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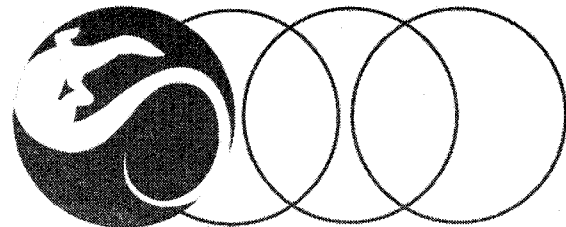
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Many of the loyal readers out there may be wondering:
What happened to those old editors? and: Who are these new as-
sholes?

In a turn of unfortunate events, Andrés Delgado and
Frances Duseault were carried off by a wild pack of family dogs.
No worries, though, the three new names you are soon to famil-
iarize yourself with are truly bodacious kids.

Emily, Tim and Ian are honored and excited to be editing
the Monitor with Jon this semester, and may it be the best one yet.

Anyway, on to the good shit. This is a superb issue. We've
got some news that is both interesting and vital to your knowl-
edge database. Take time to read the opinion articles, for they
may change your life. We thank new contributor Talia Linneman
for her great article on the Kirksville Community Garden and Go
Roke! for her/his expert analysis of one of today's top voices in
the rap world.

If this is your first viewing of the Monitor, Welcome! We
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Welcome to The Monitor

introduction by >> **Jon Lawinger**

Hello reader, and welcome to The Monitor. Upon spotting this fine publication in some random pile on campus you perhaps wondered to yourself, "What is The Monitor?" It might seem like a simple question, but the truth is, no simple answer can really capture the complete essence of The Monitor. But I'll do my best.

To start with, The Monitor is the university's independent student newspaper. While we very appreciatively receive some university funding through FAC, we operate completely independent from university influence and control. We do not censor submissions or restrict topics of debate. We strive to be a voice for all members of the university community and an open forum for expression of all (printable) kinds.

To that end, we have no official staff of writers and contributors. Rather, we have an open submission policy. Any member of the university community (including students, faculty, staff, alumni and area residents)

is welcome to submit articles for publication in The Monitor.

While we are a "newspaper," the term seems overly narrow in light of the diversity of our content. We certainly concern ourselves with news on every level from local to global, but these pages are also regularly home to a wide variety of other material. In the two years I've been involved with the Monitor I've personally contributed world news, letters to the editor (before I was one), political commentary, religious opinions, sports photos, short stories, movie reviews, observational essays, satire, comics, creative photography, and poetry. Last year such unique (and quite opposite) items as vegan recipes and a vampire advice column were regular features.

This year The Monitor will be whatever you make it. If you'd like to get involved, come to Baldwin 312 on Thursday September 15th at 9:00 PM for our informational first meeting, or just send your submissions to monitorm@hotmail.com.

Wal-Mart alternatives are available

opinion by >> **Tim Linn**

The Index is like a broken fountain of sewage. It's overflowing with... something. All conspiracy theories about an Index/Wal-Mart endorsement deal aside, there are an alarming number of instances, a lot of them during Truman Week itself, in which it is not-so-subtly suggested that Wal-Mart is the one and only place around this area that provides entertainment. Much is made about the "moral stances" being put aside upon coming to TSU, because Wal-Mart is unparalleled in terms of what you can get and how cheap it is. However, many new students, and probably a majority of upperclassmen would be surprised to know that there exist alternatives, many of them both cheaper and better than the Index's own.

Round about Rutledge's way, about forty five minutes on highway 11, is Zimmerman's Store. Run by Mennonites in the area, Zimmerman's is a great place to go to get things in large, cheaper packages than either Wal-Mart or even Sam's Club can boast. Additionally, the fact that some of the products are home-grown makes this unbeatable, with homemade, fresh cheese and farm grown produce, as opposed to Wal-Mart's preservative-adorned "cheese" and pesticide-choked vegetables. Zimmerman's is also unparalleled in fresh spices, with dried basil, oregano, and bay leaves just waiting to be used by you, yes, you. After a long day of saving money and supporting honest business, you may want to head to Zimmerman's café for a slice of homemade

strawberry rhubarb pie, which is of course delicious.

If you're worried about the drive, just think of it this way: you'd have to drive to Wal-Mart anyway, or at least that's what everybody tells you, and besides, this way you could make a road trip out of it with a bunch of friends. Rutledge is a pretty good town for a Saturday afternoon. Zimmerman's is, however, closed on Sundays.

There are also other options. Kirksville's very own Farmer's Market is open from May to September and offers the area's farmers a way to sell their vegetables and fruits. Also at the Market are things like jelly, bread, and farm fresh milk, from Weiler's Dairy, right outside Rutledge. Most of the produce at the Farmer's Market is fresher and cheaper than any grocery store in town, and is a really smart and healthy alternative to the mass grown mush fest tomatoes at the chain places. The Farmer's Market simply cuts out the middle man and brings you closer to the community.

With friends like Wal-Mart, who needs enemies? Zimmerman's and the Farmer's Market shatter the need to use this hulking monster for anything except the butt of jokes and an example of unnecessary waste and price gouging.

So look around for yourself, and when the Index or your SA says Wal-Mart is the place to be in this town, don't take their word for it, because they've probably never looked for any other options.

The Four State News

news by >> **Ian Florida**

Missouri 1137th Army National Guard Mobilized



On Wednesday Aug 31st the Missouri National guard mobilized a total of 1000 troops to assist in a mission described as "protecting the innocent." The 1137th Missouri Army National Guard Company will be dispatched to Louisiana to help in both securing safety for the public, as well as in handing out food, water, and medicine. The 1137th is attached to the 175th Military Police Battalion.

