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UNITED protest leads to compromise

Earl Swift

Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman announced September 9 that the UNITED-Special Services program would not be moved to the House of Prayer at 7800 Natural Bridge. The decision followed a September 8 protest meeting held in the Chancellor's office by students involved in the program. After eight hours of deliberation on the move recommended by the Space Committee, Grobman announced that the program would remain on the central UMSL campus.

The new site allotted for the relocation is located on the third floor of the SSB building. The alternate location, Benton Hall, was rejected by its staff and student members because lodgings there would have been

only temporary, and the building's distance from the center of campus.

The UNITED-Special Services (USS) staff and students served by it protested the move to the House of Prayer because they believed that it would harm student participation in the many services the program offers

The students, acting independently of the USS, began their protests on September 1 at a meeting of some 40 persons to decide exactly what would be done to attempt halting the proposed relocation.

Late that afternoon, Chancellor Grobman called for a meeting with the USS staff and interested students to be held at 8:30 am, September 2. Most of the students had left the campus at the time of the announcement however, and could not be reached. Attendance at the meeting was minimal.

At the meeting the Chancellor told those present that he would speak to the Space Committee about reconsideration of the initial recommendation and announce the final decision on the move at 11 am, September 8.

On September 8, some 60 students met in room 75 of the J.C. Penney Building. The students waited for 20 minutes expecting the arrival of the Chancellor to announce his final decision on the relocation.

When the Chancellor did not arrive, the students took his absence as an insult, feeling that he was not present to announce the decision because he had no care for the UNITED Program.

Issues that were not directly

related to the moving of USS caused emotions to stir, because black students felt the incidents were typical of prior unjust treatment. Many students at the meeting claimed that the proposed move was open racism.

Stirred up, the group decided that if the Chancellor was not planning to attend their meeting they would see him at his office. Some 55 of those present left the J.C. Penney Building at 11:30 and entered the conference room adjacent to the Chancellor's office.

Grobman entered the room a few minutes later and explained that he had not known of the meeting in the J.C. Penney Building. He then said that the Space Committee was considering several alternate locations on the campus, particularly space in the SSB Building.

The staff of the USS expressed preference for an academic building site rather than the House of Prayer, saying it would be more accessible to students. The student feel it is essential that the program be easily reached by those served by it because it was the only black-oriented service on campus.

"Why should we be inconvenienced?" asked one of the students. "Nothing else on this campus is geared to the black student except UNITED. In fact, if it wasn't for UNITED, 90 per cent of us in this room wouldn't be here."

"This university, as an urban institution, has a commitment to the urban community," another student stated. "If UNITED is moved across the street, it will not be fulfilling this commitment, because we are the urban community of this university."

The staff of USS was also dissatisfied with the move to the House of Prayer. "We deal mainly with students in Arts and Science," said Kathy Cinnator, an instructor with the program. "The House of Prayer is over in the Education section, and there is very little interest in UNITED there. It will be difficult to get

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DEADLOCK TURNED COMPROMISE: Students served by UNITED-Special Services meeting with Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman to protest the program's move to the House of Prayer. Following reconsideration of the proposed move, third floor SSB was chosen for relocation. [Photo by Scott Petersen]

Organizations respond to new rules

John Groszewski

After nearly nine months of debate, the UMSL Central Council has ironed out a bylaw concerned with student organization representation in the Central Council.

Meeting in early June, the Central Council passed a motion by Curt Watts, president of the student body and seconded by Paul April, former chairperson of Council. As passed, the regulation requires organizations to submit: 1) the organization constitution or statement of purpose; 2) the name of the organization; 3) the name, address, telephone number, and student identification number of their Council representative and alternate; and 4) annual documentation of activities.

Documentation can be met by submitting one of the following: a) a document from the UMSL archives; b) a letter from the faculty or the administration; c) a letter or award from an outside organization; or d) a news clipping.

The bylaw was passed to clarify a Council constitutional amendment approved by the council in August of 1975, and ratified by a vote of the student body in October, 1975.

Proposals for bylaws were aired during the last session of Council which ended April 12. Due to substance disagreements and the difficulty in raising a quorum for simple majority vote, no bylaws were passed.

Poor attendance by organization representatives causing the difficulty in quorum-raising was one reason for the reform. The ability of three-member "paper organizations" to gain a seat and disproportionate influence on Council was also a problem.

Some organizations have met the new requirements and presently have representation on Central Council. Included are Alpha Phi Omega, Dr. Pepper Defense League, Evening College Council, and some of the Greek organizations.

Bill McMullan, president of the Dr. Pepper Defense League, finds the new regulations "needed in principle but substantively wrong. What we need to get attendance up aren't restrictive eligibility requirements, but a tough stand towards attendance rules," he said. "The new regulations really aren't that difficult to meet by even a paper organization," he added.

"A more fundamental change [continued on page 2]

Women's Center director sought

Thomas Taschinger

A six-member Search Committee has been formed to select a full-time co-ordinator for the Women's Center. The committee, comprised of two representatives each from the students, faculty and staff, will screen applicants and recommend a final choice to Everett Walters, the vice-chancellor for community affairs.

The previous co-ordinator, Lucy Layne, resigned in December of 1975. No-replacement was sought at the time because it was not known whether the Women's Center would continue to be funded by the university Last July, after several months of uncertainty, a budget of \$12,600 was finally approved by Chancellor Arnold Grobman.

Ann Ward, one of the two student representatives on the Search Committee was selected as chairperson. Ward, a 25-year-old junior majoring in Biology, said, "The committee will conduct a nationwide search, and the job description has already been sent to several universities in the East and Chicago. Some familiarity with the St. Louis

area would be helpful because the Women's Center is designed to serve as a resource center. The deadline for applications is October 1, and so far about ten have been received."

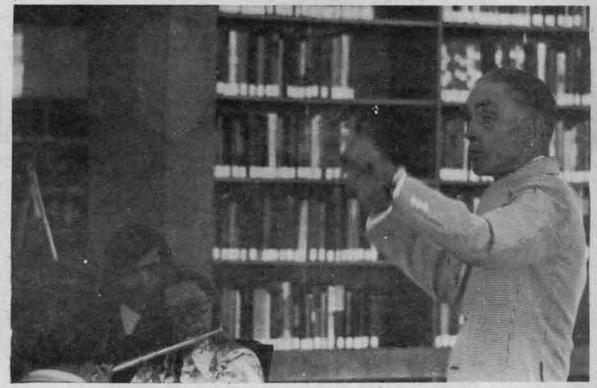
Deborah Ricther is the other student representative on the comittee and Katie Heidenfelder is the student alternate.

The job description for the position states that a bachelor's degree — or a comparable college and work background — and experience in organizing women's programs is required. The co-ordinator's salary will be \$10,000 a year and the target date for the new person to start the job is November 1.

Dr. Alice Aslin, a member of the Counseling Service, is one of the two staff representatives on the committee. "The Search Committee will advertise the position in professional association newsletters and women's studies journals," Aslin said.

"Familiarity with the St. Louis area would be beneficial, but I think that experience is more important than geography. I

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MUSIC TO FIT THE OCCASION: Dr. Warren Bellis conducts the University Band at the Marillac property dedication [See 1232 3 for related story.] [Photo by Irvin Eisen]

Rokicki serving double duty

Phil Rokicki, UMSL's new director of student financial aid, has been hired to fill the vacancy created by the July resignation of former director, Bart Devoti. Rokicki comes to UMSL from Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Missouri, where he worked in the financial aid field besides serving as director for student affairs.

H.E. Mueller, director of admissions and registration, said of Rokicki, "He's a dynamic, energetic young man. He's stu-dent-oriented. I try to hire people who work well with students."

Rokicki, said, "It was an interesting move. I had seven years at Jefferson College and I got the urge to see if the grass was really greener elsewhere. I applied and got the job here at UMSL."

In his new position, Rokicki has found that, "Although I know the financial aid field there are differences in the system that various institutions use to operate. There are rather mundane things you have to learn such as who does the accounting and the record keeping and where the records are kept. It's a matter of learning these things

programs are the same and the same regulations apply whether you are at UMSL or at some other institution.

"When you come in as a new director you move in and sit and listen for about six months," Rokicki said. "You learn the system and you make slow changes that you think are essential. You don't make any major changes in your first year. You learn the best ways to effect change over a period of years.'

