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IMPROVED BUS SERVICE: Bi-State's recently initiated Orbit transportation system may greatly improve the company's service to riders. Several Orbit stops are located on the UMSL campus.

Olson receives UM presidency

James C. Olson was named president of the University of Missouri March 1. The announcement was made at the Board of Curators meeting at UMSL.

Olson had served as interim president of the university since June 1, 1976.

He was the unanimous choice of the Board and is the sixteenth president in the university's 138-year existence.

In accepting the appointment, Olson said, "It is a matter of great honor to be asked to serve as president of this distinguished public university. I am fully cognizant of the problems associated with a position such as this and I know that the years ahead are not going to be years of great expansion in higher education in the terms that we have known in the past.

"Rather, the mission before us will be the development of quality, the reallocation of resources, the changing of the university to meet new needs and new requirements," he said.

"During the past nine months I have enjoyed the full cooperation of this board and I am deeply grateful for that... I have enjoyed the full cooperation of the faculties, the administrative staff, students, alumni and the citizens of the state."

UMSL Chancellor Arnold B.

Grobman said he was delighted with the appointment. "During the nine months he (Olson) has served as interim president, we have established a cordial working relationship. I have found Olson to be a thoughtful person who evaluates carefully the ideas presented to him."

The original target for the selection was set for September 1. From the names that were submitted by the Presidential Search Committee for final consideration, the Board was able to contact all candidates in a short time. Olson's appointment followed.

Olson was chancellor of UMKC from 1968 until being appointed interim president of the university. He received his Ph.D. in history in 1942 from the University of Nebraska and joined the faculty there in 1946. He was promoted to professor in 1956 and from 1956 to 1965 he served as chairman of the department of history. He was named dean of the Graduate College in 1966 and vice chancellor for graduate studies and research in 1968.

He received his undergraduate degree from Morningside College in 1938 and his M.A. from the University of Nebraska in 1939. He was awarded an LL.D. degree in 1968 from Morningside College.

Olson will receive a home and a \$53,000 annual salary.

Demolition of building to begin

Bev Pfelfer

Demolition of the old Administration Building is scheduled to begin within a week to ten days.

The contract was awarded to Hemphill Contracting Company with a bid of \$17,800. The Board of Curators announced the decision on March 18. Hemphill was one of four companies which submitted bids.

John Perry, vice chancellor of administrative services, said, "The company was given 90 days in which to complete the project." Perry said he doubts that it will take that long.

Steve Platt, a student who fought to save the building, said, "I don't have any money or time to carry on. Recreation

facilities are to be replaced immediately, according to the Board."

University officials said renovation was not an economically feasible idea for the 66-year-old building.

According to Perry, about 5,000 bricks will be saved and used to build a structure to remind people that the building once stood on campus.

Tentative plans for the area include adding walkways and open, grassy areas for beautification of the campus. Along with destruction of the building, the outdoor pool will be filled in and covered over. There are no plans for another outdoor pool at this time.

"In my opinion," said Perry, "such a pool would be built only if students would want an increase in their student fees with the money set aside for the pool's construction."

Another decision by the Board regarded use of \$550,000 appropriated last year through a special state fund.

In a detailed plan for its use, \$45,240 was earmarked for renovations and improved facilities for the handicapped at Marillac.

Perry said about one third of the Education Office Building, which is to be used for dormitories, will be improved. Air conditioning and public facilities on each floor are of primary concern. An elevator will be installed near the auditorium for use by handicapped persons.

The remaining \$91,760 will be used in the future.

Candidates speak on issues of presidential election

Program Board, dormitory use, inter-campus relations, student apathy and Central Council matters dominated the annual "Meet the Press" news conference held March 28.

The five candidates for student body president, Barb Bufe, Mike Cooper, Dan Crone, Charlie Mays and Bill McMullan, fielded questions from three Current staff members and members of the audience.

The Program Board issue found most candidates in agreement that a new type of programming should be instituted. They disagreed on the methods of implementation.

Crone, supported by SAIL, said he favors more contemporary programming. "If we can get Programming to work with (Central) Council to provide these events we should, otherwise, we should do it ourselves."

He said, "I believe joint programming with other area colleges is feasible, but we prob-

ably couldn't get the increase in budget needed."

McMullan, a member of Fusion, stated, "If all ten members of the Board can't be appointed (by Central Council), then one should be appointed as student director to work with Stephanie Kreis (Program Board director), and report back to Council."

"I disagree with Council going into competition with the Program Board," he said, "A way to expand our range of programs would, of course, be a budget increase, but that can't be now."

A second Program Board was opposed by Bufe, who is supported by USC. She said, "If Central Council took over Program Board it would be duplicating efforts. We need a revision of and a balance in programming. Right now we have one side of culture. An increase in budget would help, but with a drop in enrollment, it's impossible."

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SHOOTING FOR THE TOP: The Five Candidates for Student Body President speak on the issues at the Current press conference, March 28. They are [left to right]: Mike Cooper; Bill McMullan [FUSION]; Dan Crone [SAIL]; Barb Bufe [USC]; and Charlie Mays [USC].

Candidates

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Mays, an Energy candidate, said, "We need to know what the students want — perhaps through some sort of survey."

