

# UMSL CURRENT

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## Aims for next decade proposed

# Development plans submitted for review

Frank Watson

Students studying for a test, or writing a report due day after tomorrow, may not even want to think about next week or next year. Not so the University of Missouri. Already plans are being worked out that will guide the academic development of the university for the decade 1975-1985.

UMSL, as well as the other three campuses of the University of Missouri, has submitted a tentative academic plan to university president C. Brice Ratchford.

"The plans will be reviewed by various faculty and administrative groups from the four campuses," UMSL Chancellor Joseph R. Hartley said. This plan will then have to be approved by the president of the university and the board of curators.

"The campus plan was developed primarily by an ad hoc committee composed of faculty, students and administrators. The plan has been subject to lengthy discussion and debate," Hartley said.

Among the broad aims that UMSL hopes to achieve are: to provide graduate and undergraduate students a greater flexibility by providing a greater variety of programming; increased aid to lower income students and minority groups; and attempt to develop solutions to the problems inherent to the urban scene.

It was pointed out that UMSL in terms of enrollment is the third largest campus in the state, but in terms of programs offered is tied for last. The Columbia campus offers 300 programs, Central Missouri State, 163, the Kansas City campus, 120. UMSL offers 50.

"For UMSL a broadened program...is essential if we are to provide the necessary public higher educational opportunities for metropolitan St. Louis," Hartley said.

In the report, it was stated, "The citizens of the St. Louis metropolitan area, comprising nearly 40 per cent of the State's population and generating approximately 47 per cent of its personal income, deserve additional educational programs."

It was also stated in the report that the present student/teacher ratio was 26/1. "Quality instruction cannot be maintained with such a poor ratio," it contends. "Student and faculty support services are almost non-existent and require immediate help."

In asking for greater funds, the committee pointed out that funds allocated to UMSL have not matched the enrollment. The year 1966-67 UMSL had close to 15 per cent of the University of Missouri students, but only 5 per cent of the total appropriations; in 1969, about 19 per cent of the students, 8 per cent of the total funds; in 1972-73, 22 per cent of the total enrollment, but only 10 per cent of the total funds.

"UMSL must fulfill its mission of providing high-quality programs for life-long learning at reasonable cost," the committee said, and that "furthermore, UMSL must have facilities and personnel to extend its services and to expand its study of the area's complex urban problems."

Programs which the committee felt should be initiated, and gave high priority to, included a B.A. in Social Work, a B.A. in Communications, a M.S. in Chemistry, and a B.S. in Urban Affairs.

Programs which they felt should be improved included, the B.S. in Administration of Justice, the B.A. and B.S. in Economics, B.A. in Political Science, B.A. in Psychology, and the B.A. in Sociology.

Programs they wished to see continued on the same level as present included B.A. in Biology, B.A. in English, B.A. in History, B.A. in Mathematics, and M.A. in Political Science.

The faculty of the College of Arts and Science, however, passed unanimously a resolution declaring that all existing A & S programs should be assigned highest priority.

# Committee's open hearings probe UMSL admissions policy

Dennis Zaretsky

Eight hours of testimony by a number of academicians who came from as far away as New York and California resulted from the University Committee on Admissions and Student Aid, held the first of this month.

The two days of open hearings provided a forum for airing the testimonies and questions related to admissions and testing at UMSL.

The opening session concerned the role of tests and testing, highlighted by the contrasting testimony of Warren Willis, spokesman for the American College Testing Service (ACT), and Dr. John Hurst of the Department of Education of the University of California-Berkeley.

Willis stated that the ACT test, one of those used for admission to UMSL, is a reliable tool for predicting a given group's chances for success at a university. He noted, however, that the ACT test is culturally

biased against minority and working class students in general, but that this bias is necessary to maintain the predictive validity of the test because the university in general is similarly biased.

Dr. Hurst claimed that tests such as the ACT have no real value for an individual but are rather for the benefit of the institution using the tests. He asserted that these types of tests can do nothing more than predict future grades in school and future successes in society. Based on these facts and others, Hurst proposed that the tests "had no business" being part of a University's admissions policies.

The afternoon session featured Dr. Joe L. Saupe, Director of Missouri University's Institutional Research, and Dr. Harrell Rodgers, UMSL professor of political science.

Saupe explained the new admissions policy and why it was instituted in the fall of 1972. He stated that there were three



Float 'afloat'

This symbolic Riverman beams as he steers homeward bound. The float was one of several participating in the UMSL Homecoming activities last week. Photo by Jim Van Horn

# Professor's 'racist' comments considered taken 'out of context'

Walt Jaschek

Charges made against UMSL Professor Peter Etzkorn regarding "racist" statements he allegedly made during his lectures have been met calmly by Etzkorn but with irritation and occasional outrage from a number of his students.

The charges were made by UMSL's Students for a Democratic Society, who passed out a pamphlet on campus last week with the banner: "Prof. Etzkorn Spreads Racism."

The flyer, which aside from mentions of the SDS at the bottom is unsigned, claims that "In the last two lectures of Sociology 10, Professor Etzkorn has made two racist claims for which there are no valid evidences."

In an interview with the Current Friday, Etzkorn said he did not make the statements, and that they were totally out of context as printed on the flyer. He did not want to be quoted on anything he said, however, feeling that being quoted on some of the related issues would only give false justification to the charges which he feels are

without any basis.

The statements in question were printed in the SDS flyer. The pointed out "racist lie #1": "In Monday's lecture, Dr. Etzkorn made a viciously racist statement that when 'Whites enter black country they'll get their throats slit.' The flyer says this is 'an unfounded claim that implies that black people are racially motivated to kill whites.'"

Etzkorn said this was out of context. He said he would be personally outraged if a professor whose class he attended had made such a statement.

The second "lie", according to the SDS, was that Etzkorn "made the claim that the question of the genetic component in intelligence as measured by I.Q. is still an open one and that people such as William Shockley are raising valid sociological points of argument."

Etzkorn also denied saying what the flyer charged about this point. He explained to the Current his view on Shockley. He indicated not only that he did not defend Shockley's theory but greatly argues with it; but he said that it was not his place in class to spend the time probing and arguing with those theories.

No action will be taken by Etzkorn regarding the flyer or the accusations. He said his first reaction was strong and was considering taking legal moves, but then decided the wisest action would be to remain inactive and give no justification for further conflict.

The SDS is demanding action, asking in print for Etzkorn to retract the statements or debate with them.

Etzkorn spent some class time with students in the class and some he feels were outsiders discussing the matter. But he said it was not his desire to take up all the student's time with the issue, and offered to deal with the matter later.

Gary Brinkman, a student enrolled in the class, said that no such statements were ever made and that the matter should not have been brought up. He went further to say that "Etzkorn should not have to answer students and organizations in class if he does not want to, and those students causing a disturbance should be thrown out and reinstated only after apologies to him and the class."

With an opposing view, Paul April, also a class member, felt that the statements needed clarifying and should have been

done so during the class period. April feels there was "no hassle" about "racist lie #1" and that Etzkorn said nothing wrong there, but feels that the points raised about Shockley's theory should have been clarified more. "It's essential to bring these things out, with straight answers given," he said.

