

## House approves Optometry School funds

The Missouri House of Representatives approved a \$7 million appropriation for a joint science-optometry school building and equipment for the optometry school last Tuesday.

Proposals to fund the optometry school at both Weldon Springs and St. Louis were defeated the week before.

The appropriations need approval of the Senate and Governor Christopher Bond, who has been reported as feeling the project needs more study.

University of Missouri president C. Brice Ratchford had sent letters to the state legislators

stating that approval of funds for the optometry school was needed immediately so Missouri could apply for federal funds.

The deadline to apply for these funds is March 17.

According to university sources, the funds were part of an emergency appropriations bill and immediate action on the bill was anticipated.

Jack Hamilton, assistant to President Ratchford, said that the optometry school had not been a part of the university's academic plan, but that the university was responding to the legislature's decision last spring

to fund a study of an optometry school to be located on the UMSL campus.

The University of Missouri had supported the Weldon Springs site because it would have "reduced capital funds needed by some \$11,000,000," Hamilton said.

Plans for Weldon Springs had also included a central storage house for libraries, a computer center and other storage space.

However, the Weldon Springs site had been reportedly rejected as a possibility for the optometry school mainly because of the extreme costs in decontam-

inating the plant.

In his letter to the state legislature, Ratchford had said, "there is no question that the school of optometry is needed in the state of Missouri. We feel the St. Louis area is the most logical place to locate this school and we would like to proceed."

Two other state universities, Northwest Missouri State and Southwest Missouri State Universities, had also applied for the optometry school to be located on their campuses.

Backers of the school for UMSL had argued that the

University of Missouri was the only school in the state capable of handling the project. According to some sources, UMSL had the advantage of being located in a city that would supply the optometry school with clinical patients.

The House failed to approve funds to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to study the optometry school project. Those favoring this move argued that the planning money to the university had been approved before the board was in operation.

## Meramec Dam issue explored

The Meramec Dam will be the central issue of a forum on Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

Five speakers will address the question "Do we need a Meramec Dam" from different points of view. John Walsh, representative of the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association, will discuss reasons why the Meramec Basin Project is necessary at 11 am.

The Sierra Club, which is currently opposing the project in court, will be represented by Bill Oakey at 11:40 am. He will also show a slide presentation on the Meramec River Basin.

The environmental aspects of the project will be explored by Tom Caverns, chairman of the Meramec Valley Conservation task force of the National Speleological Society, and by Don Rimbach, staff geologist for Onondaga Cave. Cravens will discuss the effects of the dam on the Indiana bat at 12:15 pm and Rimbach will discuss the relationship and the area caves at 12:40 pm.

A speaker from the Army Corps of Engineers will describe the plans for the Meramec River Basin at 2:40 pm.

The program is being sponsored by the University Programming Board and Chuliki-ki Caves club.

## Good Friday remains holiday

A decision made by the University Senate on Jan. 16, to change a regularly scheduled holiday from Good Friday to Washington's Birthday was directed towards a future calendar and still awaits approval from the Board of Curators.

The Current regrets the confusion. The next regularly scheduled holiday for the entire UMSL community is Good Friday, March 28.



RICHARD DUDMAN returns to campus to discuss Ford's presidency. [Photo by Larry LaBrier]

## Dudman speaks in Ford's favor

Terry Mahoney

Last spring, Richard Dudman successfully predicted the month of Richard Nixon's resignation while speaking at UMSL.

When he returned to make another speech on Feb. 10, the Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was less anxious to commit himself about events in the future.

The reason, Dudman explained, is that previously he had been passing on the predictions of the switchboard operator where his wife worked.

Dudman first developed confidence in her ability when he learned that she had foreseen the exact date of his release from a Cambodian prison back in 1970. He does not hold the same degree of confidence in his own ability to predict.

In fact, he would only go so far on his own to say Richard Nixon was not likely to make a political comeback.

Dudman maintained a relaxed conversational tone throughout his forty-five minute program. He announced at the start that it was his intention to act as an a-

pologist for the new President, to make "a kind of a plea to give the guy a break because he's not another Nixon."

While referring to Gerald Ford's amnesty policy and describing the Nixon pardon as "a terrible blunder," Dudman said that a great deal of the criticism being levelled at Ford was unfair and invalid.

As examples of what he felt was abusive behavior towards Ford, Dudman cited the New York Magazine article some months back which featured a picture of the President made up to look like Bozo the Clown. In the article, Dudman says, reporter Richard Reeves quoted conversations on press planes that consisted of "some half-drunk reporters' wise cracks that meant nothing at all," yet presented them as though they were well considered opinions on Ford.

Dudman cited his own paper as another offender. Specifically, he mentioned a recent article in which "a great deal" was made out of Ford's being unable to place Buckminster Fuller's name immediately. Yet Dudman, argued, "there are probably a lot of people in this country who'd make good presidents that have never heard of a geodesic dome."

During the question and answer period which took up half of his forty-five minutes, Dudman continued on the subject of that "lot of people." "There are many people in this country who'd make good presidents," he said, "too bad we haven't found too many of them."

Fielding questions from members of the audience who were interested in those "many people," the reporter handicapped various candidates for the Democratic nomination.

When asked about Sen. Henry Jackson, Dudman responded, "He's the one who's generally seen as the front runner for the Democratic nomination, but that doesn't mean a lot right now. He has some problems to overcome. For one thing, he bores the hell out of people."

While unwilling to give an  
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## MMUN looks for needed funds

Mark Henderson

The UMSL delegation to the Midwest Model United Nations is \$200 short of their goal of the \$400 needed for the expense with less than two weeks before MMUN convenes.

MMUN is not financed on anyone's regular budget, according to Paul April, this year's chairman of the UMSL delegation. "Because of this," April said, "we have to go looking for funds through different organizations."

Three of the primary sources for MMUN funds in the past, according to April, were the Central Council, the contingency fund board of Conney Kimbo, dean of student affairs, and the center of international studies.

MMUN submitted a request for funds to the Central Council which was denied. Three reasons April gave for its defeat

were the council's tight budget, that "the council may not have been the proper organization to approach, it being basically service centered, and the lack of understanding of the purpose of MMUN."

J. Martin Rochester, research associate at the Center for International Studies and faculty moderator of the UMSL delegation, explained that "ideally we would like \$400 over and above the registration fee. The Center has given \$100 above the registration fee to get UMSL to MMUN."

The contingency board, the Student Activity Budget Committee, gave MMUN another \$100 to help pay for the lodging. Another \$100 may be coming from off campus from the St. Louis Chapter of the United Nations Association, Rochester explained.

"Right now we have two hundred, and if the UNA comes

through, we can easily manage with \$300 by grouping up in rooms and eating less. We would really like to reach \$400, however," Rochester said.

The delegates to MMUN from UMSL are members in an independent study hour credit course, Political Science 390. They are required to learn the background of the U.N. and its procedures and learn about the political make-up of the country they are representing.

This year the UMSL delegation is representing Bagladesh.

MMUN is held each year in St. Louis, this year at the Colony Hotel. Rochester defended the use of money for lodging the delegates at the hotel by saying, "students do enough commuting here at UMSL. By staying at the hotel the delegates can interact with other from different schools and states."



# Regional 'university without walls' planned

Stan Ketterer

The University of Mid-America (UMA) is a "university without walls" that is reaching out to people in the Midwest unable to attend a regular college program.

The UMA recently received a grant of \$1,418,000 from the National Institute of Education, an agency of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and UMA's largest contributor.

The grant will be used by state universities in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa to complete the planning for their participating in UMA.

The establishment of the university was inspired by the State University of Nebraska (SUN) program which operates under a similar format.

SUN utilizes a "multi-media" approach to its program. The program consists of an extensive use of educational television, newspaper space for lessons, a telephone line to answer student questions and learning centers for those students who feel the need for additional help.

UMA was formed by all Big Eight universities, except Colorado, on Jan. 26, 1974. Both

Oklahoma universities withdrew a short time later. The SUN system is the only system in operation at the present time.