Rokicki says he and his staff are doing double duty since there is no assistant director The former assistant director, Edwin Bailey, resigned July 2. Because of this, Rokicki may have some influence over the choice of his assistant.

"My assistant should be able to step in and make policy in my absence," Rokicki said. "We will work together to coordinate the financial aid programs on campus and decide what type of aid is best suited to a particular student's needs. We're in the student business in financial

Financial aid directly affects about five thousand students on campus. There are some three thousand persons receiving student aid and about eighteen

hundred people receiving Veteran's benefits. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Missouri Student Grants, College Work-Study, Law Enforcement Education Programs, and the Basic Grant program are some of the programs that Financial Aid administers.

"Everyone should apply for a Basic Grant," says Rokicki. "There are literally millions of dollars available. We could possibly help an additional five hundred students." Encouraging students to request aid, Rokicki added, "My job as Financial Aid Director is to facilitate the students' money needs. If a student needs money to stay in school I see that he or she gets it. That is not to say that all students can get aid. We encourage the people who say 'I wish I had enough money so I could stay in school' to come into our office and ask about financial aid."

The Financial Aid office is located in room 209 of the new administration building, and may also be reached by calling 453-5526.



ROKICKI DOES HIS THING: Phil Rokicki, new director of student Financial Aid, counsels a student on her possibilities of receiving ald. [Photo by Richard Schumacher]

Eastman fills post

Jo Schaper

Everett Walters, vice-chancellor for community affairs, has announced the appointment of Robert N. Eastman as acting director and general manager of KWMU. Eastman, present manager of news and public affairs at KWMU, will act as a temporary replacement to Robert W. Thomas, whose resignation becomes effective on September

Eastman came to KWMU in 1972 from a post as executive producer with CBS in Chicago. Since then he has held five positions with the radio station, serving as acting manager, manager of news and public affairs, assistant director, associate director, and now acting director.

As acting director, Eastman anticipates less programming and on-the-air work, with an increase in paperwork and administrative duties. Eastman stated, "Dr. Walters told me I did not have to be a caretaker manager, but I don't plan any earthshaking changes. I'll try to make improvements day-to-day, and as I see fit."

Commenting on current student staff dissatisfaction, Eastman explained that KWMU is licensed to, and run by, the

University, in accordance with FCC regulations for public radio. In order to quality for federal funding, a specific number of professionals must be employed.

"The idea of a public broadcasting station is not as a student laboratory to run public radio, but to provide an alternate to commercial broadcasting. This does not mean trained people are not wanted. The problem here has been that there is no training program for students, and it would be hard to meet professional standards under those cicumstances," Eastman said.

According to Walters, a search committee is being formed from representatives of faculty, staff and students. They will conduct a national search for a permanent replacement for

The process is expected to take between six weeks and a few months, according to Eastman. He added, "My own plans are uncertain as to whether I'll wait out the process or do something else. I'll notify Dr. Walters of my definite plans next week."

Thomas is leaving to accept a position to design and manage KWIT, an as-yet unfounded 100,000 watt FM station at Western Iowa Tech College, Sioux City, Iowa.

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was needed," says Mike Biondi, a student representative who ran on the SAIL ticket and president of the Evening College Council. "We felt that such a bylaw change did not help unify the student body but only strengthened Central Council itself. It leaves some interested students out," he said.

The president of Alpha Phi Omega, Ginny Maher, de-scribes the new rules as "very fair. An organization that is truly viable will have no problem getting recognized by Council, plus it eliminates those clubs that come only to get some special favor, and then aren't heard from again," she said.

All organizations with Student Activities will receive a second reminder letter and application form in late September or early October.

an informal program will follow at 7 pm

Monday night, September 20, 6 pm 8230 Natural Bridge if possible RSVP at 383-2456

Rebirth of Marillac gives new life to UMSL

Marie Casey

The Marillac property was sublicly and symbolically transerred to the University of Missouri-St. Louis at a dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 12. Supporters of UMSL, dignitaries and Daughters of Charity sisters witnessed the afternoon event.

Some 500 people attended the event at which tours were offered, music provided, and speeches heard. Many persons attended just to hear the Mini-Mizzou concert and join the tour of the eight buildings, not wishing to stay for the 4 pm ceremony.

UMSL Parents Association our-guides were stationed throughout the buildings, revealing various remodeling plans. Among these is the conversion of the chapel into a TV studio. The good acoustics of the room were a major factor in

this decision

The round auditorium was also open to view. Although small, this auditorium hides a feature which may prove of great interest and use in future activities of UMSL. Behind the curtain of the back stage stands a back wall which can be opened onto a hilly meadow. Upon hearing this, students present expressed a hope that outdoor concerts and theatre productions might be presented.

Governor Christopher S. Bond was the featured speaker at the ceremony. Preceding Bond's speech, several comments on the political battle in acquiring were interjected in various speeches.

State Representative James (Jay) Russell of Florissant, related to Bond and the audience, "We bought Marillac twice." His comment was made in reference to Pand's prior vote of

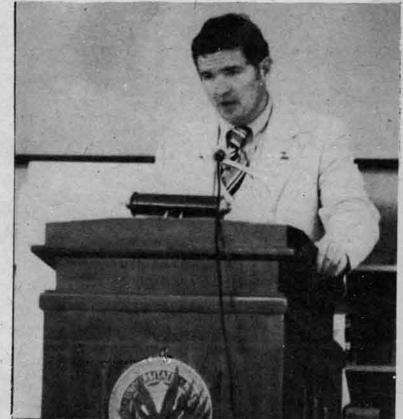
the purchase when proposed for use as an Optometry School.

State Senator Robert A. (oung of St. Ann directed his hanks to the Daughters of Charity, saying, "I want to thank the Daughters of Charity for their patience with our legisative process." The proposal did not reach final approval until two years after its initial introduction.

In his lengthy and somewhat rhetorical speech, Bond stated, "The needs of space are probably the most pressing that UMSL faces." He congratulated UMSL on its many urban programs, describing it as a "dynamic institution." He ended, "We wish you the greatest success as you grow and expand with this Marillac acquisition."

Chancellor Arnold B. Grob man, acting as Master of Cere monies, also expressed his sat isfaction, "The Daughters o Charity provided us with ar opportunity to acquire, almost overnight, what it would have aken years to build."

The dedication ceremony is the culmination of lengthy legisative efforts to expand UMSL accilities.



BOND SEES SPACE: Governor Christopher S. Bond addresses the audience as keynote speaker at the Marillac property dedication. Bond offered his congratulations to this "expanding university." [Photo by Irvin Fisen]

UMSL offers BSW

Myra Moss

After countless committee presentations, the proposed bachelor in social work degree met with final approval by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education on Monday, September 13.

The proposal for the new degree program started over two years ago according to Dr. Harry H. Bash, chairperson of the sociology department.

After climbing the long and detailed ladder for approval, the degree finally came before the Coordinating Board last month, where it was tabled. No action was taken and the degree form was put aside until Monday's meeting, at which time it was approved.

Tabling of the degree form was directly related to the fact that St. Louis University and University of Missouri-Columbia also offer a bachelor of social ork degree. The Board feared

the duplication of the degree program. However, this raises a problem for UMSL students who cannot attend other schools for economic reasons or because of family obligations, said Bash.

Studies show that approximately 75 UMSL students applied for a degree in social work in 1975. In 1976, an estimated 85 students applied. Extended reports show that there will be an estimated 100 majors who will apply for the BSW degree in 1978.

Everett Walters, vice-chancellor for community affairs, commented on the marketability for social workers. Students in their senior year as sociology majors work in a setting comparable to their curricula such as homes for the aged, hospitals, visitation centers, and public health centers. Their participation in such a program creates potential job opportunities as well as valuable experience.

UNITED resolves move conflict

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students to come in that far away."

The Chancellor stated at the September 8 meeting that he would make his final decision based on recommendations from the Space Committee, but that the House of Prayer and other buildings not situated on the central campus would not be considered.

Chancellor Grobman was concerned that groups other than UNITED may have used the September 8 meeting to their advantage to raise issues other than those directly related to the move. "We'd be talking about the move," said the Chancellor,

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"and one of the other students would start bringing up political issues that had nothing to do with the discussion. I feel that the UNITED students were used."

