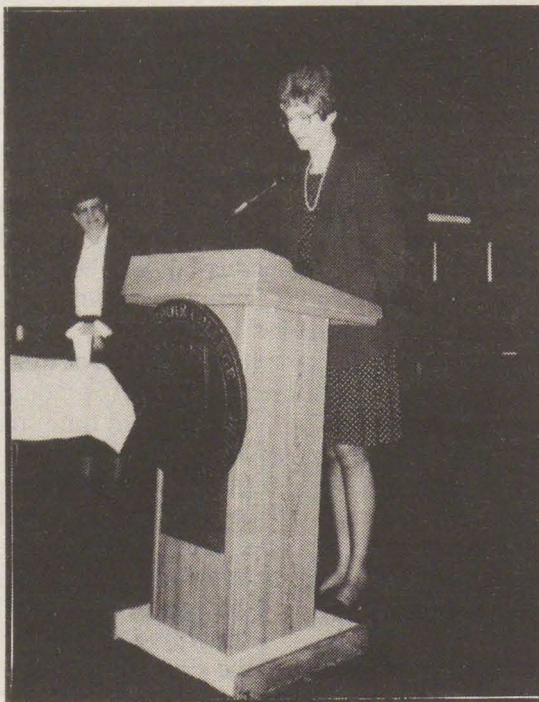


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Campus 'upgrades' computer lab

by Robert Bertels
Staff Writer

Over the summer, the Ryan Hall computer lab received some major changes.

"Students are going to have some adapting to do this year," explained Bryan Hindrichs, History major and lab technician. With new technology comes new hardware and software; "It's just a matter of trying to keep up."

The title of Lab Technician is one of the changes this year. The students who work in the lab as a part of the work study program are being trained not only how to deal with the problems other students may experience with the new equipment, but also how to fix the computers themselves should any problems arise.

Twenty new computers have been added to the lab this year, as well as 15 older models. This is in contrast to the 26 older models available for use last semester. The computers feature the most up-to-date technology in speed and video capabilities.

"The computers are running about two to three times faster this year," continued Hindrichs. Last year the computer crashes were frequent, and often the computers were unavailable to students because they were off line. "The faster computers have reduced the

crashes to a minimum, if not almost non-existent problem."

Another new feature students will discover immediately is the lack of computer mice. "We were getting tired of replacing the mouse balls that were either being lost or stolen in the Medaille lab, so we installed the new heat-sensitive pads. There was such a great response to them over the summer, we converted the Ryan lab to match." The heat-sensitive pads work by moving a finger across its surface. As the finger moves, so does the on-screen cursor. The removal of mouse pads and the mice themselves clears up a lot of the desk space available to students. The hard drives have been moved to below the desktop, and keyboards have been placed on sliding shelves. The result is a more spacious working environment.

There are several new software options for students. MS Windows '95 was installed on the new computers. This allows the lab to use some of the newest products available from Microsoft. Such programs include the newest version of Norton Anti-Virus and MS Internet Explorer. "The new Norton is a definite plus. Last year, many of the computer problems we suffered could be attributed to viruses. With

the new Norton, and by having students constantly check their disks, we have this problem under control." Hindrichs demonstrated how easily one can scan a disk. "If a person is unfamiliar with Norton, a Lab Technician can scan the disk for you." MS Internet Explorer is an alternative to the already available Netscape Navigator. With the new hardware, internet access is much smoother. Logging onto net sites is quicker, and the pictures are much clearer.

The other major software change is the elimination of MS Works. "Though many people prefer Works, Word is the dominate program in the business world. Microsoft is also trying to gradually phase out the Works line. It only makes sense to switch over as soon as possible. Lab Technicians can convert old Works files for students, or if the student prefers to still use Works, this program is still available in both Medaille Hall and in the Kinkel Center, located on the top floor of the library."

The changes to the Ryan Hall lab are just the most recent attempts by the College to update its technology. Other recent changes have included the Technology Lab in the library, Internet Access in all IBM labs, and e-mail accounts for students and faculty.

OPTIONS adds second location

by Karen Meis
Staff Writer

Just when it looked as if there was nowhere left to grow, the College has found a way to expand. The OPTIONS program has announced plans to open a second location in South County.

The new location will be at 9960 Kennerly Center, just south of the I-270 and Tesson Ferry exit. It is located across Tesson Ferry from St. Anthony's Hospital. This new location was designed to meet the demands of adult learners in the South County and Southeastern Illinois areas. "The planned South County center came out of our desire to better serve the population of adult learners, who now represent 50 percent of all students on American college campuses," said Rick Maclin, Ph.D., associate dean for OPTIONS.

When the OPTIONS program was launched in 1991, it was designed with the working adult in mind. Classes meet one night a week for four hours. Each student registers for the program only once and receives a complete schedule of all the courses that she or he will take over the next two years. Each student that graduates will receive either a Bachelor or Master Degree in Business Administration (BBA or MBA) or a Master in Management Degree (MMGT). The MMGT part of the program began only last year.

The first MBA group is scheduled to begin classes at the new location on September 29th and will meet every Monday evening. The first BBA group is scheduled to begin classes at the new location on October 16th and will meet every Thursday evening.

The enrollment for the 1996-97 academic year has experienced a 15 percent increase over the previous year and the new South County classes are expected to fill quickly as well.

For further information on the OPTIONS program, or the new South County facility, call (314) 863-2220.

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NEWS

Chrysler plants knowledge

by Chris Crecelius
Staff Writer

The long-awaited whistle signals the end of another day at the Chrysler plant in Fenton. As the assembly line workers file out the door like all the parts they make, one can overhear conversations between friends.

"Time to pick up the kids from daycare," says Pam.

"I can't wait to sit in all that traffic down 44," jokes James.

"I've got class in twenty minutes," replies Heather.

Full time worker continuing education.

This title has become more and more common in the workforce today. Full-time employees are now, more than ever, attending classes to improve their marketability in the labor force and raise their salary and position. The College and Chrysler have been working together for the past 10 years to provide this opportunity to the employees of the plant in Fenton.

Run by Julie Loyett for the last two years, the program offers a BS and MBA in Business Administration. Currently there are about 90 students enrolled in classes which are held at the Chrysler/UAW District office across Highway 44 from the plant. Classes are conveniently scheduled during daytime and evening hours and meet only once a week in order to accommodate the workers' shift changes which run from around 5:30 am



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The bell's about to ring, Bob better get that bumper installed a little quicker or he may not make it to class

to 4:00 p.m.

While the College provides the instructors and audio/visual equipment, Chrysler covers the cost of tuition. Students pay for their own books, of course.

"One of the best things about the classes is that they are convenient and free," explains Loyett.

The Chrysler student can take a full load of classes each semester, however, the majority have time for only one. Just like any traditional college student, the Chrysler students must take the required curriculum for the College including the general requirements.

While the traditional full-time student attends classes all day and may work or practice for a couple hours each night, Chrysler students work full-time throughout the day and then attend class for four hours afterwards in order to earn their degree. And because of the College and Chrysler, workers have the opportunity to do so.

Renovations relieve students

by Chrissy Mack
Business Editor

Students may be getting immune to the sounds of renovation occurring on campus.

Ryan Hall's dining room is wrapping up its three-year renovation plan. Students are now blessed with new furnishings and a rebuilt kitchen and serving area. Andrew Willows, food service director stated, "I think the improvements are wonderful! We're focusing on being more customer oriented and students are our top priority. We want to be more flexible to students wants and quality is important." Willows works with Chartwells Food Company, a company based world wide.

The Admission and Student Development departments have also taken on a new look. Sr. Ruth, whose office is located in Student Development, stated "I love it! I lost some space and some bookshelves, but gained a quiet space, and that's good!" The new office allows Sr. Ruth to work one-on-one with stu-

dents without the buzzing of the busy office.

In Southwest Hall three new OPTIONS offices have popped up. Interest to renovate the second floor into classrooms and the third into more residence hall space to relieve campus congestion may be a future project. Southwest Hall used to be rented to Washington University as dorms. It is due to the recent increases in student enrollment that the building is being considered for expansion.