Each state has a state-wide coordinator to develop a state delivery system. Lynn W. Martin, director of University-Wide Administration Services, holds the position in Missouri.

Robert S. Bader, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is the member of the UMA Academic Council for the UMSL campus.

"The UMA has two main purposes," stated Bader. "The first is to develop an educational delivery system which will enable us to offer a better course of higher quality, and the second is to develop a regional approach, a Great Plains Personality."

The present SUN system offers only two courses, Accounting and Introductory Psychology. Courses are offered on a credit/no credit basis.

Great Plains Cultural History, General Biology, Energy and Environment, Nutrition, Computer Science and Accounting II are among ten to twelve courses under UMA consideration.

"The main target of UMA

courses are those students who can not attend regular college of junior college because of physical impairments, work schedules, transportation problems, or other miscellaneous difficulties," explained Bader.

Seven hundred students are presently enrolled in SUN courses. Of the seven hundred students, seventy per cent were women, and the average age was forty years.

"The results of the survey conducted by the University of Nebraska reveal that the number of students enrolled in SUN are proportionate to the population levels in the areas in which they live," reported Bader. "Even though Nebraska has one third

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## UMSL ref dies of heart attack

August (Gus) Lombardo, a St. Louis Area sports official for the past 10 years, died of a heart attack Saturday night while officiating a University of Missouri-St. Louis basketball game at the UMSL Multi-Purpose Building. He was 42.

Lombardo collapsed on the court with 28 seconds left in the first half of a game between UMSL and Illinois-Chicago Circle. The team physician summoned from the stands administered external heart message before an ambulance arrived.

Lombardo, a counselor and social studies teacher at Brentwood High school, officiated basketball and football on both the college and high school levels since 1957. Lombardo was also a former referee in the North American Soccer League.

He graduated from Washington University where he played both football and soccer.

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## Team hosts debate here

Bennie Burrell

The campus was a bit more lively this past weekend.

The UMSL debate team was the host for the 8th Annual Gateway Invitational Tournament on Feb. 7 and 8. There was spirited competition among 54 university debate teams.

The UMSL team did not participate in any of the debate sessions. The visitors, however, found the UMSL forensic team and the program "well organized."

The common bond among the students was a shared "resentment towards the present political system." The debates focused on topics from Senate sub-committee activities all the way to Congress' relationship to the president. The topic for debate was "should the power of the presidency be significantly curtailed?"

Winners of the semi-finals and finals were: junior division — Coe College; senior division — Drury College and John Carroll University.

### Dudman predicts likely candidates

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actual endorsement, Dudman said that Morris Udall might be among the best qualified for the job, and could conceivably win the nomination. The latter he said was also possible for William Mondale and Edward Kennedy, despite their statements to the contrary.

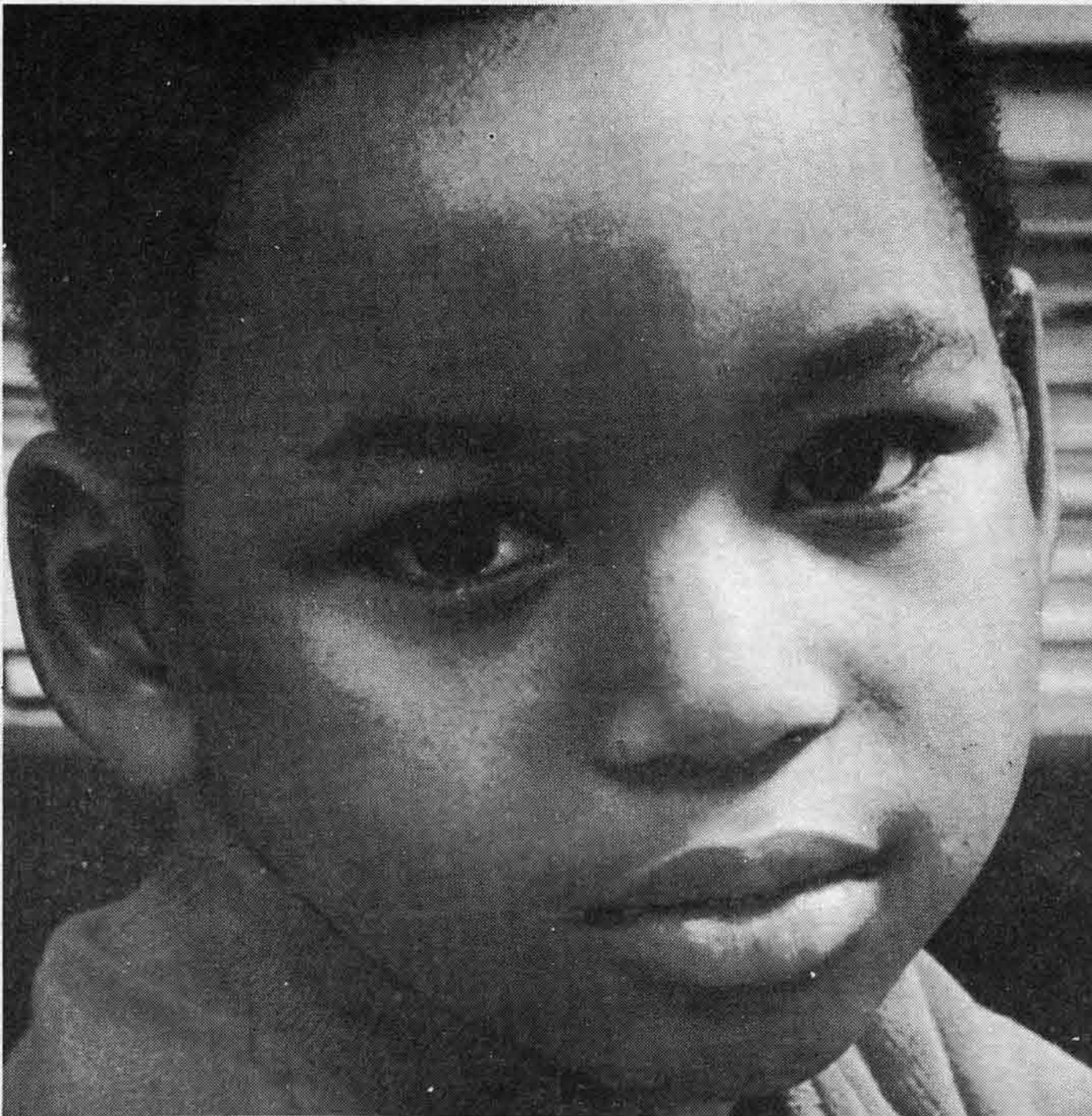
Conversely, Dudman speculated that there were a number of politicians who have not ruled out the possibility of running but who are unlikely to campaign. He named specifically Hubert Humphrey, Edward Muskie and George McGovern.

Concluding, Dudman said that Henry Kissinger was likely to stay on for a "good long time," a possibility many reporters did not like. The reason, he said, was that many members of the press felt that Kissinger had actually "conned" them in a number of instances, especially about the CIA, the schedule of troop withdrawals from South Vietnam, and the extent to which foreign aid would be given to South Vietnam in the future.

He also suggested that Kissinger might have exercised similar influence on Ford in choosing members for his committee to investigate the CIA's activities — "The Blue ribbon committee that's been called isn't worth a damn."

While Dudman kept his listeners in a hush for three quarters of an hour, he did not necessarily leave all of them impressed. As one woman said to her companion when leaving, "he's just groping around in the dark like everyone else."