Stan Sleeman, another class member who witnessed the conflict told the Current he felt the statements were "pulled apart from the rest of what he said."

Sleeman addressed the parties involved, saying "if you must pull it out of context, don't argue about it during a lecture that is irrelevant to your point. You just waste Prof. Etzkorn's time and my money and other's money who want to listen to the lecture. He offered to discuss the matter during his office hours and still the disruptions continued."

Sleeman questioned the priority the incident was given. "Would (they) have done the same thing if any other minority besides the blacks were used?"

# Team paid for own trip to Disney World

Concerning a story run by the Current last week about the basketball team's trip to Disney World, the Current learned through players on the team that the players themselves paid their own way in. The statement attributed to Coach Chuck Smith stating that the trip to Disney World was financed by Athletic Dept. funds was found to be misleading. While the actual trip to play the scheduled games in Florida was financed by the Athletic department, the stop at Disney World was not.

The team flew to Orlando, Florida and then rented cars for their trip to Lakeland, where they played Florida Southern on Jan. 19. Staying in a hotel in Lakeland, the team drove to Tampa for their Monday night contest against South Florida. The team returned to Lakeland that night and the next day went to Disney World which is located near Orlando. The team then drove back to Orlando to catch a plane home the same day.

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# FEATURES

## How to get to Europe this summer

Yvonne Rehg

While walking across campus on these cold, winter days, with the wind blowing up your back, and with your hands freezing around your books, the thought of basking beneath the sun on the French Riviera may seem like a pipe dream.

For most students, thoughts about Europe may be confined to memorizing facts from textbooks, or recalling boring class lectures. The thought of going to Europe is shrugged off as a "someday", that undoubtedly, never will be. But why must Europe be a dream? There are numerous opportunities open every summer to students who wish to go to Europe.

The cheapest way of getting overseas is by hitch-hiking to New York, catching a ride on a freight ship, which sometimes requires one to work his way over, and then hitch-hiking around Europe.

Of course, the usual hassels accompany this mode of travel. There is the constant threat of danger such as robbery, murder, and rape. There is also the threat of being hassled by police in states in which hitch-hiking is prohibited on major expressways. This summer, with the energy crisis hovering over us, the hitch-hiker may also be plagued by a decrease in travelers on the highway, and especially travelers who are willing to share their precious gasoline with a stranger.

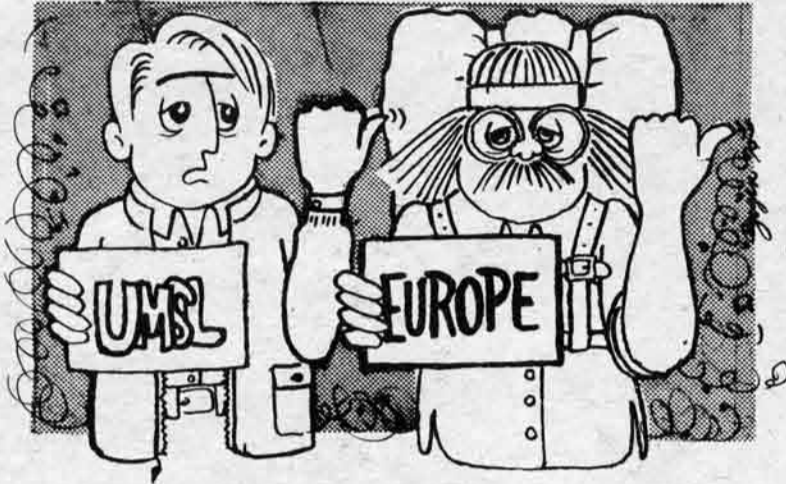
Finally, there is no guarantee that you can catch a ride on a freight ship once you get to New York, and the Atlantic Ocean is an awfully rough swim.

For those who are still determined to go overseas this summer, and who do not mind spending a little money in the process, there are still several ways to get to Europe. There are also several options for spending your time once you are there.

If you are not sick of studying once May 17 rolls around, there are many programs open for students to study abroad. The American Institute for Foreign Study, which is located in Connecticut, offers a summer program at the Birkbeck College of the University of London. Courses offered include English Literature, Drama, Music, Sociology and History. The program lasts eight weeks with six weeks of studying at the university and two weeks of independent travel and sightseeing.

The \$950 fee includes round trip airfare from an undesignated part of the United States, and food and lodging while studying at the university. Expenses for independent travel are extra.

Another program offered by the Cultural Studies Academy,



in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, offers eight weeks of study in Salzburg, Austria. Courses are geared towards German and European culture and social sciences, but there is no language requirement.

Rooming is provided by Austrian families. The \$1070 cost of the trip includes rooming, meals, tuition, and round trip jet fare from the eastern United States.

Information concerning study programs can be obtained from the language department, on the fifth floor of Clark Hall.

If you are tired of studying and would like to exert yourself physically instead of mentally this summer, the American Youth Hostels offers numerous trips throughout Europe every summer.

Most of the trips make use of bicycling and public transportation systems, and provide lodging in hostels. The hostels are usually dormitory like accommodations, that are located throughout Europe.

One 60 day trip includes a visit to London, and continues with cycling along the northern coast of France. From there the trip goes on to Paris, Rome, Florence, and Venice. The last week is spent in the Swiss Alps.

Another 42 day trip takes total advantage of public transportation, in case you are not fond of cycling. It includes visits to London and Paris, a train ride to Spain, and sightseeing throughout Spain. While there, you will be able to go scuba diving along Costa Brava, with instructions included, of course. Several days are spent on the French Riviera

before departing to Florence and Rome. This trip costs around \$900, including air fare.

These trips are available to any AYH member. Membership is \$10 per year. Applications for membership and additional information about European trips can be obtained from the American Youth Hostels, 2695 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri

If all of the trips previously mentioned have been too expensive, there is still one more way of getting to Europe. Both the Student Overseas Services in Luxembourg, and the American-European Student Service in Liechtenstein, are providing jobs to students in Europe this summer. These jobs include work in forestry, construction, child care, farming, and hotels. The jobs are available in Germany, Scandinavia, England, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, and Spain. Most jobs do not require knowledge of a foreign language.

Students get paid for their work in Europe, and rooming and meals are provided for them. Side trips are also available through the Student Overseas Service. The total cost of this work-travel program is \$450, and if you plan it right, you might be able to repay this expense through your work in Europe. Information can be obtained in the Current office, #256 University Center.

Next time a cold wind blows up your back you can start dreaming away, for who knows, maybe you can make it to the Riviera this summer. After all, wouldn't you rather spend your summer in France than at Famous and Barr?

## First valentine written by smitten Roman

Tom Pagano

"...No, Margret, Valentine's Day wasn't an invention of Hallmark Cards, or the Association of Florists!"

As a matter of fact, Valentine's Day has been a day for lover's in one form or another since about the third century, A.D.

Legend tells us that in the year 270 A.D., another "doubting Thomas", known as Valentinus, refused to worship the twelve pagan gods of the Roman Emperor Claudius the Groth. After denouncing these twelve idols in the presence of Claudius, Valentinus quickly paid for his discernable doubt through the loss of his life.

