

Legislature Cuts Funds

The Missouri Legislature refused to appropriate capital improvement funds at its special session.

UMSL will not receive the \$3.4 million it had been seeking for construction of a new arts and sciences building and a high-rise parking structure.

Chancellor James L. Bugg Jr. asserted the lack of funds leads to a bad situation as the campus "obviously will be unable to meet the increasing enrollment demands of the St. Louis area unless it obtains support for providing new facilities."

President John C. Weaver called the situation "absolutely tragic." The University system had sought a total of \$9,650,000 including the \$1 million to be used for the purchase of land.

Also affected by the Legislature's action was the state mental health program.

Convocation On April 25

Students with high academic achievement will be recognized at an Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 25. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m. in room 105, Benton Hall. A reception will immediately follow in the Student Lounge.

Guest speaker at the Convocation will be Mr. Merrimon Kunningim, President of the Danforth Foundation. Mr. Kunningim is former Dean of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist College.

Parents of honored students are invited, along with interested university students, faculty members, and the general public.

This annual Honor's Convocation is headed by Dean Turner, Chairman of the University Committee.

Extension Div. Gets Grant

A \$15,635 grant for development of a model in-service training program to acquaint educators with environmental factors influencing students' performance and behavior, has been awarded the Extension Division of the University of Missouri-St. Louis under authority of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

Provided by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and administered by the Office of State and Regional Planning and Community Development, the grant will be matched by an equal amount of institutional funds.

The model program, consisting of a series of workshops, seminars and short courses will be administered to more than 400 teaching and administrative personnel



Robert Sharp, President of the UMSL Young Republicans, and Mr. Kay Walker of the Extension Division and YR Advisor, display the plaque which was presented to the organization two weeks ago by Lawrence K. Roos. The UMSL Young Republicans were honored for nailing down third spot in the statewide competition for outstanding YR Organizations.

Repubs Win Award

County Supervisor Lawrence K. Roos awarded the UMSL Young Republicans a third-place plaque for the outstanding club in the state on Saturday, March 9.

Richard Sharp accepted the award for UMSL. Sharp is president of the UMSL branch of the 22-college federation.

The award was based on outstanding club accomplishments, active participation in local and state affairs, and membership. In taking the third place honors the 81-member group ousted last year's winner, Westminster College.

The first- and second-place honors went to the University of Missouri at Columbia and at Kansas City.

The award was presented at the annual state convention of the Missouri Federation of College Young Republicans at Columbia. A delegation of officers from UMSL attended.

At the convention the UMSL Club submitted the following resolution to the Young Republican platform: Whereas, we believe that all four campuses in the University of Missouri system should have equal educational advantage; Be it resolved that the budget of the University of Missouri system be apportioned to the individual

of the Parkway School District in St. Louis County. Dr. Robert E. Rea, of the UMSL School of Education, will coordinate the program and additional UMSL School of Education faculty members will conduct the series.

According to Virgil Sapp, Dean of the UMSL Extension Division, the Parkway District pilot project will be designed to enable teachers and administrators to better cope with the diverse mental abilities and with the home, economic, religious, ethnic, racial and social backgrounds of students in order to increase the effectiveness of the educational process. Dean Sapp said it is hoped that the Parkway project will serve as a model for similar programs throughout the state.

campuses according to the size of the respective student bodies." When approved, the Resolution will be added to the platform of the Missouri Federation as being representative of the Young Republican policies in the state.

The Young Republicans have been active on this campus since the fall of 1965. They are currently involved in campaigns for Roos and Tom Curtis.

Cohen Speaks On Israeli War

Gabriel Cohen, a member of the Israeli parliament, told UMSL political science students, March 15, that last year's six day Arab-Israeli war was not inevitable. He blamed the war, instead, on irrational behavior and a chain-reaction of political accidents.

Cohen, a professor of Medieval Palestinian History at Tel Aviv University, as well as a Labor party representative in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, argued that Syria was the only Middle Eastern country which desired a war with Israel. Nasser, he said, was concentrating on problems in Yemen and building his army -- and seeking to regain prestige he had lost because of his policy failures.

It was a combination of pressure from Syria and Jordan, which were attempting to take leadership of the Arab world from Nasser, and the Soviet Union, which was attempting to embarrass the West, that forced Nasser to move troops into the Sinai peninsula near Israel's southern border, Professor Cohen stated. This led to what he called "the quickest or fastest escalation we know."