These soldiers are trained for security work and are prepared to stay as long as they are needed.

Missouri's Compassionate Response

During a recent interview, Gov. Matt Blunt applauded Missourians on their generosity and on the depth of their compassion. Also discussed were two Executive Orders he issued allowing physicians from Louisiana and Mississippi to treat patients that have been transported to the state, and a waiver which temporarily lifts the state requirement on the sale of reformulated gas in Kansas City and St. Louis. Some of groups contributing to the cause are the Department of Transportation which will waive the required permits to ship supplies through the state. St. Louis County is also contributing, working with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, local plumbers, electricians and businesses to open a former jail in Chesterfield as housing. Even Branson is involved. The Branson Chamber of Commerce is coordinating an effort to supply lodging, jobs and entertainment for hurricane victims.

Now If Only....

...we could show that same compassion towards those suffering in our own state. A federal judge has decided to let the Missouri Medicaid cuts take effect while he decides a lawsuit aimed at stopping the cuts. U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple blocked a request from 7 plaintiffs to stop the cuts from taking place during the course of the trial. The Kansas City judge stated that the cuts, which removed 90,000 recipients from the Medicaid roll and at the same time increased premiums, must take effect immediately.



Illinois Doctors Sue Insurance Providers

Several Illinois physicians are suing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association for more than \$1 million they claim the organizations owe them. Pliura, attorney for the doctors, claims in the lawsuit that Blue Cross and Blue Shield unilaterally "bundled," "downcoded" or "rejected" claims for medically necessary services which were covered under their plans; failed to pay for medical necessary services in accordance with the plan; used "improper criteria" to deny, delay or severely reduce payments for covered services; and imposed extra conditions on payments to out-of-network providers. He asked for recovery of the unpaid and underpaid claim balances and an order barring Blue Cross from further nonpayment or underpayment.

Illinois to Steal Missouri Doctors

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and Dan Hynes, Comptroller, sent a letter to thirty doctors and scientists currently conducting stem cell research in Missouri. The letter encouraged them to explore research opportunities in Illinois and to leave Missouri. Last month, the Governor and Comptroller made Illinois the first state in the Midwest, and only the fourth state in the nation, to appropriate public funds to the groundbreaking and life-saving work of stem cell research. Research in this field allows scientists and doctors to better identify the causes of some serious medical illnesses and conditions. It may even lead to the discovery of new ways to treat or even cure them.



Nothing happens in Iowa.



Gorbachev to Visit Lindsborg Kansas

Mikhail Gorbachev, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was president of the Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991 and was credited with helping end the Cold War and Communist rule in Eastern Europe. He is scheduled to visit Lindsborg Kansas, Population 3200 in attempt to overthrow the American Empire. Or, rather, because the town is internationally known as a hotspot chess destination. Gorbachev's trip to Lindsborg on Oct. 29 will include a chess parade, a scholastic chess tournament and a match between Susan Polgar and Anatoly Karpov, former chess champions. The October event launches a yearlong peace initiative that includes Internet chess matches between students from around the world. Winners of those matches will participate in the week-long Chess for Peace Festival to be held in Lindsborg in June 2006.

Center of local controversy in '02 dies while again resisting arrest

opinion by >> **Andrés Delagado**

A few of you will remember the name of Jeffrey W. Williams; he was arrested in Kirksville in the spring of 2002. He was black and received some pretty bad injuries somewhere over the course of his arrest and subsequent jailing. The guy drove into town lost and disoriented and ended up waiting for family to come get him at a gas station. This was ok with the gas station manager until Williams started bothering customers. The manager told him to leave, and initially Williams did, but he came back. Police were brought in on a trespassing complaint when Williams wouldn't go away. Throughout the ordeal, I got the impression he was a little "off" mentally, in an unspecified way.

When they were done arresting him, he had "three broken ribs, a punctured lung and a bruised spleen." He ended up sitting in the Adair County jail overnight without medical attention. A student named Julia Davis notified the NAACP, and the Justice Dept. ended up conducting an investigation, but nobody found any wrongdoing on the part of the KVPD, the new chief, Jim Hughes, told two Monitor reporters when we talked to him in 2004. Just after the incident, in 2002, about seventy students and professors marched around the square and then to the county jail - the biggest demonstration that I ever saw in Kirksville. Professor Monica Barron was holding a sign with only a big question mark on it.

Three weeks ago, as I scanned the Metro digest of the Post-Dispatch, I found that a Jeffrey W. Williams, 36, collapsed and died Saturday, Aug. 21, after scuffling with two arresting Highway Patrol troopers on I-44 in Rolla. He was being arrested over an outstanding traffic warrant, and the troopers say Williams went for one of their guns. Traffic on I-44 came to a halt as a result of the struggle and one motorist even left his vehicle to help restrain Williams.

I would have hoped that his personal condition would undergo adjustment after it clashed so badly with the societal condition in 2002, maybe at the prompting of the fully competent members of his family. People had a responsibility to make sure his future behavior was consistent with survivability in the situation of being arrested. SOMEone, maybe the state if not his family, should have identified and dealt with his self-endangering psychiatric impairment, if indeed federal investigation found that Williams himself, and not the KVPD, bore responsibility for his injuries in 2002 (a finding that should have identified him as non-functioning).

Of course the police were at fault for so seriously injuring this guy over the matter of a trespassing arrest and then a traffic warrant. You can arrest someone who isn't an immediate threat without killing them. But Williams should have been helped before 2002 and definitely after. Live and learn.