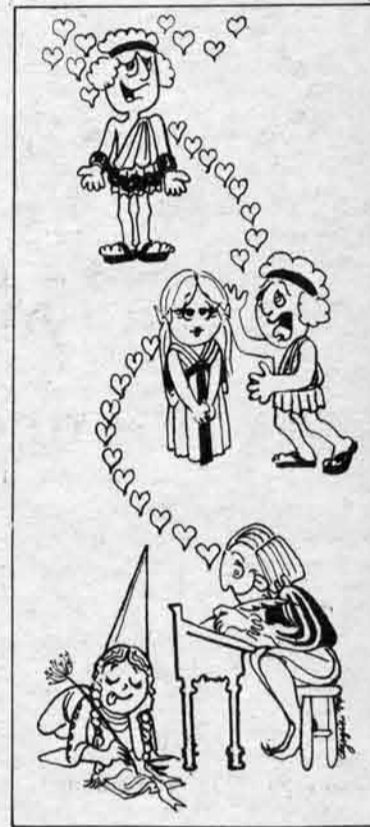
During his last few days in prison, prior to his execution, a jailer brought his daughter to Valentinus to be educated by the noble and quite learned prisoner. The young girl, Julia, was blind, and having never seen the real world, she listened to Valentinus and learned. Julia was then converted to the Christian belief. Legened further tells us that after Julia's conversion to the Christian religion, she miraculously recovered her sight. Due to his great faith and the miracle that he seemed to encourage, Valentinus went to his death bravely. His last note, however, was an affectionate message to Julia which he signed, "Your Valentine". He was executed that very day, Feb. 14, 270 A.D.

Through the years, many tales have been told about Valentine's Day, but perhaps the most notable legend of all that is still held today originated in the 14th Century. It is believed that many species of birds choose their mates on this day. Maybe the belief in this traditional tale prompted the choosing of young men and women toward each other as "sweethearts" on this day. On Feb. 14, the chosen couples would send letters to each other, and as we now believe, began the traditional history of sending Valentine's Day cards.

As another source informed me, cards may be sent first to

Darling, Pa., Love, Miss., Valentine, Virginia, or even Kissimmee, Florida, to be postmarked and remailed to the Valentine of your choice.

Realizing that this column is merely 24 hours late, consider the brighter side of the Old English belief that the first man a woman sees on Feb. 14th, will be the man she will marry. Who was it you saw first yesterday? Think about it, and perhaps you'll hope to see Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1975 to try again!



Brief Note:

Feb. 15 is Susan B. Anthony Day. She was a pioneer crusader for Women's Rights and Liberation. This day is observed as a legal holiday for those residents in the state of Minnesota.

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What could it be?

## Mysterious creature lurks on UMSL campus

Tom Pagano

Sitting in our Current office one day several weeks ago, we were suddenly interrupted from an important meeting by a raving fanatic who was screaming at the top of his lungs about this "creature". Hearing him hurdle the stairway at four steps per second, and breathing heavier than a dog-in-heat, we were thoughtfully amazed at his athletic ability as well as his frightening potential as a close runner-up for the local half-wit award.

Frantically jumping up and down, he screamed, "Pagano, Pagano! Come See! Come see!" Some nut, I thought and quickly returned, "Cum sa, cum sa!" and just as quickly denied ever seeing the likes of this "koo-koo" before.

For no apparent reason, he suddenly bursted into tears and passed out from mental exhaustion, or so I thought. But before he lost it completely, he murmured, "... a creature ...

monster ... on campus ...

Well, like every inquisitive nit-wit, I picked up the ball of idiocy and ran with it. First came the look of amazement. Then the positive reflection of confusion and fear. "Run," my mind told my body, and I excitedly sprinted passed the doorway. Minutes later, after stumbling down two flights of stairs and finding my way to the bottom of the steps the fastest way possible (the least comfortable, but the fastest), I looked upward. I was stunned at what I saw ... stunned I tell you. I was in a stupor perhaps, because I saw absolutely nothing strange. Facing the parking lot and garage, looking toward the East, I saw no monsters, creatures, nor even as much as a mad dog! Well, no need to tell you that after that little episode, I thought that I was the "basket case". Me listening to some guy and getting all excited, and for what?

Well, getting back to this guy, I picked myself up and started

walking up the staircase. With every step, my blood pressure began to rise to a temperature we'll merely call boiling.

"Monster, aye?" I said to him madly. "The only monster around here is the quack that panted up here minutes ago and acted like a Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde. What do you take me for, some kind of idiot?" Realizing that I'm giving him pretty good reason to, I decided to quiet myself by casually pulling out my handkerchief and nonchalantly blowing my nose.

"Really, man, he uttered, 'really, I saw this homongous bug, er, thing ... this creature!' Thinking that he really got into some wild stuff, I asked, 'What color was this thing?'"

"Green," he replied. "Well," I said, "when this 'humongous' green thing comes back, give him some 'humogous' Alka-Seltzer. He's only been down at Friday's too long. Needless to mention, he left disappointed, and I left well

enough alone.

Four weeks ago as we all returned to school, I noticed several large water-filled craters or chuck-holes that in some way resembled foot-prints behind one of our buildings. Walking a bit farther, I found a large furry-type limb about ten inches long. Then for some reason, I thought that it might be something in reference to the nut that came to the office weeks before. "Naw, ... it couldn't be", I thought. "But then again ...". Anyway, I picked it up and took it to the lab to have it looked at.

After the observation and analysis were completed, it was concluded that it might be several million years old, and at one time had a form of nourishment unlike any mammal that we know of today. It was almost considered a possibility that it is a hair follicle of an arm or leg from something million years passed. And again I thought, "No. It just couldn't be!"

This morning, I found a note

in the mailbox that read: Dear Staffers;

So sorry to run you through the rough course the other day, but I figured that you could use the story first-hand. I thought that you would be interested and at least look into it. My excitedness led me away frightened, but I returned to conquer and expose it to you once again. Now do you believe me?"

No signature.

I should leave it at that, but my curiosity is driving me to the brink of neurosis. The writers here at the Current would like to know if anyone else has seen this creature, and if so, describe it the best you can. Follow it and find out what it does, etc. If you have any idea where it came from or where it's hiding now, please contact the Current, Room 256 - University Center.

P.S. To the little guy who first saw it: drop by our office again soon. We'd really like to rap with you, whoever you are ...!

## You may qualify for financial aid

Nancy Wilhelm

How would you like to make fifty dollars or more for one hour worth of your time? The situation can become a reality if you qualify for a financial aid program here at UMSL, and if you take the time to fill out an application form. Various amounts of money used towards college that a student can qualify for range all the way from payment of book fees, to payment of all school fees.

"We hope that students may take advantage of financial assistance available. Some of them may be surprised to find that they are able to qualify for at least partial aid," said Bart S. Devoti, Director of Financial Aid, as he explained that financial applications for the coming summer and fall terms are already being accepted at UMSL. April 1, 1974, has been set as the due date for applica-

tions, and although applications will probably be accepted after April 1, those received before the date will be given priority.

