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Delmar Surveys: Neighborhood Opportunity To Speak Out

Since March of this year, the Commercial District Committee has been meeting to plan ways to encourage suitable commercial growth along Delmar between the city limits and DeBaliviere and to make the area more attractive visually and economically. This planning coincides with the building of Metrolink which will have a stop at the Wabash Station on Delmar.

Committee members include Chair JoAnn Vatcha, Steve Brammeier, Sam Green, Cynthia Homan, George Johannes, Loretta Lloyd, John Reeve, Nat Rivers, Lana Stein, Dennis Townsend, and Jack Wright. Alderman Clay and McGuire have encouraged this planning effort and Nancy Farmer of SDCC continually has provided expertise and assistance.

The committee's efforts have been strengthened by the assistance of Debra Smith, a master's degree student at Washington University's Architecture and Urban Design program. She has been surveying businesses currently located on Delmar regarding their needs and hopes for the area. She now is helping the committee to find out how residents in neighborhoods adjacent to Delmar feel about current conditions and possible courses of action.



Survey In This Issue

This issue of the *Times* includes a survey which residents are encouraged to fill out. This survey deals with items such as conditions on Delmar, needs not met, the area's image, and desired physical improvements. Completed surveys should be returned to the SDCC Office at 6010 Kingsbury by Oct. 22. (The individual survey responses will be kept anonymous. Overall results will be shared with the Commercial District Committee and city officials for planning purposes).

Neighborhood Meeting

A neighborhood meeting regarding possible plans for Delmar will be held at the SDCC Office at 6010 Kingsbury on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for everyone to hear about alternatives and voice their views. Alderman Clay and McGuire as well as the Commercial District Committee members will be present. Surveys may also be filled out at this time. If you have any questions about these meetings or about the survey call the SDCC at 862-5122.

Neighborhood input is very important to this planning process. The survey and neighborhood meetings are significant steps in gathering this input and helping to prepare a means to revitalize Delmar and best serve the current and future needs of the area.

Housing Conservation District Meeting Nov. 5

As previously reported in the *Times*, Ald. Dan McGuire has introduced a Board Bill that will designate most of Skinker DeBaliviere as a Housing Conservation District. The SDCC and its Planning Committee requested McGuire take this action. McGuire has scheduled a second neighborhood meeting:

**Tuesday, November 5, 1991
7:00 p.m.
SDCC Office, 6010 Kingsbury**

A public hearing before the Public Safety Committee is scheduled Thursday, November 7, 1991, 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Signs announcing this hearing will be posted throughout the neighborhood late in October.

McGuire asks that neighbors bring their questions or comments to the neighborhood meeting on November 5, in advance of the hearing.

Anyone who cannot attend the meeting on Nov. 5 may call McGuire, 622-3287, or the SDCC Office, 862-5122, for more information.

See Related Article reprinted from *June* on page 7.

New Principal Comes To St. Roch's School



Photos by King Schoenfeld

St. Roch's Catholic School proudly announced that Gloria Openlander, a school parent and resident of the Southwest Garden neighborhood, has become the school's new principal.

Mrs. Openlander earned her BA in Elementary Education from Harris-Stowe State College and received her MA in Arts Education from Washington University. Currently she is working on a Specialist Degree in Education Administration at St. Louis University. She has taught from the elementary level through junior high for almost 15 years.

Openlander sees her role at St. Roch's not only as a manager of people but, more importantly, as an "instructional leader."

"I welcome the challenge of restructuring the curriculum to focus on how children learn," she says. "Children learn in so many different ways, and I believe it is the teacher's responsibility to understand how each child learns and, then, to adjust to the child's learning ability. Once this occurs, the teacher and the child will both be successful!"

In this connection she intends to be a support and resource person for both teachers and parents, Openlander says.

St. Roch's reputation is in providing a Christian education with a strong academic foundation. It is also a school with children of different cultural and religious backgrounds. Mrs. Openlander wants St. Roch's children and teachers to be aware of those differences and to learn how to interact with each other. "Once we understand our differences," she says, "a broader learning experience takes place."

St. Roch's will participate next year in a program called "A World of Difference." The program, whose sponsors include the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the Danforth Foundation, Civic Progress and KMOV-TV, emphasizes the unique cultural differences of the children in the community.

"I see this as a journey," says Openlander. "We all need to go with the experiences and learn from them."

Mrs. Openlander is married to John Openlander and is the mother of two children, Lucy and Nicholas.

Grace Church/St. Roch's Blood Drive On October 26

Mark your calendars now for the annual Grace United Methodist Church/St. Roch's Blood Drive. It will be held at Grace Church, 6199 Waterman, on Saturday, October 26.

Grace Church has provided the following quotes from the Red Cross' *20 Most Common Excuses for Not Giving Blood*. Do any fit you?

"No one has ever asked me to donate." Consider yourself asked! Blood comes only from people. It can't be manufactured. Your gift could mean life for a sick child, and accident victim, or an elderly person facing surgery.

"I gave blood voluntarily, but then the Red Cross turned around and sold it." The Red Cross does recover part of the expenses of collecting, processing and distributing the blood. Hospitals often pass this cost along to their patients. But most medical insurance companies usually cover these costs.

"I'm scared to give blood." Nearly everyone feels that way the first time. Donating blood becomes a habit with some people. A few regulars have donated hundreds of times. It's not a big deal.

Free Weatherization Kits For Seniors

The Social Service Committee of the SDCC will distribute weatherization kits to senior citizens who reside in the area, and will assist anyone who needs help with installation later this fall. The weatherization kits are provided by Union Electric free of charge, and any senior citizen, tenants or property owner may receive one. U.E. provides the kits for churches, neighborhood groups, etc., who will handle distribution of them; the kits are not available to individuals directly from U.E.

Among the items included in the kits are: plastic to cover windows, insulation for electric outlets and switch plates, rope caulk and door sweeps. Properly installed, these materials can substantially reduce heating and cooling costs and keep homes more comfortable year around.

Chairman Wilma Cantwell asks Skinker DeBaliviere neighbors to help the committee identify households that could benefit from this program. If you or someone you know qualifies as a senior citizen and would like to have a kit or have a kit installed by volunteers, please call SDCC, 862-5122.