In an eight-hour meeting on September 8, the Space Committee met to consider another site for the program.

Mary Brewster, director of the USS, chose the SSB third floor because of its proximity to other buildings on the central campus. The group will have access to nine offices and a clerical section giving them a floor area of 17,000 square feet.

The seven-year-old program which has been housed on the first floor of the old administration Building, will move to the new site in January 1977. Until then, the program will reside on the fourth floor of the SSR tower.

International awards

International students are invited to submit papers in the area of international business for consideration of awards to be presented at the Second Annual International Student Conference of the Chicago World Trade Conference to be held on March 30, 1977

Winners will receive a \$200 cash prize and paid expenses to the 40th Chicago World Trade Conference.

For further details see Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Dennis Donham, 301 Administration Building, or call 5211

Committee looking for Women's Center director

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would like the interviews for the position to be open to the public so that the women of UMSL can have some influence in choosing the new co-ordinator."

Brenda Mammon of the Project UNITED Special Services is the other staff representative on the committee and Barbara Lehocky of the Thomas Jefferson Library is the staff alternate.

Dr. Susan Hartmann, associate professor of History, is one of the two faculty representatives on the committee. "When he co-ordinator is named," Hartmann said, "I would like to see her work in conjunction with the Governing Board of the Women's Center, rather than exercise unilateral control. I think that it would be advantageous if the interviews for the position could be publicized."

Patricia Quick, assistant pro-

raticia Quick, assistant prolessor of economics, is the other faculty representative on the committee. Jayne Stake, assistant professor of Psychology, is the faculty alternate.

Irene Cortinovis, director of archives and chairperson of the ad hoc committee for the Women's Center, said, "I'm interested in getting a real ive-wire as co-ordinator, someone interested in women's pro-

gramming and knowledgeable about women's issues. I've seen a few of the applications, and there are some splendid individuals to consider."

UMSL Personnel Officer Paul Cervinske said, "Personnel will advertise the position via our tandard operating procedure. The job will first be posted here at UMSL and the other UM ampuses. Then we will contact various other agencies, such as the Missouri State Employment Service, the Urban League, the Human Development Corporation and the YMCA. We have not yet started recruiting, but we hope to begin in a week or two."

Everett Walters, vice-chancellor for community affairs said, "The job description released August 9, states that there were no travel funds available, but that is incorrect. If an outstanding individual comes to our attention, some travel money will be made available.

"The Search Committee will conduct some initial screening and present to me two or three names. Chancellor Grobman and I will then go over the names ogether, and the Chancellor will then make the final decision. This is the standard procedure for filling such positions."



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editorials

Students case for MoPIRG

The process of selecting a new universitywide president has begun, with a need for close examination of applicants views on the issues. One of the more pressing questions involves the establishment of the Missouri Public Research Interest Group (MoPIRG) on the UMSL campus.

MoPIRG has tried unsuccessfully for the last four years to gain acceptance from the Board of Curators for its consumer oriented research. Advocates of the group point out that PIRG's offer a means of relating academic work to the public issues and provides society with more active and useful citizen participation.

In 1971, students at St. Louis University and Washington University approved the research group's establishment and started to collect the refundable \$2 per semester fee. The next year a group of students at UMSL gathered signitures, and overwhelmingly won both a student and faculty referendum. However, they were denied permission to collect the \$2 fee.

Former university president, C. Brice Ratchford, opposed the establishment of MoPIRG on questions over whether the collection of fees in this manner was legal in the state of Missouri. Under the present MoPIRG plan, the fee would be collected along with the student activity fee, but is refundable upon request at a later date. However, alternative plans have been presented to the university hierarchy.

In a background paper explaining their position, the students quoted economics professor, Samuel M. Loescher, in an issue of the "Indiana Business Review". Besides the obvious benefits to students, Loescher pointed up four contributions that the student PIRG's can make; the last of these

we find most compelling. It reads in part that student PIRG's can "provide for the poor, the aged and other disadvantaged payers of regressive taxes with visibly tangible benefits which may help to legitimate the heavy subsidizing of universities for their promised but uncertainly delivered, spin-off of intangible public goods."

The efforts of the existing PIRG's in St. Louis have proven their public worth. They have been praised by the local daily papers on issues ranging from a call to establish an ombudsman for City Jail to helping preserve the current sticker rating system used for restaurants.

In an editorial entitled "Entering the 'Real World" the St. Louis Post-Dispatch endorsed the establishment of MoPIRG at St. Louis U. and Washington U. It reads in part:

The pernicious notion that college students should leave the "real world" alone until after graduation has led to all kinds of distorted student activity. At one extreme has been irrelevant student government, such as the election of campus queens; at the other has been student groups that have freely and sometimes shrilly criticised society's ills without attempting [because it was not expected or permitted] to solve them.

The students who support public interest action organizations want to change all that. The real world' will be better for it.

The citizens of Missouri would receive definite benefits by allowing MoPIRG at UMSL. The question of establishing a public research group should therefore linger in the forefront of the minds of those who have been entrusted to select the new university president.

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NORML not that normal

Dear Editor

Re: Bingaman article of September 2, 1976.

NORML does not grab nor lead me to believe that your thinking is that of normalcy. Instead I've chosen to believe that the organization which you direct, (NORML) denotes "Not Of Reality, My Love."

Perhaps you are not married, nor do you have children. If you were and did, there would be change forthcoming in your total outlook. Little ones tell us, "Please Mommy and Daddy, don't smoke." Perhaps in their young years they are more intelligent than we?!

Are you truly embracing an organization which advocates the ingestion of yet another substance into our frail bodies? For we are frail beings. Marijuana simply makes our body become more frail... In a gentle way, of course, but also, in a most unnatural, intoxicating, stu-

porous and utlimately degrading and wasteful way.

There is a need to build the individual in today's society — not to tear him down or to build upon false pretenses. There may be a time when we reach an exhaustive state of stress. Then marijuana helps, or so we think. This is the "normal" scene??!?

We need first remember, "drugs of any type are foreign to the system, to be prescribed only by a physician." The answer to health and longevity lies not with the ingestion of still another conscious raising substance. (Tobacco and alcohol included).

Yoga and TM wait for you. Get high on life without untoward effects to your being... Become aware of your special, sensuous and creative self, and please, sir, be careful in all that you undertake.

Betty McKnight St. Louis Council of World Affairs and UMSL student

Replies to Koonce's Carter

Dear Editor:

In reply to Ken Koonce's, "Is Carter Patron Saint" which appeared in the last Current issue, I must say that although Carter appears to be elusive at times, he is no worse than other politicians who have preceded him.

Koonce considers Carter an opportunist. A realistic appraisal will show that most effective politicians are. This was especially true last week when President Ford decided to soften his stand on abortions in front of the Catholic Bishop's Congress.

Opportunism does not tag a man a liar, merely a good campaigner.

Although Carter's campaign is based more on strong personal appeal that does not mean that he lacks stands on the issues. In a continuous flow of position papers, interviews and speeches, Carter has spelled out his positions. While the stands he takes may seem confusing or even contradictions at times, this might be because complex problems require complex answers.

For those who are opportunistic, "Jimmy Who?" by Leslie Wheller looks at Carter and his stands on the issues. It is also one of the most objective books on Carter printed to date.

For those who still doubt Carter, they can write to the "Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign", P.O. Box 1976, Atlanta, Georgia, 30301 and request official position papers.

The dogmatic approach of Koonce's letter reeks in generalities and speculations. It is not that Carter is silent on the issues it is that many refuse to listen.

Bob Kester

letters

Denounces Grievance Committee

Dear Editor:

Earl Swift's article on the new student budget procedures deserves a compliment for its accurate portrayal of the new budget procedures. There is, however, one inaccuracy concerning the history of the budget procedures. The article says that the grievance committee was responsible for the discovery of the regulations and bringing them to the attention of the Student Affairs Budget Com-

While the grievance committee deserves credit for the initial discovery of the regulations, it deserves denunciation for not bringing the discovery to the attention of the Student Affairs Budget Committee, or doing it with so little impetus and conviction that the majority of the committee members were

not aware of the regulations until they were rediscovered in January of 1976.