At this point, the professor said, Nasser intended only a show of power, a move to retain lost prestige. His fatal mistake came when he asked U Thant to remove United Nations troops from positions at Sharmel Sheik, which commands the Strait of Tiran, Israel's water link with the Indian Ocean.

Thant replied that either all U. N. troops would be evacuated

Debaters Go Inter-collegiate

The Varsity Debate Team will engage in intercollegiate competition next year.

The Debate Team hopes to debate Midwestern schools such as Washington University, South East Missouri State, Fontbonne College and the University of Wisconsin.

Area Book Fair Opens April 16

The Greater Saint Louis Book Fair will open with a preview night on Tuesday, April 16.

Admission to preview night, at the parking lot of the Clayton Famous Barr, will be \$2.50. The preview is from 5 to 10 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

There will be no admission fee on the subsequent days of the Book Fair. The hours on Wednesday, April 17 are 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday the Book Fair is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Fair offers books in all categories, plus records and sheet music. This year packages of fifty gummed bookplates will also be sold for one dollar.

As Vice-Chairman Dennis Currans explained, "A debating team at the college level has one particular subject to debate on, which is a nationally determined topic. The topic usually is a current issue and extensive research is needed."

Members of the varsity team are Craig Zimmerman, Chairman, Dennis Currans, Karen Zell, and Sam Bommarito. Don Pace is the executive director and moderator.

On February 29 the debate team held an exhibition debate on "War in Vietnam." "Vietnam, Part II" is being planned for sometime in April.

Membership is open to any person interested in debating, as a Junior Varsity Squad is being planned. Also, timekeepers and clerical workers are needed. Interested persons should leave their name in the Student Association Office.

Dennis Currans sums up the team's attitude towards the future: "I think we stand a chance of a very good season next year. We have four experienced debaters who hold individual awards in debating and were former varsity debaters."



Dr. Gabriel Cohen comments on the Arab-Israeli War to political science students.

or all U. N. troops would maintain their positions. This left Nasser with a choice between backing down or provoking war; he chose the war.

Professor Cohen indicated that this remarkable series of events was a failure of the Soviet Union's "brinkmanship" policy, that is, rushing to the edge, or brink, of conflict in order to achieve a political victory. Once they saw that Nasser was pushing past the brink,

however, Russia tried hectically to prevent the war.

Cohen said that "This is not the first time that the Soviet Union has played such a Machiavellian role in the Middle East."

Professor Cohen, who fought in the Arab-Israeli conflicts of 1948 and 1956, and who was wounded twice, described the Middle East as "a region where imagination and irrationality take the place of calculation."

Legislature Again Ignores UMSL Parking Problems

The failure of the Missouri legislature to grant UMSL funds through the capital improvements budget bill marks another set-back in UMSL's campaign to straighten out the parking dilemma on this campus. Last semester we ran an "all's well," somewhat insipid editorial saying that even if we didn't get funds for a garage, there were still signs of progress, in other areas, and we'd get the funds eventually anyway. We are now changing our stand. Eventually isn't soon enough. We need some solution to our massive parking problem, and it must come soon.

The amount of free land available for surface parking on this campus is rapidly decreasing, at the same time that the enrollment is increasing. The only apparent solution is a parking garage, requiring one million dollars from the Legislature. The situation is soon going to reach a crisis point, and the problem cannot be suspended indefinitely as the Legislature seems insistent on doing.

It seems ridiculous to intimate that higher education in Missouri will suffer because of a lack of adequate parking facilities, but without cooperation from the Legislature, this may well be an accurate prediction. The outlying location of this campus makes driving a necessity for most students, and the surrounding municipality is not hospitable enough to offer any relief by allowing parking on its streets. What then can be the solution when all the room is gone, other than a decrease in the size of incoming classes? It is, further, somewhat painful to admit that higher education in Missouri will suffer because of politics.