Soldan High 50th

A search is underway for 1942 graduates of Soldan High School, St. Louis, in preparation for a 50-year reunion. May 22, 23, and 24, 1992. The contact: Ms. Bernice Williams, 9110 Overton Dr., 63123. Phone: 631-1990.

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In the article, "Let's Relight the Night," of our previous issue, the *Times* reported, "A 60 watt bulb burning 12 hours costs only 15 cents per day; a little more than a penny an hour." We have since learned from a critical reader it *only* costs 6½ cents per day to burn a 60 watt bulb for 12 hours; roughly ½ cent per hour. A dramatic difference! Thanks Ernst Stix.

Craft Alliance Holiday Workshops Begin

Registration has begun at Craft Alliance for holiday workshops, designed to provide creative fun for all ages. We encourage children, parents, and grandparents to register and work together in a class. The holiday workshops offer a unique variety of projects, including handmade cards and wrapping paper, holiday clay houses, ornaments, jewelry making, papermarbling, origami, candle holders

for Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa, chocolate creations and more!

Holiday workshops are offered October 7-December 15 and vary in length from one to four sessions. Enroll in person or through the mail at 6640 Delmar Blvd. in the University City Loop. Class size is limited and tuitions range from \$12-\$64. Workshop tuition includes materials fees. For further information, call 725-1177.

Holidays At Our House November 2 And 3

Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman, will again host its annual Holidays at Our House annual craft bazaar November 2 and 3. The bazaar will run from 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. on Saturday and from 12:30 to 3:00 on Sunday, with the traditional homemade beef barley soup and homemade bread luncheon being served on both days. This year will feature a special booth commemorating the centennial anniversary of Grace

which will offer many select items, including the new centennial cookbook.

Special quilt racks cut from the old oak church doors, a children's wooden sled, many dolls and stuffed animals, unique children's and adult's clothing, and plenty of holiday items will be available, as well as the opportunity to have your children's picture taken with Santa. Stop by and join in the festivities! For more information, call the church at 863-1992.

Past Scouts Sought To Celebrate Centennial

During 1992 Grace Church will celebrate its Centennial Year. On Boy Scout Sunday, February 2, 1992, we invite all members and former members of Troop 31 and Cub Scout Pack 31 to attend the 11 A.M. worship service. Please write or call (863-1992) to let us know of any former members we could contact. We look forward to seeing you on February 2, 1992.

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Send all correspondence to 6010 Kingsbury, 63112. Deadline: 20th of the month.



Grace United Methodist Church will have many gift ideas at its "Holidays at Our House" bazaar.

St. Roch Christmas Bazaar November 9 - 10

Autumn is here and many folks are beginning to anticipate the approaching holiday season. If you're looking for a fun and enjoyable way to start your Christmas preparations, come partake of the great shopping and taste treats at the Eighth Annual St. Roch Christmas Bazaar!

Held right here in our great neighborhood, this event has grown over the years from a handful of booths to a full house of exhibitors from many different areas. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the St. Roch Church Hall at Waterman and Rosedale Avenues. A large variety of lovely, hand-crafted gifts and holiday decorations will be available, in addition to home-baked goods, raffles and continental breakfast and lunch. The raffles this year are on three fabulous, one-of-a-kind items: a gorgeous, hand-

knit Christmas sweater, a decorative, hand-embroidered Christmas tablecloth (approx. 60" x 100"), and thirdly, a structure sure to please that special little boy in your life—a handcrafted Firehouse, complete with its own engine!

Also for kids at the Bazaar, is a unique "For Children Only" booth where they can purchase inexpensive (\$3.00 and under) Christmas gift items with their hard-earned savings. To complete the scene on Saturday, Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet one and all!

All proceeds from the Bazaar support the activities of the Women of St. Roch, an organization of parish women dedicated to raising funds and providing resources for parish needs. So, neighbors, mark your calendars for November 9th and 10th! This Bazaar is a real crowd pleaser, so come early, stay all day, join in the fun! Christmas is just around the corner, in more ways than one!



October Calendar

Continuing

- Photography Contest/Exhibition—*Theme: Sounds of The City*; sponsored by the Arts Group, Union Avenue Christian Church, 733 North Union Blvd. Through October 31. Call 361-8844.
- Reinventing the World: Photography and Issues Concerning Folk Art Environments* at The Gallery at COCA, 524 Trinity. (Through November 16th) \$4.00 admission fee.
- Opening exhibition—*The Architect's Mark: A Century of St. Louis Architectural Drawings*; at the History Museum, Jefferson Memorial Building, Forest Park. Free.
- Craft Alliance presents the exhibition "The Figure In Clay" from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through October 26th.
- The Power Of Home: St. Louis Victorian Interiors*—exhibit at History Museum; photographs depict examples of interior decoration in St. Louis from the 1850s to the 1930s.
- St. Louis On The Home Front*—Posters and Photographs from the Missouri Historical Society's collections show activities on the home front in St. Louis during World War II. History Museum.

October

- 1 Exhibit featuring selection from the collection of the National Academy of Design—Washington University Gallery of Art, upper gallery, Steinberg Hall. For information call 889-5490.
- 7 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Henry Townshend That's The Way I Do It (film)—a portrait of the great Blues musicians in interview and song. Directed by Kathy Corley; 7:30 p.m.; COCA, 524 Trinity.
- Tea Lecture: *Working Our Way Through The War*—Betty Burnett gives lecture; 1:30 p.m.; History Museum; reservations requested by October 7. Call 454-3100. Tea & pastries served after lecture.
- Assembly Series Lecture with Ed Bradley, co-editor of the CBS News program "60 Minutes"; Graham Chapel; Washington University; 11 a.m. For more information call 889-4620.
- 11 Washington University's Performing Arts Department presents "Gray's Anatomy: A Medical Fable"; Edison Theatre, 8 p.m. Call 889-6543 for other performance dates, times and ticket prices.
- 12 History Day Workshop—Introductory workshop for students, parents and teachers interested in participating in Missouri History Day competition; 10 a.m.—Noon. Call 361-9265 for more info.
- 13 The Legend Singers—St. Louis' leading performers of African-American folk music present selections from their repertoire from African chants to grand opera; 2 p.m., History Museum; Free.
- 16 John M. Olin School of Business presents the Excellence in Business Award Presentation/Kellwood Lecture; 4 p.m.; May Auditorium, Simon Hall, Washington University. For more information call 726-4214.
- COCA presents, Say Amen, Somebody (film)—the definitive film on gospel music featuring St. Louis artists such as Mother Willie, May Ford Smith, Zella Jackson Price, O'Neal Twins. 7:30 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Assembly Series Presents the Mr. & Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Conference with author Jamaica Kincaid. Graham Chapel, Washington University. Free. For more information call 889-4620.
- 18 *Chip and His Dog*—enchanted opera written exclusively for performance by children; 7 p.m.; at the Sheldon. (Matinees on the 19th and 20th). Call 961-0171 for more information.
- 19 Folklore Lecture Series: *Folklore, The Verbal Part: Proverbs & Riddles*—First lecture in series of three; 10 a.m.—Noon, History Museum. To register or for more information, call 361-9265.