"Sometimes we (student representatives) don't know what they want, we just think we do," he said, "Energy ran a questionnaire to evaluate student feelings about campus activities. The results showed there was a negative attitude. Before we can improve Programming, we should know what they want."

On the possibility of dormitories on campus, Mays stated, "Students would enjoy living on campus. It would be a step in improving the social atmosphere. There would be more time for activities. Some students are shy about coming to UMSL because of the distance they must travel."

McMullan said that while most UMSL students live within a 15-mile radius, the dorms would benefit those who are outside that perimeter and must travel many miles each day.

Bufe believes having dorms would draw foreign and graduate students and give UMSL's graduate program more credibility.

"Ten years ago," said Crone, "no one would have foreseen how large UMSL would be. I think dorms are a great idea. My problem is that I wonder how the space would be allocated — whether by chance or by the distance a student lives from campus."

Questions concerning UMSL's relationship with the other three university campuses drew various responses.

Cooper said the "President should be totally involved on this campus first. A committee should be set up to deal with off-campus issues."

Mays stated that inter-campus involvement, especially with the Associated Students of the University of Missouri, a lobby organization, would be beneficial. He said, "UMSL could learn a lot from such a program."

Bufe agreed partially with Cooper. She said the president should be concerned with this campus first but that off-campus activities were important. She said that a new organization, "the Inter-Campus Council of Students (ICCS), would relieve pressure on the student body presidents by spreading repre-

sentation around." She also said she had attended many inter-campus meetings with the present student body president Curt Watts.

McMullan said, "The student body president is the chief spokesperson for the students on campus. There are some things happening off-campus of direct consequence to UMSL." He cited the nomination of three curators and the possibility of Harris Teachers College becoming a state college as examples.

Crone sees the president as providing a unified voice for the students. "The president should be the watchdog of the Administration," he said.

Cooper and Mays stated in their platform their concern about the lack of student involvement on campus.

"I am very interested in student involvement," said Cooper, "even though I have no experience in government."

Mays pointed out that he had formed Energy in an attempt to improve the social atmosphere at UMSL and thereby help relieve some of the apathy.

Salaries for Central Council members caused some disagreement.

According to McMullan, "Central Council needs credibility. One way is to pay a regular salary, not just a little bit. Another way would be to give the person a title. Another alternative is that a job gives experience. By not taking a stand, we are ignoring the problem."

Bufe said, "\$200 is compensation for a chairperson to take a little extra time. Salaries are compensation for the time put into the job. They increase a person's responsibility."

Crone feels that recent Council action to grant salaries to certain committee chairpersons would, in effect, legislate the other positions out of existence. "People would want to serve only in paid positions," he said.

Favoring no monetary compensation, Cooper said, "I see no need for it."

A title would carry more importance, said Mays, than a salary. "A title would be a valuable addition to future resumes," he stated.

Each candidate presented a basic platform outlining reasons for running for office.

Mays seeks a change in the campus atmosphere. "Energy is my qualification," he said, "To help to get students involved. I

would like to see students make decisions about the campus by themselves."

Bufe feels her experience in student government and activities qualifies her for student body president. "I'm available to work with, talk to and meet with students. One concern will be with increased safety on campus," she said.

"UMSL is not just a one-campus thing," she stated. "It is involved in inter-campus issues, but my main objective would be to represent UMSL

students first."

Crone also feels he has the experience in office for the job. "I would like to see diversity added to Programming. Central Council could publish a bi-weekly newsletter to let people see what Council does for them," he stated.

Making UMSL more student-oriented is a goal for McMullan. "I want to move away from the idea of a 'token student'," he said. "I am interested in improving student attitudes to Central Council, KWMU and

Communiversity."

"Appointing students to committees is an important job," said McMullan, "and they (Council) should follow up to make sure the students are prepared to be active on committees."

Cooper feels he is qualified for the job because his views represent the majority of students. "I'm very interested in more student involvement on campus," he said. "Right now, it is a minority of students that participate on campus."

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Department adds courses

Three new courses designed to meet student interests are being introduced by the philosophy department. One of the courses, "Philosophy and Sex," will first be taught in the pre-session by James Doyle, associate professor of philosophy. "Zen Buddhism" and "A Survey of Western Philosophy," will begin in the fall semester.

"We'll be talking about the problems that sex and sexuality pose for our thinking and acting," Doyle said about his course. Sex and love, sexual fulfillment, equality, and exploitation are some of the topics that will be dealt with.

Doyle will also offer the course in the evening during the fall. A similar course will be taught during the day by Henry

Shapiro, assistant professor of philosophy.

Zen Buddhism, the Oriental philosophy most popular in the west, will be offered in the fall by David Griesedieck, philosophy instructor.

Griesedieck encourages students who are interested to take another course dealing with Eastern philosophy prior to this one.

"Students have asked for a course like this for the last several years," Griesedieck said. "I'm glad we're finally able to satisfy the demand." This will be the first time that an advanced course has been offered in Oriental philosophy.