It was not until Fighting Spirit, an investigatory group on campus, rediscovered these regulations and subsequently brought them to the attention of Dennis Donham, then acting Dean of Students, that serious and substantial actions were taken by the committee to establish new budgetary procedures

Hopefully, this letter has straightened out historical questions on this issue. Much more important, however, is the fact that we now have budget procedures which comply with the University Rules and Regulations giving students greater control over their activity fees than ever before at this university

Dan Crone

Urge to exercise franchise

Dear Editor:

All UMSL students who will be 18 years of age on or before Nov. 2 and are not registered to vote are urged to do so before Oct. 5 so that they can cast their ballots in the November election. I also suggest to the administration of UMSL that they close the school on Nov. 2 so that students will have every opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights that day.

As an individual non-partisan voter my main concern in the Nov. 2 election is not so much who wins or loses but rather that there be a record number of voters and that they cast in an intelligent manner after much thought and consideration by the electorate. Only in this way can we have truly representative government.

To that end, I volunteer to talk before any group of students, senior citizens, labor or business organizations, church or neighborhood associations, etc. for no fee. My words will be nonpartisan and spoken as a private individual citizen, representing no group or special interest.

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SUMMIT MEETING: Drs. Laue and Monti confer with their two assistants, Scott and Thomas, concerning their funded study on the methods to peaceful desegregation. [Photo by Richard Schumacher].

Grants aid in busing study

Thomas Taschinger

The Center for Metropolitan Studies has received two grants to help facilitate the peaceful desegregation of the St. Louis and Ferguson-Florissant School Districts.

One grant has been supplied by the Danforth Foundation and totals \$24,000 for a one-year period. It is designed to enable the CMS to survey local citizen organizations and establish a referral service to assist in the discussion and solution of community problems arising from desegregation.

James Laue, associate professor of sociology and Director of CMS, and Daniel Monti, assistant professor of sociology and

Program Director are involved with this project.

Monti is also involved in a program funded by a grant supplied by the National Institute of Education that totals \$140,000 for three-year period. It will be utilized to monitor problems originating from the desegregation process and to improve grievance procedures whenever necessary.

Laue said, "The center is interested in increasing citizen involvement in the governmental structure and the desegregation process. In the past, there has not been the broadly-based public input in the St. Louis area, especially among minority groups, which is important for peaceful desegregation.

"In cities that have experienced peaceful desegregation," Laue said, "There existed active citizen involvement in local government. Hartford, Connecticut, Albany, New York, and San Francisco, California are a few examples of such cities.

"But in cities that have experienced problems arising from desegregation," he continued, "that type of positive citizen participation was generally lacking. Louisville, Kentucky and Boston, Massachusetts are two prominent examples.

across America desegregation has been peaceful in the majority of cases," Laue said. "We hope to demonstrate some models of positive public involvement and then extrapolate them to the St. Louis area.

"We will be working in conjunction with the administration of the Ferguson-Florissant and St. Louis School Districts," Laue added. "They are just as interested as we are in achieving peaceful desegregation and maintaining high quality edu-

Two thousand, about ten per cent of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, will be bussed, but about half of those were already riding busses. The majority of the students being bussed are from the Kinloch School District, which has closed it schools as a result of the 1974 court order that declared them separate and unequal.

The St. Louis School Board has signed a consent decree pledging voluntary desegregation. In St. Louis the "magnet school" concept was developed to induce willing participation in desegregation and minimize

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And He shall reign forever, Amin

Jerry Fritschle

"I am confident that we can save thousands of innocent Rhodesian and South African lives without killing them in the process." With these words,, President (of the United States) Gerald R. Ford launched Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to the Tarzan Continent in an effort to avert the impending race war there.

Success in this endeavor hinges on the following question: Can Dr. Kissinger be an effective mediator in light of his waning popularity at home? The answer is: Perhaps, provided he doesn't miss his plane. It is also crucial that the conflicting parties discuss the issue at hand, rather than yak about the Mizzou-USC game.

Things may not be so difficult for the Secretary, however. South African Prime Minister John Vorster is heartily in favor of the abolition of apartheid... in Rhodesia. As for his own country, Vorster asserts that the white South Africans are descended from settlers who settled upon settling at the Cape of Good Hope before anyone else was there, black or white, and therefore should be dis-tinguished from the "colonial" Ian Smith and Co.

But Vorster, despite his apparent doctrinaire conservatism, is a pragmatist. Being a descendant of settlers himself, the Prime Minister finds the prospect of the slaughter of fellow descendants-of-settlers by newer settlers as unsettling.

Therefore, he would settle to see Kissinger settle things down and get the settlers to settle upon a settlement. If he pro-vides the needed relief, Kissinger may go down in Southern African history as "Alka-Settler."

Just what is Kissinger to do? Extension of the Mason-Dixon line into Africa has already been ruled out, to the ire of Smith and Vorster.

On the other hand, it is feared that a sudden black-majority government will become autocratic in itself, cause a power struggle, and make being white' a capital crime (no ex post facto).

Thus, in order to ensure that only the best-qualified black or white leaders (as opposed to tyrannical field-marshal types) take office, Kissinger will propose that the new governments of South Africa and Rhodesia be chosen by means of a Swahili Spelling Bee.

Another topic which Kissinger will pursue in his shuttle diplomacy is the future of Southwest Africa, or Namibia. It is not definite, but rumor has it that this country, situated between South Africa and Angola, will be

developed into an amusement

'Six Flags Over Africa' will be its name, say the gossips, and a UN-umpired war will be fought among the African nations to determine whose flags. In the event of a tie for the sixth and final spot, tactical nuclear weapons will be provided, and the contest will go into suddendeath.

Already-expressed partiality *toward the blacks is Kissinger's primary handicap. White South Africans feel that they are being condemned for being white (they shouldn't be; they couldn't help it), and they cite as evidence the following incident:

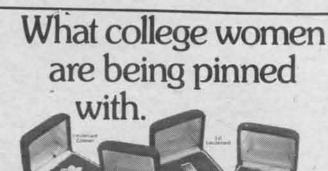
'Zee United States (meaning Kissinger)," said the Secretary at a recent banquet, "vishes to express its unrelenting opposition to zee vite minority governments uff Soud Afrika und Rhodesia." The banquet was in honor of Ugandan President Idi Amin and his "humanistic pol-icies." Kissinger continued:

"En cohntrahst, ve haff zee vonderful fieldmarshal, 'Big Daddy' Amin. He ist to be admired. Affter vut zee Israelis did to hiss airport, Ah'll see to it zat Zekredary Coleman builds him ein new vun - but it might haff to be built een Columbia-Vaterloo."

Moved to the point of tears by the Secretary's generosity, Amin ripped off Kissinger's arm and swallowed it whole - graciously (fortunately, Kissinger's doctor was able to grow a new one).

Looking at the stump on his shoulder, Kissinger smiled at Amin. "You're zoe cute, Idi. But eef you hat been Ian Smith. Vorster, or just plain vite, I voo haff shlugged you vor dat.'

"Slugged me with what B'wana? (Burp)" grinned Big





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No black/ white answer to busing

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busing. Under the magnet school plan, eleven distinct programs are stressed at various locations in the school district. For example, one school features computer-managed learning, another focuses upon math and science programs, while another concentrates upon verbal skills.

The racial composition of the magnet schools is intended to be 50 per cent black and 50 per cent white. The St. Louis School District is comprised of 70 per cent black students and 30 per cent white. The Ferguson-Florissant School District contains 90 per cent white students and 10 per cent black.

"My particular area of expertise is in the field of community organizations and community conflict," stated Monti. "I will apply that knowledge as we try to determine how conflicts arise and are resolved. Conflict can be used for destructive or constructive purposes, and of course we'll attempt the latter.

"The center will try to mediate any conflicts among community organizations," Monti said. "We can expose alternatives not previously considered and look at possibilities that may have been consciously or unconsciously avoided.

"We will specifically observe how the school systems cope with the four critical areas of desegregation," Monti continued, "determining curriculum, analyzing school-community relations, watching faculty and staff reactions, and examining the training given to the faculty and staff in handling desegregation problems.

This project is a combination

of pure and applied research," Monti said. "A community can't solve its problems unless all concernced parties are involved in the decision making and problem solving process.

Gena Scott, a research assistant for the project, will work primarily with any problems arising from the St. Louis School District. "We are observing the procedures used to implement the desegregation effort," she said. "One of our objectives is to set up community forums that will play a larger role in the education of the children. The St. Louis School District is already doing quite a bit of this

examine existing student-teacher grievance procedures and recommend improvements.