The Legend Singers, St. Louis' leading performers of African-American folk music, present selections from their repertoire in a free concert at the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. Beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, the performance will feature African chants, grand opera, selections from "Porgy and Bess" and music by Scott Joplin.

- Children's Program: *Why Don't You Fall Through The Floor?*—Children participate in demonstrations illustrating why bridges and buildings stay standing. History Museum, 10:30 a.m. Free.
- 20 *A Life with a Dash of Love-Light*—Opening program of the Holy Roman Repertory Company fall series; History Museum, 2 p.m. Call 454-3150 for ticket information.
- Washington University Department of Music Symphony Orchestra Concert at the St. Louis Art Museum Theatre; 2:30 p.m. For more information call 889-5505. Free.
- The Writing Program & the International Writers Center presents novelist Robert Coover reading from his works. Steinberg Hall, Washington University; 8 p.m. Free. For more information call 889-5576.
- 23 Assembly Series—11 a.m.—presents the Woman's Club Lecture with Nina Totenberg, a U.S. Supreme court correspondent for National Public Radio. Graham Chapel, Washington University. Call 889-4620 for information.
- 24 Vaughan Memorial Lecture: *Waste and Want: Thinking About The Trash of The Past*—Susan Strasser gives lecture. History Museum, 7:30 p.m. Reception follows the talk. Free.
- 25 Edison Theatre Ovarions Series presents—The Lhamo Folk Opera of Tibet; 8 p.m., Washington University. Call 889-6543 for ticket information. (Also October 26, same time).
- Libraries Bookmark Society presents—a reading/commentary with Donald Finkel, Washington University poet in residence; Olin Library; 8 p.m. Call 889-4670 for more information. Free.
- 26 Folklore Lecture-Holidays: *How Folklore Defines The Customs And Origins of Holidays*—Dr. John Oldani gives talk on folklore and how it relates to holidays; 10 a.m.—Noon, History Museum.
- Requiem In Jazz—Four memorial concerts to benefit the David Hines Memorial Scholarship Fund at the History Museum. For information on ticket prices and performance times call 361-9265.
- Children's Program: *Architectural Adventure*—Children explore elements of architecture in a hands-on program which lets them play architect. History Museum, 10:30 a.m. Free.
- 30 Assembly Series presents the Black Arts and Sciences Lecture. Graham Chapel, Washington University; 11 a.m. Call 889-4620 for more information. Free.

November

- 1 Washington University filmboard presents Kung Fu night with—"The Five Deadly Venoms"; Room 100, Brown Hall; 7 p.m. For more information call 935-5983. (Also November 2, 9 p.m.)
- Assembly series Lecture, "American Music: Perspectives," Max Roach, jazz percussionist & composer. Edison Theatre, Washington University. Noon.
- Washington University Edison Theatre "Ovarions" Series presents Max Roach and The Uptown String Quartet; 8 p.m. Call 889-6543 for ticket prices. (Also November 2)
- 2 **Holidays At Our House**—annual craft bazaar at Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman; 9 a.m.—3 p.m.; (also Sunday from 12:30 to 3:00). See related article.
- Artists Boutique Fall Fine Arts and Crafts Show, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also November 3. Free.
- 4 Washington University's Filmboard Classic Series presents—"Trapeze"; 7 and 9 p.m.; Room 100 Brown Hall; \$3; (Also November 5 same time). For 24-hour Filmboard hotline, call 935-5983.
- 5 **Housing Conservation District** meeting, 7:00, 6010 Kingsbury. See related article.
- 6 Holocaust Memorial Lecture with William Shawcross, author of *The Quality of Mercy*; Cambodia, Holocaust and Modern Conscience. Graham Chapel; 11 a.m.; Washington University. More information, call 935-5285.
- 8 "Ovarions" Series presents Batsheva Dance Company, 8 p.m.; Edison Theatre, Washington University. (Also November 9 same time); Program II: November 10 at 2 p.m. For more information call 889-6543.
- 9 **St. Roch Christmas Bazaar**—9:00 a.m.—4 p.m. (Also November 10 from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. See related article).
- COCA presents—Chuck Berry; Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll (film) features Eric Clapton, Etta James, Johnnie Johnson; 7:30 p.m. For more information call Legacy at 863-1004.

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Recycling Committee Sets Goals

by Venita and Richard Lake



This summer a Recycling Committee, chaired by Andy Cross, was formed by the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council. To begin, the committee has focussed its attention on what the Council, neighborhood associations, and individuals can do in a local recycling effort. One point seems very clear at this time: the neighborhood does not have an appropriate location or the necessary financial support or personnel to establish our own recycling center. It does, however, have a number of conscientious residents who are concerned about environmental problems.

The committee asked what might realistically be done and what would be most important to do first. In addition to general educational goals, two issues were chosen as potential projects for development. The first matter, the possibility of a contracted curbside pickup of recyclable materials, is still under discussion. Watch for further reports on this project in *The Times*.

The second activity is one that can and must be addressed immediately. Effective January 1, 1992, leaves, grass, and brush can no longer be placed in city trash dumpsters for pickup. What efforts should we be making to dispose of or use yard waste?