We urge the students and faculty on this campus not to allow this obvious lack of legislative sympathy for our needs to continue, even if protests can take no stronger form than the usually impotent "letter to your congressman." In some way, the Missouri legislators must be made to realize the gravity of the parking situation on this campus, and the discontent of those who are forced to tolerate it and watch helplessly as it grows worse. If the Missouri officials insist on playing politics with these important issues--and our parking garage did not go down alone, other vital areas, such as mental health, have suffered as well (not to mention our own Fine Arts Building)--then perhaps a few politically-oriented reminders from the voting members of our community, and other interested parties, will add an interesting twist to their game.

We further urge support of the petitions being circulated by students in the lobby, cafeteria, and library. The petitions are to be sent to Governor Hearnes before the deadline for recalling the Legislature. The purpose is to show our discontent in an organized manner, with the authority, hopefully, of 3,000 signatures.

Petitions to the Governor and letters to individual congressmen are the strongest forms of protest that we can undertake, and remain in good grace, considering the Governor's stand on acts of protest on Missouri campuses. We hope that together they will be in some way effective, so that stronger forms of protest will not become necessary.

C.W.

SA Reforms Peter Out

We would like to congratulate the Constitutional Revision Committee on their excellent progress so far.

It seems the fires lit by the SA mass resignations have been snuffed already -- the most recent meeting was adjourned because of the lack of a quorum.

This is truly amazing. After all the exciting talk about power plays, petitions, student power, constitutional revision, factions, etc., we find that it has developed into nothing more than a mockery of one of the Senate meetings before the great shakeup.

How can anything, even UMSL student government, lose its appeal so quickly? Perhaps there was an epidemic among the delegates, or perhaps they were exhausted from running around getting signatures on their petitions. We hope this is not the beginning of the end -- UMSL without a doubt needs a new constitution.

However, we would like to stress again, that the most essential factor is qualified delegates. For those who take issue with the term qualified, we will define it simply as responsible students who know what a constitution should contain to be effective, how to formulate one to suit the UMSL campus, and whose span of interest extends beyond the first couple weeks.

Then and only then will there be effective changes in the student government on this campus.

C.W.

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UMSL Deep-Freeze

Snowstorms in March can be very annoying, unless you work, go to school, or otherwise commute to someplace where those in charge have a finely developed sense of the ridiculous--where they know how to turn even the most humdrum event--like a blizzard one and a half weeks before the start of spring--into an exciting game of chance and high adventure.

We are fortunate that our administration at UMSL has this happy outlook on life.

Almost everything in St. Louis closes down for more than three inches of snow. But since the other institutions in St. Louis have dull, cloddish directors, as soon as those in charge of making decisions notice that there has been a decided change in the landscape, they call up the radio stations, which in turn make some blunt, unimaginative remark like, "RF 37 is closed today." This usually happens at a fairly early hour. How unfortunate these people are, always knowing when and where to come and go--what a colorless existence. Perhaps their managers could take a lesson from the UMSL administration, for here is where they step in to make life just a little more exciting.

Once the decision to close school has been made, they open the game by reasoning, "Why tell the students and faculty?"

This of course results in numerous phone calls to the switchboard. This flurry of calls results in the operators becoming snowed under. This in turn adds more to the general hilarity of the situation, because someone (or thing) begins plugging all the calls in at random stations.

Imagine the thrill of making seven or eight calls to some specific department, and successively getting the History Department, the Placement Office, the Extension Division, the Campus Bookstore, one overwrought operator, and a suspicious clicking noise before being connected.

But this sort of intriguing diversion will only keep the average student--wondering about the test he has scheduled at 7:40--occupied for a short while. The drama continues. The administration has figured that a goodly number of foolhardy students will start out anyway--so they put the next phase of the game into play. Still keeping strict radio silence, they plant strange objects in conspicuous places, which at a distance strongly resemble carpenter's horses. The frostbitten student, by now having stalled and skidded off the road so many times he's missed his 7:40 class anyway, wonders why a carpenter's horse is blocking the entrance to the driveway, and draws closer. After having been exposed to the intellectually stimulating atmosphere of this University, he is curious to perceive the truth of the matter. If classes were truly cancelled as the sign dangling from the carpenter's horse insists, why are there so many stalled cars dotting the campus? If classes were not cancelled, why aren't there more stalled cars dotting the campus?

He proceeds. And we see the game going into its final stage. Figuring the student who has gone this far will proceed to park his car and wander about the campus for a while, pitifully trying to convince himself that his epic journey was not in vain, the administrators have planted various and sundry characters around to walk amiably up to the student and snicker, "ha, ha classes are called off." This adds a bit of humor to the game, and breaks the climactic tension that has been welling up to this point.