All of the opportunities available to both undergraduate students and graduate students are distributed according to need, along with various other requirements. Programs open to undergraduates include scholarships, loans, grants, and the work-study program. Graduate students can qualify for loans and the work-study program.

The Basic Grant Program is a federally funded program that will be open to those students who have started college for the first time after July 1, 1973. Applications for this program will be available after March 1, 1974.

All students are urged to check at the Financial Aid Office to see whether they qualify for any financial assistance. After all, what do you have to lose?

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### ON CAMPUS

#### Sports

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UMSL swim team vs. Central Missouri State & SEMO, in Multi-purpose Gym, Feb. 16, 2:00 pm

Wrestling: UMSL vs. UMR, at Rolla, 2:00 pm

#### Weekend Films

The Effect Of Gamma Rays On Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds on Feb. 15, at 7:30 & 9:45 pm  
Feb. 16, at 8:00 pm in 101 Stadler Hall.

#### Weekday Films

A Sense of Loss at 2:40 & 8:00 pm, on Feb. 18 in J.C. Auditorium

Adam's Rib at 3:00 & 8:00 pm, on Feb. 19 in J.C. Auditorium

The Ruling Class at 7:45 & 10:40 am, and 2:40 pm in 105 Benton Hall

#### Dance

Dance sponsored by Lampado Club, at 8:00 pm in the Snack Bar on Feb. 16. Admission 75 cents

#### Recital

A recital by Mezzo-Soprano Olivia Stapp, planned for Feb. 16 in the J.C. Penney Auditorium, has been cancelled.

#### Meetings

A meeting of the Computer Club on Feb. 15, at 2:00 pm in Room 201 Business Ed. Building.

A meeting of the Bakti Yoga Club on Feb. 18, at 2:30 in Room 272 University Center.

#### Miscellaneous

A Group Counseling Service presented by the Project United, will be held in Room 209 Lucas Hall, on Feb. 15 at 12:30 pm; Feb. 18 at 10:30 pm; & Feb. 19 at 11:30 pm.

Feb. 15, Last day students may drop course without grades, and enter course on pass-fail.

### OFF CAMPUS

American Theatre: "Godspell", Feb. 18 through Mar. 2. Performances 8:00 pm nightly, with matinees at 2:00 pm on Wednesday and Saturday.

#### Apology

The members of Alpha Phi Omega and I wish to extend our apology for any inconveniences to the students as a result of our not opening BOOKPOOL the evenings of January 28 and 29. We hope this does not discourage the use of our service in the future. If you have any comments on how we can improve BOOKPOOL, please leave them in our mailbox on the second floor of the student union building. Returns: February 18, 19, & 20.

Jim Dunne  
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# EDITORIAL

## Letters to the Editor

### Factual approach?

Dear Editor:

I suppose if I wished to address the individual to whom this letter is directed on his own ground and at his own level, I should then have begun this letter with some irrelevant and totally nonsensical, as well as uninformed, comment. But instead, I chose to take an approach which apparently did not occur to him: that being facts rather than emotionalism. The individual I refer to is our beloved Viced-President of Student Body, Robert Braun, in his letter in the Feb. 7 Current. Being a student assistant in the UMSL Library puts me in a fairly good position to comment on the issues he brought up.

As a student, I can appreciate the fact that the new closing time of 10:30 (hardly elementary) might place some few students in a bad position. But when I say few, I do mean few. Before instituting the new hours, the library made extensive turn-style counts on the number of students in the library during the later hours. They also made note of the number of students waiting to get in early in the morning before the library opened. Since the morning hours attracted the majority of people (it doesn't take much to be a majority over five--and that's approximately the number of people who would be in the library during the later hours), it was decided to open 1/2 hour earlier in the morning and close 1 hour earlier in the evening. Oh, and by the way, the cut in hours came as a result of a nationwide energy crisis (just in case you hadn't thought of that), not because we wanted to cut back.

As for the other issue of subdivided tables, take note: If you want to see and talk to other people, the Student Union is where you should be, not the library. Subdivided study tables are constructed to cut down on outside distractions while studying (that includes people-watching). They are meant to provide a study atmosphere free of interruptions and distractions, i.e. an atmosphere conducive to study, not visiting or watching someone

else. Oh, and if by some chance, someone wants to really study but gets claustrophobic at a subdivided table, you might have overlooked the fact that the main floor of the library still houses regular tables.

There were a few other uninformed and misleading comments in Vice-President Braun's letter which deserve clarification. He refers to a meeting with the Library Director when he was told that the library was "going on the advice of student government five years ago." In reality, the library is "going on the advice of" a five-year plan and building improvements which was put into effect 3-4 years ago. There's quite a bit of difference in those two statements. Also, I'm quite sure that if Vice-President Braun would stop and think, he would hopefully realize that the cost of having some tables subdivided hardly compares with the cost of maintaining the operations of a building.

In closing I would like to offer a few cases of real injustice to illustrate how petty the vice-president's examples are: Try to find the average citizens of the U.S. who were consulted in connection with the military secrets of the Vietnam War (or any other war for that matter). Try to find the average U.S. citizen who is consulted on Watergate-related issues. Try to find the average U.S. citizen who is consulted on U.S.-China or U.S.-Russia relations. I could go on and on and on. But just as a beginning, try those few. Afterwards, maybe then, you have cause to complain about the "ignored student" on this campus.

Nancy Dawn Haroian

### Serious suggestion

*We would like to express our support for the Library Director in subdividing the study tables on the fifth floor of the UMSL Library, so that students stop talking to each other and gazing around the room.*

*As a matter of fact, we think that students should be supplied with blinders and chained to the wall so that they can get down to some really serious study.*

### Impatient impeachers

Dear Editor:

In a recent editorial it was brought out that students (and I presume faculty members also) were asking why there were no editorials concerning the impeachment demands aimed at Mr. Nixon. In reply to that editorial, I submit the following.

In recent months there has been a united effort to impeach our President. Many organizations have appeared demanding the constitutional removal of Mr. Nixon. As the heat of new scandals come to light, the cries become louder and more intense. The intensity is blurring the issue. Is he guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors"? or isn't he?

To me by asking for (or demanding) his impeachment without the FULL disclosure of facts is deplorable. Is it not the basis of this land of laws that ANY man is innocent until PROVEN guilty? To bypass the investigative process of our system of laws would destroy an effort to kill a facade of almightiness covering our land; a facade that is strangling it.

I believe the investigators of the House Judiciary Committee are doing their job. They are building a case slowly and carefully, because the case and its outcome will be an enormous precedent for our future as a nation and as individuals. The committee is remaining silent, much like a lawyer will do to keep his case unbiased and sound. Can you imagine what would happen if the present evidence compiled by the House Judiciary Committee was released to the ignorant, yet not stupid, masses of peoples of our nation and the world?

In conclusion, I express my dire hope that the organizations pushing for a speedier investigation would use a rare virtue--patience. Few, I fear, realize they are tampering with the lives of all people, the present and the future. Even though all the evidence points toward his guilt, let the unknown facts come out before judgement is made.