The State of Missouri has passed what is being viewed as landmark legislation in an effort to extend the life of the existing landfills. Approximately 20 percent of the material which goes into the solid waste stream (in other words, our dumpsters) is yard waste. These materials can be disposed of or used in other ways which are less harmful, but it takes the combined efforts of citizens and municipalities rethinking the problem and finding solutions that people are willing to adopt.

Sometime in the near future, it is anticipated that the City of St. Louis will be making provisions for disposal of yard waste by separate collections. According to Roger Chadwick, deputy refuse commissioner for the City, who attended the August 31 meeting of the committee, three pilot programs have been started to test a system of designated dumpsters, brown ones for "regular" trash and newly painted green ones for yard waste. Using what they learn from these test areas, the City expects to have a system in place by January.

Meanwhile the grass continues to grow, trees and bushes drop branches or need trimming, and it is time for the leaves to change colors and drop. Although it is still legal to bag up your leaves and toss them into the trash dumpster, the Recycling Committee urges you to consider other alternatives.

Turn Over an Old Leaf

Have you ever thought about recycling your grass and leaves? Recycling is more than saving your newspapers and aluminum cans from the trash. It is rethinking what comes into your home or is already there and what you will do with it when you think you no longer have a need for it. Reducing waste, reusing and recycling it are important contributions everyone can make to the environment and it may save you money and time.

Yard waste can be disposed of in several ways. Let it stay where it falls. Use it as mulch. Compost it and use it as soil, fertilizer, and mulch. Since the grass cutting season seems to be coming to a close, we will pass on the easiest "let it lay" solution until next spring and discuss mulching and composting leaves.

Rather than raking and bagging your leaves or thinking of some other ingenious way of transporting them to the dumpster, consider using them as a mulch. A mulch is any material applied to the soil surface for protection or improvement of the area covered. Grass clippings, leaves and shredded branches used as a mulch around trees, shrubs, in flower beds, and in vegetable gardens will control weeds, conserve soil moisture, reduce soil erosion, improve water penetration into the soil, protect against extreme heat and cold, and increase organic matter in the soil over time.

When leaves are dry, they can easily be shredded with a rotary lawn mower. Unless they are very heavy, the shredded leaves can be left on the lawn. Or they can be raked into a pile or row to be mowed down to a fine mulch for use in the garden or to be added to the compost heap. We also rake leaves directly onto the rose bed. Wetting them down helps to keep them from blowing away. This postpones having to do anything with them until the spring, when they are used to start a new compost pile.

We have been composting at varying levels of activity for over twenty years. Our compost heaps have ranged from the large and hot ones we maintained in southern Illinois, where we turned the clay soil into a great garden with the help of rotted hay and manure, grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste, to the modest ones we now have. They take longer to turn into compost for the garden and flower beds, but the compost is still good and we don't "help" our friends shovel out their stables.



Missouri Historical Society Moves To Skinker

The Missouri Historical Society's library and archival collections have been moved out of a second story window of the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. The movers set up a continuous shuttle between the building and the new Library and Collections Center at 225 S. Skinker Blvd., the renovated United Hebrew temple.

The entire collection of 70,000 books and thousands of cartons of archival materials were loaded, shelf by shelf, into packing boxes wheeled up a ramp to a window sill in the second floor library, moved to a platform outside, lowered into a truck by a large crane and taken to the new facility for unloading and placement on shelves. The Missouri Historical Society's library staff supervised the professional movers from the Hallett Company of Chicago at both ends of the operation.

The move, including the pictorial history collections housed on the lower level of the Jefferson Memorial Building, will be completed in mid-October, according to Peter Michel, director of the division of library and archives. The library will open to researchers in the fall.

The Greco-Byzantine style library will house more than 70,000 cataloged books, pamphlets and periodicals. Under its ornate 40-foot dome, researchers will find information about the commerce on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, St. Louis neighborhoods, the exploration and settle-

ment of the Louisiana Territory and a host of other subjects. They will have access to St. Louis newspapers dating back to 1808, city directories, French and Spanish colonial records and 17th and 18th century maps.

The archival collections, which may be accessed by a card catalogue in the same space, contain William Clark's elkskin journal from his expedition with Meriwether Lewis, papers that belonged to the Chouteau family, to David R. Francis, who served as U.S. ambassador to czarist Russia, writer Kate Chopin, poet Sara Teasdale, educator Susan Blow and former President Thomas Jefferson.

Researchers may request family papers as well as government, military and business records dating from the period of French colonization of the Mississippi Valley. Strengths are Western exploration, the fur trade, the Mexican War, river history and the Plains Indians.

Also on hand will be more than 430,000 images, including photos, prints, videotapes and motion picture film, presenting a nearly complete pictorial history of St. Louis in the last century. Works of photographers Emil Boehl and W. R. Persons, historic posters, lithographs and engravings are included in the pictorial history collection.

The Missouri Historical Society continues to operate the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest



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Kiosk Hosts Summer Reading Club Party



These neighborhood youngsters were among the 24 who received awards from the St. Louis Public Library Kiosk.

Neighborhood youngsters gathered on Sept. 7th for refreshments and storytelling at the Kiosk's annual summer reading awards party. The following 24 young people read or had read to them the required number of books to receive certificates from the St. Louis Public Library Kiosk: Ben Alan, Brandon Burton, Christen Dotson, Michelle Dotson,

Christine Ford, Lisa Georgieff, Cecelia Hannigan, Theresa Hannigan, William Hannigan, Consie Harris, Robin Harris, Tyler Johnson, Robyn Mason, Jerrilyn Page, Elizabeth Ramos, Mary Ann Ramos, Allison Rollins, Eddy Shields, Bobby Smith, Andra Smith, Jaquette Sterling, Maddelyn Vanicelli, Hannah Wheeler, and Catherine Wiltenburg.

Where's Waldo? Special Exhibit At St. Louis Public Library

Kids everywhere love Waldo, a tall, skinny, bespectacled traveler who's always lost in a crowd. Waldo fans have searched out this unlikely hero on the pages of three wildly popular books—Where's Waldo?, Where's Waldo Now?, and The Great Waldo Search—created by illustrator Martin Handford. Now children can take their quest to the St. Louis Public Library where a special interactive exhibit will be on display in the Great Hall of Central Library from September 18 through October 23. Admission is free.