Since students have often requested a course that would give them a general knowledge of the history of philosophy, the philosophy department is introducing Philosophy 10-11. "A Survey of Western Philosophy" will be a two-semester course that begins with Greek philosophy and tells the story of the development of western philosophy to the present century. Each semester will be a self-contained course and it will be possible to take each course separately. The courses will be taught by Edward Costello, associate professor of philosophy, whose specialty is the history of philosophy.

Gephardt needs summer interns

Applications are now being accepted for two summer intern positions in the Washington office of Congressman Richard Gephardt.

The internship is for a two-month period which will be mutually agreed upon by the Congressman and the intern. Each intern will be paid \$500 per month. It will be the responsibility of each intern to locate housing for his or her stay in Washington.

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All interested persons should fill out an application form which can be obtained by calling Congressman Gephardt's district office at 351-5100. Each applicant should attach to the form a written proposal outlining a specific problem in the third district and a possible solution

which could be developed during the internship. There are no restrictions as to the length of the proposal.

Applications and proposals should be received no later than Friday, April 8, 1977 at Congressman Gephardt's Washington office, 509 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Selections will be made by May 1, 1977.

Financial Aid offers jobs

The Office of Student Financial Aid has summer off-campus College Work Study jobs available in the St. Louis area. If you are interested in summer off-campus employment and plan to return to the university this fall come into the Office of Student Financial Aid, room 209, new Administration Building, to secure the necessary application. Deadline for completed applications is May 1, 1977.

News In Brief

ECC sponsors night events

Evening College Council is sponsoring an "Evening College Awareness Week" beginning April 4.

According to Mike Biondi, one of the organizers of the week, "We're setting aside a week to pay tribute to the evening student and faculty."

The Council plans on expanding its weekly koffee klatch during the week to four nights, Monday through Thursday.

The finale of the week is the annual dinner and dance sponsored by the Evening College Council. This year's affair will be held at the Red Carpet Inn on Lindbergh Road near Interstate 70. It will feature dinner at 7:30 and live entertainment by "Easy Street."

At the dinner/dance, the evening council will present a check to the Julius Sweener Memorial Scholarship fund which was established for evening students in 1973.

Tickets for the dance can be obtained at the Information Desk in the University Center.

Blacks hold culture week

A lecture by noted human rights activist Florence Kennedy, the grand opening of a new campus black culture center and a discussion of the best-selling book "Roots" are among the activities scheduled for the tenth annual Black Culture week April 3-9 at UMSL.

The schedule of educational and entertainment events, coordinated by the UMSL Minority Student Service Coalition, is open to the public.

Kennedy will speak on "The Pathology of Oppression" at 11:45 a.m., April 8, in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. The new Black Culture room, located in room 254 University Center, will be opened at noon, April 6. The discussion of "Roots" is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., April 7, in room 78 J.C. Penney.

Other events will include a variety show featuring local comedian Bobby Norfolk and the Combooley Dance troupe, as well as a basketball game and other educational forums.

A complete schedule of events is available by calling the Information Desk, 5148 or the Black Culture Room, 5949.

L-SAT practice available

The first practice Law-SAT examination ever given at UMSL will be offered at 9 a.m., April 23, in room 401 Benton Hall.

This practice test, designed by the people who prepare the real tests, is being offered to all UMSL students, but may be of greatest interest to juniors planning to take the L-SAT in July or October, 1977.

The various elements of the test, including types of questions, timing, room conditions, seating condition, will be as "close to the real thing" as possible, according to the directors of the exam. An unofficial grade or score will result.

"There is no guarantee that a student who takes this practice test will score unusually well on the Law-SAT; but this type of practice, in the normal three to four hour time span of the real test and under test conditions, may eliminate student fears of the reality," a report stated.

The student will retain the test sample and will be able to review the kinds of questions which are most difficult," it said.

Due to the limited number of tests available, registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration is \$2 and should be sent to Werner Grunbaum, room 812 SSB Tower, or Dr. Harry G. Mellman, room 534 Lucas Hall. The test is sponsored by the department of Political Science.

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Tenure regulations preserve academic freedom

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On the UMSL campus, out of 406 full-time faculty, about 194 are tenured. The College of Arts and Sciences has about 144 tenured faculty, compared to the School of Business which has about 19, and the School of Education which has about 31.

This year, 36 faculty have been recommended for tenure.

Tenure is defined in part as the status of holding one's position on a permanent basis. It is granted to full-time faculty members who have met certain qualifications and evaluations. Tenure was developed to protect academic freedom in teaching, research, and community service.

The concept of tenure can be dated back to the beginning of colleges and universities. It was developed to protect faculty members from interference by political or religious groups.

"Tenure is critical to the ongoing life of the university. It preserves the free-flow of ideas and the opportunity for scholarly inquiry in all disciplines," said Ruth Jones, assistant professor of political science who was tenured last year. "The concept of tenure is critical to the freedom the university has stood for," she said.

One of the problems involving tenure, is that it has long been misunderstood. Students and outsiders may be unaware of the tenure qualifications and procedures. Many times they see only one area, and not the whole picture, according to Arthur MacKinney, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Basically, for a faculty member to be tenured, he has to be evaluated by his peers in three major areas: teaching, research, and community services. The areas are evenly weighted for each discipline, said MacKinney.