Bob Wolff

We urge you to return the University to the traditions of freedom of thought and opinion. End the ban on the sale and distribution of newspapers on campus.

*John Perry is the Business Officer of UMSL.*

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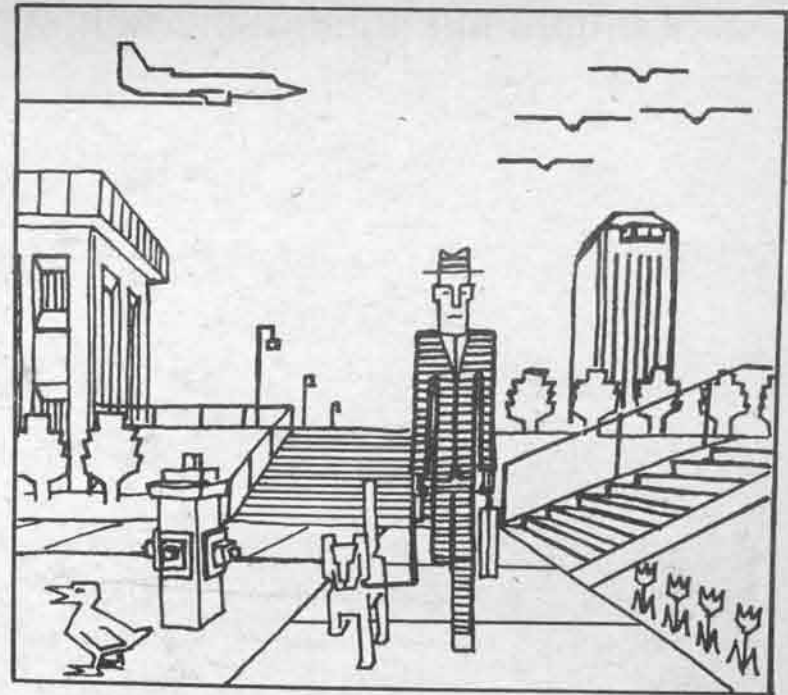
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[News story on this issue will appear next week.]



## MASTER PLAN?

### Opinions

## Save curved lines

Marty Koenig

On the UMSL campus there are few curved lines, almost everything is straight and rigid. Those things that do contain curved lines and out-of-order lines are being destroyed. The countless trees that are being cut down by a merciless buzz saw are a great loss to this campus. They are planting new ones in their place, but we here now will be long gone before these new trees reach the majestic height of the ones now on campus. Instead of cutting them down, why don't they attempt to

save them - there are tree surgeons.

Now the only other thing of beauty on this campus has been condemned to death as well. They first tore its ivy covering from the walls, and now they plan to bring down those very walls. Soon there will be no more true beauty on this campus. Why, even the quadrangle is all squares. What has happened to the curved line? Shall it be destroyed forever? Leaving the only place for it to be found in the roundness of an UMSL soda cup.

## Pamphlets offend some

Tom Pagano

In the past few months, there have been pamphlets accusing professors of racist activities, hypocrisy, and other similar misdeeds, while educating students. The best hand out yet to illustrate the ignorance of a specific clan was a pamphlet accusing an instructor of "racist actions" and prejudicial faculties in grading students in two particular psychology sections last semester. It was amazing how this organization drew its conclusion (which remains a secret to many). However, there are not any specific sections on test sheets that request racial preferences, nationality, or moral beliefs! How could an instructor be prejudicial if he knows only a name and student number?

Another professor had the experience of finding his name

in print this last week, and perhaps in a rather unfair method of slander. What is to be gained by this libelous laconism?

Without factual information, unbiased words, and a proper means of explanation, these papers are worthless trash; and trash of this kind does not belong on any campus. To insult the intelligence of the students on this campus by pushing literature in their face every time they pass the University Center, and by publishing words that are demeaning to the character of professors and teachers alike, is a disgrace to any organization that wishes to print and pass-out valuable information.

There is a group on this campus that, on occasion, promotes the unfounded libel and slander of individuals, and it should either raise its general standards of information and publication or keep quiet!

### FOR A FREE PRESS

#### OPEN LETTER TO JOHN PERRY

Mr. Perry:

We, the undersigned, wish to protest the restrictions that you have placed on the sale and distribution of newspaper on campus. We understand that the Young Socialist Alliance, a recognized campus group, has been prohibited by your office from selling its publications The Militant and The Young Socialist on campus.

We believe that the restrictions of your office amount to a virtual ban on the dissemination of minority points of view. We are concerned that your ban will have the effect of halting student and faculty access to a wide divergence of viewpoints. In addition, we believe that this ban runs contrary to democratic tradition and that it violates the intent of the U.S. Constitution.

The First Amendment to the Constitution states in part, "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or the press;" If a paper, any paper, through your restrictions, is not available to the students of UMSL then you

have violated this principle of freedom of the press.

In banning the publications you expressed the fear that allowing the sale and distribution of political matter on campus would open the door to commercial solicitation. We reject this as groundless. The courts have made ample distinction between solicitation, which may be licensed, and the sale of the press, which may not be licensed. Recently, the City of St. Louis, in banning commercial solicitation in the downtown area nevertheless recognized the right of the press to be sold, unharrassed, in the same area.

We believe that the University must be a place for the free and unhindered exchange of ideas. Not just the ideas of the large and powerful, but the ideas of the minority, even the unpopular minority. While we do not necessarily agree with all the positions expressed in The Militant and The Young Socialist, we find your restrictions to be an alarming encroachment on the University's tradition of protection of democratic rights. We view this as a question not just of the rights of the two publications, but of the rights of all.

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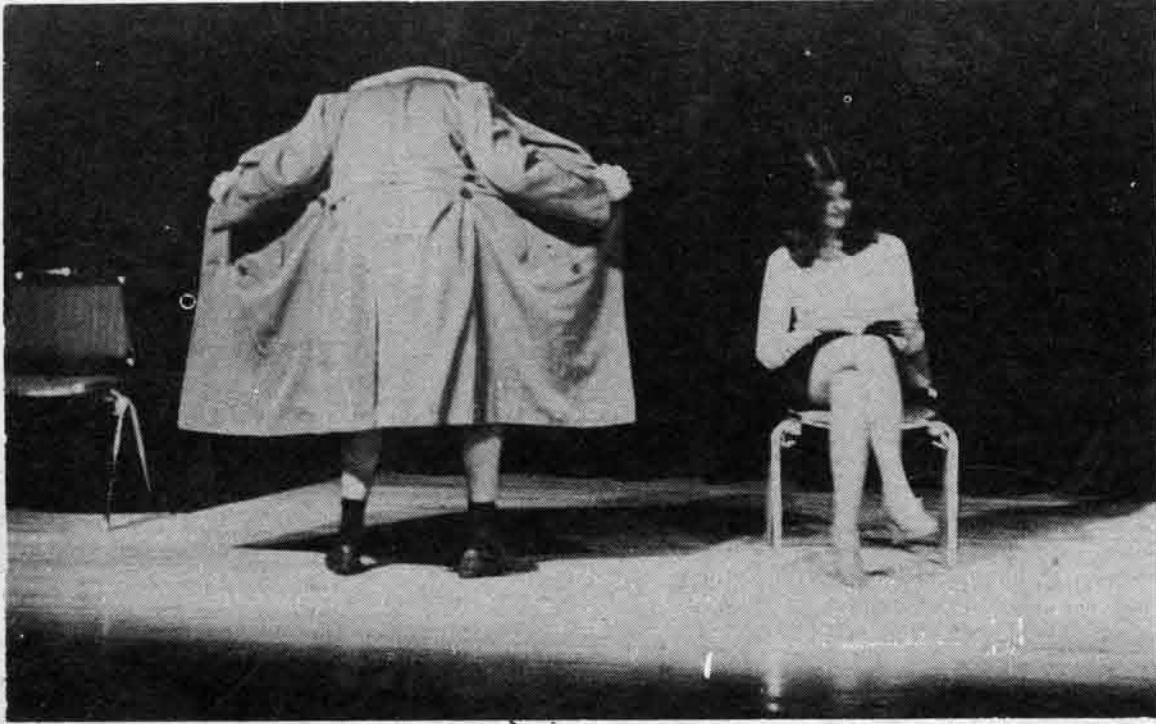
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# FINE ARTS