Now the final touch--that of a true mastermind. About 10:00 or 10:30, the radio announcers are signalled to begin to add UMSL to their mundane lists of school closings, the rest of which are being broadcast for the tenth or eleventh time, so naturally no one is paying any attention.

The losers of this game are the Biology lab students who came at 8:00 and took their lab test before classes were cancelled.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those responsible for adding a dash of danger and suspense to our dull, drab lives. We only hope that they have time to devise a new system of surprises before the next snowfall--the biggest of which would be an early decision and announcement of cancelled classes.

C.W.

UPO

This is the last recruiting calendar for this year. We will not conduct interviews during the summer months. All 1969 graduates should register with UPO beginning May 1, 1968.

Mon., Mar. 25: RICHMOND UNIFIED SCHOOL: Richmond, Calif., All majors

Mon., Mar. 25: VISTA: Open Recruiting

Tues., Mar. 26: VISTA: Open Recruiting

Tues., Mar. 26: PARKWAY SCHOOL: All majors

Wed., Mar. 27: VISTA: Open Recruiting

Wed., Mar. 27: ANCHORAGE BOROUGHS SCHOOL: Anchorage, Alaska, All majors

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Thurs., Apr. 4: MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS: All business majors, Phil., All social studies

Fri., Apr. 5: U.S. ARMY: Open recruiting

Letter

To the Editor

Foul Plot Afoot?

Dear Editor,

As a reasonably observant and somewhat above average student, I feel compelled to disclose a monstrous and sinister crime perpetrated upon the university. It is of such proportions that it must be called to the attention of the authorities for immediate investigation. After long and careful deliberation it is my belief that one of the ducks recently returned to the UMSL lagoon is an imposter.

I fully realize the far reaching consequences of my accusation, if correct, and for this reason I wish now to present my evidence. The fowl in question is of the height and weight of its disposed predecessor. The plumage is precisely the same. And after much research I found that the gender of the aforementioned party is the same. But the "quack, quack" is different. It obviously lacks the diction of a duck that has attended college. It is my belief that the duck, now living among us, is not in fact our original but a spy that has infiltrated our ranks for some foul deed.

There is obviously a plot afoot here at UMSL that threatens our internal security. Therefore with all possible haste and without any efforts spared, an immediate investigation should be launched with the intention of ending this conspiracy before it is too late.

Sincerely,
Robert Fredericks

Elvira Madigan is Exceptional For Its Beauty

Elvira Madigan is an exceptional Swedish film which is outstanding for its beauty, simplicity, and emotional restraint. It is reminiscent of *A Man and A Woman* in its simple love story and rather slow pacing, but its thematic content and photographic artistry make it a much more important film. Screenwriter-director Bo Widerberg has taken a true story of the ill-fated love of two public figures who refuse to conform and avoided its inherent sentimentality by emphasizing the beauty of their relationship and by revealing slowly and with subtlety their destruction by the society from which they wish to escape.

The story is well known in Scandinavia. In 1889 Sixten Sparre, a nobleman and an officer, deserted

by Sam Hack, Features Editor the Army and left his wife and two children to run away with a popular young circus performer, Elvira Madigan. Their impossible flight ended with a double suicide. Widerberg uses this story to show the beauty of a love so great that it is worth dying for and, at the same time, that such spiritual beauty cannot exist in a materialistic, morally rigid society.

At the beginning of the film Sixten and Elvira are so overcome by their love that they are not aware of the difficulties they will inevitably face. Widerberg keeps the audience continually but barely aware of these difficulties through ironically contrasting glimpses of the world outside the bubble in which the lovers exist. For instance, a man finds part of Sixten's uniform which he had play-

fully draped on a scarecrow. The man's ironic reaction to his find is that they "hold nothing sacred."

Because of their specialized backgrounds, they cannot find work without revealing their identity. They are forced to live on whatever they can find such as berries, and they cannot find enough for survival. The hungrier they get, the closer they come to their end. Society will not allow them to live in nature; money is a necessity.