The teaching area is evaluated by peers and students. Research consists of scholarly activities and involvement with active investigation, and the publication of the results. Service to the community includes community projects and programs in Continuing Education.

To qualify for tenure, a person must be appointed to the rank of full-time instructor or higher, and the total probationary period normally should not exceed seven years, according to the University of Missouri Academic Tenure Regulations.

Therefore, after a faculty member has been with the university five years, the tenure proceedings are begun.

The procedure for recommending someone for tenure is complex and contains many steps. Basically, tenure proceedings are started in the faculty member's department.

An "ad personam" committee is established for each candidate. This committee gathers all the information about the candidate's teaching record, research, and community service and prepares a report that is sent to both the candidate's department and the tenure committee.

The "ad personam" committee has at least three members, and one member is chosen by the candidate.

The department, then, prepares a recommendation and sends this to the dean of the college or school.

The dean is responsible for reviewing the departmental proposal and preparing a written recommendation of his own. Both recommendations are then sent to the Senate Committee on Appointments, Tenure and Promotion.

The committee reviews the recommendations, and sends its recommendation to the Chancellor.

The Chancellor, after reviewing all the information and recommendations that have been presented for each candidate, prepares a campus endorsement or nonendorsement of the faculty member. He discusses his decision with the committee, deans and the departments before sending a file of the candidate to

the President of the University.

The president, then is responsible for granting tenure. After the president has taken action, the faculty member is notified, usually around April, according to MacKinney.

After receiving tenure, a professor has a permanent position with the university and generally cannot be fired. If a professor does not receive tenure, he has one more year to stay at the university (this would be his seventh year) while looking for another job. No one is kept at the university after being denied tenure.

A faculty member has various outlets to appeal the decision if he is dissatisfied with the results.

Many of the regulations for tenure were based on the 1940 Statement on Academic Tenure by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). Harold Harris, president of the UMSL chapter, said, "Tenure prevents the capricious firing for unpopular views."

The AAUP states: "Tenure is a means to certain ends; specifically: (1) Freedom of teaching and research of extramural activities and (2) a sufficient degree of economic security to make the profession attractive to men and women of ability. Freedom and economic security, hence, tenure, are indispensable to the success of an institution in fulfilling its obligation to its students and to society."

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Donated items will be sold for 5 cents and up, April 12-13, in the lobby of the J.C. Penney Building. Proceeds will be used to buy new books for the library.

Bi-State goes into orbit

Ten neighborhood "Orbit" mini-bus lines which service communities and offer connecting service with other regular lines, have been opened by the Bi-State Developmental Organization. These "Orbit" lines include a route through UMSL.

The Normandy-West route travels through campus with three stops convenient to UMSL. A stop is located near both the Natural Bridge Road and the South Florissant Road entrances. The other stop is east of the open student parking lot off East Campus drive.

The service began March 28. The cost is 25 cents per trip, ten cents for transfers and for handicapped or elderly passengers.

The Orbit service is a one-year pilot program made possible by the St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax.

Schedules are available at the Information Desk or by calling Bi-State at 773-1120.

Artist to speak on China

Jack Chen, an artist, journalist and scholar who spent 20 years in the People's Republic of China, will give two lectures on contemporary Chinese art, April 1.

"The Role of the Artist in the Chinese Revolution," will be at 9:40 a.m. in room 200 Lucas Hall. "Contemporary Chinese Graphic Arts," will be held in room 100 Lucas Hall at 2 p.m. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

Mr. Chen will lecture in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit, "Graphic Arts and the Chinese Revolution," to be displayed in the UMSL Gallery 210 during April.