## Second City

### Unimprovisational, yet revealing



#### Bill Townsend

The second coming of Second City had a few things in common with its predecessor, according to audience members who attended the show here last year. Some of the skits were the same, and of course the setting was the same as it always is (just chairs and a few essential props). But, said these returnees, there was one feature that this year's revue had that was nearly identical with the previous year's: the laughs.

I don't know about last year's troupe that graced the UMSL campus, all I know is that what was heard from the crowd in the J.C. Penney Auditorium last Sunday was not the same sound that one would hear at The Excrcist. No violence here, friends, just genuine belly laughs caused by a talented cast composed of five men and two women accompanied by a good piano player.

This Chicago-based group was billed as an improvisational comedy team. Unfortunately, in spots some of the routines looked too well planned.

For example, in the first act, the five male cast members performed a satire on television football and some of the technical routines that are used on the tube. They went through a play in which the defensive unit sacked the quarterback. Then, the announcer said, "and now let's see that again on in reverse." The guys, to the delight of the audience, re-did their actions, only backwards. Everything from belting the quarterback to talking was in reverse. Try saying "ready set, hut, hut" reversing the sounds. Then they demonstrated how to cream the center and the quarterback in slow motion. Here, they lifted up the quarterback ever so slowly, kicking him in certain spots, gouging his eyes, and contorting their faces into every imaginable scowl—all in slow motion. This routine, though it was funny, required a great deal of body control and timing; something that had to be rehearsed. I didn't think it followed the improvisational theme Second City is famous for.

They performed numerous hilarious skits dealing with sex and religion.

Two of the funniest lines came out of the PTA meeting that was debating whether or not to implement sex education into the

school system. After everyone had spoken out for or against it, this one prudish old lady stood up and blurted, "I've been holding my piece for a long time." If that wasn't enough to put the audience on its ear, when she had finished speaking about the United States going in and out Vietnam, in and out of this and in and out of that, in and out, in and out (while providing the appropriate gestures), the man advocating sex education injected, "That's a very penetrating subject!"

Other hilarious bits included a soap opera-like spoof on the Immaculate Conception, complete with the angel Gabriel looking

like Superman in Snoopy's goggles, appropriate music, and with the ever-present end-of-story question, "Will Joseph get his a-- out of Nazareth?"

Out of the fifteen or so skits some didn't work as well as others (eg. the Kung Fu take-off in which Kung or whatever his name is gets smashed in the jaw trying to use his famous method of fighting.) Basically, though the Second Coming of Second City was a great success.

For those who would like to see them again less than a month from now (can you hack it), Second City will perform on the Washington University campus March 9.



#### Gary Hoffman

"Fantastic Planet" is one of those movies best reserved for avid science-fiction and fantasy fans. There is nothing particularly outstanding about the film and movie goes not especially interested in exploring make-believe worlds will quickly become bored.

There are, of course, many who will want to see the movie. In fact, for the science-fiction fan who considers himself well-versed in the field, "Fantastic Planet" is a must. It is not a classic by any stretch of the imagination, but it presents enough new twists and fresh ideas that no true fan should miss it.

"Fantastic Planet" is important for another reason. It gives

us a fair hint as to what science-fiction writers are up to on the other side of the iron curtain. This Czechoslovakian film is the first major exposure of eastern fantasy since Isaac Asimov published his anthologies on Soviet science-fiction.

There are two interesting facts worth mentioning. First, unlike most communist-influenced fiction, "Fantastic Planet" does not portray a future with a well-adjusted, happy communist society. The Earth has been through a nuclear war, as a matter of fact, and none of the action is even on the Earth. This is unusual since most eastern fantasy tales insist on the inevitable peaceful communist takeover.

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# Dylan entrances audience with timeless prophecy

Jim Orso

On Monday, Feb. 4, Bob Dylan and The Band gave the fans at the Arena a stunning performance in the St. Louis version of their 21 city concert tour. I went to the ten o'clock concert, and as I was walking down Oakland Avenue en route to the Arena, I anxiously watched wide-eyed, silent people coming from the 6 o'clock show. About an hour later, I witnessed the reason for their silence.

When the mystical folk-rock idol emerged in the flesh from backstage, the quiet, anticipating crowd erupted in wild, hero-worshipping applause. Dylan and The Band immediately broke into what has become the theme song of their recent tour, "When You Go Your Way and I Go Mine." That was followed by more Dylan favorites, including "Lay, Lady, Lay", "Rainy Day Women #12 and 35", and "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright". They were performed with a new bluesy twist, but still generated the same excitement they did when he recorded them in the sixties.

Dylan exited and the Band exploded into some good old rock classics. Levon Helm, The Band's fine drummer-vocalist, led the group in good performances of such tunes as "Rag, Mama, Rag", "Cripple Creek", and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down". Most of the crowd seemed restless during their solo appearance and shouts of "we want Dylan!" were rudely thrown out by a few hard-core Dylan disciples.

Dylan did return with acoustic guitar and harmonica for a medley of classics. The fans got a taste of the vagabond kid who used to turn on the folkies at Gerde's in Greenwich Village with his wildly flexible voice and stunning lyrics. He really mellowed on "Just Like a Woman". His rendition of "It's Alright, Ma", far surpassed the version heard on "Bringing It All Back Home".

When The Band rejoined him, the mind-blowing last portion of the concert began. They played a couple of cuts from his new album and steadily built up to an adrenalin-pumping version of "Highway 61". As if daring to take the entranced mob even higher, Dylan paused a moment, and put on his harmonica holder and sun glasses, as he and The

Band lit a bonfire known to Dylan fans everywhere as "Like a Rolling Stone". The crowd was on its feet and cheering wildly. Leon Russell, who had made a strange, teasing cameo appearance earlier in the concert, emerged from backstage and joined the frenzied antics of the fans. As Dylan commenced the last verse of "Like a Rolling Stone", Russell placed his familiar hat on his old buddy. Dylan tipped it lightly in the manner of the country gentleman who beams from the album jacket of "Nashville Skyline". It was definitely the high point of the evening. Dylan in his glorious moment achieved the epitome of what he calls a "one to one thing with the listener." After a good five minutes of clapping and banging

and general noise making, Dylan and The Band returned with their encore number, the piece which opened the concert.