It is not only society from which they cannot escape. Their past haunts them as well. She impulsively steals a clothes line to use for a tightrope, and, thus, reveals her identity. In a later scene, she happily greets some old friends and fellow performers. He is found by an Army companion with whom he enjoys some war games and from whom he anxiously receives news of his wife and children. When they finally realize that they can run no longer, they do not even consider returning to their former lot. To die together is the only answer they see.

Widerberg achieves an amazing amount of believability as well as beauty in *Elvira Madigan*. Such an overwhelming spiritual love is made believable by combining exquisite expressionistic color photography with the restrained passion of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 in the background. Believability and beauty is added by the sparse but realistic dialogue (in the subtitles at least) of Widerberg's screenplay and the marvelously natural and sensitive acting of Thommy Berggren and Pia Degermarck.



Making the table look good is this week's Current Co-Ed Cindy Kogut. Cindy, who is 5'2" with brown hair and brown eyes, is a senior majoring in English.

Photo by Richard Watts

Univ. Players Cast Change

Susan Klumpers has replaced Tammy Layton in the role of Helena in the University Players' April 5, 6, and 7 production of *Look Back In Anger*. The leading roles of Jimmy and Alison will be performed by John Nieman and Mary Lacey.

Nieman previously appeared with the University Players as Otis Clifton in *Absence of a Cello*. In high school (St. Thomas Aquinas), he played the villainous Jud Fry in *Oklahoma!* and appeared along with popular, professional actor, Jack Murdock, in Mr. Murdock's play *Flight of the Birds*. *Look Back in Anger* will be Miss Lacey's first U. P. production. At Rosati-Kain High School, she was a member of the Troupers and taught a class in

theatrical make up. She appeared with the St. Louis Theatre Go-Round.

Comedy Continues

"Barefoot in the Park," Neil Simon's top Broadway comedy hit continues for the second and final week of its engagement at the American Theatre March 26 thru March 31.

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Cagers End Season at 13-9

By Marty Hendin, Sports Editor

The 1967-68 basketball season was one of ups and downs for the Rivermen who finished with a 13-9 record.

The ups included a 109-48 opening game victory, a second consecutive Concordia tournament title and a second consecutive tremendous homecoming game. The most distinguishing aspect of the season however, was the loss of players. The team started the season with a total of 21 players on the varsity and jayvee squads, and ended with 11 players. The biggest loss of players occurred on the varsity, which lost six of their first eight players.

UMSL ended the first semester with a record of 9-4 and a complete team. Then the fun began. Over semester break, guard Bill McBride transferred back to Centenary College, and the team's leading rebounder and third leading scorer, Bill Caldwell, was drafted.

After two losses on the road and two tremendous victories at home, UMSL's opponents received an early Valentine's present on February 13 when it was disclosed that four of the team's first six players were scholastically ineligible for the rest of the season. Lost to the team were their second leading scorer and top defensive player, Chuck Caldwell, second leading rebounder, Denny Whelan, and occasional starters Ron Armbruster and Clarence Slaughter.

Even this did not discourage the remaining team members as they banded together to defeat Southwestern of Memphis on the night of the ineligibility announcement. After two tough road losses the Rivermen won a convincing road victory over Illinois College as Jack Stenner scored 40 points. Following this, however, they ran into a strong Rockhurst team and lost their district play-off to finish at 13-9.