Students may now sleep soundly knowing five campus buildings completed safety code standards. Another summer addition to the campus is the Increased Capacity Stand Pipe System which allows more water to flow accessibly into Medaille and St. Joseph Halls. Lastly, Medaille Hall residents and visitors can "relieve themselves" now that the first floor rest rooms have been renovated.

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Enrollment on rise... again

by Christy Otto
Staff Writer

One of the College's characteristics is that it is relatively small. Not for long! Since 1994 there has been a steady rise in student enrollment.

According to Gary Zack, vice president of enrollment management and student development, "We expect to have almost 1300 non-OPTIONS students enrolled this fall, the largest enrollment, excluding OPTIONS, in at least 20 years. As part of enrollment we will have over 1200 students on the Clayton campus, also the largest in 20 years."

On September 16th, the final census on how many students are enrolled this fall will be tallied. This count is determined three weeks from the first day of classes. As of September 5th, the count was as follows: 1299 undergraduate, 616 graduate, 1412 full time, and 503 part time students.

Because of this turnout, all activities will be strengthened such as athletics and student government, in addition to many in-house activities, such as the movies on Thursday nights and the dances. All of these factors are benefiting because of the increase of the size of enrollment. In 1994 there

were only 1097 students enrolled. One would say that is a huge jump in just a few years.

In 1995 the enrollment rose to 1180, a significant change from the year before. These increases are great, but this means all of the departments must work harder to keep up with this growth. These departments include: financial aid, admissions, the business office, registrar, the faculty and the staff. In 1996, once again another increase in enrollment occurred. The College enrollment, based on the combination of the Clayton, Chrysler and McDonnell Douglas campuses, was 1255.

Since all the departments are increasing in number, the College has become more "appetizing" to the students right out of high school. This fall there are 164 freshman students. This number soared from just 106 in 1994. 164 is still high compared to the 146 students in 1995 and the nearly identical 144 enrolled in 1996.

The increase in student enrollment is expected to continue to rise over the next several years as part of the campus master plan.

Three attend cultural conference

by Jen Lueken
Staff Writer

This past May, Associate Dean Susan Dunton, Director of Multicultural Affairs Linda Wells-Glover and Student Monrico Brown attended the annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education.

The conference was held in Orlando, Florida and offers administrators, faculty, students and staff from colleges all over the United States a chance to come together and talk about multicultural issues. Some issues included were race, diversity, and affirmative action.

"It's a wonderful conference," said Wells-Glover, "and I think it can really make a difference."

Brown attended several workshops and training sessions. He was chosen to participate in a workshop with keynote speaker, Lee Muh Wah. Muh Wah is the award winning author of *Color of Fear*.

"This was such a great honor for the College," remarked Wells-Glover. "Rico was chosen out of about 1500 students."

Former Student Government Community Service/Multicultural Chairman Danielle Lindhorst attended the conference in 1996 in San Antonio.

"A lot of the workshops I went to were building allies—people to work with, talk with, and build a base of help for tough issues," commented Lindhorst.

This conference helps students learn to tackle diversity issues. "It was important for me to meet others with the same difficulties on other campuses and knowing I wasn't alone," said Lindhorst. "It gave me a

chance to reenergize with people from across the nation," she added.

This year's conference is May 31-June 5 in Denver Colorado. Linda Wells-Glover will submit a proposal to present information on international, minority and staff mentoring programs at the conference. The process of selecting a student to attend begins in March. More details will be released as they become available.

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NEWS

To the Editor.....

Convocation leaves students with mixed feelings

The Fine Arts Theater set the scene for the Academic Convocation. The central attraction, guest speaker Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, assisted the faculty, staff, and students in initiating the beginning of the academic year. From the flyers posted around campus, I inferred that Sr. Helen would inform the audience of her work with death row inmates and address the death penalty issue. Because of the attention devoted to the renowned nun, the publicity for the event led to unfulfilled expectations. Only 20 minutes of the hour long convocation were dedicated to the insight of Sr. Helen. Even then, she spoke about what I considered the more trivial details. For example, she described the stardom that followed from writing the book. Eventually, Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon earned her trust and the privilege of basing a movie on her account. Her message, endorsing passion and the phrase, "Do the knowledge," reiterated the importance of the ongoing journey motivating us to act on what we know. However, I believe she could have fulfilled the purpose of the convocation, while still emphasizing the importance of actions relating to the death penalty. Although the brief talk had possessed an enjoyable, narrative quality, I could not avoid feeling disappointment when Sr. Helen returned to her chair. The experiences of her life that made the account of a death row inmate impact our lives remained unincorporated.

Gina Cuccio

The purpose of the Academic Convocation was to inspire the faculty, students, and staff, but the intended solemnity was undermined by subtle informalities. The formality of the event began with printed programs embossed with the College seal. Two potted plants displayed in each corner of the stage and a purple Fontbonne banner hanging from the raised ceiling set the scene for a significant affair. Also on the stage a pianist sat rigidly behind a sleek, black grand piano playing classical melodies as robed faculty processed into the theater. Although the procession was meant to be ceremonious, bored expressions from professors exhibited lack of purpose. The welcome and introduction from Sr. Joan Lescinski that succeeded the procession proved formal and straightforward. The convocation address delivered by Sr. Helen Prejean created a different mood entirely from that of the somber introduction. In her southern accent, Sr. Helen narrated comical stories about working with Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins which made us laugh, easing tension. Charges to the faculty, students, and staff ordered them to seek greater knowledge and use it to benefit all. With smiles, the relieved speakers led the recession out of the theater bringing the convocation to a close. The contradicting tones exhibited throughout the convocation left an uninspiring effect.

Maria Cuccio

I was excited to attend the convocation. Sr. Helen Prejean, author of the book *Dead Man Walking*, was scheduled as the guest speaker. Sr. Prejean is known for her charitable work with inner city children as well as inmates on death row. Since I support the death penalty, I was eager to hear her arguments to abolish it. I wondered if I would leave with a different stand on the subject. She started with a few jokes. Her fresh sense of humor was a delight. Then stories of her celebrity connections began to drag on. I wondered if the focus of this event was on Sr. Prejean's Hollywood adventures. After she finished, the Dean spoke on academic goals and challenges. Clearly this ceremony was meant to motivate the students and the faculty for the upcoming year. With all of the wonderful accomplishments Sr. Prejean has achieved, her speech could have been better. Stories on helping inner city children would have been much more inspiring than hearing about her celebrity friendships. The experience was a positive one nonetheless.

Michelle Tonis

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Orientation receives facelift

by Christina Kenawell

Staff Writer

With the loss of six student organizations, Carla Hickman, director of residential life and student activities, and Norene Deil, student government association president, improved Freshman Orientation to encourage student involvement.

One of the new features included a student discussion panel. Three student leaders, other than Focus leaders, addressed a class of freshman on the importance of joining clubs, attending events, and planning student activities. Sarah Hammond, one of the student participants, commented that "it was a good way to reach the Freshman class. It was a much closer atmosphere in the classrooms rather than in the auditorium."

Transfer students were welcomed in a little different manner. These student received packets with information that was made specifically for them. Since their attendance at the mandatory Tuesdays meetings has traditionally been low, Hickman hopes that this approach will "make a bigger impact on students

and make them feel more a part of our community."

In addition to the formal program, a Cardinal baseball game, the Arch, the Zoo, Ted Drewes, and the Loop were just a few of the social activities Focus leaders planned for 1997 orientation. This year the outings were offered the same time classes started, rather than the week before.

"Everyone had a good time," commented Hickman. "Different people attended different things. It wasn't just the same people."

All activities were free to every student who signed to attend.

Other portions of the program included a BBQ with College President Dr. Dennis Golden, a welcome mass, and a session on "letting go" for parents. Freshman also got their dose of assessment testing.

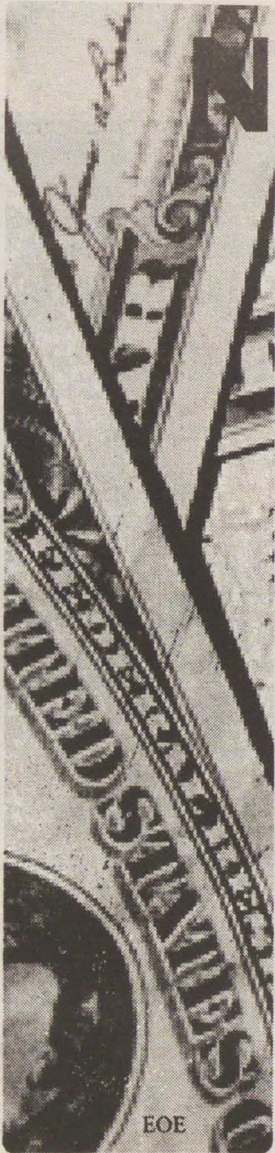
While right now students are optimistic about the impact of the changes in Freshman Orientation, Hickman offers a reminder, "Only time will tell if we made an impact."