His "good night" was all that was necessary. Many patrons remained silently in their seats. As the crowd slowly filed out in procession fashion, many were in tears. Everyone seemed to be in some sort of silent contemplation, or maybe it was mild shock. They may have been pondering the haunting words of the encore number:

"And time will tell just who has fell and who's been left behind,  
When you go your way and I go mine."

## Fantastic Planet

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The second point of interest is the nudity. One would imagine that a film made in a restrictive society such as the one in Czechoslovakia would reflect this restrictiveness.

It came through with a PG rating, which could have just as easily been an R. Even more interesting is the fact that we are being presented a censored version.

The story is fairly simple. There are big people and little people. The big people are called Droges and run the planet. The little people are called Oms and are kept as pets,

## Hogarth on display

An art exhibit and sale, featuring authentic engravings of William Hogarth along with work by local artists, will take place at the Chestnut Tree Coffeehouse, 1023 Allen Street, (Soulard Area) Feb. 17 through Feb. 24, 12 pm to 8 pm daily.

Proceeds will benefit the Chestnut Tree Coffeehouse, a project of Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, a non-profit organization.

## Marceau at Kiel

Marcel Marceau, internationally celebrated mime artist, will appear at Kiel Opera House, Sat. evening at 8 pm. Tickets are still available for \$2.50 at the Kiel Box Office.



since they have no intelligence. Problem is, the little people are the humans.

Most of the movie is concerned with the Oms struggle for freedom. The rest of the movie is a visual showcase for the writ-

er's imagination. A great deal of time is spent showing strange scenery and incredible animals. It seems as though the film makers thought this may be their only movie and wanted to get every possible idea on film while they could. With such a collection of ideas all under one roof, "Fantastic Planet" could be the fantasy fan's best bargain of the year.

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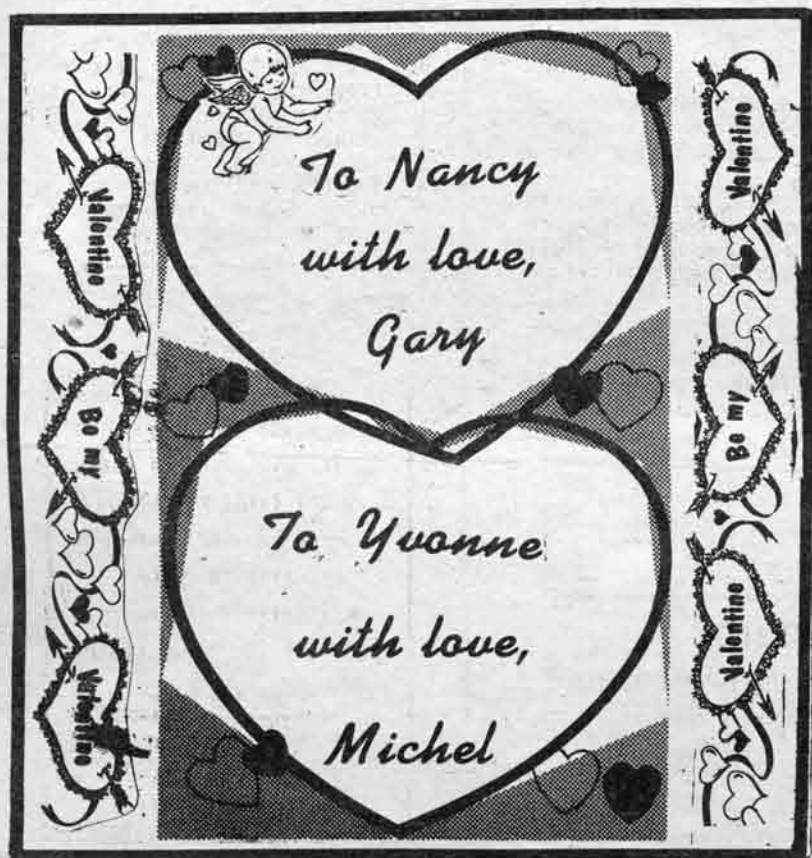
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# NEWS

## Admissions, testing explored by committee

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Braley explained the open admissions policy in effect at CUNY. He pointed out that the policy has not caused a high attrition rate and that in fact the attrition rate there is slightly lower than the national figure.

Dr. William Maltby of UMSL's History Department was the last speaker to appear before the committee. He made the point that if the policy was changed so that more students were able to enter UMSL the

university itself would have to change. To allow students entrance only to be flunked out after a semester would be "cruel," he said. This comment was reflected by other speakers throughout the hearings.

The final sessions provided an opportunity for discussion and comments from students and faculty.

Jim Ponitel, a student member of the committee commented that, "I haven't decided on a specific alternative but I will support a change from the

present policy. The policy just has too many flaws."

Mueller, Director of the Office of Admission, said "the policy is not etched in stone. I have an open mind on the matter though I would not support a return to the pre-1972 policy."

Paul Gomberg, UMSL philosophy professor, summed up his feelings about the hearings, stating that they "showed that the tests used for admissions are racist in that they discriminate against low income and especially minority students. The only reason they have even the limited predictability for grades that they do have is because the tests share the racism of society and the university."

Raymond Balbes, UMSL math professor and committee chairman, added the final sentiment, commenting that the hearings were "basically successful in that lots of information were obtained. It's a shame that more students did not participate."

"I feel confident," said Balbes, "that if a change is made in the admissions policy it must be accompanied by a change in the university. Otherwise, the attrition rate will increase."

Tapes of the hearing are available to anyone interested from the University Archives in the UMSL Library.

## Oxman to speak before Model U.N.

Bernard Oxman, author of the U.S. position paper for the Law of the Sea Conference, will address over 700 college students from across the nation at the 13th annual session of the Midwest Model United Nations, Feb. 27 to March 2.

Oxman will discuss the Law of the Sea Conference to be held in May, as keynote speaker in the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel, Feb. 27 at 8 pm.

The conference is directed by Roy Unnerstall, a senior at UMSL. Unnerstall is serving his second term as Secretary-General of the Midwest Model U. N.

## UMSL Young Democrats testify

Members of the Young Democrats at UMSL were extended an invitation to appear before the Judiciary Committee of the Missouri Senate to present testimony on Senate Bill 438 regarding majority rights for 18 year olds.

In a letter dated Jan. 30, 1974 to John B. Greenwell, of the Young Democrats, Senator Maurice Schechter, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, stated, "Certainly I will be pleased to have representatives from the Young Democrats attend this hearing and make a presenta-

tion." The hearing for Senate Bill 438 was scheduled for February 12, 1974 at 2 pm in the Senate Lounge of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City.

This marked the second year in a row that the UMSL Young Democrats have testified before the Missouri General Assembly. In 1973, members of the Young Democrats testified on legislation making state agencies buy and use recycled paper. That particular piece of legislation passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by the Governor.