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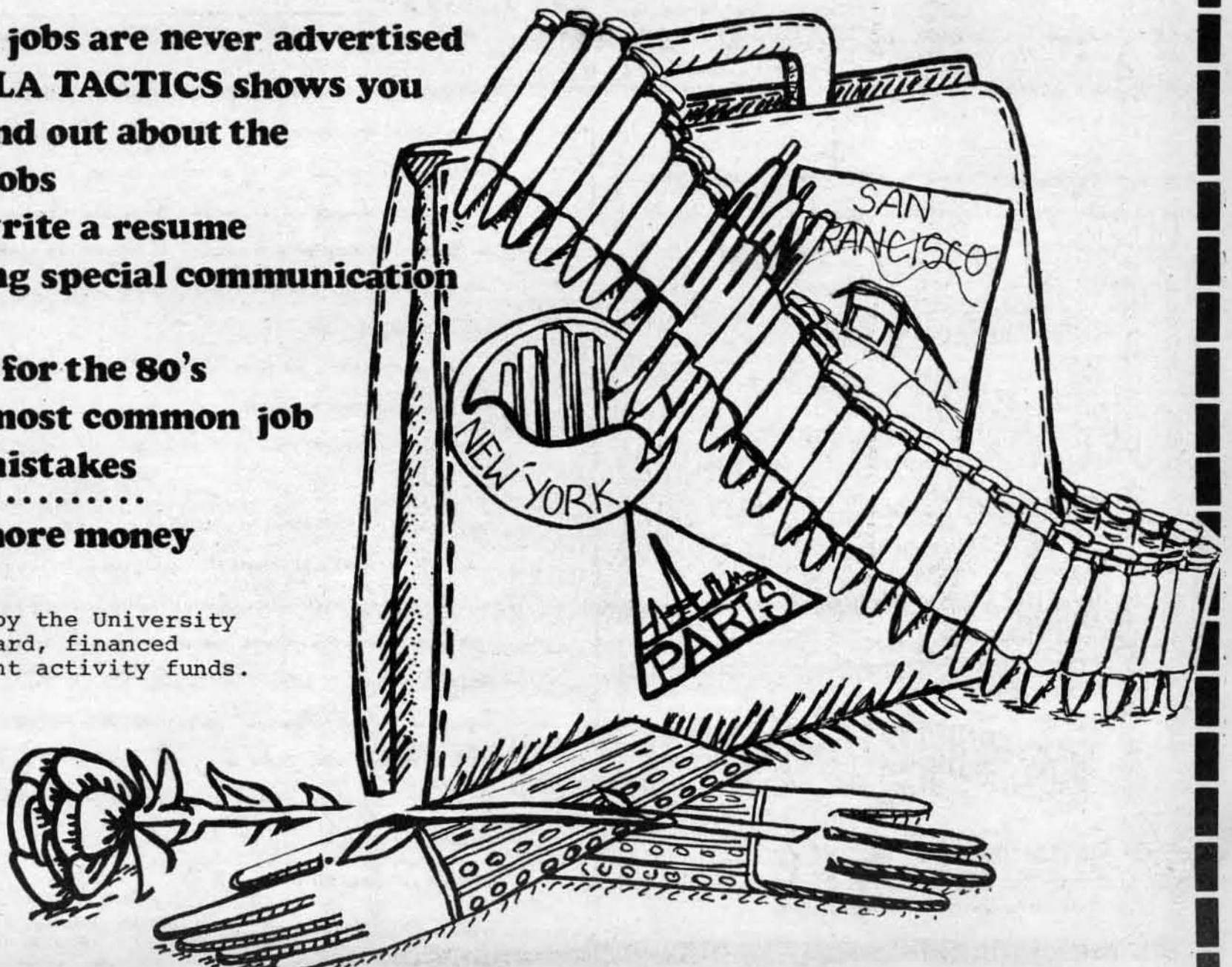
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Students vie for presidential, vice-presidential

A flood of flyer-distributing campaigners are scheduled to hit the campus during the next week in their efforts to be elected to the Central Council.

Central Council is the student governing body on campus.

A total of 26 candidates are running for 21 positions as representatives to the Council. There is one position for every 500 students at UMSL.

In addition to the race for representatives, the major contest will be for student body president and vice president. There are three contenders for the office of vice president and five for president.

Listed below are the candidates and their platforms. All statements come directly from applications filed by the candidates. Party affiliation appears directly after each name. The Student Action and Involvement League is denoted by the abbreviation SAIL, and the United Student Coalition is denoted USC.

Presidential candidates

BARBARA J. BUFE [USC]: Qualifications: member of Central Council, chairperson of Course Evaluation, member of Council curriculum and publicity committees, member of University Senate, Senate committees— Senate committee on committees, curriculum and instruction, ad hoc committee on teaching awards (chairperson), member of student activities budget committee, homecoming committee, chaired homecoming parade committee, member of University Program Board, member of SAIL, delegate to National Association of Students of State Colleges and Universities, member of German Club, former member of University Players, previous member of

KWMU student staff, member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, received Student Affairs Award, selected to be in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students.

Platform: Bufo listed many items she wishes to work on or favors. Below is a list of items included in her platform statement: greater visibility for Central Council, standardization of credit hours within the university system, creation of an advisory board for student activities, need for increased security on campus, implementation of check cashing service, full student control over the student fees supporting the Chancellor's Contingency Fund, seek the appointment of a director for the Black Culture Room, establish a shuttle bus for Marillac, study pass/fail system, continue to support KWMU student staff in its effort for more air time, revise Senate committees without students on the, adopt new policies in programming of campus events, change budget allocations for athletics, work for more student time to use the Multi-Purpose Building, support establishment of dorms, establish lounges in buildings without them, have more grill sessions.

"In addition, I believe myself to be in contact with students, not just with day students, but also with evening students... I am prepared also to devote the time needed for the office. I have planned ahead so that I need to take a minimal amount of courses."

"I suppose you would sum it all up by saying that I don't mind asserting myself and expressing the opinions I have received from students."

BILL MCMULLAN [FUSION]: Qualifications: member of the Senate, served on Senate Executive and Publications Committees. Received Student Affairs Award, May 1976; representa-

tive to Central Council for the DPDL (Dr. Pepper Defense League) reported for the UMSL Current.

Platform: "We promise to stand up for students. We will do this by bringing fresh, enthusiastic and admittedly idealistic attitudes, student attitudes, to Central Council and the University. We will refuse to serve only as token students."

Student must have an opportunity to speak up and Fusion will give that to the students again."

"We will work to make Central Council a strong and more representative government. That is, Council will serve all of the students, and give all students a chance to join."

"Also, to change the social atmosphere on campus, we will survey the student body and if most students are over the legal age of 21, we will request that the Curators remove the ban of alcoholic beverages on campus."