The exhibit, on loan from the Kohl Children's museum in Wilmette, Illinois, presents giant reproductions of the pages of Where's Waldo? Visitors can test their powers of observation by locating a series of specific items in the exhibit. Children insert the completed checklists in a mailbox that is part of the exhibit. Once a week during the exhibit's five-week visit, the library will hold a drawing and present each winner with a set of the three Waldo books.

The Where's Waldo? exhibit is scheduled in conjunction with St. Louis Public Library's Children's Literature Festival. Other festival activities will take place on October 10, 11 and 12.

Central Library is located at 1301 Olive Street. Visitors may enter the library through the Olive Street entrances or through a new entrance at the back of the library, near the intersection of 13th and Locust Streets, which leads to the new Youth Services Center. Central Library is open Monday from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Tuesday through Friday from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.; and Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

For more information, call 241-2288, ext. 305.

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- * NAME OF COMPANY IF APPLICABLE
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE, CONTACT: CITIZENS' SERVICE BUREAU AT 622-4661

Rewards Offered To Catch Illegal Dumpers

A new City ordinance prohibiting illegal dumping of trash on lots, alleys, streets and yards is the subject of a stepped-up enforcement beginning in September. A new procedure provides for a \$100 reward for information leading to the conviction of offenders.

Enforcement and the new reward procedure are being coordinated by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Operation ConServ, the neighborhood Liaison Office and the Division of Forestry.

Alderman Freeman Bosley, Sr., Third Ward, sponsored the ordinance. "This

ordinance is part of the City's continuing efforts to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of trash. We're asking our citizens to help us—to be our eyes—in this cooperative effort."

To receive the \$100 reward, citizens witnessing illegal dumping must provide accurate information to the police that leads to the conviction of the offender. In some instances, witnesses may be required to appear in City Court. When citizens see illegal dumping, they should call the police at 231-1212 as soon as possible to report the incident.

Dangerous Visions Starts Season At New City School

New City School continues its tradition of fostering live theater in its City venue at 5209 Waterman, with the season opener of Dangerous Visions Productions. John Guares' "House of Blue Leaves," directed by Wayne Salomon, will open October 4 and run through October 26 with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Theater goers are probably familiar with the facility at New City School as the theater was home to Theater Project

Company for many seasons. Theater goers are also probably familiar with Dangerous Visions Productions; this company produced the critically acclaimed "Torch Song Trilogy" at the Center of Contemporary Arts last spring. Dangerous Visions is not permanently housed at New City School at this time but their first two productions in October and November will be performed there.

The cast of "House of Blue Leaves" features Tom Clear in a leading role.

Clear has been involved in community theater productions in Skinker DeBaliviere as the music director of "West of Pecos" and as director of "Too Many Nights in a Bar Room" and "Prometheus: A Burlesque Comedy." Clear extends a special invitation to his friends in the area to attend a performance of "House." Group rates are available.

Tickets are \$12, available through Dial-Tix, 291-7600.

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August 20 Minutes Of The SDCC

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council met on August 20, 1991. Present were: Directors C. Forslund, G. Genung, A. Johnson, R. Johnson, S. Polk, R. Roncal, L. Stein, N. Vatcha, A. Webb.

Committee/Association reports: Commercial District—Stein reported that the committee continues to meet frequently and build consensus for a Chapter 99 Redevelopment Plan for Delmar Blvd. between DeBaliviere and the City Limits including the "Wabash Triangle" north of Delmar. Debra Smith, a graduate student in the Architecture and Urban Design Program at Washington University, has joined the committee. The subject of Smith's dissertation is Delmar Blvd. and her research is very helpful. Committee members are currently working with Smith in conducting face-to-face interviews with business owners/operators in the area. The survey covers what business operators like and don't like, and what they hope to see happen in the future. This is a long, slow process but the information being gathered is critical to formulating an acceptable plan.

Stein also reported that the committee had reviewed plans for signs proposed for the check cashing business at 5980 Delmar; the Committee strongly opposes these proposed signs.

Historic District Review—Farmer reported that this committee also opposes the signs proposed for 5980 Delmar.

"Checks Cashed" signs proposed for 5980 Delmar—Farmer distributed copies of plans for the signs. Following review and discussion the following resolution was adopted by the board:

RESOLVED: "That the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board of Directors strongly opposes the signs proposed for 5980 Delmar. The signs are excessive in size, number, color and design, and, serve as advertising rather than identification.

The SDCC supports approval of individual letters mounted on the building identifying the business by name, or, a fabric awning bearing the business name."

Kingsbury Square—R. Johnson reported that someone, the association does not know who, is locking the gate on Laurel with a padlock. The homeowners' association board voted to keep the gate locked overnight, but someone is locking it without authorization. They are investigating these incidents.

Nina Place—Stein reported that there are four units in Phase I of the project which have not sold. Two buildings of Phase II are under construction. Several units are currently being leased by their owners; the board of the condo association plans to develop a lease which they will require owners to use when units are rented.

Stein also reported on a grievous mistake made by the contractors developing the Metro Link system. While preparing the track bed between Kingsbury and Waterman (parallel to DeGiverville and Nina) the contractor removed nearly all of the foliage from the west side of the right-of-way embankment. The contractor has admitted to removing foliage which should not have been disturbed; Bi-State and Arts in Transit staff are working with artists and landscape architects to develop a plan for planting next spring.

Parkview—Genung reported that the Agents reviewed the status of the center gate in the subdivision; prevailing opinion is that it should remain locked. He also reported that a consultant had evaluated the trees in Parkview; he appraised the value of the trees at two million dollars. He noted that some species of birds are returning to Parkview including Screech Owls and Hawks.

Recycling Committee—Farmer reported that Andy Cross-called the first

meeting of the committee 7/31/91. A small group met with Alderman McGuire and discussed what plans the City has for recycling programs. Committee member Jerry Witter explained the curb-side recycling program he is operating as a small business. McGuire suggested that Roger Chadwick, who is directing the development of recycling programs for the city, be invited to the next meeting. The committee will meet with Chadwick 8/29/91.