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# LETTERS

## UMSL's new minority: the handicapped

Dear Editor:

There is a new minority here at UMSL — the handicapped student. Although we are small in numbers, because most handicapped students are urged to attend UMC, which is specially constructed and equipped to deal with the special needs of especially those students in wheelchairs, we do make up a portion of the student body here at UMSL. I chose UMSL because it suited my needs, but here at UMSL there are numerous obstacles for the disabled student: the doors of most buildings do not open in such a way to allow for the passage of a wheelchair; the rest rooms are not equipped to accommodate a person with a motor handicap; computer tests are very difficult for me to take (although most of my professors have been very helpful) and these are given in most large lecture classes; telephones are placed out of reach of a person in a wheelchair. These are only a few problems and these are only the physical ones. In addition, we face the difficulties of acceptance and assimilation.

In the time that I have been at UMSL, I have seen very few

improvements aimed at the amelioration of the lot of the handicapped student. Perhaps the most outstanding improvement that comes to mind is the auspicious chair on the third level of the Thomas Jefferson Library which is reserved for "the blind and handicapped." I personally have never seen such a gathering of "blind and handicapped" persons frequent one rather small chair. I think this small token gesture demonstrates the lengths to which the University has spared no expense or effort to help the handicapped student to take his or her place in society.

I think that the most important change needed is a basic readjustment in the attitudes about the handicapped. We do not want pity nor special or preferential treatment. We ask only to be helped when we need it and we want to be accepted as a part of the university community. What we want and need is to be allowed to assimilate ourselves and as much as possible to move about freely and more importantly with a minimum of attention. All we ask is the chance!

Deborah Kay Phillips

## MoPIRG, not bowling alley

Dear Editor:

What happened to MO PIRG (Missouri Public Interest Research Group)? What is the value system currently in operation at UMSL? Who wants to spend \$4.30 per student to fund a bowling alley?

MO PIRG modestly wanted to establish a public-oriented (socially "relevant") student-run and operated organization with a perspective broad enough to recognize that: people who are

involved, concerned, motivated, etc. are also (usually) people most likely to make some contribution to their own society. At a measly cost of \$2.00 per student.

Wow! Some value-system. \$4.30 for a bowling alley, so more people can fall off the edge of humanity into deeper pits of self-gratification, at great expense — relatively speaking — to everyone. What is this world coming to?

Rose Carafiol

## 'Ridiculous' return policy

Dear Editor:

This is another complaint about our bookstore. The return policy for books bought during the first week of school is just simply outrageous. They allow you 10 days to return a book for a 100 per cent refund. I am enrolled in Dr. LeLoup's Political Science 11. The text required for the course is called "American Government Today." There is also a "required" workbook called "Study Guide to American Government Today." The course is set up so that it meets on Monday and Wednesday with discussion sections during another weekday. Dr. LeLoup gives reading assignments in the text and the workbook was to be used by the T.A.'s in the discussion sessions. I bought all of

my books on Jan. 20. My first discussion section met on Friday, Jan. 31 and my T.A., Mr. Slavens, said that we did not need the workbook and we should return it to the bookstore. Then on Monday Feb. 3, I went to the bookstore, with my receipt and they said, "No. Sorry." I had exceeded the ten day limit.

I was ripped off \$3.00 and was stuck with a book I would never use. Dr. LeLoup is as much to blame as the bookstore for requiring the workbook. Teachers should plan what books they require so students don't lose their money as I did. As for the bookstore, that ten-day policy is the most ridiculous thing I had ever heard of. I am not a rich student and want my money back NOW!

Name withheld upon request

## No peace and no honor

Dear Editor:

The United States is still running a war in Indochina. "The light at the end of the tunnel" is a myth, so long as we continue to impose our will (or Henry Kissinger's) on the people of Vietnam. Are we going to be deluded again into believing more American arms and money are going to bring peace to South Vietnam?

Article 9 of the 1973 Paris Accords states that "no foreign country shall impose any tendency or personality on the people of Vietnam." The United

States violated this before the ink had dried on the Accords, under our so-called "peace with honor." It seems they have no peace and we have no honor. Now is the time to say no to Gerald Ford and his Pied Piper, Henry Kissinger, and stop following them into further maintenance of a corrupt regime. Ford's request for additional aid to Thieu will come up in Congress within the next two weeks. Support the Peace Accords and urge Congress to end financing of Thieu and the war.

Cathy Vesperenz



## Gagging the 'galloping gourmet'

(Editor's note: This commentary is a rebuttal from a self-described "Dedicated, devoted employee" to last issue's parody, "Gallop gourmet stampepede snack bar," and is addressed to the author of that "restaurant review." Steuer notes that this is a personal viewpoint and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the management.)

Jean Steuer

May I say first of all, thank you, for choosing to dine at a, and I quote, "high brow location." The majority of employees of Food Service, had not thought of it in exactly that way. I suppose now one will have to dress to fit the new image. The uniform of the day, worn, faded sneakers beneath multi-patched jeans beneath a staff uniform, will henceforth be a "no-no!"

We were thrilled to hear how excited your friend was (the one that almost dropped her tray at the titillating prospect of dining in the Snack Bar.) I do remember you now...I was working that memorable day, and was rather startled to hear sounds of gastric juices coming from your friend's stomach. They were bubbling from stimulation of the vagus nerve--like the gurgling sound of water going down a partially plugged drain pipe. Surely this is pure gastronomical excitement, I thought to myself. We were overjoyed, also, that you decided to "drop in." Whenever we have celebrities for lunch, we at UMSL do our best to accommodate them with pleasant smiles and super service. They couldn't be treated better — even if they were students!

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how sorry we are for a few seemingly minor problems you encountered. I also have a few pertinent ideas of my own on how to solve or alleviate some of these annoyances.

"Damp or dripping trays": The dishwasher, perhaps, does have a problem. Maybe we should just dump it. Of course, one answer would be to hire an assembly line of dryers to speed up the drip-dry process, but this

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would mean a higher wage budget for more help, and therefore, quite an increase in food cost for the consumer. If, however, the overall consensus is dry trays and higher food prices, I'm sure the management at UMSL would strive to please!

I'm so glad you made reference to "the disposable white-ware, a tacky white plastic-ware!" Once upon a time, real silverware nestled in the utensil trays, but, alas, so many people wanted souvenirs of their memorable meals at the Snack Bar that we were forced to give up the souvenir business and substitute the above mentioned articles.

Service: 12:55-1:00 — a five minute wait for the employee to take your order.

1:00-1:15 — fifteen minutes before you were seated and eating (too slow for you). I had suggested the use of roller skates for faster service, but unfortunately, this was not approved. I'm sorry! My only other suggestion is for the galloping gourmets to gallop other places, i.e., White Castle, A&W, etc. where they excel in fast service because they handle comparatively few number of people during the lunch hour, and their menus do not include "specialties." It amazes me how one can gulp down one of our sloppy, dripping, specialty sandwiches in eight minutes flat...or did I misread the by-line? Perhaps it read "Gulping Gourmets." Forgive me, if I erred!

Fish Alami: 85 cents. Wonders never cease! Let's break the cost of this sandwich down, compared to another restaurant. Hoagy roll: 15 cents; one fish fillet: 79 cents; two slices salami: 10 cents; one slice cheese: 15 cents; two slices of tomato: 20 cents; total: \$1.39... all for 85 cents, and who says today's prices are out of line? I realize you were not complaining about prices, just a tasteless sandwich, but I just can't agree with you on that. Perhaps you had a cold

that day? — had been smoking a bit too much? Most people will agree that salami is far from being tasteless; and fish is fish.

Personally, I'm a devotee of the Cluck-Cluck, and have never had to say, "I'm sorry." Ironically, my iron stomach does shake like a bowl full of jelly (I keep meaning to cut down on all that delicious and tempting food at UMSL, and diet... oh well, I'm sure you don't want to hear my problems; we'll continue discussing yours), and it seems many others say the Cluck-Cluck is one of their favorite sandwiches. Yes, the Ba Che Dog, for \$.65, is quite a bargain, and I'm so glad the cheese sauce happened to be warm that day -- you see, we really did try to accommodate you. I agree, it does help to keep the hot dog warm. You're right, it is a messy sandwich, but one must remember, not all sandwiches are to be eaten with one's fingers -- try a fork! Perhaps you can then use an extra napkin to dry your damp tray, thereby cutting down on the number of napkins and trays used, and this will help Ford to "WIN!"