Racks moved, bikers rebel

story by >> **Emily Randall**

Riding bikes is cool. It's good exercise; it's good for the environment; it's way faster than walking. I usually ride my bike to class, to friends' houses, and to my on-campus job, but this semester I was shocked to discover the locations of my trusty bike racks had been moved.

I was riding my bike from my job in Pershing to my first class in Baldwin Hall on the first day of class, when I realized that I would have to travel a bit further around back of Baldwin to park my bike. My first instinct was to think the bike racks were moved for the summer and had been neglected to be put back for the first day of school. No big deal.

The week went by, and nothing had changed. I even noticed a new sign posted on the side of McClain directing bikers to the back of the building. Even the racks for the dorm-dwellers were back by the parking lot. What is going on here?

The only rational explanations I can conceive of are that the university is either trying to "beautify" the cam-

pus by pushing bikes to the outskirts or are trying to discourage people from riding on the sidewalks in the middle of campus, a great inconvenience for those who cross campus a great deal between classes.

It could probably work, too. I know I feel inconvenienced when I have to go in the opposite direction of my destination to get my bike. I've considered hoofing it over to Pershing on foot, but then I remember how great it is to ride my bike.

Fortunately, local bikers are rebelling and prevailing. They are standing up and saying (though not really), "I don't have to park in back!" by locking bikes to any and all stationary structures. I have started to see bikes crammed in all over around heavy trafficked halls; bikes against trees, bikes against lampposts, bikes against railings! It is certainly more disorderly looking then a little old bike rack, but that's all right by me.

Maybe someday we will see the return of bike racks by the front doors. For now, bikers, don't let them get you down. Ride bikes at will! Park wherever you can!

Robertson calls for Chavez assassination, commits felony

opinion by >> **Ian Florida**

"If he thinks we're trying to assassinate him. I think we really ought to go ahead and do it," stated radical Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson about the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez. The remarks were made during the regular broadcast of his show, "The 700 Club." Pat Robertson has acknowledged that they were made out of "frustration," but more than being indignant and immoral, they might also be illegal. To find out if his comments were illegal we need only confer with Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 112(b), "Whoever willfully -- (1) ... threatens ... a foreign official ..., [or] (2) attempts to ... threaten ... a foreign official ... shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both." Thus we can arrive at the conclusion that yes, threatening a foreign official - and heads of state definitely count - is a crime.

Now we must confirm whether or not Pat Robertson's comments were a threat.

Mr. Robertson's comments did not end at the initial "we ought to do it." "We have the ability to take him out," Robertson continued, "and I think the time has come that we exercise that ability. We don't need another \$200 billion war to get rid of one, you know, strong-arm dictator. It's a whole lot easier to

have some of the covert operatives do the job and then get it over with." The intent expressed through Mr. Robertson's language is questionable. Mr. Robertson defended himself by stating that "I didn't say 'assassination.' I said our special forces should 'take him out.' 'Take him out' could be a number of things including kidnapping."

So instead of looking at misdemeanors, let's look at some felonies. Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 875(c), states: "Whoever transmits in interstate or foreign commerce any communication containing any threat to kidnap any person or any threat to injure the person of another, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both." By Mr. Robertson's admission, he meant at least kidnap, and we could also infer he meant to injure as well. We could take it a step further and try to prove that he meant we should assassinate President Chavez, but why go to all the trouble when Robertson has already confessed to a felony.

Despite Robertson's comments Chavez has responded to Hurricane Katrina by offering to send plane loads of aid, including 2,000 soldiers, firefighters, volunteers and other disaster specialists. Venezuela also pledged \$1 million in aid plus fuel to help in the hardest-hit areas.

Queen Astra

Hello dear subjects,

I know it's been a long summer for all of you. It has been for me, what with all the "accidents" and whatnot. My friends, I am back. Yes, I realize that my submission to this wonderful publication has been spotty at best, but give me a break. Reading the stars (and the bottom of a whiskey bottle) is not the easiest thing in the world to do. So, I am here now with fresh readings for you delectable morsels.

Aries (March 21- April 19):

Just stop trying. You will never win that stuffed care bear from the machine.

Taurus (April 20 - March 20):

Consider your surroundings and then make a change. Any change. You can even trade a nickel for five pennies. Once you do that, you will find the key and go on to the bonus level where all your enemies are made out of yummy yummy cake.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20):

You will find a quarter on the ground, go to pick it up and realize that I glued it there.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22):

You will be amused by another's misfortune.

Leo (July 23 - August 22):

Flying Monkeys?

Virgo (August 23 - September 22):

You will have a party with all of the US presidents where Taft will eat all of the cake before you blow out the candles, Lincoln will keep making lame jokes about his assassination, Jackson will get mad and kill thousands of people, and John Tyler will forget that he was ever alive.

Libra (September 23 - October 22):

For one minute, you will be able to leap over the highest buildings, crush boulders with your pinkie and then wake up with broken legs and your pinkie shattered.

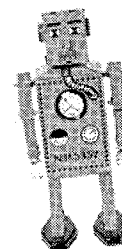
Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):

You will become the lead singer for an emo band, realize it, and cry while writing in your journal about it.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):

You make me want to vomit.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19):



Aquarius (January 20 - February 18):

Making a deal with the devil is only wise.