Rosedale Neighborhood Association—Roncal reported that the tenth annual Rags to Riches yard sale day is scheduled Sept. 21, 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Neighbors throughout Skinker DeBaliviere are invited to register with RNA and have a yard sale that Saturday; RNA secures a permit for the sales, publicizes the event, provides maps to the sales, and hosts a barbecue and bake sale on the parking lot of the Kingsbury Animal Hospital. Registration is \$15.

Housing Corporation—Farmer reported that SDCHC acquired the laundromat at 532 Des Peres 8/1/91. The plan for the property is to raze the existing structure and then to landscape the lot per the "Greening of Des Peres" plan outlined in the Historic District ordinance. Demolition should begin soon. SDCHC sold the vacant two family building at 6029 Washington to M. Ippolito on 8/16/91. Ippolito plans to rehab the building and occupy one of the units. SDCHC continues to pursue a joint venture agreement with a private developer to rehab the four family building at 6048 Washington and convert it to two attached townhouses. SDCHC is also moving forward with plans to develop the three family at 6025 Westminster and convert it to two units with the second and third floors as a townhouse.

Social Service—Farmer reported that the committee has not met; Chairperson Cantwell has been out of town. The goal at this time is to increase membership in the committee—not necessarily through the neighborhood churches.

Director's Report: Neighborhood Plan—the St. Louis Development Corporation has a new staff person, Carlene Peterson, in Urban Design. Her role is to work with the Con Serv neighborhoods in developing their neighborhood plans; she is translating the narrative committee reports into designs and drawings. Peterson is working on Skinker DeBaliviere now and has begun with the commercial perimeters. The "Neighborhood Plan" document will be in two-three sections in a book format. One section will address neighborhood improvement sub-areas with a mission statement, goals, objectives, strategies, tasks, opportunity/constraints and accomplishments for each. Farmer and Con Serv Officer Waits have started working on this section. The last section will be the Urban Design vision for the future which Peterson is working on.

Farmer conceded that nearly three years was a long time to wait for a plan, but it appears that the document will be valuable for the neighborhood.

Walgreen's—Jim Koman, the Koman Group, currently manages the DeBaliviere Retail Centre and has the development rights for the vacant lot, Site A, south of the Centre. He has indicated that Walgreen's is still interested in locating on that site and Koman is interested in developing it for them. Koman met with Farmer and McGuire and indicated that he wanted to pursue neighborhood support for the project. Farmer shared with him the concerns that were raised at the June SDCC board meeting and he asked to attend the next meeting.

Because Walgreen's is interested in locating in the area and there is interest in having a store like Walgreen's convenient for the neighborhood, the Commercial District Planning Committee suggested locating a Walgreen's on

Delmar. Farmer, Ald. Clay, C. Peterson and Rich Lacaille from Walgreen's, are meeting tomorrow at SDCC to discuss this possibility.

New Cote Brilliant Church of God—Farmer reported that this church is officially a new neighbor at 6195 Delmar, formerly occupied by Delmar Baptist Church. Rev. Miki Merritt, pastor, indicated they will have a dedication service in September; he will keep Farmer informed.

New Business

Chancellor Danforth has appointed Sara Johnson to represent Washington University on the SDCC board of directors. Johnson replaces Jim McLeod who has served on the board for over a decade including two terms as President. McLeod will continue to serve on the housing corporation board of directors and work with the SDCC in other capacities. Johnson is a resident of Parkview and is Special Assistant to the Chancellor at Washington University. She is involved with orientation programs on campus this week and could not attend tonight's meeting but she is anxious to get involved and plans to attend the Sept. board meeting.

Forslund distributed a status report on SDCC's committees. The report was reviewed and Forslund asked board members to indicate which committee they would like to serve. The following assignments were made:

Historic District Review—N. Vatcha & G. Genung

Connie McFarland Joins SDCC Staff



Photo by Mary Ann Shinkman

Connie McFarland, a native Mississippian, is the new Administrative Assistant in the office of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC). In addition to working with SDCC, Connie instructs courses in African and African-American Studies at Washington University. She recently received her B.A. from Washington University in Political Science.

Recreation—S. Polk & R. Roncal
Recycling—N. Vatcha, G. Genung & R. Roncal
Social Service—A. Johnson

"Rags To Riches"



A beautiful fall day brought customers to "Rags to Riches" on September 21



Dan McGuire (sans beard) greeted neighbors at "Rags to Riches." Dan is recovering well from a summer appendicitis operation.

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Fall Meetings Start For SDCC

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board met on September 26, 1991. Attending the meeting were directors C. Forslund, G. Hayes, A. Johnson, R. Johnson, S. Johnson, P. Kurtz, S. Polk, R. Roncal, L. Stein, N. Vatcha, A. Webb and J. Wright; Alternate C. Marinella; Executive Director N. Farmer; and guests J. Forman and Aldermen Dan McGuire.

Cari Marinella was introduced and welcomed as the alternate representative from Kingsbury Square.

Sara Johnson was introduced and welcomed as the new representative from Washington University.

Jim Koman of the Koman Group was introduced.

Koman reported that the Koman group is now leasing agent for the DeBaliviere Retail Center. Several months ago the lender on the project threatened foreclosure; one of the investors put together a new partnership which acquired ownership of the center and foreclosure was forestalled. The new owners hired the Koman Group to lease the existing center and to develop the vacant lot south of the center. Koman does not manage the shopping center. Discussion followed about the success/failure of the existing retail center, and the issues of security, site plan, traffic use, and package liquor sales as related to the development of Walgreen's.

Members of the board deferred any action until the residents of 5700 DeGiverville and Waterman meet with Koman and discuss these issues. Koman will contact Farmer to arrange a meeting with these neighbors.

Committee/Association reports:
Commercial District Planning—Stein reported that the committee is still in the process of interviewing business owners/operators on Delmar. The next step is to survey residents of adjoining neighborhoods; a survey will be inserted in the *Times* for Skinker DeBaliviere residents and the first of two public meetings for residents neighboring Delmar will be held at SDCC, October 22. The second meeting will be scheduled through the West End Community Conference at a location north of Delmar.