We regret you failed to notice the many pictures and designs on our walls, furnished for your pleasure by a selective board of discriminating art lovers. Apparently, you didn't catch the sexy job on the wall behind the cashier. Also, the debris left behind on the tables of careless diners are something to see — if you dig modern, abstract sculpture. Maintenance does wash windows, whenever there is time left over from picking up and mopping up in the Snack Bar area (on second thought, maintenance doesn't get to wash windows).

I trust you did pick up your trash and put your dirty dishes and trays on the racks. With cooperation from everyone, we can further establish our reputation as a "high brow" establishment, fit for a gourmet's delight.

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# Still-young alumni gives 'suprising' amount

Lynn O'Shaughnessy

No one was expecting any miracles.

But, when the first UMSL Alumni fund-raising drive netted over \$6,000 in cash and pledges, even Blair Farrell, director of the Development Office, was surprised.

UMSL finally joined the ranks of established universities by inaugurating its first annual alumni fund raising drive last November. The university's 10,000 alumni were solicited for funds by mail, and they will be recontacted this March.

The average gift was \$60, well over the national average gift of \$20, Farrell said. But, only 100 out of the alumni contacted gave any money, he continued, limiting the success of the first drive.

"The alumni just aren't in the habit of giving."

He was assistzd in the drive by Lois Schoemehr, alumni director and UMSL graduate, and a few energetic alumni.

"UMSL is in a unique position," he said, "since all of the degree-holding alumni are out of school less than ten years." Most are just starting out with their careers, have young families, and are just not firmly established yet, he continued.

Phyllis Brandt, alumni association secretary and a fund raising worker, said that many alumni that she had contacted thought the drive was badly timed.

Brandt said that a number of alumni relayed that they just couldn't give at that time.

Despite the factors weighing against the drive, Farrell felt it had to be started. "In fact, we should have started the drive ten years ago," he said.

The additional funds help to supplement state funds for badly needed services and programs. Alumni can specify where their gift will be directed -- to the Student Scholarship Fund, Stu-

dent Loan Fund, the athletic program, a department or division. However, unrestricted gifts are preferred because the Development Office can direct them to areas of greatest need.

Brandt stressed that, although the drive is necessary, there are other ways that young alumni can support UMSL. "UMSL needs verbal support for its programs and events," she said.

Nancy Krarr, a member of the

viduals are interested in their alma mater but we disproved this," Schoemehl said.

"We couldn't sit for ten years waiting for nostalgia to hit."

Despite alumni activity, Farrell envisions the substantial private support in the future coming from the community and business leaders. In the past few months people from the development office visited St. Louis leaders in an effort to secure

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alumni board of directors, agrees that the most important role for alumni right now is to publicized UMSL in the community. "If the alumni don't sell UMSL to the community, who will?"

Enrollment in the alumni association shows that many alumni are interested in UMSL's future. "Commuter campuses have always been more susceptible to apathy," Schoemehl said. "But at UMSL twenty per cent of the alumni are formal members of the organization." According to Schoemehl, this is higher than the other three Missouri campuses and slightly above the national average.

The Alumni Association has supported scholarships for students, furnished the student lounge in the University Center, bought out-door athletic equipment, and has supplied outgoing seniors with practical handbooks on life after graduation.

The association sponsors the annual Serendipity Day for incoming high school students, graduation receptions and social events for alumni. Annual dues are \$5, which fund among other things, an alumni publication called ALUMSL.

The Alumni Association began at the same time the first class graduated from UMSL. "Usually it takes ten years before indi-

about 25 "special friends" for UMSL. These friends would not only contribute to UMSL financially but would lend UMSL their prestige and influence. By the end of March, Farrell said, the 25 people will be found.

Soliciting funds and support from St. Louis, "a private school town" has been difficult, Farrell said. "There is no history of public institutions in St. Louis. St. Louis has not been sold on the need for private support for public institutions."

Another reason Farrell attributes to the community's hesitancy in supporting UMSL is the instability of the chancellor's post throughout the university's short history.

The present interim Chancellor, Emery Turner, has been a key figure involved with the first fund raising drive, Farrell said. "UMSL needs special help and Turner sees this need more closely than his predecessors. Turner understands UMSL cannot go on being an island but will have to relate with the community."

Farrell hopes that the permanent chancellor named, "if not Turner, will be someone equally development oriented." If the permanent chancellor does not have development as a high priority he feels the initial fund raising attempt might have been a wasted effort.



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# Sirens for fire not found alarming

Bonnie Valle

At the sound of the buzzer there were looks of surprise. Then came laughter as some decided UMSL was having an air raid.

However, it was not an air-raid siren, but a fire-alarm.

Luckily for the people in Lucas Hall on Jan. 23, the alarm was false.

Yet, judging by some of the reactions in room 200 that day, there may be cause for concern. Some of the students did not know what the loud buzz signified. When asked later if he knew what the sound was, one teacher also said he did not know at the time that the sound was the building's fire alarm system.

The incident raised many questions. What would have happened if the emergency had been real? Even though the alarm was false, why didn't the fire department show? A St. Louis fireman, Private Harvey Webber, maintains that assistance should have been at the building within minutes.

UMSL is not on a central alarm system. Each alarm is local, heard only within the building. An employee in the building must ascertain if the fire is real or not. A call is then placed to the UMSL Security department telling them of the fire and its location. They, in turn, determine what sector the building is in and notify the Normandy Fire department. Normandy, having received the information, then dispatches the engine company assigned to that sector.

Talking to a number of students, there is general agreement that they have not been told of any procedure. There are however, placed throughout the



buildings, small wall plaques giving general emergency procedure. For those of us who have missed these plaques, we can hopefully rely on common sense.

A number of faculty and staff were questioned about their knowledge of an emergency procedure. Of approximately 20 people questioned, only three presented the possibility of having been told something, "but I can't remember for sure."

Two members of the Physics Department told of a sticker on their telephone listing an emergency phone number, however one of the gentlemen said he did not know to whom the number would connect him if used.

Another member of the Speech department declared emphatically, "No! I've never been told anything! They don't even have fire-drills here, and I think they should have fire-drills!"

According to Webber, "a university should have a fire-drill procedure and carry it out in the

same manner as those in a high-school or grade-school."

Webber continued on, however, saying that according to the fire department we should also be carrying out fire-drills at home as well.

When asked about the possibility of having fire-drills, Hickerson stated that this had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Safety and Risk Management Committee. Having been discussed in the past that the committee "did not feel at the time fire-drills were appropriate to conduct."

One idea, rediscussed in the last few weeks, was the possible placing of hall floor monitors, at least one per building. This would involve working with the many departments in various buildings. Having to work on a rotation basis, problems would be encountered in working around vacations and summer leaves.

There would be phones to which the floor monitor would report, making one phone call, two at the most, to determine if the situation of fire were real. Having done this the floor monitor would then receive his instructions, and carry them out. According to Hickerson, "I certainly believe that by next fall

we will have a full plan."

Three other area schools were contacted and asked about their emergency procedure.

Two, Washington University and St. Louis University, carry on fire-drills in their dormitories.