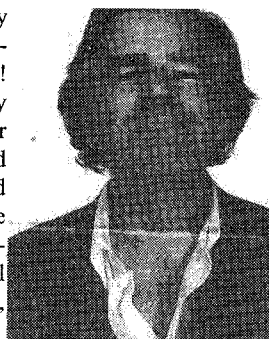
Pisces (February 19 - March 20):

You will remember the greatness of the "Letters from the Underground" and "Point/Counterpoint" columns and weep.

MO MOMENTUM, coruscatingly so!

opinion by >> **Larry Iles**

The first half capitalized is the title of the best seller memoirs of Dr Majorie Mowlam, PhD, University of Iowa city, and reluctant Her Majesty's Privy Councillor, as she was an avowed republican and admirer of the late Princess Di. Her own long expected death after a visibly courageous fight with both cancer and regular bouts of unemployment has induced a comparable to Di wave of global grief, especially as she ordered her hospice life support machinery switched off rather than live merely vegetatively, nominally! Indeed, Mowlam is the only woman US PhD to have ever served inside a UK cabinet and earthily in commoner touch had all the popularity her Yale male PhD Conservative cabinet counterpart, the nevertheless liberal Catholic Lord St John Stevas, pathetically lacked.



I encountered her charm and sharp intelligence, combined with all her lovable informality, back in 1995 at a Sussex seminar in our native England, on why had Labour narrowly lost the 1992 general election after a period of debilitating conservative rule as lengthily vast as your US GOP own in lobotomy stagnation. As the low income people of flood ruined New Orleans are finding out, in resultant infrastructure public investment neglect! Thanks to her charm at that seminar, folks were brought together with the same kind of bridge-building skill she was later to show as Labour's Ulster Secretary, in starting to talk disarm to so-called Irish religious terrorists in that province, comparable to today's Bush and Blair born-again ruined Iraq mess pot!

Bored stiff at the seminar she was nominally Brighton chairing, by the pomposity and blame the defeat 1992, just on the Major Tories of elderly-suited males barging in on her female panel, she suddenly surprised yours truly. By booming out in that irresistible rasping "t" voice of hers to some such eminence "NO.NOT YOU!! NOW WE WILL HAVE LARRY NEXT, PLEEESE!" So up proceeded me with my warning about a TV media then in UK, as controlled as is your own by complacent falsely unself critical lies.

It was thus her irreverence that was her

asset politically with only the late Democrat Congresswoman Bella Abzug, herself the daughter of east European Socialists, whom I heard twice as a US history assistant teacher at the University of Illinois-Urbana, ever being able over with you to match Mo's zest for life. The US Clintons loved her, too, for such things faced up to that, in we lesser mortals, would have been found insurmountably gloomy. In her youth as seaside Redcar MP, a blonde stunner, Mowlam had snared away from his first wife a Labour broker. But instead of hiding her brain cancer loss of hair, she scorned the wig as "THAT SODDING THING" in front of top chat shows and Clinton and Blair Ulster peace summits alike, in take off KOJAK self merriment astuteness displays!

Since her death, Blairite male journalists and alas some bitchy female jealous allies have latched onto what they speculate to have been petty inconsistencies by her, amounting to in reality the same kind of anti-feminism we herstorians always double standards abusively see! Indeed, reminders of the whispering campaign she accuses in her memoirs Blair of running - that she was mad when he manipulated her out of the Ulster job, as mad as was he, she maintained, to have put in his suited crony Peter Mandelson instead.

Yet in the end, she was very consistent in disliking such male chicanery. Even when rescuing socialist party UK Labour finances by touring for then rare Labour wealthy types before the government in 1997, she in fact steered the money into Emily's list copied radical women candidacies. And her major indictment of the Iraq war, after quitting the House of Commons 2001 general elections, was that it was Tony's needless proving he has 'balls' war in oil greed privilege grab grounds insupportably. From the grave with her husband's completion aid she will still show she has momentum against MR. Christian moralists Bush and Blair by publishing a book reflective of her last Socialist ministry, in which she contends for the complete LEGALIZATION of the drug traffic trade, as the only way to end its debasing grip on all classes of youth and third world exploitation. She was UNIQUE in feistiness!

Kirksville Community Garden grows

story by >> **Talia Linneman**

It's been almost a year since the seeds of the Kirksville Community Garden were planted in the minds of a handful of energetic young people in the area. Some of the gardeners are Truman students, many are not, but none of them had majors in agriculture, entrepreneurship, or community organizing. Nonetheless, they created a project that demands skill in each of these areas.



They committed their time and energy to something not required of them by an employer, professor or parent. All the work is voluntary, most of the publicity is done through word of mouth, and any outside help has come, seemingly, from serendipity.

Take the land, for example. The garden is on about one quarter acre of county-owned land behind the Family Advocacy Center (FAC), located on Jamison, east of Baltimore St.

According to gardener Ben Garrett, the group of gardeners organizing the project just bumped into the director of the FAC, Mike Waddle, who thought a garden was a good idea and had land to offer. After four months of meeting, dreaming, and brainstorming, this was a real breakthrough for the group, Garrett said.

Obtaining the land jump-started the group's activity, giving them concrete tasks to focus on. They realized they had to explain themselves to potential donors. They hammered out a mission statement agreed upon by consensus, a method the group strives to use in all its decisions.

They created a brochure outlining their goals and needs and presented it to local busi-

ness. They asked them to donate money or gardening supplies to the project.

"Fund-raising and getting supplies was difficult," gardener Emily Randall said.

The FAC and Waddle donated some tools, and some seeds were donated by ACE Hardware and Tractor Supply Company. Group members also talked up the project and sometimes collected donations at local events such as vegetarian potluck dinners and the Earth Day festival put on by Truman's Environmental Campus Organization.