Housing Corporation—Farmer reported that the laundromat building at 532 Des Peres has been razed. Union Electric's Green Leaf program is funding the Housing Corp's. proposal to develop a landscaping plan for the lot and to implement it. Plans for other Housing Corp. owned properties include: a moderate rehab of 6036 Washington, rehab of 6048 Washington in a partnership with a private developer and rehab of 6025 Westminster by the Housing Corp. Plans are also underway to have the trees in Rosedale Square trimmed by a professional contractor.

Kingsbury Square—R. Johnson reported that the association is still having problems with the pedestrian gates on Laurel; someone is locking them and/or jamming the locks without authorization.

Nina Place—Stein reported that all three units under construction at 5900 Nina are under contract. She also reported that she will meet next week with representatives from Metro Link about plans for re-planting the embankment on the west side of the railroad right-of-way behind Nina.

Recycling—Farmer reported that the committee met with Roger Chadwick of University City's Refuse Division. The City's agenda is driven by the Missouri solid waste law; as of 1/1/90 batteries, oil, appliances and tires were restricted from landfills; as of 1/1/92 yard waste will be restricted. The committee will undertake an education program about these restrictions and promote a curb-side recycling program.

Rosedale Neighborhood Association—Roncal reported that the 10th annual Rags to Riches yard sale day was held September 21. He regretted that, once again, several neighbors held yard sales who had not registered and paid \$15. Invoices will be mailed.

Director's Report:
Art Door Day—Ken Cohen proposed this event as a program for the West End Arts Council. WEAC is in the process of re-organizing.

New Business:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration—J. Wright reported that Grace & Peace Fellowship is interested in hosting a commemoration 1/92, and he hopes that SDCC will co-sponsor the event. Grace & Peace, New City School and SDCC have co-sponsored this event in the past although a commemoration was not held in 1991.

The Board approved co-sponsoring a commemoration 1/92. R. Johnson will work with Wright on organizing the event.

Housing Conservation District

Housing Conservation Districts are established by Ordinance for specifically designated areas in the City of St. Louis. They are intended to "preserve the quality of housing inventory and protect citizens and neighborhoods from deterioration which threatens health, safety and welfare."

Within Housing Conservation Districts, a Certificate of Inspection (COI) is required for structures containing a dwelling unit when: a residential building is sold; or, when a residential unit has a change of tenants and a COI has not been issued within the last 12 months.

COI's are issued by the Building Division after the unit is inspected by specially trained inspectors and the unit meets minimum requirements established by the Housing Conservation District enabling ordinance. These inspections and requirements apply to items on a Housing Conservation District checklist—they are not as strict as city code.

Generally, the COI checklist covers very basic safety and sanitation items: plumbing in working order; doors and locks operable; heating equipment operable; unit not overcrowded, etc. Based on exterior appearances, the majority of properties in Skinker DeBaliviere would pass these interior inspections with only a few, if any, citations. The benefit to the neighborhood is that those properties which do not meet these minimum standards would have to be improved before they can be occupied.

Applications for COI's are the responsibility of the owner or manager of rental properties, and generally the purchaser in a sales transaction. Applications and appointments for an inspection can be made in person or by phone at City Hall. The cost per inspection is \$40 for a single unit, plus \$10 per additional unit in the same building, or \$10 each for up to three additional scattered site units owned by the same person.

Alderman McGuire has introduced a Board Bill that would establish Skinker DeBaliviere as a Housing Conservation District. Several sub-committees of the Skinker DeBaliviere Planning Committee recommended that such an ordinance be enacted. McGuire wants to meet with neighbors who have questions or concerns before proceeding with this legislation.

Housing Conservation Districts have been established in several other neighborhoods in St. Louis and very few complaints have been registered by property owners or residents in these areas about the program. Neighborhoods have found that it is a good tool for combatting substantially sub-standard housing and overcrowding in units.

Volunteers Sought For S.A.R.T.

The YWCA's Women's Resource center and Aid For Victims of Crime are seeking volunteers to assist with their Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) program.

A cooperative project between the two agencies, S.A.R.T. provides immediate crisis intervention to survivors of sexual assault in St. Louis City and County. Beginning October 15, prospective volunteers will receive 40 hours of training each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A 24-hour, in-person crisis intervention and emotional support system to sexual assault survivors has been established at St. Louis Regional Medical Center Emergency room. Follow-up information and referrals for services are also available.

The S.A.R.T. project is funded by a grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. For more information on the project or on becoming a volunteer, call Susan Chibnall, Aid For Victims of Crime, at 652-3623.

"Art Door Day" Coming December 8

As announced in the June issue of the *Times*, the West End Arts Council and the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council will unlock "Art Door Day" in Skinker DeBaliviere, Sunday, December 8, 1991, noon-3:00 p.m. Art Door Day is a competition and exhibit: Skinker DeBaliviere neighbors are invited to turn their front doors into works of art which will be judged by a trio of distinguished jurors. The rules are:

1. You may decorate any door(s) of your building which face the street, first and second, inside door or storm door, as you prefer.

2. Decorations must be visible at least from the sidewalk, preferably from the street.

3. You must register on or before noon, December 6, to be entered in the competition. Registration costs \$5 per door that you wish to enter. Send or drop off your name, address and phone number at the SDCC, 6010 Kingsbury, with check payable to SDCC, to register.

4. On Monday, November 25, each entrant will receive a package containing three items. All three items must be included in your door deco-

ration. All entrants will receive the same three items, although colors may vary. You will receive one package for each door you enter. (If you enter after November 25th you will receive your package when you register).

5. Decorations may, or may not, have a holiday theme, as you prefer.

6. Doors must be completed by Noon, December 8. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in a ceremony at Four Corners Plaza at 3:00 p.m.

The most important goal of this event is for Skinker DeBaliviere neighbors to have fun. Enjoy the creative and competitive challenge of decorating a door on your home, or enjoy the afternoon strolling the neighborhood and admiring (critiquing) your neighbors' creations.

The SDCC will prepare maps to the homes who have entered the contest. They will be available, beginning at noon, at Four Corners Plaza the day of the event. Together with WEAC, SDCC will sell refreshments at nominal prices also at Four Corners Plaza throughout the afternoon. Maps, refreshments and the awards ceremony will be housed in the SDCC Office in case of inclement weather.