At Washington University all a system that is hooked up to

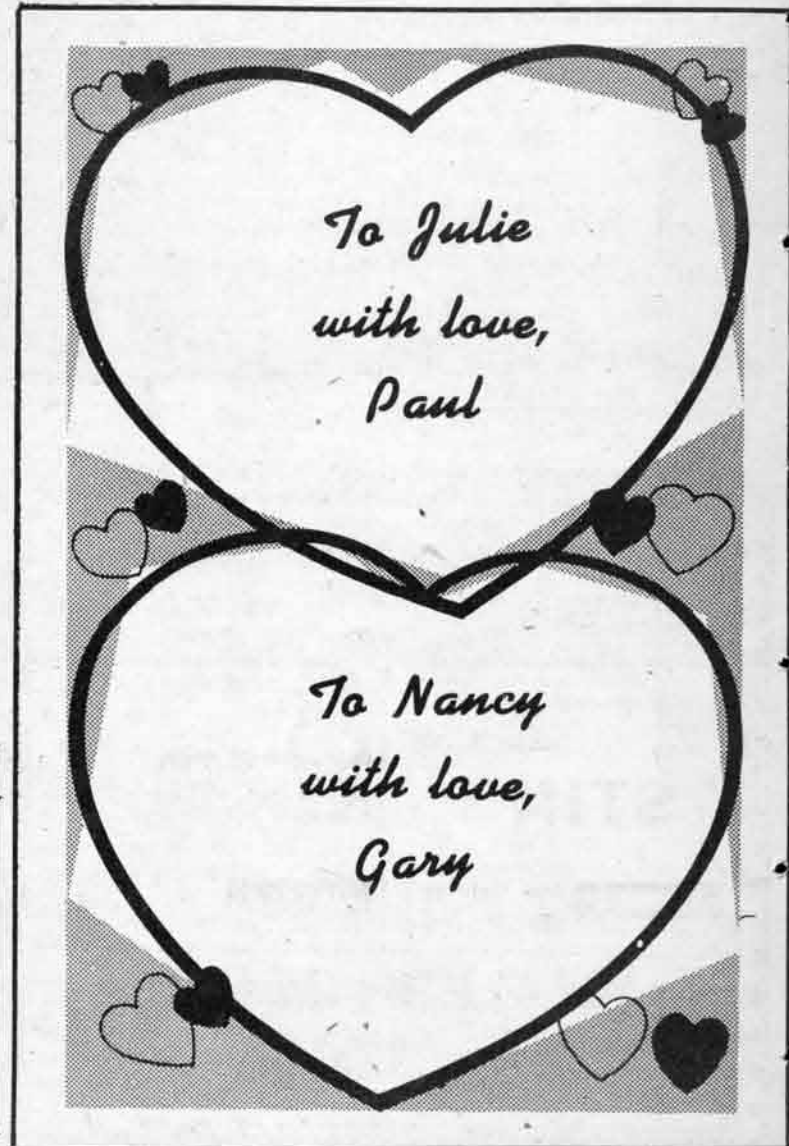
the Washington University security department, who then calls the fire department.

St. Louis University has some dorms hooked directly into the fire department whereas some others are connected to their security department.

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# Mating season gives birth to traditional celebration

Maggie Arbini

It all began with the birds and the rabbits.

Early people saw the birds mating on the 14th of February and thought they would like to try it. And so they did.

In the Middle Ages throughout Europe there was a belief that birds mated on Feb. 14. In his "Parlement of Foules," Chaucer mentions this idea, "For this was on Saint Valentine's Day, / When every bird cometh there to choose his mate."

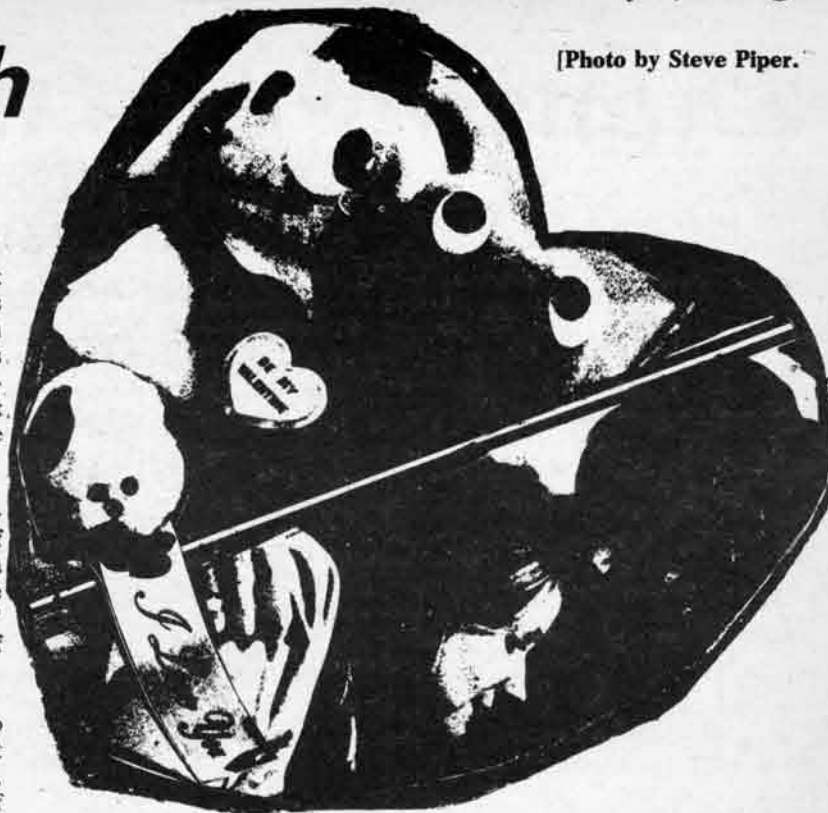
Thus began the tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day.

Up until the beginning of the

20th century, Ozark hill folk thought that birds and rabbits started the mating season on Feb. 14. This belief that birds choose their mates on Valentine's Day led to the idea that boys and girls should do the same.

One legend has it that Valentine's Day and the tradition of love it beget, started when a tribe of Eastern Indians, the valorous and tiny "Val'n tines" witnessed the mating ritual of the bantoo cock.

The dance of the cock was so unique in its movement that it inspired a month of feasting, dancing and the sending of missives painted in red — from a dye gathered from the leaf of the cupidus angelus plant — on the skin of a deer.



[Photo by Steve Piper.]

Anthropologists say that these missives were generally shot through the air from one teepee

to another teepee on an arrow. The reply was generally delivered by a feather-covered youngster in a loin cloth, who, in imitation of the bantoo cock would rise from the center of the body of the village and undulate from teepee to teepee.

There are many legends that have grown up around Valentine's Day and lovers. In other eras, it was a favorite time for practicing divination and allurements with love charms.

Young girls were supposed to marry the first eligible bachelor they met on this day. One could conjure up the appearance of a future spouse by going to the churchyard on St. Valentine's Eve at midnight, and singing a prescribed chant while running around the church twelve times.

Those who preferred to stay at home could get five bay leaves and pin four on the corners of the pillow and the fifth to the middle. Boil an egg hard, take out the yolk, fill it with salt and when you go to bed, eat it shell and all, without speaking or drinking after it.

It isn't mentioned anywhere what men may do to obtain a vision of their true love but rumor has it the prescribed formulas ran something like this.

"Take one half dozen leaves of a Catalpa tree (lady cigars). Set three aflame in a large bowl of newspaper while smoking the other three simultaneously.

"Eat a blend of tuna fish, salad oil, and pepperoni rolled into an uncooked biscuit, while singing the words to the Missouri waltz in Latin."

This year, however, the angel Cupid has fallen prey to the eagle of inflation.

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# Thursday

**GALLERY 210:** will be open from 10 am to 2 pm in room 210 Lucas Hall.

**LECTURE:** on Transcendental Meditation, 7:30 pm in room 75 J.C. Penney.

**COMMUNIVERSITY:** "Photography Workshop" begins 2 pm in the University Center Dark-room; "Short Story Workshop" begins 7:30 pm in room 414 Clark Hall; "Individual Rights and Responsibilities" begins 8 pm in room 316 Clark Hall.

**FIRESIGN FILMS:** Armadillo Protection League is showing films in U. Center Lounge at 7 pm free to students with ID's. The titles are, "Love is Hard to Get," "Martian Space Party" and "TV or not TV."

# Friday

**LECTURE:** by A.D. Coleman the New York Times photography critic, 8 pm in room 100 Lucas Hall. Free.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** UMSL will play Southeast Missouri State at 7 pm in Cape Girardeau.