"So far I've attended community meetings and observed the first school day for any signs of conflict," Thomas said. "There doesn't appear to be any problems and the busing procedure seems to be going

"It should be kept in mind," Thomas concluded, "that the Ferguson-Florissant School District already had a small percentage of black students. The desegregation order will just increase the number of blacks in attendance."



IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY'S NIGHT: Not all spectators to UMSL's soccer game last Saturday left under their own power. One of the younger visitors got a lift from a larger friend. [Photo by Romondo

features

and we don't want to duplicate any of their activities.

'So far I've encountered a very energetic team of principals and coordinators trying to meet with parents and solve any problems that come up," Scott said. "My personal interest is to see how students take an active role in selecting curriculum and determining rules and regulations. I enjoy this opportunity to be involved in the community's changing process."

Frances Thomas, another research assistant for the project, will concentrate on the Ferguson-Florissant School District. "We will monitor the school desegregation activities, assess needs, and propose faculty train-ing if asked," she said. "We will also, if it is requested, New math degree introduced this fall

Curt Paul

In response to a demand for computer related job preparation, UMSL is offering a bachelor of science degree in applied math beginning this fall. A prime mover for the program has been Dr. Gerald Peterson, director of the computer science division of the mathematical sciences department.

Despite this major change, the degree program is comprised entirely of pre-existing courses. The same general educational requirements and B.A. mathematical degree requirements

pertain to the new B.S. degree. however, courses in business and computer science have been added to the requirements. In addition, "Some of the more theory-related courses have been replaced by computer-related courses," says Peterson.

Although UMC, Rolla, Washington University, SIU-Edwardsville offer Computer Science degrees, these programs vary greatly from UMSL's new applied mathematics degree, according to Peterson. The computer science major is involved not only in the use of the computer but in the study of its

operation and construction as well. In the applied mathematics program, the computer is viewed simply as a useful tool in the study of computational mathematics. No other university in St. Louis, or in the University of Missouri system, offers a program in applied mathematics.

The applied mathematics degree was developed to meet the demands inthe growing computer related job market. Moreover, approximately one-fourth of all mathematics majors are presently involved in the study of computer science.

Basically the program is for mathematically-oriented students Applied mathematics graduates will have the option to continue their studies in mathematics or computer science graduate programs.

Even though Peterson maintains that the program's success will remain unknown for a few years, projected enrollment for the third year is 70 students. Presently, 270 students are enrolled as mathematics majors.

Those interested in this program may contact Peterson in room 519 Clark Hall, (453-5741).

The Elf Squad













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Around UMSL September 16-23

Thursday

TESTING: The GED and CLEP will be given at 3:30 pm in room 120 Benton Hall.

BOOKPOOL: The APO Bookpool will be held from 10 am until 2 pm in room 227 SSBE.

RUSH PARTY: Alpha Xi Delta will have a rush party in room

229 J.C. Penney.

SHORT COURSE: The Computer Center will offer a JCL short course on the job control language for the MVS operating system at 3 pm in room 226 SSB. The course is free and open to the public.

MEETING: Beta Sigma Gamma will hold a meeting at 5 pm in room 78 J.C. Penney.

MEETING: The UMSL Mathematics Club will hold a meeting at 2:30 pm in room 72 J.C.

REHEARSAL: The University Players will have a rehearsal at 12:30 pm in room 105 Benton

MEETING: The UMSL Math Club will hold a business meeting at 2:30 pm in room 72 J.C.

Friday

TESTING: The GED and CLEP will be given at 4:30 pm in room 120 Benton Hall.

BOOKPOOL: The APO Bookpool will be held from 10 am until 2 pm in room 227 SSBE.

FILM: "The Pink Panther" will be shown at 8 pm in room 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is \$.75 with an UMSL ID. (An ID permits one guest and one member of the immediate family to attend the film.)

MEETING: The Accounting Club will hold a meeting at 12:30 pm in room 126 J.C. Penney

MEETING: Delta Zeta will hold a meeting at 10:30 am in room 121 and 222 J.C. Penney.

REHEARSAL: The Black Student Choir will have a rehearsal at 5:30 pm in 117 Lucas Hall.

SHORT COURSE: The Computer Center will offer a JCL short course on the job control language for the MVS operating system at 3 pm in room 226 SSBE. The course is free and open to the public.

REHEARSAL: The University Players will have a rehearsal at 12:30 pm in room 105 Benton Hall.

MEETING: There will be an informal meeting for voice students at 1:30 pm in room 100 Clark Hall.

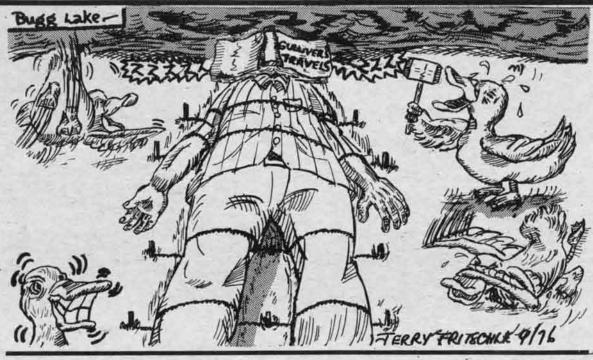
KWMU: Dave Bridwell brings you "Friday Magazine" from 11 pm until 3 am. Romondo Davis takes over from 3 am until 7 am on KWMU (90.7 FM).

Saturday

FILM: "The Pink Panther" will be shown at 8 pm in room 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is \$.75 with an UMSL ID. SOCCER: UMSL plays Eastern Illinois at 1:30 pm in Charleston, Illinois.

RUSH PARTY: Alpha Xi Delta will have a rush party in room

229 J.C. Penney.
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: Orientation for student volunteers for probation and parole will be held from 9 am until 4 pm in rooms 114 and 118 Lucas



SHORT COURSES: The Computer Center will offer a JCL short course on job control language for the MVS operating system at 3 pm in room 226 SSBE. The course is free and open to the public.

REHEARSAL: The University Players will have a rehearsal at 12:30 pm in room 105 Benton

MEETING: The St. Louis Association of Wargamers will hold a meeting at 11 am in room 126 J.C. Penney.

Sunday

RUSH PARTY: Beta Sigma Gamma will have a rush party in rooms 72 and 78 J.C. Penney.

MEETING: The Sahara Divers Club will sponsor a dive in South Illinois near Carbondale on Sunday, September 19. All those interested should meet in front of Benton Hall at 8 am. For further information contact Doug, 453-5540.

RUSH PARTY: Alpha Xi Delta will have a rush party in room 229 J.C. Penney.

MEETING: The Alumni Association will hold a meeting at 7 pm in room 266 University

MEETING: Epsilon Beta Gamma will hold a meeting at 3 pm in room 222 J.C. Penney.

MEETING: Pi Kappa Alpha will hold a meeting at 7 pm in room 222 J.C. Penney.

SHORT COURSE: The Computer Center will offer a JCL short course on job control language for the MVS operating system, at 3 pm in room 266 SSBE. The course is free and open to the public.

REHEARSAL: The University Players will have a rehearsal at 12:30 pm in room 105 Benton

MEETING: Tau Kappa Epsilon will hold a meeting at 6 pm in room 75 J.C. Penney.

KWMU: Scott Buer brings you "Midnight-till Morning" from 1 am until 4 am Sunday. Jerry Castellano takes over from 4 am until 8 am on KWMU (90.7).

Monday

BOOKPOOL: The APO Bookpool will be held from 10 am to 2 pm in room 227 SSBE.

REHEARSAL: The University Players will have a rehearsal at 12:30 pm in room 105 Benton Hall.

KOFFEE KLATSCH: The Evening College Council will have a "Koffee Klatsch" at 4:30 pm in the lobby on the 3rd floor of Lucas Hall.

"TWICE TOLD TALES:" The film "Rashamon", which was made in 1950, will be shown at 8:15 pm in J.C. Penney. There is no admission charge. The film is open to the public.

SHORT COURSE: The Computer Center will offer a JCL short course on job control language for the MVS operating system at 3 pm in room 266 SSBE. The course is free and open to the public.