For more information, call SDCC at 862-5122.

News From Operation SafeStreet

We are living in a time of exemplary leadership across the globe. Just two years ago, we were inspired by the courage of one young man who stood face-on to a tank in Tiananmen Square. Now we are witnessing monumental change sweeping Europe. The dramatic break-up of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has captured our attention—dramatically fueled by the idealism, creativity, energy and courage of the "common people."

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We are not facing tanks or coups. St. Louis has, however, gone from a ten year low in burglary last year, to today, when there are few neighborhoods that aren't experiencing an increase.

Burglary is one of the most preventable crimes.

It takes a little creativity and energy, but with the drama of the "common people," we could eliminate much of the victimization. Take it upon yourself to talk to someone you know on your block who is over 62 and retired, disabled, or has been a recent burglary victim and have them call Operation SafeStreet for free home security. Then, get to know your neighbors, form a Neighborhood Watch with the help of your Police Public Affairs Officer, and make your block a safe place to live.

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Local Author's New Book Profiles Wayne Gretzky



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Thomas R. Raber, longtime Parkview resident, is the author of *Wayne Gretzky*.

Hockey Great, just published by Lerner Books of Minneapolis. The hardback biography of the star athlete is aimed at your readers.

Raber's earlier works, *Bo Jackson: Pro Sports Superstar* and *Joe Montana: Comeback Quarterback* both have been reprinted in paperback. The Jackson book is recommended by the prestigious Horn Book Guide; the Montana book is touted by Tennessee Reading Teacher.

Presidential Campaign and *Election Night*—Raber's first two books—have been acclaimed in *Midwest Book Review* and *School Library Journal*.

Raber is a graduate of Washington University. He has been a guest lecturer at Washington University, the College for Living, City Books and a guest author at the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention.

All five books may be ordered at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-328-4929.

New Trend Surfaces In Neighborhood

A splashy new trend has surfaced in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood, a recreational activity intended to make waves. The phenomenon is the number of newly certified scuba divers.

In the past year, no fewer than 15 residents have qualified as open water divers. The youngest is 13-year-old Max Ferrigni of 63xx Westminster, who took lessons with brother Tycho, while the oldest is recent *Post-Dispatch* retiree Art Santen of 61xx McPherson. Bryan Gerard of 4xx Westgate got into diving through the St. Roch's Boy Scout troop as did Scout Master Dennis Mattli.

Three couples became certified: Dan and Xenia Naert and Bob and Nancy Klepper of the 63xx block of Washington and Randy and Ann Lipton of 63xx Waterman. Westminster neighbors Jim Merlo and Chris Hexter also took the plunge as did good friends Gary Hayes and Sandy Rothschild. Gary and Sandy were motivated to take up diving in advance of a vacation to the Caribbean Island of Aruba this summer with wives Dee and Sue.

Diver's certification is earned by completing seven 4-hour courses and an open water diving test. The classes include two hours of lecture on various aspects of diving and two hours of pool time to develop and master required diving skills. Classes are held at various YMCA's in the St. Louis area with the closest location being the Brentwood Y.

Classes are sponsored by Y-KiKi Divers and the St. Louis Metropolitan YMCAs. Y-KiKi is a dive shop in Creve Coeur. The course, which costs \$100, is planned and certified by NAUI, the National Association of Underwater Instructors and the YMCA.

After demonstrating successful mastery of required pool skills and passing a written test, students are eligible to take their open water exam, the final requirement in becoming certified. The most common location for St. Louis area students to fulfill this requirement is Norfolk Lake,

Arkansas. Once certified, divers obtain a C-card which enables them to rent scuba tanks and gear around the world.

The initial diver qualification level is Open Water I. Divers can progress to Open Water II by completing a series of supervised dives and can take additional class work for certification as Advanced Divers and Master Divers. Specialty courses are also available in such areas as Coral Reef Ecology, Wreck Diving and Under Water Photography.

Greg Hoffmann of 63xx Westminster can claim credit for stimulating a good deal of the interest among the neighborhood's new divers. Greg is a certified NAUI instructor and is also the assistant scout master for the St. Roch's Boy Scout Troop. The September issue of the *Times* covered the troop's snorkeling expedition to Florida. Five of our new divers pursued scuba certification after that exposure to diving.

Ashcroft Appoints Nwadibia To Human Rights Commission



Gov. John Ashcroft has announced the appointment of Rochelle A. Fortier

Nwadibia to the Missouri Commission on Human Rights. Nwadibia is a resident of 5700 Waterman and is a board member of the *Times of Skinker DeBaliviere*. She has served as director of affirmative action for the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Nwadibia, 38, received her B.A. in 1976 from California State University and her M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University in 1982. Nwadibia earned her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in 1984.

Nwadibia is a member of the Contract Compliance Committee, Missouri Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Women Lawyers' Association, Mound City Bar Association, and the Junior League of St. Louis.

Nwadibia, a Democrat, serves a term ending April 1, 1995. She replaces Edward M. Spicer who resigned.

Wash. U. Seeks Black Applicants For Ervin Scholarships

Up to 10 full-tuition scholarships will be awarded to talented college-bound black high school students next year through the John B. Ervin Scholarship Program at Washington University in St. Louis. Washington University is now accepting applications for the program, which was inaugurated in early 1987. To date, 53 Ervin Scholars have enrolled at Washington University.

The application deadline for the 1992-93 academic year is Jan. 15, 1992. Washington University established the merit-based program in honor of Ervin, a nationally recognized black educator and former dean of the university's School of Continuing Education.

Under the scholarship program, 10 black freshmen will receive renewable scholarships of full tuition and an annual stipend of \$2,500 for four years of undergraduate study at Washington University. Tuition for the 1991-92 school year is \$15,950.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and community service. The university will provide further support to recipients who demonstrate additional financial need. The scholarships are renewable each year, provided the students maintain a satisfactory academic record.

To apply for the scholarships, students must: apply for freshman admission to Washington University; submit an Ervin Scholars application; submit two letters of recommendation; and write two original essays. Interested persons may write to James E. McLeod, chairman of the John B. Ervin scholarship committee, at Campus Box 1089, Washington University, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130 or call 935-6000.

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