**COLLOQUIUM:** Math department will hold a seminar from 4 to 5 in room 413 Clark Hall.

**LUNCH'N CHAT:** will be held by Hillel 12 noon in room 58 University Center.

**COMMUNIVERSITY:** Recorder playing will begin at 8 pm.

**FILM:** "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" will be shown 8 pm in room 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is \$.75 with UMSL ID.

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# Saturday

**FILM:** "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" will be shown 8 pm in room 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is \$.75 with an UMSL ID.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** UMSL will play Murray State College at 2 pm in Murray, Kentucky.

**CHESS TOURNAMENT:** sponsored by UMSL Chess Club. Will be held in the Snack Bar. Registration begins at 8 am for \$3.00.

**SWIM MEET:** UMSL will compete against Chicago State and Southeast Missouri State at 1 pm at UMSL.

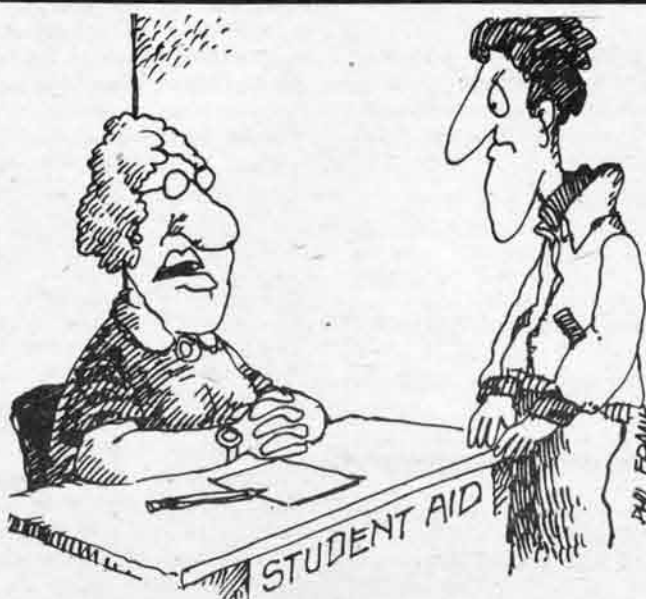
**PHYSICS WORKSHOP:** On the Physics of Sound Reproduction at 9:30 am in room 310 Benton Hall. Also on Feb. 22 and March 1.

**DANCE:** for the benefit of United Farm Workers Strike Fund at Boilermakers' Hall, 1547 S. Broadway, 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00.

**BENEFIT AUCTION:** will be held by Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity for the Evangelical Children's Home. Auction will begin at 2 pm at J.C. Penney. Everything under the sun is to be auctioned.

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**CHESS TOURNAMENT:** will continue from Saturday.



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**CONCERT:** UMSL Orchestra with Richard Holmes conducting 4 pm in the J. C. Penney Aud. Free.

**SPEAKER:** Marketing Club will have Dr. J.A. Vondechaar speaking at 7:30 pm in room 272 U. Center.

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# Monday

**FILM:** "Uncle Vanya," 8 pm in J.C. Penney Aud. Free.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** UMSL will play Westminster 8 pm at UMSL.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** UMSL WILL PLAY Quincy College 5:30 pm at UMSL.

**COMPUTER SHORT COURSE:** on Time-Sharing Option at 2:30 pm in room 208 Lucas Hall.

**POETRY READING:** John Knoepfle, Jeff Schneider and Gregory Marshall will read from their poetry at Duff's Restaurant 392 Euclid at 8 pm. \$1.50 donation.

# Tuesday

**FILM:** "An American in Paris," 8 pm in room 101 Stadler Hall. Free.

**GALLERY 210:** will be open 10 am to 2 pm and 5:30 to 7:30 pm in room 210 Lucas Hall.

# Wednesday

**LECTURE:** on the Meramec Dam sponsored by Chiluki-ki Grotto Club at 10:30 in room 101 J.C. Penney Aud.

**WORKSHOP:** on Academic Survival Workshop, 2 pm in room 72 J. C. Penney.

**SWIM MEET:** St. Louis-Area College Athletic Association Meet, 4 pm at UMSL.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION MEETING:** 7:40 am room 272 U. Center.

# Thursday

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** UMSL will play Principia at 8 pm at UMSL.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** UMSL will play Scott Air Force Base at 5:45 pm at UMSL.

**MEETING:** of the University Senate at 3 pm in room 126 J.C. Penney.

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The third school contacted, Florissant Valley Community College, seemed to have the best system of all.

According to the chief of security at Florissant Valley, there are signs posted in each classroom giving instructions on how to get out of the building from each room.

In addition, the whole campus is directly linked not only to the Florissant Valley security department, but to the Florissant City Police and Fire departments as well.

Generally, the reaction of our students when asked what they would do in case of fire was, "Run like hell."

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# Aranson triumphs in 'Moby Dick'

Beverly Bishop

"Moby Dick," starring Jack Aranson, J.C. Penney.

Jack Aranson is a man after Herman Melville's heart. There is a little of the frustrated thespian in all of us and Melville was certainly no exception. The man who used to read Shakespeare's plays aloud by the hour to his family would have been pleased to see this fine adaptation of his own American classic, "Moby Dick," to the stage.

True, Melville had himself experimented with the form in the chapter, "Midnight, Forecastle," but he experimented with

many things in that amazing and unwieldy book. What Aranson has done is to distill the plot down to its essentials--providing a work of more manageable, if less epic proportions.

Using the character of Ishmael as a bridge from one scene to the next, he achieves a dramatic unity that Melville might have envied.

As for the acting, Aranson was, in a word, superb. In the course of the play, he portrayed no less than 13 separate and distinct characters--often having to change accents very rapidly. Spontaneous applause broke out whenever Aranson did a scene

particularly well--which was quite often.

Aranson performed on a virtually bare set--3 risers placed alongside one another--and it is a tribute to his talents as an actor that he captured the imagination of the audience so well.