KWMU: Grant Richter brings you "Midnight till Morning" from midnight Sunday until 3 am Monday. Terry Cavin takes over from 3 am until 6 am on KWMU (90.7 FM).

Tuesday

BOOKPOOL: The APO Bookpool will be held from 10 am until 2 pm and 5 pm until 8 pm in room 227 SSBE.

"TWICE TOLD TALES:" The film "The Outrage," which was made in 1964, will be shown at 8:15 pm in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. There is no admission charge. The film is open to the public.

PROGRAM: The Loss Prevention and Control Program will discuss personnel safety at 9:30 pm in room 225 J.C. Penney.

SHORT COURSE: The Computer Center will offer a JCL short course on job control language for the MVS operating system at 3 pm in room 266 SSBE. The course is free andopen to the public.

REHEARSAL: The University Players will hold a rehearsal at 12:30 pm in 105 Benton Hall.

MEETING: There will be a new meeting to discuss the BSW program and further activities of the social work clubs in room 222 J.C. Penney at 3:15 pm.

Wednesday

PROGRAM: The Loss Prevention and Contol Program will discuss personnel safety at 1 pm in room 72 J.C. Penney.

BOOKPOOL: The APO Bookpool will be held from 10 am until 2 pm and 5 pm until 8 pm in room 227 SSBE.

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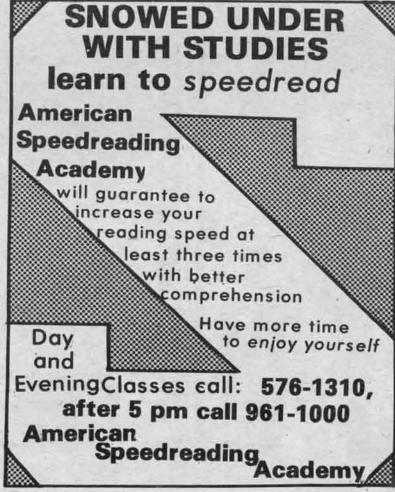
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WOMEN'S CENTER GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the Governing Board of the Womnen's Center will be held on October 5 and 6. The Board will consist of three undergraduates; one graduate student; two faculty; one staff (exempt); one staff (non-exempt); and one member representing minority interests.

Persons interested in running for the Board should submit an application which includes the postion desired; a brief description of the candidate's experience relevant to the position and ideas about the purpose of the Women's Center (maximum 200 words).

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River Festival has weathered another summer

Michael Drain

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This year the Mississippi River Festival incorporated into its programme nearly every type of music imaginable. Hard rock played by Marshall Tucker Band and his group; chamber orchestra music by one of the country's most prestigious quartets, the Julliard Quartet; folk as sung by Judy Collins; symphonies played by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; and every type of music in between.

The River Festival is one of the largest festivals of its kind in the country, yet many of the people in the bi-state area seem to take the festival for granted. All the money that is taken in from each of the concerts is turned back into the MRF for improvements, the salaries of the MRF staff, and the fees for the band or orchestra. What is left over is then put into a fund to get better and bigger names in the music field for the next

To the people who run the Mississippi River Festival, the most important part of the

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concerts and entertainment is the audience itself.

There are also several other kinds of entertainment that can be found at the River Festival. For example, this year, as in years before, a film series covered a wide variety of cinema topics and a wide variety of cinema styles. Unfortunately, this feature is not as popular as the big concerts, therefore does not receive as much publicity.

Another unique thing about the River Festival is that, at any time, the concert goers may get up and meander around, talk to friends, or get something to eat. People may bring their dinner or some snacks to the out-door concerts along with their favorite beverage, but this is where the problems start.

Since there is such a free atmosphere, some of the people take advantage by bringing alcoholic beverages. In other words, people are going to the River Festival to party, not to listen to the music. These people are in the minority by far, but unfortunately it is this minority that tends to make it unpleasant for the majority of people that go to enjoy a concert.

This problem became serious enough for the operators of the River Festival to require that all bottles and cans be prohibited from the concert grounds. They offered milk cartons for those who did bring cans and bottles.

The Mississippi River Festival also ran into some problems that they could not help, namely the

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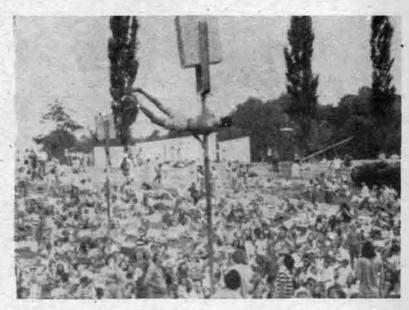
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cancellation of several of the groups. Some even cancelled just a few weeks before they were supposed to perform. While this problem is not unusual, it is still something which hurts the reputation of the Festival.

What hurt the Festival the most was the cancellation of a band just days before the concert, so that they could play in St. Louis for more money on the same night. There were a lot of people who would not go to the St. Louis Concert simply because of the trick played on the River Festival.

Despite the problems that the Mississippi River Festival came up against this year, it was quite a successful year for them. The concert-goer had the best music for the best prices around.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER FESTIVAL: closes the summer concerts this year with the Chicago Symphony. [Photo by Romondo Davis]

'Futureworld': thrills and chills

Marcia Virga

Those of you who saw "West-world" will remember the destruction and death caused by a gun-slinging robot that went beserk because of a malfunction in its circuits. In "Futureworld" though, the rebuilt, expanded resort of Delos is now a "perfectly safe" place where one can carry out any fantasy or whim. "Safe" that is, unless you are one of two reporters trying to uncover a skeleton in the resort's closet without getting killed in the process.

Peter Fonda and Blythe Danner star as the determined reporters in this surprisingly good sequel to "Westworld." It's a well-made, intriquing film with some great special effects, but possibly the most fascinating aspect of it is the idea that there actually may be such a resort some day.

For a mere \$1,200 daily, a person gets his pick of an outer space cruise, life among the eighteenth century nobility, or a medieveal village. These "worlds" are populated by human-looking robots, and they cater to the customer's every wish, including sex. Delas is a wonderful place to be, if you've ever wanted to be the winner of a jousting tournament, become young again, or simply take a walk in space.

The reporters are at Futureworld in order to write a feature story about this marvelous place. They get several behind-thescenes tours with the smiling director that are something else to see. The machinery that it takes to create all the events and or illusions (such as walking in space) is incredibly complex. For that matter, so is all the human and mechanical work that keeps the resort running smoothly.

But there is a dangerous flaw in this well-oiled machine and it could mean disaster for the rest of the world. Finding out what it is proves to be a tricky job for Fonda and Danner and the ending had the audience - well, you should go see for yourself.

Loretto-Hilton opens

This year, the Loretto-Hilton will offer five plays that range from intense drama to farce to comedy. They will perform "Billy Budd," by Herman Melville, as the opener for the 1976-77 season.

"Billy Budd" is the gripping story of a young sailor and his plight on a war-torn British navy ship. Following "Billy Budd" will be Tennessee William's "The Eccentricities of a Nightingale" a story, set in the deep south, of a sheltered minister's daughter who is lured by a deceptive doctor.

After two dramas the repertory will offer a comic relief for the audiences by performing "The Beaux' Stratagem." In this play, Farquhar combines romance, wealth, swords, and swindles.

"The House of Blue Leaves" follows this restoration comedy. Quoted as being "A Marx Brothers tragedy, a savage farce, and a tempest of hilarity," this play is about a zookeeper's outlandish quest to become a world-renowned song writer, who picks the day the Pope visits New York to start.

The final play of the season will be "The Front Page," a comedy in the true sense of the word. This story concerns a newspaper managing editor and his star reporter and the scoop of a lifetime.

The Eccentricities of a Nightingale... November 19-December 17

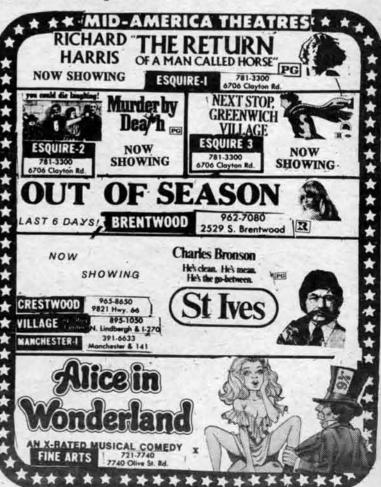
The Beaux' Stragegem......
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The House of Blue Leaves... February 4-March 4

The Front Page......
March 11-April 8



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Sub-station 8 is elcetrifying

Ruth Thaler

Sub-station 8 is a jumping, dance-crazy disco located at 8th Street and Market. The crowd is predominantly black, the attire very stylish with, naturally, lots of denim. That stuff is everywhere!.