MICHAEL COOPER [No party affiliation]: Qualifications: "I have very little experience in student government and I do not belong to any student organizations, but I do feel highly qualified for the position of president, otherwise I wouldn't apply."

Platform: "My platform is based on a representation of the majority of students that attend UMSL. It is my feelings that only a minority of students are involved in activities here on campus and in my campaigning I hope to bring out a majority of students to vote. It is this

majority that I belong to, a majority that takes no interest in campus organizations and activities, a majority that I hope wakes up in time for the election."

CHARLIE MAYS [ENERGY]: Qualifications: founder and president of Energy, member of Minority Student Service Coalition.

Platform: "I would like to see a better social atmosphere at UMSL. To do so we need more activities that involve all UMSL students and then we can stimulate the students. I would also like to explore the idea of more student voice."

"If UMSL is to survive as a university and continue to draw intelligent and interesting students like ourselves, UMSL must continue to offer an above-average education — but more important, students must be given more voice in what goes on at UMSL. Students are people too and not just student numbers."

DAN CRONE [SAIL]: Qualifications: Chairperson of Senate Student Affairs Committee, Central Council Administration Committee, Senate Bylaws and Rules Committee. Member of the following committees: Central Council committees — publicity, grievance, administrative; Arts and Sciences Honors Committee, Arts and Sciences Advising Committee, KWMU Advisory Board, KWMU Search Committee, Presidential Search, Chancellor's Committee on Student Activity Fees, Senate Curriculum, Senate Bylaws and

Rules, Senate Student Affairs, and the University Relations Board.

Platform: "As student body president some of the issues and projects I feel Council should work on are as follows:"

"We should continue the efforts started this year to bring contemporary programming to campus. Contemporary programming will add diversity to the programming of the campus. The Council needs to examine the possibility of restructuring the Program Board and also try to sponsor some events of its own."

"Council can take more initiative in campus politics by recommending issues to the student-faculty committees of the Senate and the Arts and Sciences College to consider."

"Council needs to work with Rick Blanton, director of student activities, to help promote activities which will improve the social life on the campus, and get more students involved."

"On athletics, council needs to make careful appointments to the Athletic Committee and request that the committee study the allocation of funds between sports, and between men and women. We need a track at UMSL, and this should be worked for by Council."

"Council's visibility to students still needs work because it remains poor, but we have come a lot closer to a possible solution with the newsletter designed to come out every two or three weeks."

"There is also the possibility of a closed radio system on the campus, broadcasting through the lounge, cafeteria, and snack bar."

At LAST!

Plans for expanding the UNIVERSITY CENTER are finally underway.

The UNIVERSITY CENTER Has been used at capacity levels since it was opened six years ago. Two years ago the UNIVERSITY CENTER Advisory Board surveyed the students to determine whether they would pay an increased activities fee for a variety of expansion ideas. Based on the survey results, the Advisory Board initiated a referendum to increase the student activities fee in order to finance the addition of some existing facilities. The referendum was passed overwhelmingly.

The reasons for the delay in planning and building are not fully known but now, more than a year after receiving the results of the referendum, the administration has given the go-ahead on the new structure. We have begun meetings with the architects, Hastings and Chivetta to view the alternatives for expansion of the UNIVERSITY CENTER.

We are looking at several ideas and want to let the students [the people who voted for the much-needed space] in on the plans, to offer your ideas along with ours. To do this we will sponsor two open meetings on April 13th. The first will be from 11 am to 1 pm in room 121 J.C. Penny Building, and the second will be from 5:30 pm to 7 pm in room 208 Lucas Hall.

A representative from Hastings and Chivetta will be at both meetings to review the plans to date and to take any ideas from any students present. We invite you to attend. You will be the people using the New Space, and we welcome your suggestions.

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"Council needs to devote some time to the proposal for a student-operated radio station over a 20-mile radius, or larger."

Vice-Presidential candidates

JEANE GROSSMAN [SAIL]: Qualifications: member of Central Council, Central Council Secretary ('76-'77), president of SAIL ('76-'77), chairperson of homecoming king and queen committee, chairperson of council's ad hoc committee on parking, member of publicity committee.

Platform: "Some of the many things I would like to work on include expanding the number of events to be held during the day, increasing the variety of outdoor programming, and assist in the implementation of dorms. I feel that these areas are related, in that the improvement of them will lead to the improvement of UMSL's "social life" as well as giving the students a bond or sense of belonging to the UMSL community."

"Internally, I would like to work on committee membership and strive to involve more students who are not council members since council is composed of both organizational and elec-

ted representatives, I see a real need in working to increase council's availability to help organizations and to give them added knowledge concerning the working of council. This could also be applied to the student body as a whole, which has drifted away from council. One possibility is workshops and open forums concerning Central Council and what it can do for them."

JOHN D. MILLS [USC]: Qualifications: member of Central Council, Chairman of the University Center Advisory Board, member of Honors Committee Advisory Board, elected representative to the UMSL Senate.

Platform: "I like to see revision of programming (i.e.) proposed rock concerts, additional entertainment; proposed advisory board for student activities, propose outdoor activities (i.e.) camping, skiing, float trips; standardization of credit hours within the University system, revision of pass/fail system."