With land, a few tools and a little money, there was still much to do before planting. The land behind the FAC was rock hard, and the group didn't know whether it was fertile enough to sustain a garden. They sent a dirt sample to a lab associated with the University of Missouri-Columbia, which reported the soil to be adequate, though not ideal.

In April, Waddle used his own tiller to turn up the ground. The gardeners said they were thrilled by such help with a task

they could not have done by hand, but better communication was needed.

"We should have drawn a map of where to plow, but we didn't, so Mike just plowed," Garrett said.

As a result, some of the plots are harder than others for gardeners to access with the single long hose used for watering.

By May, the gardeners had dug in their heels and their spades, filling most of their eight thousand square feet with vegetables, herbs and flowers. There are even fruit trees donated by a Cedar Rapids nursery, another feat of fortune and collaboration.

Throughout the summer, the gardeners battled weeds, hungry animals and the worst drought since the eighties. Many plants were lost, and few people maintained individual plots. The community plots still produced a great deal, however, including hot peppers, bell peppers, cucumbers, squash, and buckets of tomatoes.

"We have a ton of food," Randall said, "and we've been giving some away."

Bags of produce have been delivered to the FAC and to neighbors' doors.

There is some disappointment among the gardeners that few people outside of their group have utilized the land. According to the brochure, the group had hoped to offer workshops on every step of the gardening process. Though there has been only one organized workday with FAC families, gardener Chris Scheets is upbeat.

"The space is still available for them," Scheets said. "Better publicity is one of the upcoming year's goals, but ultimately, it's the people's choice whether to garden or not."

Other goals for next year include a better watering system, more fencing to keep out the rabbits and shuffling the locations of the community and individual plots to allow better drainage.

Controversy illustrates flawed depiction of Chavez

opinion by >> **Marc Becker**

By now, televangelist Pat Robertson's August 22 call for the assassination of Venezuela president Hugo Chavez has been roundly condemned from a wide variety of sources. Most of these note how his statement is a violation both of biblical mandates and U.S. law, and that he should be indicted here in the U.S. and extradited to Venezuela to stand trial for his statement. The U.S. has been known to invade other countries when

high profile political leaders make such statements, so why shouldn't Venezuela follow the same policy?

Many commentators use Robertson's statement as ammunition in culture wars in the U.S., pointing out that the Christian Right is wrong on almost every issue and how so-called "pro-lifers" are consistently pro-war, pro-death penalty, pro-cutting health care and sex education which only increases abortion rates, etc. Internationally, these conservatives only seem to be interested in invad-

ing countries and killing the leaders of large oil producing areas.

Some more thoughtful observers have reflected on the irony of Robertson calling for the assassination of Chavez, who is deeply motivated by his Christian faith. Chavez has taken Jesus' statement "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" seriously. Venezuela's oil wealth previously only lined the pockets of the elite, but now he

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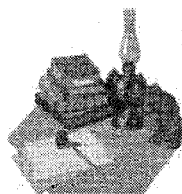
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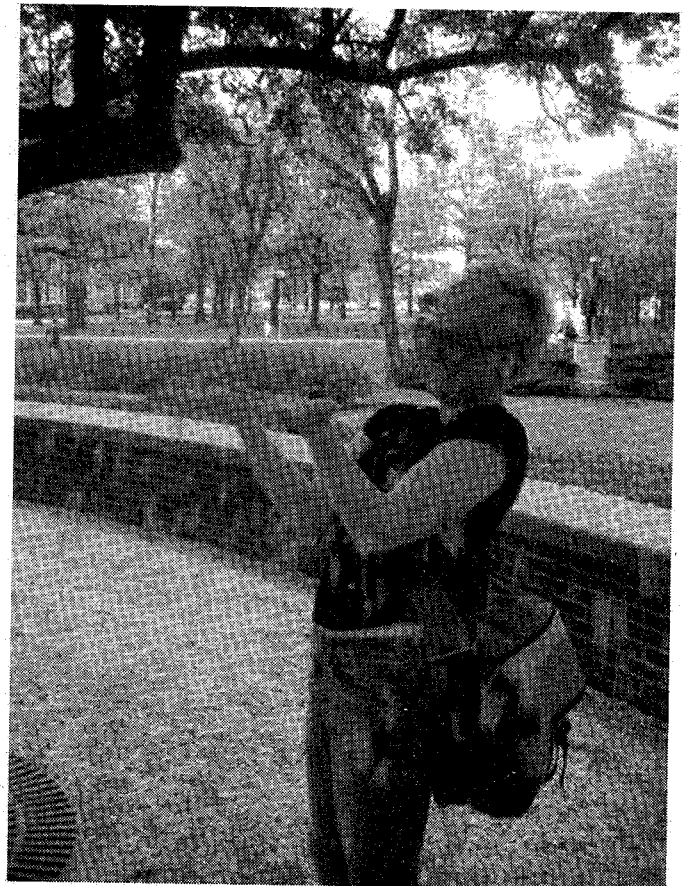
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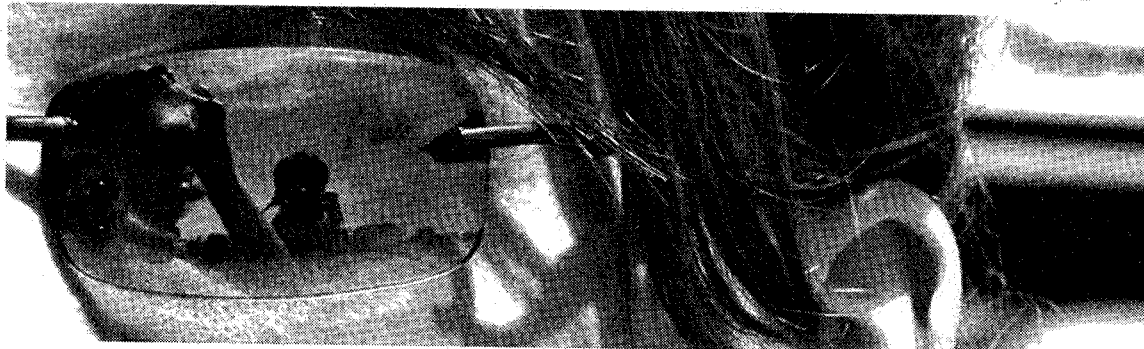