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OPINION

Internships offer students the opportunity to learn skills from the finest jerks in corporate America

by Chris Sommer
Columnist

Welcome back. I spent this past summer as an intern in the PC Support department at Edison Brothers Stores in downtown St. Louis. This was my first interaction with "corporate America," and I learned quite a bit as one might expect from an internship. (NOTE: Now I am no history buff, but it is my best guess that internships were invented sometime before our present child labor laws were enacted.)

Interns are normally young adults that are hoping to make themselves more marketable. When I say "marketable," I mean "depressed." You see, young people did not "think-up" internships. Internships were contrived by grumpy old white collar workers that found out, since they have the personality of your average twig, that the only way they would ever get in a supervisory position, was to hire someone more ignorant than themselves... more specifically, me.

The key to employing any good intern is to fire them before they become too smart. This keeps the job market from becoming, what we white collar worker like to call... "saturated." Thus we have the term "saturated fats"... it refers to all of the overweight white collar workers that, generally, just use up oxygen for eight hours each day. Here is a breakdown of the daily workload of your average "desk job"...

Personal phone-calls	3 hours
Complaining about too little work	2 hours
Complaining about too much work	2 hours
Rearranging desk	1 hour
Lunch	1 hour
Complaining about how little work co-workers do	2 hours
Working	None-Must arrange desk

So to keep the interns from progressing, the white-collar workers have developed certain things they can do to keep interns on the bottom wrung of the corporate ladder...

- Don't pay them unless federal law requires it. If this is the case, then move the company to a third world nation and employ starving children, paying them once each month... in grain.
- When the interns ask a question, speak above their heads. For instance, if the intern says, "What does PC stand for?" then you should respond, "The IP address of the TCP/IP NT system, is only on the DHCP server, that is, unless the propagation hasn't migrated."
- Even if the intern figures something out, tell him that he is wrong. Tell him that it has since changed, only he didn't get the latest e-mail with the most recent changes. For instance... if the intern says, "Doesn't two plus two equal four?" You should respond, "It used to, only the latest message I got from Bill is that it now equals forty-five. Good try though."
- Just look at the interns and laugh occasionally... it makes them feel dumb

- and it somehow will make you feel better about yourself.
- Blame any problems on an intern. "Hey, who the hell ran this company into bankruptcy? I bet it was that damn intern, Chris."
 - Occasionally send them to do something for which that you know they are completely and utterly unqualified. "Chris I know you have only been an intern here for three days, but I need you to go up on the eleventh floor and develop an improved marketing strategy for this coming fiscal year. Then beep me this afternoon and let me know when you get it done."
 - Ignore them when they are repeatedly bothering you. When they are saying things like.. "Help! Help! I think I broke my clavicle!" At this point, you should tell them that you would love to stay and "chit-chat" all day, but you must get to your two o'clock meeting.

I have learned other things during the last summer. One is that the entire world has gone to a "quality" movement. This is where the people who run the company, in an effort to find out why productivity isn't better, have many, many meetings and blame the problems of the company on the people that aren't in the meetings. Then they fire those people and give themselves a raise for their amazing problem-solving abilities. They have also changed many terms to make the work environment more positive.

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good-enough	quality
all-mankind	customer
group	team
problem	issue
slave	intern
jerk	supervisor
supervisor	team leader
nervous breakdown	vacation
fired	7 day weekend
\$26	weekly salary
band-aid	health plan
handicapped employee	close-parking employee
hot	cold
left	right

Well, that is it. I feel that this is a "quality" article. In fact, it is so good that if my team leader sees this, I am sure that he will give me a seven day weekend, that is, if he doesn't go on vacation first.

Great moments in FC history

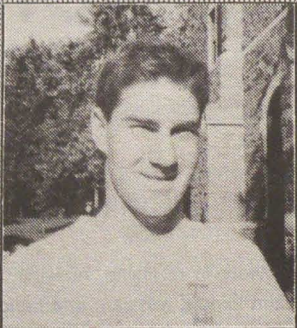
Corrupt Corporate America



Jake admired the fine marketing forecast that his diligent intern had completed while Jake was busy laying off employees, giving himself a raise, and deciding between Chinese and Italian for lunch.

Quoteline

If you were stranded on one of the "new" Fontbonne parking lot islands, what would you bring to survive?



Rick Dierker
Senior
Business
Administration

"A lawn chair so I can sit and watch all the people hopelessly looking for a parking space."



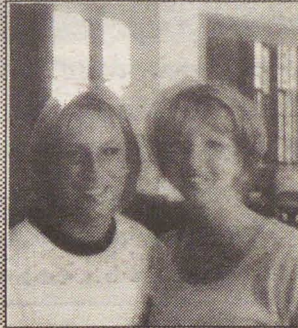
Amber Ratcliff
Junior
Deaf Education

"A stack of books so that I can catch up on my readings for the past several weeks, especially since I'll be stranded for quite a while."



Clancy Moore
Senior
History

"A golf club and ball, you can figure what happens next."



**Kayce Bertels and
Kathy Diekmann**
Sophomores
Business and Dietetics

"We would bring each other!!"

compiled by Andy McKenzie

FEATURES

An inside overview of Southwest Hall Confessional sports a keg

by Justin R. Lopinot
Editor in chief

Everything about Southwest Hall is mysterious.

The name alone has puzzled many students. Apparently through the not-so-famous Fontbonite sound shift, the building became known as "Wash Hall" (which translates, literally, to "the dwelling place of crazy rich kids"). Now that the College has sent those former residents out to live in million dollar homes along Wydown Boulevard, the building's proper name will be used.

The inside of Southwest Hall is even more mysterious than the name, and, unlike Al Capone's tomb (sorry Geraldo!), it is quite fascinating.

The first floor has housed OPTIONS for six years and will continue to serve that purpose in the near future, so it is the rest of the building that has been left behind by Washington University, thus offering a small glimpse into their everyday lives. When the door to the stairwell is opened, two thoughts come to mind: this place could use a coat of paint and it smells just like grandma (on a non-shower day).

"Anytime you have 100 students living together your going to have some damage," said Carla Hickman, director of residential life.

The first door in the stairwell opens to an immense courtyard, an area that nearly every student, professor, and angry-Clayton-resident-who-will-not-allow-any-parking-expansion-to-occur does not know about. A small playground serves as a reminder to the days when a Montessori school for children was located on the first floor (Washington University residents failed to enjoy this equipment during their stay because they were too busy learning how the methane produced by genetically cloned goat dung decreases the ozone layer, or

some other ingenious field).

The most interesting aspect of the second floor is the large retro-chapel which had been converted to a student lounge in recent years (without completely losing its Catholic presence). The altar and stained glass windows are about the only items that have not undergone a facelift. Seventeen couches and chairs have replaced the many rows of pews which once served the praying College community, a Coca-Cola vending machine has taken the place of the holy water dispenser, and the confessional has been converted from a confined area where one could confess her or his sins to a confined area where the keg of beer could be kept at optimum temperature. (Fortunately a Washington University student can afford to leave the evidence behind and not collect the deposit on the keg!) For a really dramatic effect, one could place the big-screen television on the altar, grab a frosty Bud, lounge in a recliner, and flip on Larry Rice.

The rest of second floor and all of third floor are residential rooms. The building was originally constructed as a juniorate for those in training to become Sisters of St. Joseph in 1961 with the intention of keeping things as simple as possible. Apparently each lady needed only three habits, because that is about all the closets will accommodate. There is also a bed, sink and desk in the rooms. This leaves about four square feet of walking space. Even the munchkin phenom Mickey Carrol would feel cramped in a Southwest Hall room!

Now, with the knowledge of this information, the only thing that remains a mystery about Southwest Hall is its future.