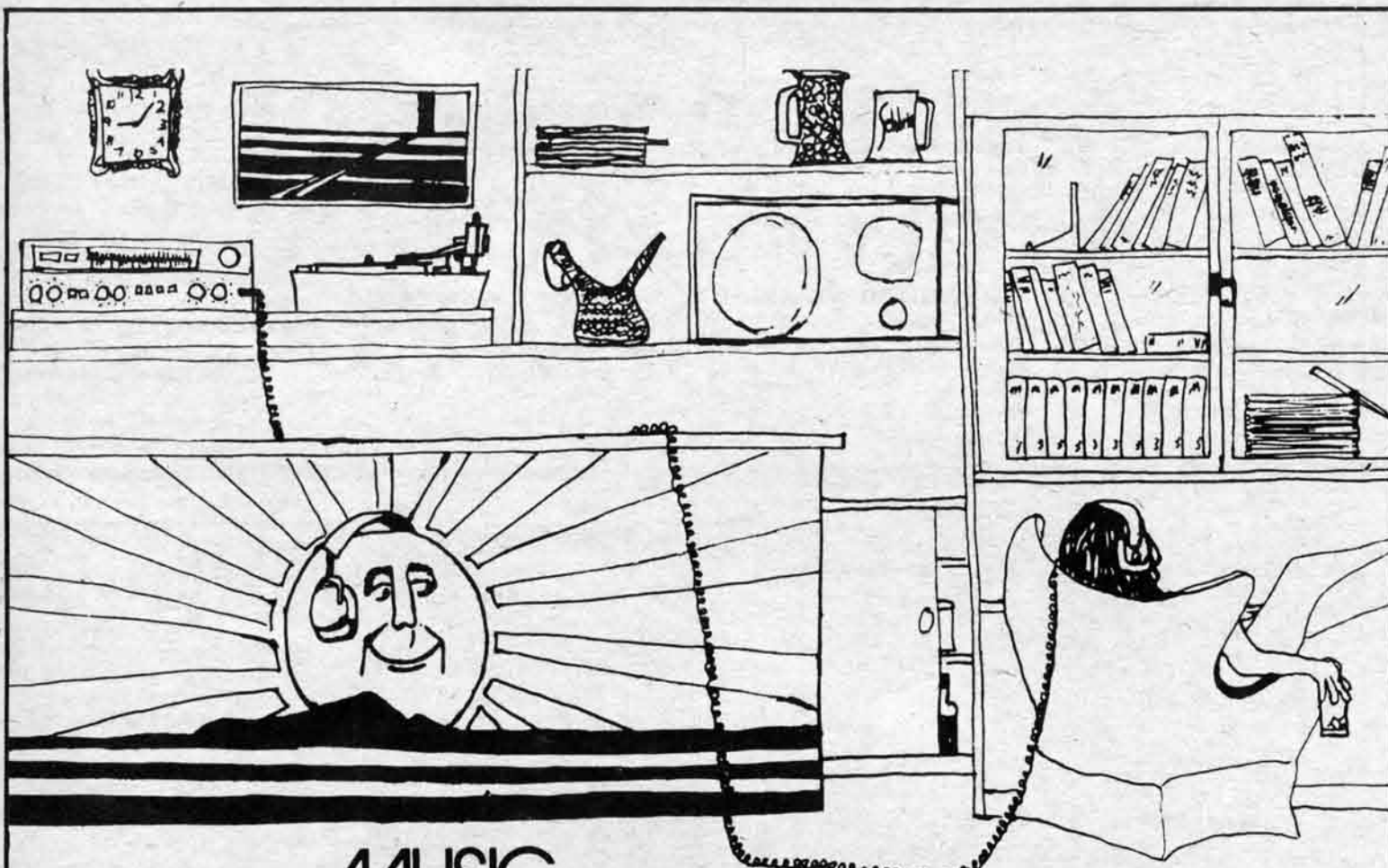
When he set the scene in a church, adapting the kerchief he wore round his neck to simulate a clergyman's vestments, you imagined a church. When he rocked from side to side, you felt the motion of a ship.

I came out of the auditorium feeling that this was pure theatre--stripped away from the sometimes distorting trappings of scenery and costuming. "Moby Dick" follows the new trend back to purism in theatre that I have been witnessing with joy of late. Here's hoping it continues. With more productions like "Moby Dick," how can it fail?



JACK ARANSON in one of the many roles of "Moby Dick." [Photo by Ellen Cohen]

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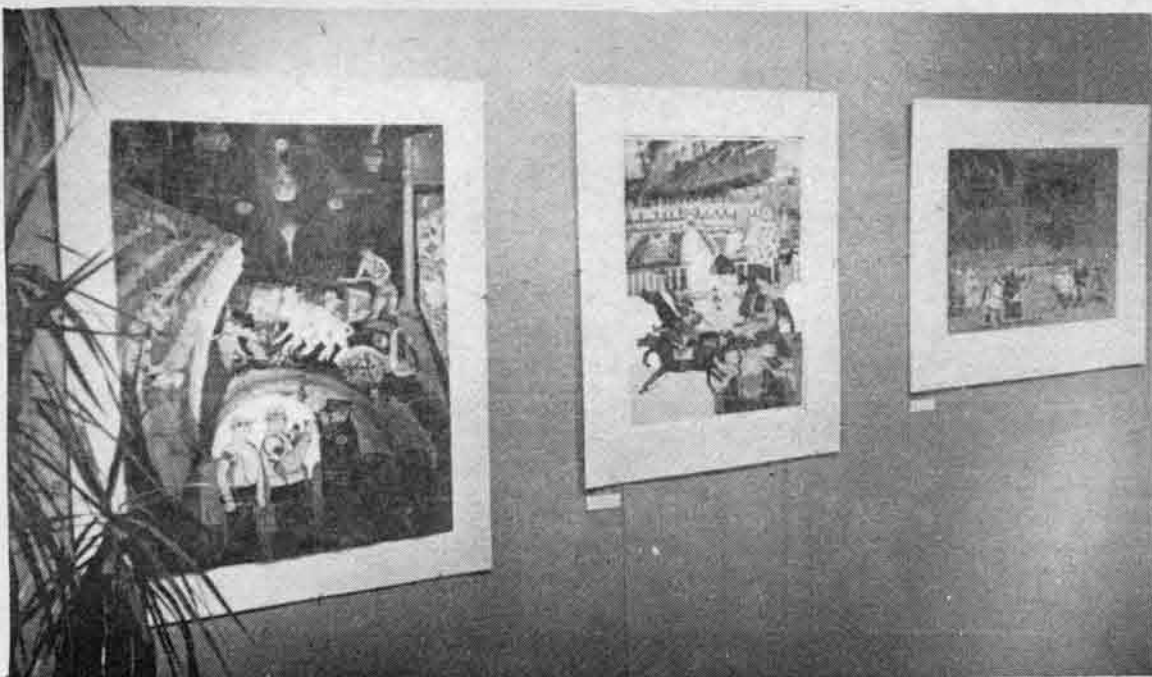
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**Colescott confronts society with art**

Nicholas Vahlkamp

Warrington Colescott, whose art doesn't lend itself to decorative corners in suburban homes, will undoubtedly assault those who have notions about truth, beauty and idealized form. Colescott's graphic art can be seen through this month in room 210 of Lucas Hall. There are no lingering landscapes or artist's theories in this show.

Colescott is direct, confronting and sometimes brutal in his art which comments upon our society. It is a social order which he sees as a pornographic farce embellished by puritanical smugness; a favorite theme of social critics in the past several years.

A typical print of his reads like this: a self-righteous judge knocks down his gavel while Dame Justice (naked without shame) dances the court's decision in favor of the highest bidder. The charming eloquence of a learned lawyer delights no one as a fascistic guard contributes his austere silence. Scandal and the mock agony of a "victimless" defendant cry from a newspaper headline which, like the lawyer's rattle, also goes unread and unheard.

Colescott probably isn't the type of artist likely to be invited to one of those museum socialite dinners, but then neither was George Grosz, whose pen and pencil were used to exactly the same bitter and satirical effect some fifty years ago in Germany. These social problems, as Colescott's art remind us, do not disappear merely because of our current nostalgia for mellow times which never were. Instead we should recall those photographs of bread lines in Detroit and the barrels of worthless currency from the Weimar Republic.

You can see Colescott's work daily from 10 am till 2 pm and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 until 7:30.

**Boehme Quintette cancels concert**

The Boehme Quintette, a woodwind ensemble originally scheduled to appear at UMSL this Friday night has been cancelled. The group is planning to return at a later date, but a specific time has not yet been announced.

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# Rivermen victory marred by tragedy

Charles N. Snow

An UMSL basketball victory of 97-69 over University Illinois Chicago Circle last Saturday night, was dimmed by the death of game official Gus Lombardo. With 28 seconds left in the first half, Lombardo collapsed in front of the scorer's table at which time the game was halted and an early halftime was declared. A stretcher was brought in to take Lombardo to the

hospital. The remaining 28 seconds were played before the start of the second half.

As far as the game itself, the Rivermen got off to a slow start, going the first 1:42 before scoring. However, once they did get started they turned the game into a rout to win their fifth in a row. The Rivermen shot 43.9 per cent from the floor in the first half and at times appeared sluggish. However, UICC shot an even poorer 23.1 per cent and

thus UMSL led at half time 41-24.

In the second half UMSL continued to dominate the game

as they shot 49.1 per cent from the floor as they out scored 22 points. Also scoring in double figures were guard Dale Wills, reserve center Jim Pel-eckek, and Wynn, who scored 16, 14 and 12 points respectively. Chicago Circle scoring was led by Dan Centillon and Alton Carter who scored 16 points each.

One highlight of the game was the fact that Bone became the third highest scorer in Riverman history. With his 24 points, he ended the game with a total of 991 points. He passed both Greg Daust (967) and Mark Bersen (990) in the game Saturday.