"I feel that I am qualified for the vice president position because I've been active as a student representative, as an advocate for student interest. I feel with my extensive knowledge in the field of communication I can generate enthusiasm amongst fellow students who I have known and hope to meet."

TODD BERGER [No party affiliation]: Qualifications: student government experience in high school, administrative office of Energy.

Platform: Berger states the he is, "Committed to bringing about a better social and educational atmosphere at UMSL. I believe a unification of the student body can be brought about by an increase in the participation in social events on campus."

Representatives

TONY BELL [SAIL, FUSION]: Qualifications: Central Council representative, active in publicity and grievance committees, yearbook coordinator, high school experience.

Platform: "I would like to work for better communication on all levels of this university involving the various student organizations and the students themselves. I also would like to see blacks and other minorities get actively involved in all aspects of the university life, and I favor saving the old Administration building."

MARY BAGLEY [SAIL]: Qualifications: Served for two semesters on the interdisciplinary committee, wrote for Confluence.

Platform: "This past year, I have become involved in issues concerning the old Administration Building and the Open University. By running for student government, I hope to increase the communication between students and faculty, thus

giving the students a greater voice in the government."

JOHN BLAHO [SAIL]: Qualifications: member of UMSL Senate, 1976-77, 1977-78; member of SAIL, past member of UMSL Marketing Club.

Platform: "I merely wish to represent the student body to the best of my ability. Through involvement and participation in government, I support contemporary programming."

DONNA M. BORGMEYER [SAIL]: Qualifications: "I have served on Central Council during my past three years at UMSL. Last year I served as chairperson of the Publicity Committee; currently, I served as treasurer."

Platform: "I truly believe that Central Council is a service to the students. I would like to see Central Council's services to the UMSL community continue such services as Course Evaluation, Communiversity and the yearbook. I would also like to see Central Council increase its role in university decisions and development."

JACK BOWER [USC]: Qualifications: none Listed.

Platform: Bowers said he would like to "better relations between the individual students and student government," and "to also try and better publicize the facilities and services available to students."

DONNA DENNER [SAIL]: Qualifications: Publicity Committee on Central Council, three years on high school student government, president of j-class, member of National Honor Society.

Platform: "The main reason I am running for representative is because I want to get involved. I want to get to know other people and help help UMSL with some of its problems and faults."

"After completing one semester at UMSL, I have been told that UMSL is a good school for an education, but it is not a university for any type of school social life or for meeting new people. I feel this statement is false, because I see many opportunities for UMSL students if they just wish to seek them. I think many people should get involved, and before I can share my thoughts and ideas with others, I must first get involved and help."

DALE FANNIN [SAIL]: Qualifications: Central Council representative, 1976-77, worked on grievance committee, and publicity, worked on University Senate, varsity soccer player, pledge to Alpha Phi Omega.

Platform: "1) promotion of student involvement on campus activities, 2) reduction of parking fees. Through my experience in student government and participation in various activities, I am familiar with a variety of student interests and needs."

PATRICIA J. FISCHER [SAIL]: Qualifications: member of SAIL.

Platform: "I wish to become involved and informed of student affairs and to actively work to represent the student body, in the UMSL community."

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Student Body Elections

Wed.-Thurs April 6-7

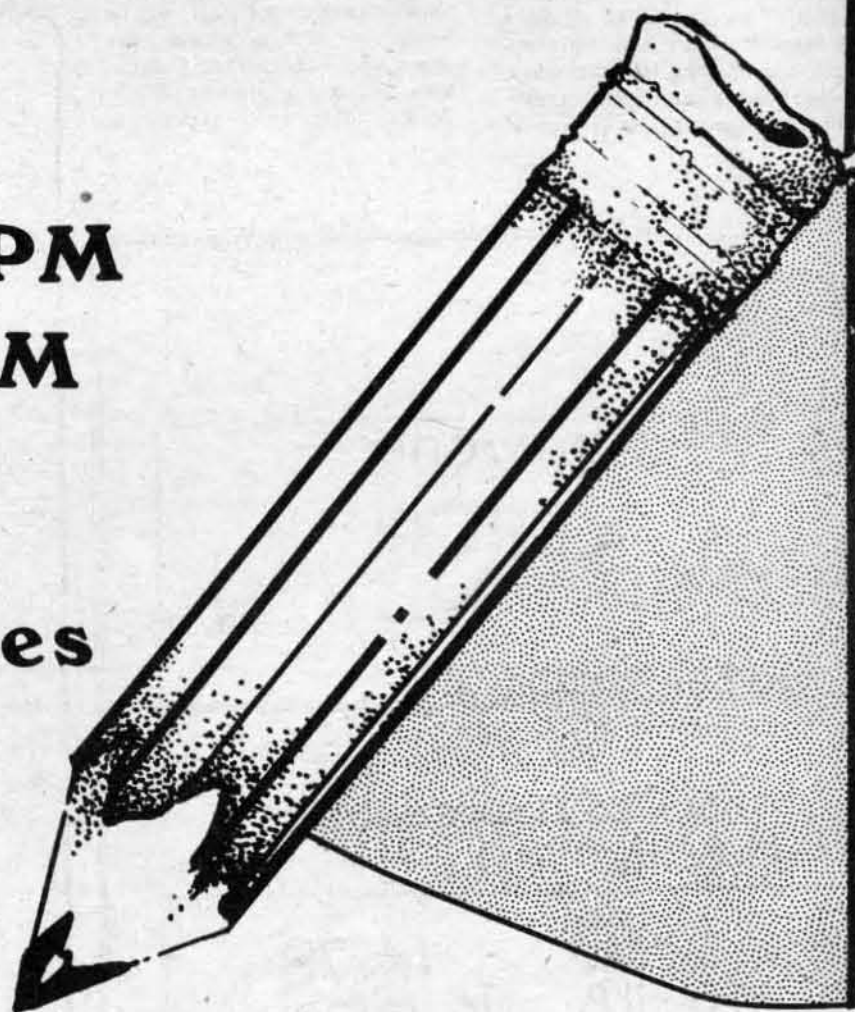
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Student Body President
Vice President
Representatives