Matos travels the world; currently 'stationed' here

by Kristine Feeherty
Staff Writer

Many college students might consider going to Puerto Rico for an exotic Winter Break getaway; if so, then Barbara Matos could give them all the highlights.

Matos, an 18-year-old freshman, has lived all over the world. Her most recent stop was in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she lived for the past four years on the U.S. Military Base. While living there she got involved in many activities, from hurricane relief volunteering to modeling.

To go back to the beginning, Matos was born in Kansas, and her father's career in the Army has kept the family moving ever since. At age three she moved to Germany, of which she has a few vague memories (mostly of simple pleasures like the park). Two years later the family moved to New York, and three years after that they moved to North Carolina, where they resided for about six years. "That was the place I liked the most," Matos said.

In the middle of her freshman year of high school the Matos family moved again, but this time to a Caribbean climate. Matos's father had requested to be transferred to Puerto Rico. Both he and his wife were born there, and Barbara's mother was especially eager to return, in order to be near family. So they packed up and left the southern comforts of North Carolina for the tropical world of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

San Juan lies on the Northeast corner of Puerto Rico, and Matos had no trouble describing the beauty of the island. "The beaches are really nice," she said, and the water is "crystal clear." She said it never gets cold there, and told of spending Christmas vacations at the beach. "A lot of people compare Florida to Puerto Rico," she said, because both places have palm trees, warm tempera-

tures, and hurricanes. June through November is Hurricane Season in Puerto Rico, and during this time Matos volunteered to help on the Base, in case there was damage. Matos also mentioned that Puerto Rico has many mountain regions, and it also has one of the largest rain forests in the world.

It was in Puerto Rico that Matos, then 15, was approached to do modeling. She had been in pageants when she was younger and thought she would give it a try. She participated in fashion shows on the Base for the next few years, and her favorite show was one she did with her best friend this year for Black History Month. Matos said she really enjoyed learning about Black culture, and it was fun to wear the bright-colored clothing and learn an African dance. But she wouldn't consider modeling as a career; she said there was a lot of pressure involved. Matos does have ideas for other career options, though. She definitely plans on majoring in Drama, an interest she cultivated in high school, and has some ideas in mind for a second major, including Pre-Law and Elementary Education.

Since July 1997, Matos and her family have been living on the Army Base in Granite City, Illinois. Although many people would complain about moving around so much, Matos seems to enjoy it. "It's a lot of fun," she said, meeting new people and learning the culture of each place. She has friends all over the country, from Texas to North Carolina to New York. A friend she met in first grade still lives in New York, and she said they have "maintained the friendship ever since." Hopefully Barbara Matos will enjoy the culture of St. Louis and keep the friends she has made here after she has moved on to her next destination, wherever it may be.

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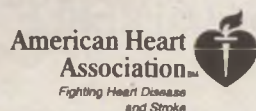
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FEATURES

From the office of the *Fontbanner* to the local paper

Post-Dispatch menu now features jumbo Shremp

Kristine Feeherty

Staff Writer

Ask any *Fontbanner*-reading upper-classman who Valerie Schremp is, and they will probably say "that funny girl who wrote the goofy columns."

For four years Schremp wrote a monthly Opinion column laced with dry wit and off-the-wall humor titled "On The Edge." She addressed various topics, from her hidden love for *Baywatch* to the overabundance of lint in her life.

Well, all those years of writing goofy stuff have paid off, because now Schremp has secured a full-time position with the *Post-Dispatch*.

It all started last semester, when she inquired about an internship. She wrote a letter, sent some of her clippings, made several phone calls, and was hired as an intern for the Business Section. After the interview, Schremp said, "I left, and screamed, and then drove home."

Although Schremp was told repeatedly that "they don't really hire interns," she ignored those discouraging comments and persistently "bugged" the *Post* to hire her as a full-time reporter. Jim Mosley, the Metro Editor, was on her side, and got her hired temporarily through the summer, and she wrote for the South County Bureau. The day before her birthday, August 8, he took her to lunch and told her she was hired permanently.

Schremp was ecstatic to be hired at the *Post*, but her original life plan was to be a teacher. As an English major with certification to teach English in grades

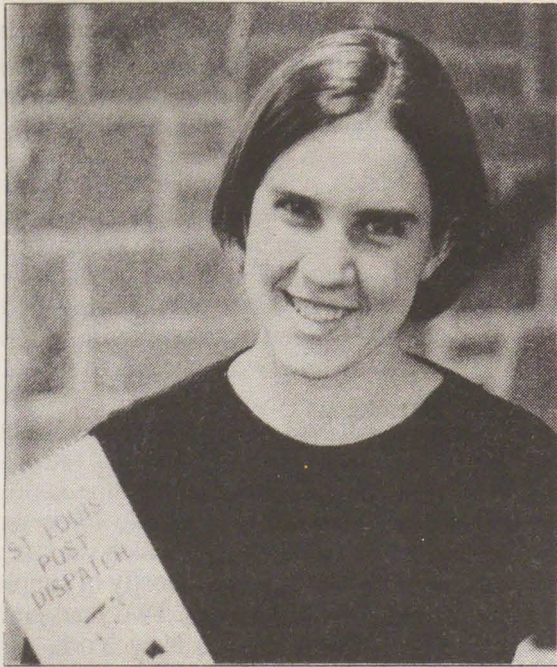


photo by Andy McKenzie

7-12, she student taught at Mehlville High School and enjoyed it very much. "I loved being Miss Schremp," she said. "To me, journalism was writing a lot about car crashes and politics...I never really thought there was a market for the stuff I'm good at." She credits Dr. Jason Sommer with really pushing her to fulfill her talents as a writer. "He's the first person I called [after getting hired]."

The types of assignments Schremp has been given, along with the people she meets, are extremely varied. She has ridden around in an ice cream truck,

been present at a reunion of a mother and daughter who were separated at birth, and accompanied public school bus drivers on the first day of school. Some of her interviewees have kept in touch after the article has been published. After she interviewed a pilot named Bill Hartman for an article on Airplane Banner Towing in the Business Section, he sent her roses ("he was a really nice guy"). Schremp also likes to be informed on the progress of a Dominican Monk she interviewed who almost died of cancer. At the time they met he was still a student in the seminary, and his dying wish was to take his vow to become a Dominican Monk. "He was on death's door," Schremp said,

but after taking the vow he made a miraculous recovery.