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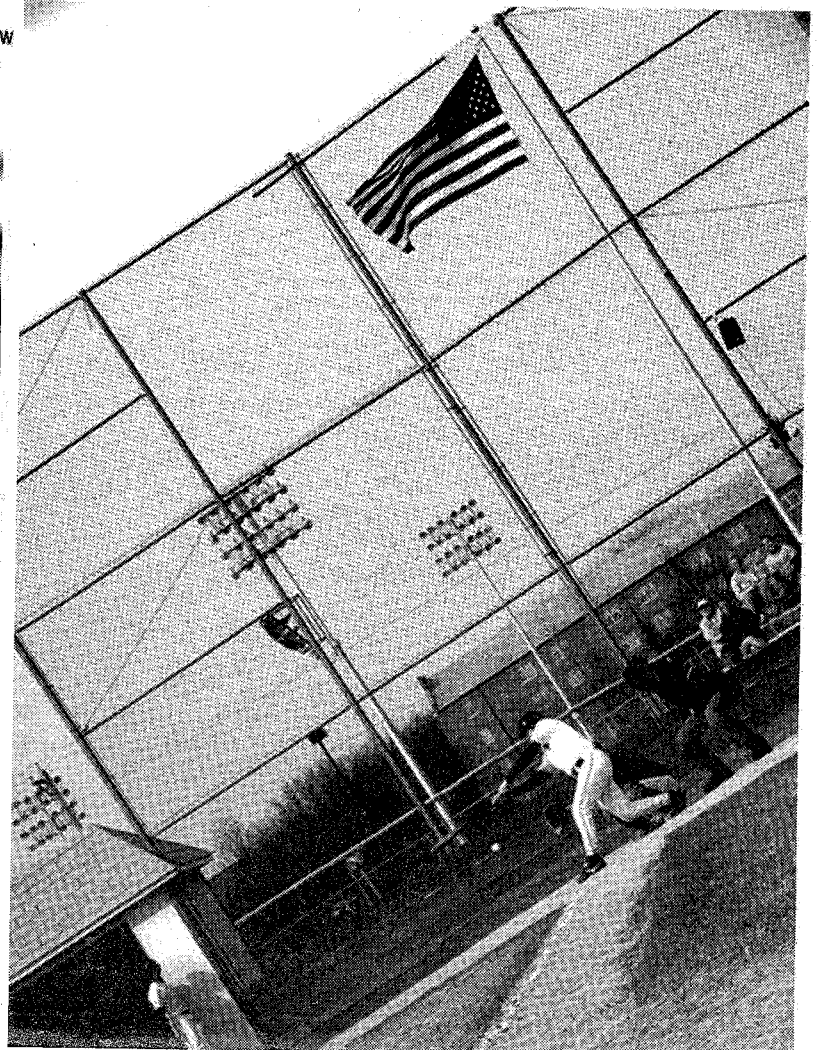
Photographers and photo-fans alike, welcome to the photo page. This issue features a mix of shots that were originally printed last year, along with new shots from Phil Jarret and myself. Photographers: I know you're out there (because the last three semesters creative photography was offered it filled up before I could get in), so show me what you've got. Send your shots to monitorphotos@gmail.com. -Jon



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Community Resource Center opens

story by >> Emily Randall

As of June, Kirksville has a new community resource center and infoshop, located on Jefferson St. across from the post office. What is the name of this unique space? Kirksville Infoshop and Community Resource Center, of course, or at least for the time being.



Sam Pounders reads a 'zine from the library of the new Kirksville Infoshop and Community Resource Center.

The name of the space has been a topic of contention for the collective who founded the space.

"After a lot of discussion, we decided to call it 'Caterwaul,'" Sam Pounders said, "but then some people were uncomfortable naming the space a word that means 'the sound of a cat in heat.' So for now, it's just 'Kirksville Infoshop and Community Resource Center,' or more simply 'the space.'"

Whatever the name turns out to be, it will be a hot spot for diverse activities in the community, for both students and non-students. The organizers have set up a library which includes a variety of 'zines and other radical literature.

"We are trying to provide a new outlet for independent thought with our library," Jenny Wilson said. "We don't want to include the same books as the Truman and Adair County libraries or as other resources such as the Women's Resource Center."

Another prime purpose of the Kirksville

Infoshop and Community Resource Center is to hold regular music acts, usually rock and roll shows. Wilson said they strive to bring a variety of bands to Kirksville, and the shows that have happened this summer have been successful.

"The shows so far have been really fun," Pounders said. "We've had a really good turnout, and the money that we made from donations was always enough to give bands for their gas money and keep a little bit to support the center."