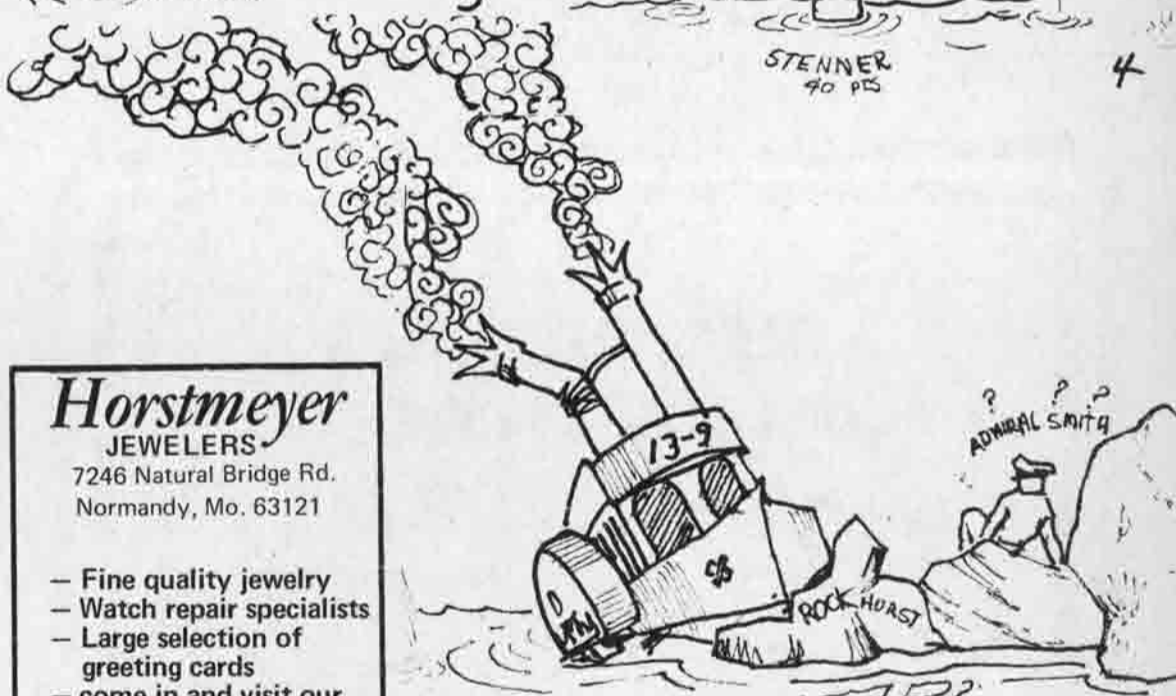
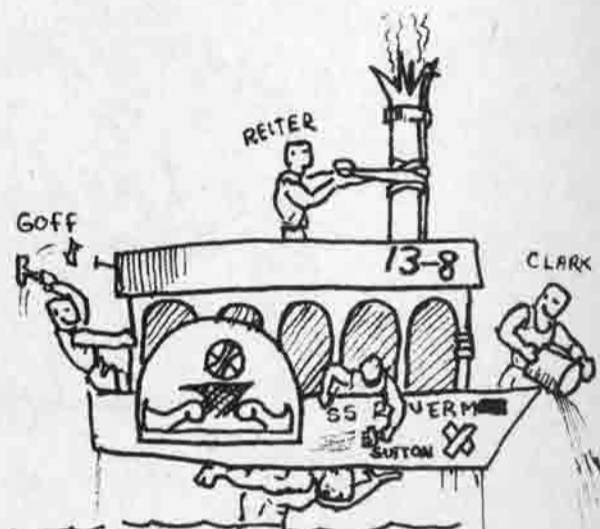
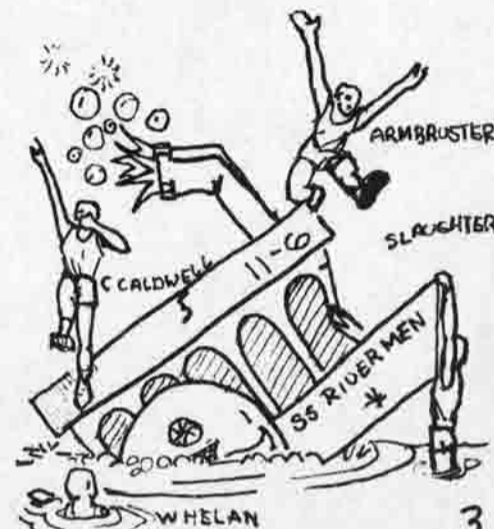
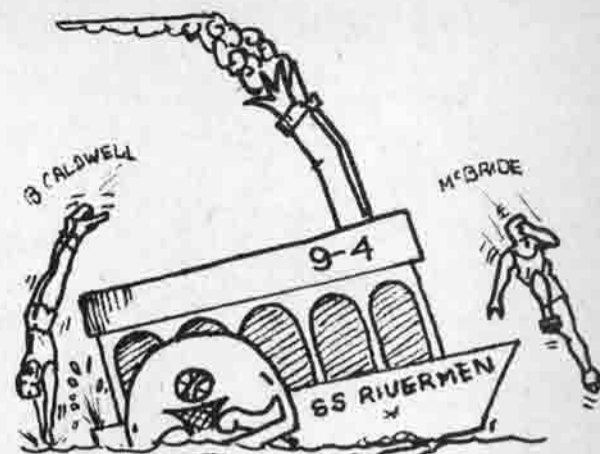
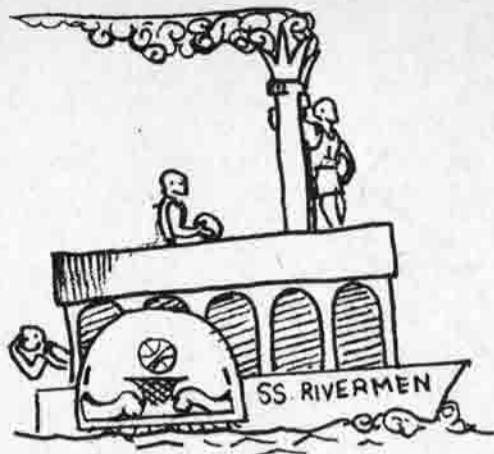
Smith's Views of Season