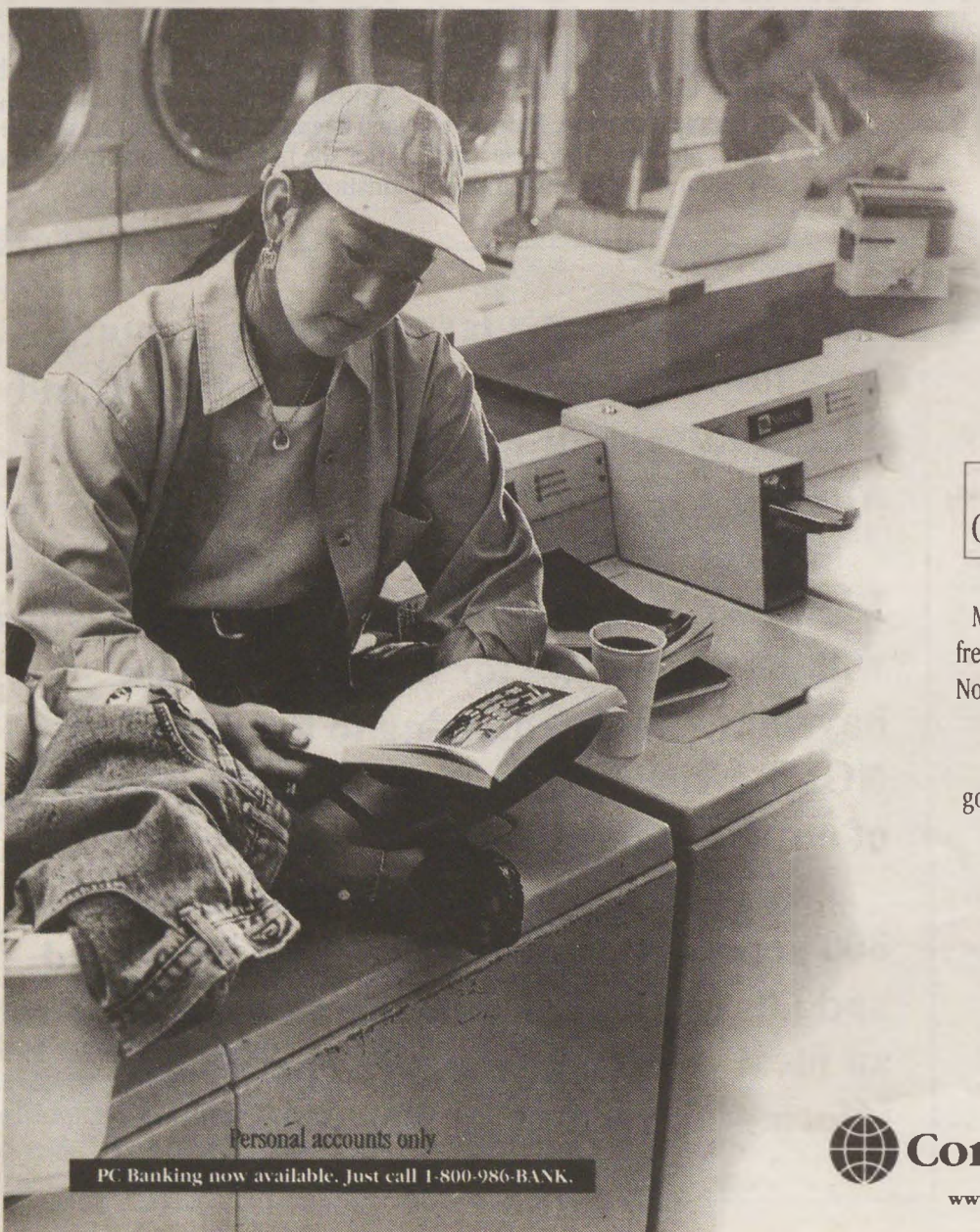
Now Schremp, along with seven other journalists, is on the Education Team, covering Illinois schools: "We're trying to do more about parents and teachers—not tax levies." She says she doesn't always know what kind of stories she'll be doing, and that her job requires her to "learn about stuff on the fly," which can be both nerve-wracking and exciting. Schremp says that having to write about diverse topics makes her feel like a "mini-expert." She found this

to be "unnerving" because she has to do quick research and is afraid she might miss something. But she believes that her background in teaching has really prepared her for working on the Education Team.

When asked if she is considering a career in journalism over a career in teaching, Schremp replied positively. "I like being in a position where you're encouraged to grow and be better at what you do," she said. Schremp credits her editors with giving her opportunities to move and make connections. She also learns a lot from her co-workers. They engage in on-line writer's workshops together, which allows them to "learn from each other and discuss."

Learning and growing are highlights of the job, but there is still room for doubt. "I'm really, really hard on myself...I'm really self-critical," she said, especially when an article doesn't turn out how she hoped it would. Another aspect of the job which keeps Schremp awake at night is the power a reporter has to expose someone. She almost wrote a story about a public school called Schremp in tears, afraid the information would get her fired.

To Schremp, the benefits of writing for the *Post-Dispatch* outweigh the worries. Her advice to aspiring journalists is "never underestimate yourself, read what you like, and take many writing classes, 'cause you never know when you're gonna have to spit it out later."



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Before Washington University and OPTIONS used Southwest Hall there were a number of different uses for the building. Construction was overseen by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1961 with the intention of using the building as a juniorate for those studying to become sisters.

"When they determined that they no longer needed that building, they sold it to Fontbonne," said Patton.

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FEATURES

Golonka visits France, celebrates World Youth Day

by Amanda Jones

Design Editor

While most students spent the summer in a combination of working and goofing off, a fellow student, Megan Golonka, was off touring Europe. Her purpose—the World Youth Day held in Northern France.

Golonka's trip began on August 13 and included her church group from Memphis. They began by spending a day in Amsterdam, Holland. They then traveled through Belgium to Northern France. There they spent time touring such ancient chapels as Notre Dame and Chartres.

"I was really excited to get to see Notre Dame, but Chartres was my favorite. It had so many stained glass windows and such pretty architecture," said Golonka.

The highlight of her trip came on August 24 when several groups from around the world gathered at Longchamp racetrack to hear Pope John Paul II give Mass. The Pope spoke in many languages so as to include all groups. For Golonka, "to hear him talk in your own language" was the best part of the trip along with "seeing him so close."

What Golonka and her church group were attending was the World Youth Day. This was the twelfth such meeting of World Youth Day, and Golonka's first. The meetings are held every few years in different parts of the world. The next meeting will be held in Rome in the year 2000. Golonka first learned of the event through her younger sisters who



photo courtesy of Megan Golonka
Golonka visited the Chartre in France during her Youth World Day trip

were also part of the group that went.

Other highlights from the trip included the baptizing of several people from different countries by the Pope. Golonka also participated in learning about different bible scriptures taught by Cardinals and Bishops in the three days before the Mass was given.

Golonka returned home on August 25. She hopes to be able to attend the next meeting in 2000, but calls this trip a "once in a lifetime experience."

For those interested in Golonka's journey and who would like to know more about her adventures, she will be presenting a slide show on September 28 at 8:00 p.m. The show will take place in Doerr Chapel following Mass.

FOCUS includes dance as part of orientation activities

by Laurie Sitzes

Staff Writer

The Back to School Dance, held in the Alumni Caf' on September 5th from nine p.m. to one a.m., provided an opportunity for students to get to know one another while having a great time. Many freshman and transfer students came to the dance not knowing other students. Orientation activities, such as the dance, give them a chance to meet people in a relaxed environment.

"This is the first year FOCUS has been in charge of the event. It was felt that since the dance was so close to the beginning of the school year, FOCUS should sponsor it as an orientation activity," Elizabeth Bickle, activities chairperson for FOCUS stated. According to Bickle, more underclassmen attend the dance than upperclassmen.

Prior to the dance lighting created some difficulty. Fifteen minutes after the start of the dance members of FOCUS were still attempting to get the lighting corrected. Getting all of the lights in the Alumni Caf' set to create

the perfect mood took a lot of trial and error that could have been decided hours if not days before the beginning of the dance.

The first fifteen minutes of the dance, the cash bar attendants were out of the Caf' leaving students "high and dry." When they returned, their first customers were mistakenly charged for sodas that were supposed to be complimentary.

Minutes before the dance there was a discussion about the price of admission. Bickel assured workers that there was no fee for entrance into the dance. Free entrance provides all students with the opportunity to attend.

The turnout was regarded as good, especially when considering the advertisements. Half sheets of paper provided time, place, and announcement of the cash bar. The signs were simply written in marker and leave plenty of room for improvement on advertisements for next year's dance.

Campus shorts

Movie night

Want to see the latest movies without paying anything? The Student Activities Office is providing a think free, non physical, "something to do" alternative on every other Thursday night with the beginning of a Movie Series. Students can see a movie from the 1930's to the newest releases, at no charge. The first of this series was "Dead Man Walking," and the next movie, "Beautiful Girls," will be shown on September 25th. The Movie Series is shown in the Caf', and begins at 8:00 p.m.

Carla Hickman, director of residential life, is starting the series to provide students with a way to kill time. Student Activities has never tried this before, but many other campuses offer similar programs. The movie lists are available in Hickman's office and she is open to requests. The movie listings are provided by Swank Motion Picture Inc., and are continuously updated. This series will continue into the spring, but is unfortunately BYOP. (Bring your own popcorn!)

New library data bases

The College library is proud to boast several new data bases:

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Clayton Board of Aldermen," said Patton.

The City of Clayton Plan Commission held a meeting on Monday, September 8 to discuss the Wydown Boulevard and Big Bend Boulevard parking proposals. In a memo issued to the community, Dr. Golden stated, "Throughout the evening, there was strong testimony both for and against the proposals. At the end of this special meeting, the chair announced that the Commissioners wanted time to review the testimony."

Students Rick Dierker and Brian Bratcher attended the September 8 meeting and found that the residents of the Clayton community were opposed to the proposals for the parking lots. "The residents of the Clayton community think that if new parking lots are constructed, the area will be commercialized," commented Dierker.