The collective who founded and run the space decided in the beginning that it would be a hate-free environment, and worked together to create an anti-oppression policy that they then posted on the wall. They said they welcome everyone in the community to come into the space, and events will be free, with donations accepted.

There are other plans for the near future of the space. While the people who run the space now hope others will get involved and organize events that they are interested in, they have some of their own planned to get things rolling. Soon, a bike library and an art resource room will call the space its home.

"We are hoping to keep community bikes for people to check out and use if they need to," Pounders said, "and we are definitely planning bike workshops where people can fix their bikes and learn more about bike repair from each other."

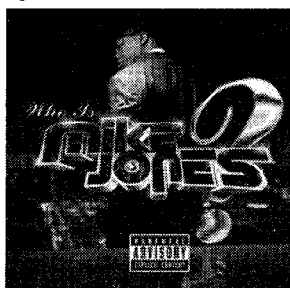
The walls of the space will soon be transformed into gallery space for local artists. Accompanying the art will be gallery openings to celebrate the independent artists who show their work at the space.

The collective of founders are starting to have open hours, in conjunction with the beginning of school and increase in traffic in the area in which the space is located. Tentatively, the Kirksville Infoshop and Community Resource Center is open daily from noon to 5:00, and some hours on Saturdays. Wilson said they encourage people to stop by and check out the space and its literature and learn more about what events are coming up.

Mike Jones: Genius or Idiot?

review by >> Go Roke!

The Album Who is Mike Jones? takes a direct and tactical approach to the question, "Who is Mike Jones?" In that regard, this album is an amazingly creative and comprehensive look into what makes this Houston-based rapper, who has blasted his way to the top of the charts. Covering every aspect of Mike Jones; the man, the baller, the shot caller, the 20' rims crawler, there is no stone left unturned. From his five-year program, to his cell phone number, to the name of his next album, and even the name of the album you are currently listening to, Who is Mike Jones? is much more the answer than it is a question. Honest to a fault, Mike Jones lays his life on the line, and then repeats that line over and over again until it becomes a whole verse. Repeated over and over again, that verse grows into an entire song. Repeated 15 more times, that one line has



evolved into an album for the ages. Mike Jones shows a courage and commitment that boldly obliterates the gray space between genius and idiocy. For those acclimated to the wishy-washy trends of pop culture, such dedication to a single goal makes this a difficult album to sit through. However, for the patient, curious and courageous, listening to this album will show you many of the subtle aspects of the character of Mike Jones lost between tantalizing choruses and shameless self-promotion.

To many, Who is Mike Jones? will go down as the epitome of hip-hop's descent into narcissism, nihilism and greed. But for those with the courage to face the reality of the million-dollar music industry, this album cuts through the clown masks and holographic personalities with a simple truth: Mike Jones,

Who?

Chavez

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is redirecting those resources to feed the hungry and clothe the needy. Many poor Indigenous and Afro-Venezuelans strongly support Chavez, because these dispossessed never before have had someone in power who supports and defends their interests. At the same time, the Bush administration has significantly cut social services and implemented policies that disproportionately hurt the poor, so it would seem obvious who God would want to cast out of his sight.

Why would Robertson first make such an asinine, illegal, and immoral statement, then lie about having made it, and finally offer what amounted to a weak and lame apology?

Chavez sits on top of one of the world's largest oil reserves, and he is a close ally of Cuba's Fidel Castro who has been the target of a failed and misguided policy for 45 years. Robertson's statement is part of an increasingly strident right-wing echo chamber that tries to paint Chavez as a dangerous dictator who must be taken out before he does more damage to Venezuela or the United States. But it is also an example of a dangerous ignorance of the realities of the rest of the world.

Even while Venezuela continues to suffer from systemic poverty and a deeply polarized political culture, to depict Chavez's gov-

ernment as repressive or dictatorial is simply inaccurate. Far from diminishing democracy, Chavez works to strengthen these structures. His popularity consistently polls in the 60 to 70 percent range, and with the opposition discredited and in complete disarray his reelection next year appears to be a foregone conclusion. Political discourse is wide open, and some supporters say dangerously so for it allows opponents to make unreasonable proclamations such as Robertson's.

Right-wing depictions of Venezuela are simply wrong, and dangerously so for they lead to advocating policies that increase economic inequalities and produce political instability. Robertson knows little and understands even less of Venezuelan realities, but he knows Chavez has allied himself against those who take the wealth of poor countries to enrich the elite. Robertson's response is both un-Christian and un-American.

Condemning and arresting Robertson is merely a first step. We need to educate ourselves so that we are able to see United States imperialism for what it is—a blatant grab of resources from other parts of the world to enrich the elite and hurt the poor both here and abroad. We need to support Chavez and the types of policies he is implementing in Venezuela. In the United States, we need to follow his lead and similarly advocate for policies that benefit "the least of these my brethren."

Blunt attacks family planning programs

story by >> Emily Randall

Since 2003, the state of Missouri has not granted any funding to family planning programs such as Kirksville's Tri-Rivers Planned Parenthood (TRPP). Gov. Matt Blunt is currently attempting to limit such programs even further.

Blunt called a special session of the state legislature to begin Sept. 6.