The decor at Sub-station 8 is interesting, being the basics of an old Union Electric power station. Its original function is well-suited to the disco set-up, giving three seating levels, two with dance-floors and all three with bars. Original fixtures hav been retained, such as a windin iron staircase up to a tin seating area, and a large wall

mural overlooking the frenzy. The music at "the Sub" is funky disco, mostly by black artists, athough the Rolling Stones' "Hot Stuff" and Wild Cherry's "Play that Funky Mu-sic, White Boy" are very popu-lar. Johnny Jones, dee-jay at KKSS, spins the records and occasionally airs his show from the place.

If you consider yourself up-todate on the latest dances, check out this club. You either fit right in or feel very foolish. Either way, you will see the newest steps and you might learn something!

Admission at the door of the Sub is \$1.50. They check ID's carefully. Once inside, the drinks are reasonably priced.

One of the Sub's greatest pulling features is the variety of entertainment that they offer. For instance, Tuesday night is "ladies' night," where women pay no cover charge and ask the men to dance without second thoughts about propriety.

Substation 8 also has a "Singles Night." All who enter receive a name tag, to facilitate the process of meeting new people, and special hosts Hostesses pamper lucky women and men. The possibilities are mind-boggling!

A very popular event is, of course, the "Wet T'Shirt Contest" on Wednesdays. It is similar to the one at the Connection. although the prize to the winner is \$50 (rather than \$100).

This contest often threatens to get out of control. Contestants hav been known to display their physical attributes without the benefit of the T-shirts. Go on down there, fellas, and keep you fingers crossed!

Last but not least, dance contests enliven the evenings and

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enrich the pockets of participants. This is an event found at other clubs in the area, but th: Sub's is no less exciting fo being one of several.

This reporter has been a frequent visitor to the depths of Sub-station 8, and has always enjoyed the trip.

Prometheus Crisis' is soupy

Doomsday stories are often eye opening, at first. However, many times they are too simplistic to be considered literary art. Thomas N. Scortia and Frank M. Robinson's "The Prometheus Crisis" is soap opera material.

One might find the novel's subject both timely and noteworthy, since the book is about a nuclear plant accident. Many times the reader is aware that such a crises could occur in our present age of nuclear plants.

However, Scortia and Robinson's capabilities in fiction writing are limited, as they often tell the reader what is happening. Instead, they should show the reader. For example, a major character still loves his separated wife, and the authors' tell us. "it was a case of unrequited

love." The situation would have been more believable if the writers had shown the reader the "unrequited love."

In addition, the authors' actually write with more skill about the horrors of nuclear plants in their factual "Afterword" account at the book's end. Clearly, the writers should have tried writing a nonfiction book as effective as Toffler's "Future Shock," instead of a simple, fictious novel.

The novel is so simplistic that the major characters never become complex personalities. An attempt is made to make Gre Parks, the plant manager, ; complicated character, as he bravely risks his life to prevent disaster. However, at one point, he is incongruously described in a cold, simple setting, around all sorts of metal gadgets, he supposedly likes in his own home. His characterization does not progress, it just confuses the reader. In addition, the novel is strong on stereotypes. Women are seen as decorations for men, preferably in bed, and politicians are viewed as all bad.

Furthermore, conversation in the novel mainly consists of cliches. For example, an older, beautiful nurse is told. "I should think you would have married a long time ago." (Why isn't a nice girl like you married?) The soap opera continues as words either preach or become mushy.

The nuclear accident in "The Prometheus Crisis" loses important vitality in this simple styled fiction. The story appears less than real, and that could be dangerous.

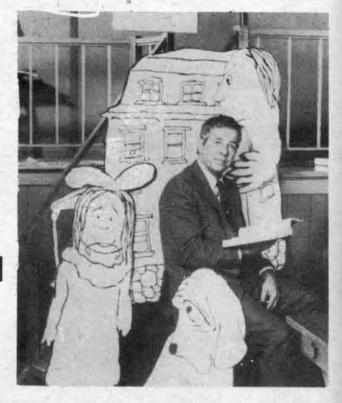
IAM WINDON plays

«THURBER»

William Windom is probably best known for his Emmy Award-winning lead role in TV's "My World and Welcome To It," based on the writings of James Thurber. He also played the lead in the television series "Farmer's Daughter" from 1963-66 in "Winesburg, Ohio," and in the PBS presentation "Big Fish, Little Fish" as well as making guest appearances on some of television's most popular programs.

Mr. Windom's film credits include "Echoes of a Summer," "The Man," "Escape from the Planet of the Apes," "Fools Parde," "Brewster McCloud," and "To Kill A Mockingbird," and he has appeared in 23 Broadway and Off-Broadway

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UMSL kickers waited in vain for lucky break

Kent Terry

In a bruising battle last Friday two perennial soccer powerhouses, the Rivermen of UMSI and the St. Louis U. Billikens, met under the lights of Francis Field.

With the temperature in the upper 60's, the setting couldn't have been more perfect for this classic clash. To the victor went the prized St. Louis Cup.

The script called for UMSL to be cast in the role of the underdog. The part was easy for the Rivermen to remember, since they had played it before in each of the five previous meetings with the Bills. The reason being, that St. Louis U. is known as a soccer institution. Their past record speaks for itself; with ten National Chapionships to their name.

For the Rivermen to win they knew they would have to do three things; play tough defense, disrupt St. Louis U.'s offensive flow, and get a break.

For most of the game the Rivermen played their roles to a tee. They played a tough defense and disrupted the St. Louis U. offensive tempo. But when it came down to winning the game the Rivermen missed only one ingredient, that was a break. UMSL didn't get the break they needed and as a result lost 1-0 in the last three minutes of play.

The end came officially with 2:23 left in the game when Billiken Larry Hulcer drilled in a rebound shot past Rivermen goalie Gary LeGrand. LeGrand had no chance and a classic defensive struggle was near its end.

"I thought we played well," said head soccer coach for UMSL Don Dallas. "Actually in the game our scoring chances were better than theirs."

The Rivermen's first opportunity came seven minutes into the game when Jim Roth was set loose on a breakaway by a pass from Mike Dean. Roth had Billiken goalie Rob Vallero beat but his shot went just wide of the net.

UMSL also had another good scoring chance before the end of the half but Jerry DeRousse's attempted shot was kicked away by the Bill's Valero.

Aside from Roth's and DeRousse's scoring chances, the rest of the half belonged to the Bills.

St. Louis U. fired 14 shots at LeGrand in the first half and 12 more in the second. For the game LeGrand was called on to make 9 saves. "LeGrand played an excellent game," said Dallas afterwards.

When LeGrand wasn't making saves it was his defense in front of him clearing the ball. Back Pat Hogan, a big 6'2", 185 lb. senior, was a standout in the defense for the Rivermen.

"They all play well," commented Dallas about his defensive unit. "Pat Hogan has played All-American caliber during his first two games."

In the second half, the game went much the same way as it did in the first with St. Louis U. gaining much of the territorial edge. The bench strength of the Billikens was visible as they controlled the tempo of play, especially during the last fifteen



THERE IT IS: This UMSL Kicker looks for the ball in hopes of breaking away from the St. Louis U. defender. But it was the Billikens who broke away for a 1-0 victory over the Rivermen to win back the St. Louis Cup last Friday night. [Photo by Scott Petersen]

minutes of the game.

The Rivermen had their best opportunity to score in the game mid-way in the second half. Jim Roth hit a soft shot that beat the new Billiken goalie Dave Brcic. But just as ball was about to cross the goal line St. Louis U. back Greg Stockmann came out of nowhere and kicked the ball away.

"We were bottled up most the second half," said Dallas, "so we just wanted to play a sound defensive game and wait for an opportunity to create itself."

The opportunity Dallas was talking about did come along but the Rivermen couldn't get a break and put the ball in the net. Larry Hulcer's late goal proved to be the winner. The Cup now belongs to the Billikens of St. Louis U.

At least for this year, until another classic challenge comes along.