Bratcher, vice-president of the Student Government Association, spoke on behalf of the student community. He is tired of being tardy to class due to the lack of parking. "By being tardy to class, I disrupt the instructor and students by walking in late. It is not fair for the instructor, my classmates, or myself," stated Bratcher.

The residents of Clayton are not sympathetic to the fact that the campus needs more parking. In the August 14 edition of *West End Clayton Word* an article reported that in "early July concerned neighbors formed the Citizens for Wydown to oppose the parking plan and

suggest parking alternatives." The Citizens for Wydown would like a multi-level parking garage or a shuttle service for students. The residents of Clayton dislike the placement of the proposed lots "because of safety to our children, increased traffic congestion and the loss of crucial green space," said Mark Kruger, a member of the Citizens for Wydown.

The date of the next City of Clayton Plan Commission meeting will be on September 29 at 5:30 p.m. Patton would like "as much student attendance as possible. It is very important that the community speaks out about the problem of lack of parking." If the community attends the meeting and voices opinions concerning the issue of parking, a huge difference could be made.

The City of Clayton Plan Commission will hold a special meeting to continue its consideration of applications for conditional use permits submitted by the College for the construction of proposed parking lots on the campus. This meeting will be held Monday, September 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Clayton Community Center, Room 201, No. 2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO.

Plans are available for review in the housing and planning department, City Hall, 10 N. Bemiston, Clayton, MO during regular business hours.

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FEATURES

Writer's Reading Series puts poet-in-residence in the spotlight

Sommer offers *Other People's Troubles*

by Christy Callanan
Features Editor

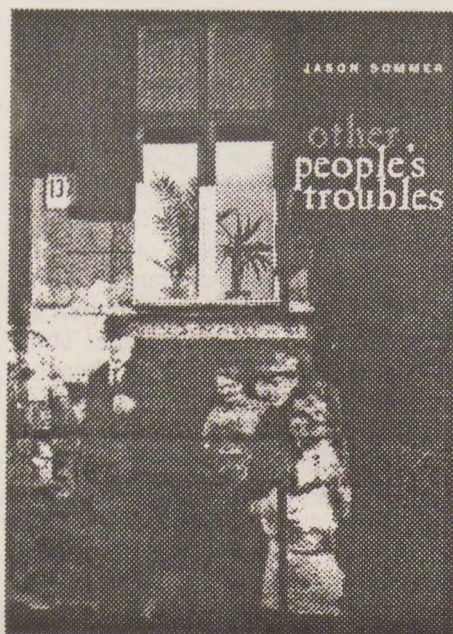
The Library's Lewis Room was standing room only Tuesday evening, Sept. 9, as well over 200 family members, students, friends, colleagues, writers and other assorted guests gathered to hear the College's poet-in-residence, Jason Sommer, present his second book, *Other People's Troubles*. Extra chairs consumed the remaining space in the back and on both sides of the Lewis Room, leaving little space to move around otherwise. This was the largest turnout ever for a Writer's Reading Series presentation.

Sommer's poetry reading was the first of the 1997-1998 Writer's Reading Series. Jean Wasko, head of the department of literature and language arts, introduced her friend and colleague and also commented on Sommer's work, "I believe that with this book, Jason will at last become as well known among those who read poetry as he deserves to be." She commented on the meaning of *Other People's Troubles* saying, "The book is about the forgotten words of a chanted song that become the sounds of prayer, about the talk that serves as a music of concealment, and about the silence that surrounds the extremes of human experience with an eloquence of its own."

Other People's Troubles deals with the destruction of the European Jews during World War II, of which Sommer's father and aunt are survivors. Sommer said his book of poetry was about a number of things. "It not only tells stories from that difficult time—about family members caught up in awful events, but it also explores the responsibility of those who come after in the preservation of story and in figuring out their own relationship to the story. The

book also looks at language itself as it strains to express what is almost inexpressible."

Sommer's father escaped from a labor camp and spent many years constantly on the run, and his aunt was imprisoned in Auschwitz. The book moves from a perspective of his father's



story to poems that revolve around his aunt, then finally out of the Holocaust. He began with "Lasting Before Dark," a poem Sommer says "imagines a room full of people from different times and parts of a life." He found it ironic that he could "look out and see something like that gathering right in that room: friends, students old and new, family, colleagues. It was wonderful."

Sommer read a variety of poems

from *Other People's Troubles* to allow his audience to hear the range of ideas and stories, most originating out of the same historical event, the Holocaust. The title poem of the book was written in three sections, each taking place in a different setting. The first section is written in no particular time or place, yet the second is an ordinary street scene and the third section is a documentary on his aunt's experience at Auschwitz. This was one of the many poems that lead up to the longer poem, "Mengele Shitting," which deals with the history of the war criminal, Joseph Mengele, and Sommer's aunt's experience with him. Mengele was the doctor at Auschwitz who "selected" people on the train ramp directing people either to slave labor or to the gas chambers with a simple twitch of his thumb.

Those that knew Sommer were there to support him and share this special moment. A student of Sommer's and English major, Robert Bertels, replied when asked about the presentation, "Everything went great—Dr. Sommer was at his best and he was well received by the audience." Joan Lescinski, CSJ, vice president and dean of academic affairs, explained that she had the privilege of reading some of Sommer's poems in manuscript form and that the reading tonight was like "seeing a child come to adulthood." One of the things that most impressed Sr. Joan was to see the number of people. "This was one of the largest crowds we've ever had for the Reader's Writing Series. And it's a real tribute to Jason and what he has been to the college community."

Sprague has her horses displayed in Lewis Room

by Mike Massey
Staff Writer

There is more to the College Library than what appears at ground level. For those spending all your time in the Library on the first and second floors, you are missing out on a chance to experience great local art at no expense!

Specifically, you are missing the spectacular artwork of Mary Sprague, of the Fine Arts Department's Invitational Artist Show. From September 2-29, the Library's basement gallery hosts a dozen of Sprague's original works including the powerful and fresh "Foals on the Fly" and two pieces from her series, "Six Small Chinese Horses."

From the whimsical "Boogying Bill on Capitol Hill" to the somber "Mostly Horses Don't Get the News," Sprague takes her spectators on a soaring tour of emotions. The artist splendidly displays her talent at portraying both the joyful and solemn shades of her observers' psyche. The often playful, sometimes serious horses depicted in many of her works serve as a reflection of her audience, sharing in their hopes, frustrations, humor and compassion.

The Fine Arts Department sponsors the Invitational Artist Show as well as other art shows in the gallery throughout the year. In the past, the department has brought faculty art shows and student thesis shows to the gallery as well as special exhibits such as the Southwest Painting Tour Show and Alumnus Tim Grotian's Photography and Video Show.

The comments in the guest book for Sprague's exposition already fill pages with appreciative phrases ranging from single word compliments to paragraphs of support. Take a moment's journey to the basement of the Library to appreciate the wonderful work of Mary Sprague and join the College in promoting the Fine Arts Department and its quality art presentations.

Griffin Girls take Superior Trophy at Universal Dance Association Camp

by Christy Callanan
Features Editor

The Griffin Girls, the College's dance team, attended the Universal Dance Association's camp this summer at Central Missouri State University, in Warrensburg. They received a Superior Trophy, the highest possible and awarded to only two other squads, and thirty blue ribbons.

Each team competed with routines taught at UDA's camp, as well as a home routine. The Griffin Girls' head instructor and team-member, Amie Walker, choreographed the routine for which the Griffin Girls performance received a red ribbon. Additional ribbons were received by the team as a whole, and by individual team members for her performance of the routines taught at camp. UDA took the average score from each competition and awarded the Griffin Girls the Superior Trophy tying them with William Jewell.

Melanie Howard, a first year student at the College, remarked positively about camp, "Our squad did really well at camp and I hope that experience

makes us better for the up coming season. I think that the new squad really united there and that will help us this year too."

Instructors for UDA's dance camp came from top dance studios and university dance teams. One instructor came from Rutgers University, the second place winner in the National Dance Competition this past year. Dance teams came from many other mid-western colleges and universities to learn from these top instructors. Teams from Northwestern, William Jewell, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the University of Oklahoma, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale were all in attendance.