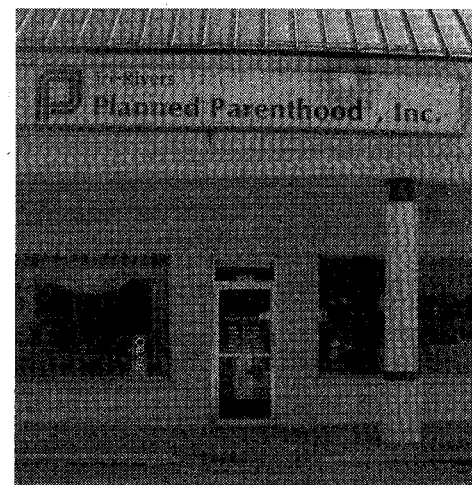
Among the proposals in his proclamation up for consideration are two that would endanger family planning and women's health care clinics. He will attempt to illegalize the crossing of state borders by underage women to obtain abortions, a part of his 2004 election campaign.

"I think it's a shame with all that's going on with Missouri right now that [Blunt] is wasting money on special sessions," senior Molly Pfeiffer said.

The second proposal is to require physicians who perform abortions to have clinical practices at hospitals within 30 miles of the clinics where they travel to perform abortions. According to Hailey Hulse, community educator for TRPP, most abortion doctors travel, and clinics all over the state must share them. As a result, this law would in effect close all but two Missouri clinics providing abortions.

"Instead of illegalizing abortion, why don't we try to prevent these unwanted pregnancies to begin with [with family planning practices]?" Hulse said.

The Aug. 24 TRPP newsletter reported that family planning on average saves taxpayers three dollars for every one dollar spent on



providing services such as providing birth control, pap tests and cervical exams, among others.

Blunt's upcoming special session will cost taxpayers approximately \$100,000 per week it is in session, Hulse said.

In reaction to Blunt's endeavors, TRPP will participate in a "Rally for Women's Health" in Jefferson City on September 14. They will join other women's rights activists from across the state to protest Blunt's proposal, and they will be providing carpools for other interested individuals. Any person in Kirksville or the surrounding area who wants a ride to the rally can contact Hulse at TRPP.

In addition, TRPP is holding an art exhibition and auction Sept. 16 at the NEMO fair grounds as a benefit to supplement their under funded family planning program. Call 665-5672 for more information.

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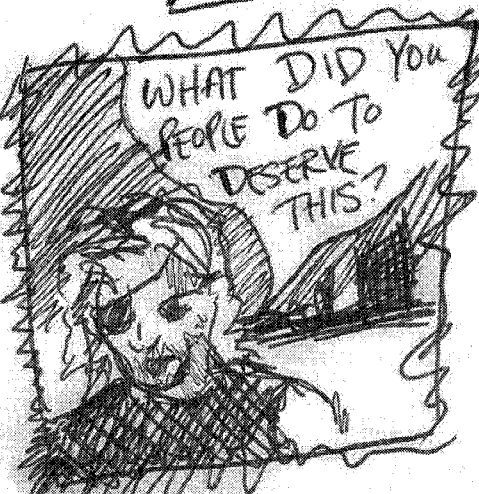
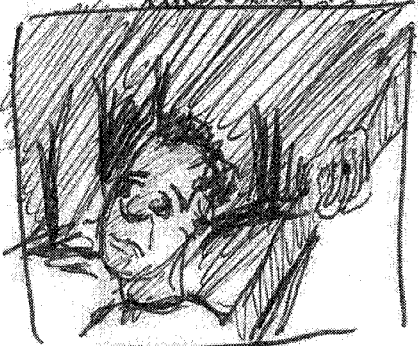
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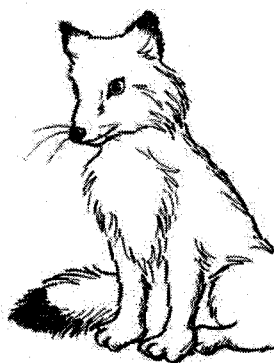
My Back Pages....

In the Meadow

written while listening to Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherezade"

Little blades of grass, heavy with dew
Until the sun shines over the hill and the day becomes anew
Everything is replenished and refreshed
As they drink up the star and say thank you
A hungry fox comes romping down the lane
Searching for any sustenance for its hunger pain
A caterpillar crawls up its paw
The fox simply snaps it in twain
Staying, striving, and starving on his journey
The Fox spies a blue feathered bird in great worry
"My taste has not for you" he said with a grin
I can see the stars in your head, but they are quite blurry
The bird sighed, he would not die today
The fox grinned another grin, for he would have his hunger stay
Little birdie's eyes were floating in the acid of a stomach
The stars faded until the hazy shine went away
The fox trotted away quite promptly with pride
With faded stars in his belly and a sun burning in his eyes
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Into his foxhole where he lay down and died

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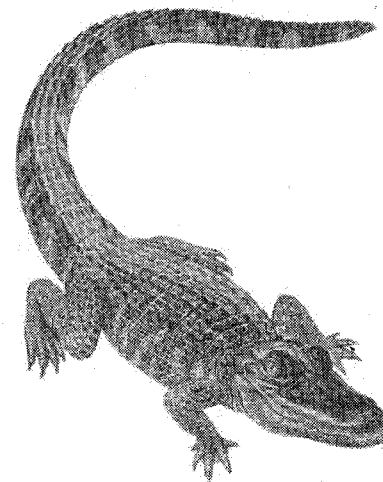
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lot, and around you
I have to pretend
to be stupid

Because God made me
shy for a reason,

I loved you when you
said to fuck mediocrity
and meant it.

I loved you
and you are beautiful.

-A. Alligator



Rivet

Music: Andrew W.K.

Running down the gauntlet, devouring iron
Spades and chains to switch the pattern. Swing with
People, stomping spiders ready to die.
My axe, with strife, is falling, clean and sharp,
Upon your fool head to start sweet blood flow.

-Zhian Kamvar