Rivermen's 'super-sub' comes through again

In his four years of playing soccer at UMSL, Jim McKenna has picked up a reputation as a Super-Sub — a man that can be counted on to do a good job filling in at almost every position.

Sunday, McKenna enhanced his reputation by scoring the goal that gave the Rivermen a 1-0 victory over Benedictine College. The win was UMSL's first of the new season, squaring the team record at 1-1.

Against Benedictine, McKenna kicked a perfect shot into the upper left-hand corner of the goal from about 27 yards away at 61:44.

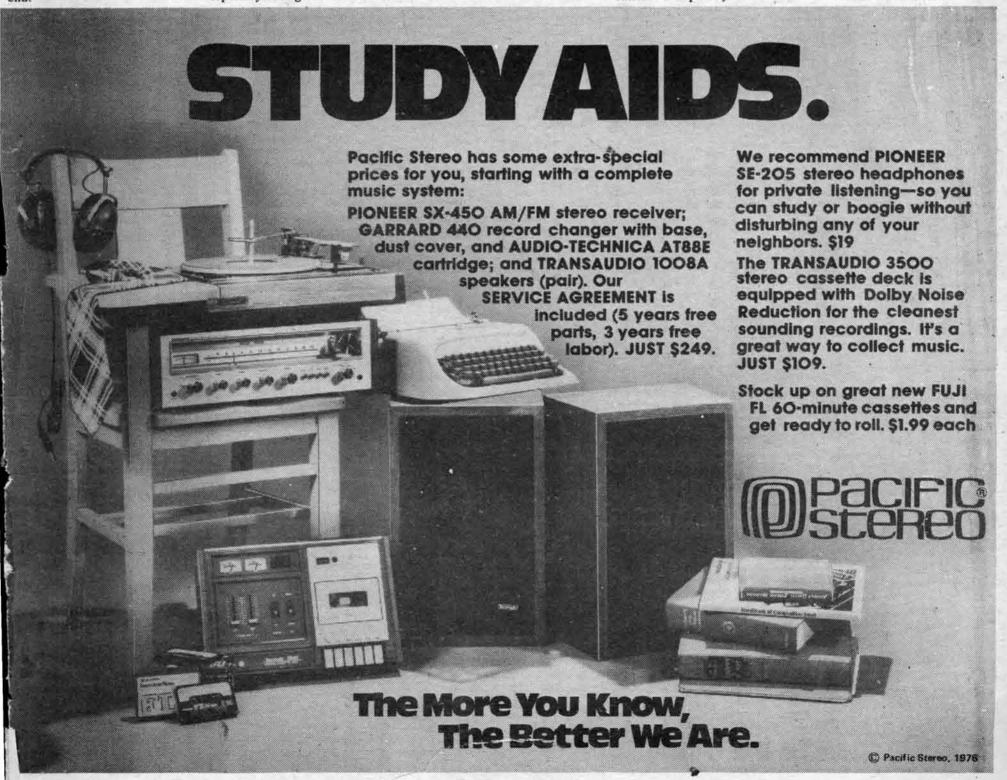
The play started with Jim Roth of UMSL being fouled just outside the penalty area. Pat Hogan took the free kick and booted the ball low and hard into a wall of Benedictine players. The rebound came to McKenna and he unleashed his picture-book shot.

"All shots are beautiful when they go in," noted assistant coach Tim Fitzsimmons, "but this was one of his best."

It reminded Fitzsimmons and coach Don Dallas of another goal that McKenna scored, the one against Adelphi in the semifinals of the 1973 NCAA Division II championships. "He's been the Super-Sub for us," said Dallas. "He's played just about every position."

One position that McKenna hasn't played is goalkeeper; but

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Racquetball craze grows; space can't

Tom Apple

If you're interested in playing racquetball on campus this fall, you may as well forget it unless you are very determined and perhaps even lucky enough to obtain a time slot for a court on which to play the sport.

One of the most surprising developments in athletics around UMSL in recent years is the ever-increasing interest in racquetball. The sport has become so big that there is hardly a chance for all interested competitors to participate. The reason is that there simply isn't enough space available on the campus.

"I think it's getting bigger

outside. It gets cold and the ball is much slower, but the courts will still be used. There have been people playing tennis on the outdoor courts in the middle of November and a few years ago that was unheard of."

Why the sudden interest in racquetball? The main reason is that there are quite a few racquetball clubs and courts springing up in the metropolitan area, thus making people more aware of the game.

Being an outgrowth of tennis doesn't hurt racquetball's popularity either, and with the number of tennis players always growing, it is only logical that racquetball would make the same advances. Velten adds,

sports

than we can handle," says intramural director Jim Velten. "Not only is it growing at UMSL, but everywhere." Velten attributes the rapid growth of racquetball to increased high school participation as well as a tremendous involvement in professional and amatuer tennis, which racquetball is derived from.

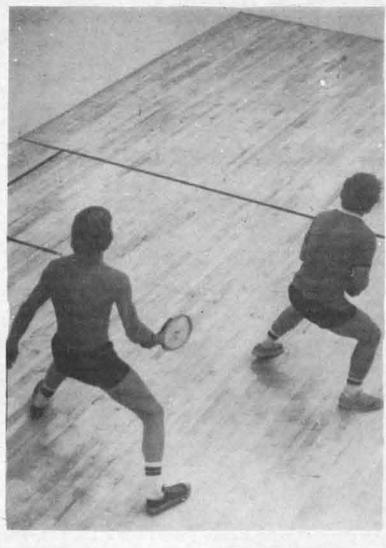
"When I was taking graduate courses at this school I could practice for two and three hours," he says, "and no one would bother me. Now it's ridiculous." These days Velten would be able to practice an hour a week at the most.

"The courts are available in forty-five minute slots all day, every day, on two indoor and four outdoor courts," says Velten, "but it's a different game

"Some of the best players are from right here in St. Louis," a factor which could explain the local enthusiasm shown towards the sport.

The turnout for racquetball on campus is remarkable. Reservations for time-slots are taken beginning at eight o'clock Monday mornings. There have been reports that by eight-thirty, all the slots are full. Velten, however, states that the actual time may be ten or eleven o'clock before all courts are reserved. In any case, the problems of time and space are clearly evident.

What will happen when intramurals begin and even less space is available? "We may have to do something that we don't want to, and that's limit the number of individuals who can enter and participate in a



A LUCKY BREAK: These people were able to obtain a racquetball court. Overcrowding has caused time slots to be at a premium. [Photo by Romondo Davis]

tournament. But we have to allow court time to the people who want to get out for some exercise and recreation. Then again, we can't limit the intramural participants either."

Whatever the solution, racquetball will continue to grow until a different sport replaces it on campus. Even when that time comes, it is doubtful that it will have the impact on students and athletes that racquetball has had. Until then, students, staff, and faculty will continue to vie for court times and time slots. And in the meantime, Jim Velten will be happy that this intramural sport is becoming "too big to handle,"

McKenna scores goal

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someone on the squad is going to have to learn the position this week, because all three of UMSL's goalies are injured.

Dennis Genovese, who recorded the shutout over Benedictine by making five saves, is healthy enough to play, although he suffered a back injury during the game. Keeper Gary LeGrand suffered a bruised foot during the game with St. Louis University and is only listed as possible for this week's action.

The third goalie, Rick Hudson, is still out indefinitely following hone graft surgery on his wrist, so Dallas will probably work one or two of his other squad members in goal during practice this week to make sure there is help for Genovese.

Also hobbled by injuries are Dennis Bozesky, who sprained an ankle against St. Louis U. and Jerry DeRousse, who left the Benedictine game with a lower back injury.

One thousand fans came out to see Sunday's action at UMSL which included St. Louis University's 1-0 victory over Western Illinois prior to the UMSL-Benedictine match.

In Sunday's action, the Rivermen outshot the Ravens, 15-9, and forced Benedictine keeper Dennis Ayer to make 10 saves.

Next on the Rivermen schedule is a perennially tough Eastern Illinois squad. The teams meet on Saturday at Charleston, Illinois. Game time is 1:30 pm. The Panthers are 1-0, following a 2-0 victory over Columbia College. The following weekend the Rivermen head for Texas where they will meet Southern Methodist at Dallas on Sept. 25 and North Texas State U. at Denton on Sept. 26.



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