Thirteen of the seventeen Griffin Girls participated in this four-day program, which was designed to teach dance teams routines, technique, and new ways to work on school spirit. The girls are anxious to begin the '97-'98

season and to show off their new material. When asked to comment on the up and coming season, Co-Captain Lisa DiMaria enthusiastically replied, "We're looking forward to a totally different season, with a bigger squad, a different style, new costumes, and a lot of great routines."

The Griffin Girls have come a long way in the last few years. Only two years ago, they were known as the Fontbonne Spirit Squad. The name change came into effect in the hopes of creating a new image for the dance team. Also, with the new image came a stronger emphasis on working harder, such as upping the practice time to six hours a week. Within the last few months, the Griffin Girls grew from an eight-person squad to a seventeen-person squad, purchased new uniforms, and attended the nationally known UDA dance camp.

The Griffin Girls perform during half time of the College's home Varsity basketball games.

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SPORTS

Smith takes world baton title

by Andrew Margrotta
Sports Editor

Her name is AnneMarie Smith and if you haven't heard what all the commotion is about then you either have been living under a rock or you haven't been keeping in touch with the College community.

Smith is now the World Collegiate Strutting Champion. When asked of this huge accomplishment she replied, "It has been very exciting for me!" In case one was wondering what exactly a strutting champion is, Smith explains, "It is someone who incorporates dance and gymnastics with a baton." It is safe to say that this athlete not only has to have eye/hand coordination, flexibility, but also has to be in top physical shape.

After qualifying, 45 finalists from major universities all around the world invaded Notre Dame University this past July. Each had to perform her routine in front of four judges. "Particularly, I felt that I did the best," said Smith.

Her amazing talent has taken her to competitions all around the world. Smith tells us, "I've been to Switzerland, France, Ireland, Peru, and about 30 of the 50 states." She is hopeful that whenever she is finished with competitions, she will be able to perform at the TWA Dome during half time shows for Ram football games. Smith exclaimed, "Hopefully I'll get the chance to perform in front of huge crowds again!"

For most people performing in front of more than 65,000 people would be intimidating, but not for Smith. "Most of the time when I am performing it is in front of a small audience, I wish more



photo courtesy of AnneMarie Smith
Smith, with College President Dennis Golden, won the title of World Collegiate Strutting Champion this past July

people could see what a baton twirler is capable of," Smith remarked.

Smith, whose first name of AnneMarie is just one word, is from House Springs, Missouri. She is a 20 year old public relations major. She transferred to the College from the University of Nebraska one year ago. When asked why she transferred here she replied, "academically, Nebraska didn't have what I needed."

Cross country back as sport

by Jack Kennebeck
Staff Writer

Five years ago the sport of cross country was introduced to the College, but only went on live a very short life. At the time, there were no team uniforms and the members consisted of basketball players running to get in shape. Years have passed and Coach Lee McKinney has since done a lot to change that and has worked hard to build an entirely different, more organized program.

The 1997 cross country team has the Griffin purple and gold to represent them and also features dedicated members that are not using the program to merely get in shape. With teams for both men and women, the cross country teams are growing both in numbers and in quality with new members joining daily. According to Coach McKinney, "Cross country is here to stay."

Coach McKinney brought cross country back to the College for a couple of different reasons. First of all, the addition of the sport would mean that the College now has five sports for women and five for men. The minimum requirement for membership in NCAA is four and this puts the school comfortably over the edge. Naturally, running is a great preparation for other sports, but more importantly, Coach McKinney wanted to address the fact that a lot of

the students who enjoy running wanted more regiment and the chance to compete in a sport that they enjoy.

The cross country team is now comprised of numerous runners who are not preparing for other sports, and this was a major concern if the team was to remain. With these improvements, the cross country team now has the chance to excel as they did in their first meet.

The Griffin runners faced Webster and Maryville Universities in a tri-meet on September 6. Due to the fact that both the women and men's teams are new this year, they were voted to finish last in the pre-season polls. The women's team quickly spread doubts of that by placing second in the meet. Lynn Barry headed the squad with a time of 22:14, a new school record, on the 5K (3.1 mile) course. The men also did their share by placing first in the men's division. Demico Lockette was the first to cross the finish line for the Griffins with a time of 19:53 on the same course.

The teams have five more meets left in the season and if the success of the first meet is any indication of what is to come for the future of cross country at the College, be sure to pick up a schedule and watch sprint their way into College history.

Lady's soccer shows promise

by Missy Peacock
Special to the Fontbanner

The women's soccer team has emerged with an elite new look this season. Only seven players from last year's SLIAC championship team have returned to re-claim the cherished title. Returning players include forwards Pam Higgins and Jenny Loesche, midfielders Jerry Nahlik, defenders Trisha Gardner and Andrea Claus, and goalkeeper Missy Peacock.

The new faces on the Lady Griffins roster are also a definitely skilled and fresh addition to the team. Coach Herb Foerster believes, "The new girls are a great addition to our roster. Right now we need to concentrate on getting to know each other's playing abilities and work as a team."

The Lady Griffins recruited players from all over the United States this year. In fact, some of the women have traveled from as far away as Hawaii, Florida, and Iowa to attend the College and play soccer. When asked why she chose Fontbonne, transfer Leilani Enriques from Hawaii stated, "Fontbonne's elementary special education program is well respected and it offers many job opportunities after graduation."

The Lady Griffins have started their

season off well. With a record of 2-2, they have a lot to be proud of. Their best game yet was against Rhodes College. The last time the ladies soccer team played Rhodes College was two years ago. The final score of that game was Rhodes 8, Fontbonne 0. However, the Lady Griffins showed extreme improvement in this year's match. The Lady Griffin's defense held Rhodes to one goal, leaving the final score at a respectable Rhodes 1, Fontbonne 0. When asked about the game, Coach Foerster stated, "Rhodes is definitely a tough team and they are ranked well in our region. I think we played a tough game and I am impressed with the turnout."

The rest of the schedule will definitely be challenging for the Lady Griffins. Key games include archrival Maryville University, the notorious Washington University match, and the University of West Florida which is a division two team. But, the team's biggest goal this season is to keep their title as SLIAC Champions.

Both the women and men's soccer team play their home games at the St. Louis Soccer Park.

Men's soccer looks to fresh faces for a new start

by Marty Roedl
Staff Writer

"Rebuilding! Rebuilding! Rebuilding!" quotes Dennis Goudreault, head coach of the College's men's soccer team.

With only five returning players from last year's squad that finished 3-16-1, the 1997 men's soccer team will have to look to some fresh new faces to improve upon last year's record. This year's roster includes eight new freshman, and is considered to be one of the best recruiting classes in recent years at the College. "We have a real strong freshman squad this year. Although we're really hurting for leadership from experienced upperclassmen, we have a few freshmen that have already stepped up and assumed leadership roles," says Goudreault.

Among those leaders are fullback David Walters and midfielder Eric Stephens. Both were captains of their varsity high school team and both are showing tremendous leadership qualities despite their lack of college experience. Two freshmen that have stepped up and made their way in the lineup are forward/midfielder Nick Berdeaux and goalie Jason Ronshausen.

Ronshausen, who started goalkeeper at perennial high school powerhouse St. Mary's High is splitting time in the net with senior co-captain Clancy Moore. Ronshausen should earn valuable experience and from playing alongside of Moore, who at presstime was 6th in the SLIAC in goals against average.

Bordeaux starred at Lutheran South High School last year and should help

the team in the goal scoring department. He scored over thirty goals in his high school career, including thirteen his senior year.

Those four freshmen, along with seniors Moore, Tom Wade, Jason Sietrich, Brian Haynor, and Hong Sang Kim should provide for an interesting season. "In all reality, it's difficult to predict the outcome for this year's season because of all the new faces we have this year," says Goudreault. "But a good goal for this year would be to finish around .500 and at the same time, getting the younger players the chance to gain valuable experience."

This season's co-captains are midfielder Tom Wade, goalkeeper Clancy Moore, forward Jason Sietrich, and midfielder/fullback Brian Haynor.

At presstime the team had a record of 0-5 with losses to Washington U., powerhouse MacMurray College, University of the South, Harris-Stowe State College, and nationally ranked Rhodes College. In the five games combined, the squad was outscored 34-2. Although the team is disappointed with their dismal start, the entire team remains optimistic.