## Communications

### Activities Budget review

The Student Activities Budget Committee will be reviewing requests for funding from the Councils, publications, music, forensics, drama, programming, orientation, and student services. Requests should be submitted to the Committee by Feb. 28.

Other requests from recognized student groups may be submitted by Feb. 28, to the Central Council. All requests will be subject to review by the Committee.

### C/R Group forming

There is a consciousness-raising group forming for day students. Students interested in being part of the group should call 453-5380 or drop by the UMSL WOMEN'S CENTER, Room 107, Benton Hall. Leave your name, telephone number and day preferred. The meeting time will be determined after we get the group together, and you will be notified later. This is for both men and women.

### ACTION drive on campus

UMSL ACTION recruiters, representing the Peace Corps and VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), will conduct a two-day drive on campus beginning Wednesday, Feb. 20. The purpose of this visit is to introduce seniors and grads to the opportunities for professional volunteer service in VISTA and the Peace Corps.

VISTA, the largest of ACTION's domestic programs, is a 12-month commitment, utilizing 4,500 volunteers. The Peace Corps, international counterpart

to VISTA, is a 24 month program, currently providing more than 7,500 volunteers to assist 56 countries.

The ACTION representatives, all former volunteers, will be located in the Placement Office (2nd floor Admin. Bldg.). They hope to speak with all interested persons, but are specifically seeking seniors and grads who may be considering Peace Corps or VISTA service within the coming year. Seniors who will graduate in or around December are urged to apply now, so they may be considered for Spring, 1974 programs.

Anyone wishing to make application to either VISTA or the Peace Corps, or simply desiring more information, should contact recruiters on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

### German scholarships

Two \$250.00 scholarships to enable students to enroll in a German language institute in Germany, Switzerland, or Austria during the summer of 1974 has been made available by the German Section of UMSL's Department of Modern Foreign Languages. Those who will have completed 13 hours in German by the end of the current academic year are invited to apply. Applications are available in the language department, Clark Hall.

### Speaker from Tel Aviv

Dr. Avivi Yavir, Dean of School of Physical Sciences at Tel Aviv University, will speak at UMSL on Feb. 25 on "Arab-Israeli Relations." The talk is scheduled for 11:40 am to 12:40 pm in 118 Lucas Hall.

### Revolutionary culture

The Institute of Black Studies, Inc., in honor of Black History Week, will present "An evening of Revolutionary Culture" on Feb. 17, at the Berea Presbyterian Church, 3010 Olive St., from 6 to 8 pm.



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## Swimmers rise to .500

Despite a slow start, the UMSL swim team has finally reached the break even point at .500.

Before coming back with three straight victories to even their record at 4-4, second year swim coach Fred Nelson said in retrospect, "We were embarrassed." While not as serious or as comical as yelling "Lifeguard save me," or dropping their trunks in mid-pool, the team was red-faced at an opening season 1-4 mark and a fifth place finish in a six team relay at Southeast Missouri State.

However, coming back following the semester layoff, the tankmen pinned their second win of the season on St. Louis University 64-44. Westminster and Harding College were next in line, Westminster falling 74-35 and Harding, 72-41.

Some new faces have surfaced this year. "If I had to choose a single swimmer, which I hate to do, I would say Jim Wheeler has

performed well," said Nelson. Wheeler, a newcomer, has set marks in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard breaststroke. Neal Karns, another newcomer holds marks in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle events. Veterans Steve Stifelman, Monte Strub and Bill Vordtriede continue to perform well.

Following meets against Central Missouri State and Southeast Mo. State, the Rivermen will hold at their home pool the first SLACAA (St. Louis Area Colleges Athletic Association) championship in swimming on Feb. 21. The meet will determine a local area champion. Later, in March UMSL will compete in the Washington University Invitational.

Not the strongest team in the tournaments, the UMSL tankers are decided underdogs. "If everything falls together we might scare 'em to death," said a cautious Nelson.

## Rita Hoff — 'I just like to play'

The locker room was as loud as any in victory. "We beat them at their own game," shouted the short brunette captain. "We used elbows under the boards, fists along the baseline and scowls at center court, that will teach them not to be feminine. We're number 1." Off in a corner a blonde bomber slapped the face of a reporter. "Male chauvinist," she proclaimed, "you just admire my body."

Not a pretty picture but also not a true one. The women who compete in athletics at UMSL are a special breed - a breed desiring the same chance to enjoy what sports has to offer as the male population have for so long. "I just like to play," said Rita Hoff coach and participant in the womens program. "Sure you're out there to win but its just more the free aspect of it. You don't have the money or the scholarships or that kind of thing, if someone wants to play they come out and play."

The program is now entering its second year with the available activities including such fields of interest as field hockey, volleyball, tennis and basketball.

The program is not without its problems. Not taking a large hunk of the athletic budget funds are meager. Recruitment as such does not exist, talent must come out of a small core of interested girls who receive little recognition for their efforts. No obstacle yet but possibly in the near future are the recent demands by women to compete on an equal basis with men.

"I think it very much depends on the sport," replied Rita Hoff. "I don't see any need for people to push for women to play against men. I don't think women can compete with men. I don't think there good enough or strong enough." What about the director of the program, what does she think? "I think women can compete on the individual basis in golf or tennis. I would not like them to compete in the contact sports. I would hate to see the day a woman would go out for the wrestling team."

Hopefully the program will expand to include a gymnastics program or a golf team in a future that is just beginning for the women.

# SPORTS

## Cagers drop two

### Rivermen lose in overtime

Jim Shanahan

UMSL dropped two games last week at the Multi-Purpose Building, a thrilling 76-74 overtime loss to Eastern Illinois University Tuesday and an overwhelming 97-81 defeat at the hands of Western Illinois.

Tuesday night the Rivermen spent most of the game playing catch up. They finally pulled even with the Panthers on two free throws each from Woody Steitz and Bob Bone. Bone's 25 foot jump shot at the buzzer bounced harmlessly away.

UMSL moved to a 72-69 lead in the overtime period, then star forward Kevin Brennan fouled out. EIU pulled even, and won on a jump shot by super sub Ron Johnson with 22 seconds remaining. Coach Smith pointed to the free throws as the difference in the game. "We missed our one on one free throws and they hit theirs."

Saturday night against the Leathernecks the Rivermen trailed in more than just free throws. The only place the Rivermen won anything was the opening tip-off, when Western Illinois knocked the ball out of bounds.

The Leatherneck domination was especially evident in the area, where they "just annihilated us" with a 74-49 advantage. The Rivermen were smothered



Crowd looks on as Jim Stietz fights for rebound.

Photo by Jim Van Horn

by the vastly superior Leatherneck team, who jumped to a 51-33 half-time lead before coasting through the second half. "Once they got running and we got behind we knew we were in trouble," noted Smith. "Our ballclub lacks the speed and quickness to run against this fast

squad." Smith expects to finish the season with three freshmen, Bone, Tom Fish and Dale Wills, and one junior, Jim Pelechek. He thinks the team could put it all together after the Loyola game Tuesday night in Chicago.

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