UICC, 51-45 in the second half. The Rivermen completely dominated all facets of the game as they out rebounded Chicago Circle 69-47.

The defense as usual was led by 6'9" Warren Wynn. Wynn had 22 rebounds and six block shots. Freshman forward Rolandis Nash contributed to the defense with 14 rebounds.

The Rivermen had a balanced scoring attack with five players in double figures. The scoring was led by sophomore Bobby Bone. Bone, who went into the game with a 27 point per game average, scored 24 points. He was followed by Nash who



SHOOTING STAR: Bob Bone goes up for another of his patented layups. (Photo by Steve Piper)

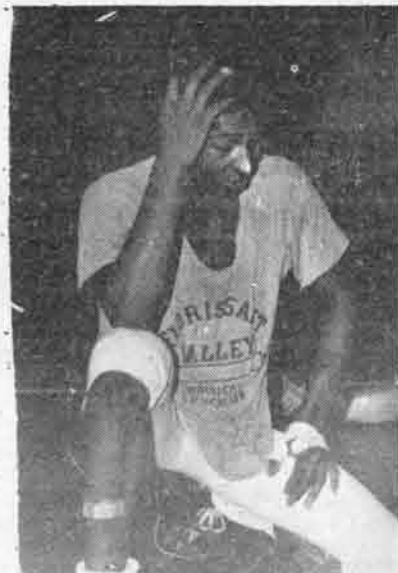
## Wrestlers in need

Tom Klein

The 1974-75 UMSL wrestling team has improved and done much better than coach Joe Lowder had expected. But the program still faces problems that have to be tackled if UMSL is to become a wrestling power.

One problem the team faces is a lack of equipment. They badly need better practice facilities. Greg "Sugar Ray" Holmes, winner of 58 straight dual collegiate matches, put it this way. "The practice room is unsafe," he said. "We could fall right into a concrete wall and get hurt because the wall isn't padded."

Money is the key to getting more equipment. "To correct our problems we need more money," said Lowder. "The money we have now is adequate for what we want to do this season if we didn't have any



Greg Holmes. (Photo by Greg Ahrens)

problems."

But its going to take better organization to get the money. Past disorganization has made it impossible for the team to make the University Athletic Board fully aware of its difficulties.

"Earlier disorganization has hurt us," Lowder said. "Communication needs to be improved between the team and the administration. I think about sixty per cent of the problem is at the team level. Its up to us to initiate improved communication. I'm sure the university will help us but we have to tell them what we need and be able to justify it."

The most important thing Lowder wants to justify is increased financial aid for wrestlers. UMSL forfeits several matches at every meet because the team doesn't have the wrestlers to fill some weight brackets. The coach feels that some type of wrestling scholarship would solve the problem.

"We need bodies to come out for the team," Lowder said. "For this to happen we need some type of increased financial help so kids don't have to work and get away from wrestling to pay for school. Its a matter of being able to afford to come out for the team."

Holmes agreed with the coach. "We definitely need more scholarships," he said. "We're right in the middle of the hottest wrestling area in three states but we can't attract wrestlers because we don't have scholarships. Nobody wants to go to UMSL if they don't get any help."

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# Apathy apparent in the development of SLACAA

Brian Flinchbaugh

The most notable and perhaps illustrative aspect of the annual winter meeting of the St. Louis Area College Athletic Association (SLACAA) was the fact that it never transpired.

"I polled some of the athletic directors," Chuck Smith, UMSL athletic director and SLACAA chairman said, "and they couldn't get together this winter."

The very act of not being able to agree to a meeting points toward two basic problems that this loose local college athletic conference must resolve for its success in the future. Confronted with the things it was founded to fight against, SLACAA must contend with the twin dilemma of apathy and self-interest in its ranks.

Formed two years ago, SLACAA represented an attempt to join area colleges and universities into a viable conference and college athletic association.

"It sort of originated through my office," Smith said in an earlier conversation this fall. "Since I've been here, I always felt other cities had an advantage with their own college athletic associations."

Feeling out various directors in the area at the time, Smith found enough support to sit down at a downtown luncheon with his counterparts and announce the formation of SLACAA in late 1973.

As stated in its by-laws, the official purpose of SLACAA is "to promote intercollegiate athletic competition among four-year colleges and universities of the St. Louis area and to encourage excellence of per-

formance within the framework of each institution's program and philosophy of athletics." Unofficially there were other reasons for this "informal" organization.

Exposure, the need, in Smith's words, to "get area college sports before the St. Louis area media," played a decisive role in getting the organization off the ground. Media, to any institution involved in intercollegiate sports, translates to interest which begets money which begets more money at the box office.

But lofty and not so lofty goals aside, the reality of the situation shows that the results have been less than spectacular. Both the level and expansion of the organization are at a standstill. Some evidence suggests that some of the large institutions in the conference, such as SIU-Edwardsville and St. Louis University are headed in their own directions.

Speaking with Smith one finds no clear cut answers. The media problem or simply its general lack has been a difficult malady to remedy because of the nature of the various divisions and pairings in SLACAA activities.

"Because of the way the thing is structured," he said, "one day competition makes it difficult to get it in front of the media."

"You see the media is only interested in pre-meet and after maybe post-game results and in between it's difficult to keep it before them."

This one meet or tournament competition setup is applicable to tennis, golf, cross country and swimming. In soccer, baseball and in basketball division

standings are determined in a round robin affair between each school in large or small college groupings. There is no competition in wrestling.

With the exception of a few press clippings in the daily newspapers at tournament time, virtually no attention has been focused on any aspect of the organization.

When St. Louis University left the Missouri Valley Conference last year speculation had it that the Billikens would look toward

to discuss local problems?

Whatever the case, promotion for these local tournaments or championships has been almost nonexistent and coaches seem lax about the whole affair. At the end of the year the outcome of these local championships fails to manifest itself beyond the won and lost record.

With this apathy goes self-interest on the part of the larger schools in the organization. Not really confounding the media St. Louis University has gone to an

university characterized by St. Louis U. seems to lack the overall support in athletic activities enjoyed by other comparable, less urban colleges. There are too many distractions on Saturday night.

"I can't believe those Jesuits will continue to pour \$200,000 into a basketball program which is failing."

There is a definite need for a local conference in all athletic offerings particularly in the more minor sports, in UMSL's and

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a local conference in basketball.

Columnists in the Globe-Democrat and the Post-Dispatch such as Bob Burnes and Bob Broeg noted this possibility but only Ed Macaully, the former St. Louis U. great, discussed the possible scheduling of schools like UMSL and SIU-Edwardsville on the Billiken schedule on a regular basis. All failed to recognize the framework which already existed; SLACAA

Perhaps the fault for this lies with the member schools themselves. Despite its stated purpose of promoting area intercollegiate athletics, one wonders if the organization has ever fully defined its function. Is it a meaningful attempt to form a sports conference along the lines of Missouri Valley or an event which local athletic directors get together hopefully twice a year

independent basketball schedule against top-flight opponents. Their success or failure, along with SIU-Edwardsville and UMSL in getting into a conference, may spell the future for SLACAA and the idea of a local conference.

Like the media, St. Louis University and its basketball program, despite stated intentions, has snubbed two potentially natural rivals in UMSL and SIU-Edwardsville. "St. Louis is not willing to give up a big time operation in basketball," Smith said.

"In basketball they want to keep a big time image," he said. "They'll do it one more year and they may review it if they're not getting the job done."

"Not getting the job done" means to Smith poor fan support as well as quality play. An urban

most other athletic programs in the area. Because these colleges and universities have developed independently, due to funding and size, the scope of their athletic programs have followed suit. But in a day in which rising costs and inflation are taking their toll, independence of action may be outdated.

"Athletics are hemmed in at UMSL with the present budget setup," Smith said. "We don't know what will happen."

SLACAA may not end the slack but it may fill a lack.

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