"We started out pretty badly against some excellent teams and that's not a good combination. We just stayed tied with Wash U for the entire first half but just lost our focus," says Goudreault. "If we can just keep our minds in the game, we'll eventually surprise a few quality teams."

SPORTS

Former College standout passes on

by April Weiler
Staff Writer

Members of the College community were saddened to learn that Mark A. Kronk, a former basketball standout, collapsed and died while playing in a volleyball game in his hometown of Highland, Illinois. More than fifty friends and former classmates from the college traveled to Highland to mourn with his family. They were among over one thousand persons to enter the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home on the evening of the wake in an outpouring of caring and grief.

Seven years ago this month, Kronk began his college years here along with his twin brother, Brad. Like most everything in his life, Kronk set his sights on something and never gave up until he reached it. He wanted a college education and he wanted to play college basketball. Recruited by Coach Lee McKinney to play for the college, Kronk wanted to be a part of a winning team. He led the Griffins to the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball championships in 1994 and 1995. He held the conference record for field goals in a game. He set a league record when he scored 41 points in a victory against Maryville in 1993. He was named All-Conference player, and he started every game of his four year college career.

At college, as people all know, an education is not free. Kronk worked long hours doing remodeling and construction work to help pay his own way. Like everything else in his life, Kronk set his priorities and worked hard to achieve them. He took his studies seriously, because getting a college education was important to him. He was not above a long, hard discussion with one of his professors if he thought he was right. He had a talent for making his point, but he always did it calmly and logically. Kronk was a friend to everyone he met on our campus. Clancy Moore, a senior member of the Griffin soccer and basketball teams, remembers Kronk as the first guy to welcome him to his first basketball practice.

"I've never forgotten how Mark made a green freshman feel like he belonged," said Moore. Angie Eiler, a 1995 graduate, stated, "As a cheerleader it was always a thrill to support such an outstanding basketball player, but there was more.... The family-like atmosphere that Coach McKinney has created brought us all together as friends. Now a member of that family is gone. We'll all miss him very much."

The term "home boy" could have been coined with Kronk in mind. His family and his home in Highland, were always first in order of importance in his life. When he came to practice looking

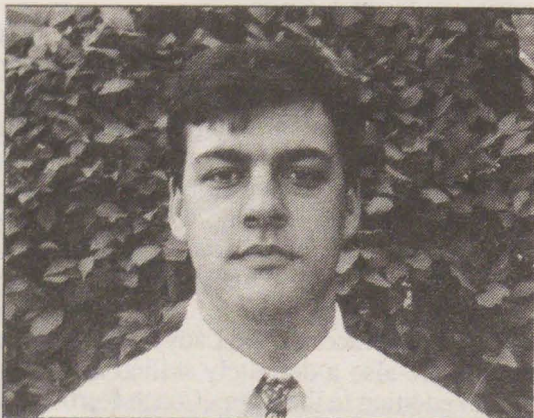


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Mark Kronk, who holds the all-time school record for points scored in a basketball career, died suddenly last month.

bleary eyed, Coach McKinney said he always knew his late night was not spent living it up with the party crowd. More often than not, it was from sitting in a duck blind with his dad and brother. When he graduated in 1995, Kronk returned to Highland with a degree in business administration. He married his high school sweetheart, Cathy, just over a year ago. Who but Kronk would have taken an old dilapidated house and rebuilt it to make a home and business for himself and his wife? He lived like he played basketball, with determination and hard work. He and Cathy owned and operated the Wedding Belle Bridal Shop in Highland, and Kronk was a new car consultant for Dave Craft Motors in Collinsville, IL. Just three weeks before Kronk's death, he and Cathy became the proud parents of a son, Brennen Michael.

As Coach McKinney remarked in his eulogy at Kronk's funeral, "Mark spent his short lifetime looking at every day with that smile of his through eyes that saw the good in everyone. I have a feeling his son, Brennen, will have the same smile, and with the help of his mom and the rest of his family, he'll have the same optimistic, happy belief in life as his father. Mark's life was too short, and we can't know why God needed him so soon. However, we can know that Kronk crammed more living loving into twenty-five years than many of us will know in sixty or seventy. We were so very lucky to have had him in our lives!"

Kevin Walsh, who was Kronk's teammate and roommate commented, "You can imagine the pain his wife, family and former teammates are dealing with. Mark was a giving person, he had an infectious smile, and he simply wanted everyone to be happy."

Kronk's friends have established a memorial fund for his son, Brennen. Anyone desiring to make a contribution may do so by sending it to: Brennen M. Kronk Fund, American Bank, Route 143 North, Highland, IL. 62249.

Volleyball team out to prove 'Price' is right for SLIAC title

by AnneMarie Smith
Staff Writer

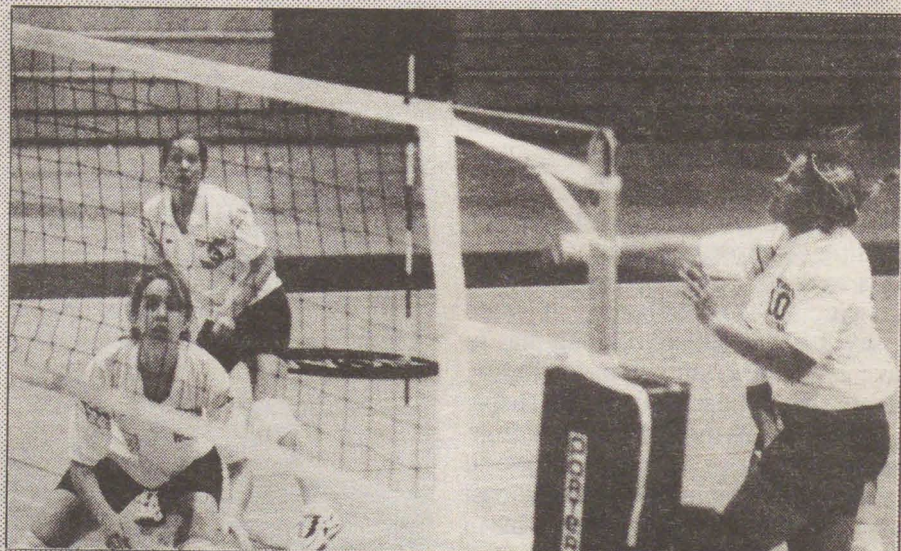


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The team defeated St. Louis College of Pharmacy last week

One word could be used to describe the fate of the volleyball team so far this season: "injured." At a practice last week, only five players were able to participate. New Head Coach Lori Price stated, "We have a freshmen with a torn ACL, a transfer student with stress fractures on her shins, and a player with a hurt wrist."

This is Price's first time being a head coach. She was an assistant coach at Florida State and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, in addition to coaching Missouri Select Teams. Her husband Kevin Price is her assistant coach. This is not the first time Price and Price have worked together. They have coached for Missouri Select Teams as a pair. Kathy Diekmann, a sophomore on the team, stated "we needed her to work us hard and give us discipline. Price knows a lot about volleyball and is a great help to the team."

"The team is coming together a lot slower than wanted," said Price, a problem she attributes to the injuries. "The girls work hard together and have positive attitudes."

Although they lost their first four, the Lady Griffins came back to win their fifth against St. Louis College of Pharmacy. "It was a positive experience for the girls. We now know what

we need to work on," stated Price.

Price has not set any concrete goals for the team except that she wants the team to come together, win or lose, and have positive experiences. Price said since she "did not know the conference and the teams abilities it would be hard to set any concrete win, lose goals."

The team consists of only ten players and not one of them is a senior. They do not feel this could hurt the team. As Diekmann stated, "The team has great talent just a limited amount of players."

The limited amount of players does not help when only five games into the season the team loses one player to a torn ACL and the rest of the team is playing with injuries.

To help Price and her husband, the team voted Stephanie Schnarr as team captain. Schnarr is a junior from St. Charles, Mo. "The team is young and this is a trail year. We have great possibilities to be the best in the conference. We need to learn how to work together and play to our fullest together," she stated. Schnarr's main job as a captain "is to pump the team up regardless if things are going good or bad."

Overall, the season looks tough but not impossible for the Lady Griffins, but they still need school support.

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