In an interview with the *Current*, Head Coach Chuck Smith stated that he was "real pleased with the team's production this year. They had great desire and always fought back."

When asked his views on the high spots of the season, the coach named UMSL's Concordia Tournament victory, their one-point loss to a tough Millikin team, their upset of UWM, their comeback to defeat Concordia at homecoming, and their victory over Southwestern of Memphis with a new starting line-up.

Smith named 5'11" junior guard Verle Sutton as the most improved player of the season. Despite the fact that he did not play high school basketball, Sutton led the JV in scoring the 25.9 points per game. His final varsity average was 11.1 but he averaged 17.8 points per game in the five games he started.

Looking ahead to next year, the coach said, "We need immediate help at forward and center to replace seniors Ron Clark and Terry Reiter." High scoring guards Jack Stenner and Verle Sutton will be returning next season, along with forwards Jim Goff, Ron Armbruster and Denny Whelan, and guard Clarence Slaughter.



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UMSL's Best Opponents

In a recent poll conducted by the *Current*, The Rivermen named their 1967-68 all-opponent team.

Heading the team is 6'5" junior Center Jim Donnelly of John Brown University. Donnelly scored the most points against UMSL of any opponent player all season on January 5 when he scored 38 points to lead the Eagles to an 84-66 victory. He finished the year as JBU's top scorer with an average of 19.6 points per game.

One of the forwards is 6'4" junior Jesse Price of Millikin, who was named on all fifteen ballots. Price currently leads the Millikin team in scoring and rebounding with averages of 23.6 and 16.4 respectively. Next season he will become the highest scorer in Millikin history. Jesse scored 16 points against UMSL on December 6 to lead the Big Blue to a 67-66 win.

The other forward is Rockhurst's 6'3" junior Jim Healey, a graduate of CBC in St. Louis. Healey averaged more than 24 points per game this season despite missing several games due to a broken hand. He led both teams with 25 points and 14 rebounds in Rockhurst's 84-74 district play-off victory over the Rivermen on February 28.

The two all-opponent guards are Kenyon College's "J-Twins", 5'9" sophomore John Rinka and 6' junior John Dunlop. Rinka broke five Ohio Conference records and seven team marks this season. He averaged 31.8 points per game to lead the Ohio Conference and finish sixth in the nation. He scored 55 points this season to set personal, team and conference single game highs. He scored 34 points against UMSL on January 8

when the Lords won 99-81. Dunlop, who finished the year with a 24.4 average, broke five Kenyon records. He finished third in scoring in the Ohio Conference and led the league in free throw shooting. His high game this year was 46 points. He scored 11 points against UMSL in Kenyon's victory.

IM Basketball

Thanks to the weather, the eighteen teams in the spring intramural basketball leagues will have a longer season than they expected.

The season started on March 11. Games scheduled for March 12 and 13 were cancelled because of the snow. The March 14 games were played but the games on March 15 were rained out.

Because of the weather some teams played two games while others did not play at all.

Following are the league standings after the games on March 18.

GOLD LEAGUE

Kal's Krunchers	2-0
Stenucus	1-0
Gods	2-1
Pi Kappa Alpha	0-0
Gunners	0-1
Animal Farm	0-1
Saints	0-1
Reebs	0-2

RED LEAGUE

67	2-0
Armpits	1-0
Sigma Pi	1-0
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