editorials

Choice for student president

The field for the student body presidential elections has attracted five candidates with varying degrees of experience that offer voters a number of choices. Unfortunately a strong voice has not emerged from the vice-presidential candidates leaving voters little clear choice.

Apathy is the one outstanding feature that surrounds UMSL elections and it has drawn a candidate who is seeking those who would normally not vote. Mike Cooper is running on a platform which calls for students to become involved in creating a wave of student participation. His proposals for more contemporary programming and a bowling alley are sound ideas for raising student interest on campus. He also supports a university wide lobbying group which he thinks would be able to gather answers for questions students might have about university policy such as tenure regulations.

While Cooper has a grasp of many of the problems experienced on campus, his platform lacks depth and his inexperience in government or other student involvement would mean a great deal of his time would be spent in learning the job.

Lack of a broad platform and being a relative newcomer to UMSL politics also characterizes the candidacy of Charlie Mays. Mays, however, brings considerable potential for the future in his proposal to seek the opinions of those students not already active in the UMSL community. He would do so by means of polls and questionnaires that should add considerable weight and direction to student government. Mays should pursue the idea whether or not he is elected.

Beyond improving the social atmosphere on campus and giving students a greater voice, Mays wants to see the return of dances on the campus. He also feels that the proposed number of dorms are not sufficient for student needs and questions the worth of their establishment.

Of the remaining three candidates it is clear that they all are sufficiently experienced to warrant their election by the student body. They all bring special talents to the job.

For Dan Crone, this is his third attempt at the presidency and voters should be generally aware of his accomplishments. His role as leader of the Fighting Spirit has mainly been an investigative one and he has done much to make the student body aware of excess funds flowing into the parking fees account and to the student bond retirement accounts. He would serve well as a watchdog of student interests.

What strikes us odd though is Crone's endorsement by the party that opposed him the last two elections. A somewhat maverick candidate in the past it is wondered whether the Student Action and Involvement League (S.A.I.L.) has adopted Crone's more outspoken views on student issues or whether Crone's position has shifted to gain the endorsement of his previous opposition.

He has embraced the current S.A.I.L. leadership's proposal calling for Council to embark on its own contemporary programming for on campus events, separate from

the University Program Board. While the intent of the proposal is of benefit to students, the solution should be worked out within the student controlled programming board.

Crone is also a supporter of UMSL athletics and greater attendance at the games. Along with this, he supports the creation of dorms and seeks better publicity for council through a bi-weekly newsletter. His candidacy should be given serious consideration by the voters.

The candidacy of Barb Bufe, however, is the one in which we believe would best serve the student body, and the Current therefore recommends her election. She has done an admirable job in collecting material for course evaluation and was leader of the one service which moved ahead during a Council which saw many of its programs either falling apart or standing still.

Furthermore, her platform is well thought out and calls for greater participation and control of student activities through the increase use of student boards. She believes that Council should not get involved in campus programming beyond the student committee which presently assists Stephanie Kries.

She is also interested in safer lighting around the campus and in surrounding areas. Along with this are proposals to look into athletic funding and a desire to open up Council to the majority of the student body.

Hopefully, she will be able to bring sororities and fraternities back into a more active role in the university and use the office to more fully speak out on the issues.

For those seeking a fresh approach to student government, the candidacy of Bill McMullan offers an alternative to both Crone and Bufe. Although McMullan's ability to lead in student government is somewhat untested, his ideas on many issues are enlightening and voters might well find them the most progressive of the candidates.

Particularly, we cite the criticism of Council committee and board members not being prepared or following through with their committee work. His ideas for a student programming director to evaluate possible entertainment options on campus in order to assist Kries is a well thought out solution.

His belief that Council should become more research oriented appears wise for a legislative and lobbying group. If he can follow through on his proposals he would be an active and well thought out voice for the student body.

For vice-president we find the candidacy of Jeanne Grossman to be the best in a weak field of candidates. Her experience with Council projects such as course evaluation will make her the most desired for the second slot. She brings more experience to the job than John Mills or Todd Berger and the Current recommends her election.

For president: *Barb Bufe*
For vice president: *Jeanne Grossman*

Worst team defended

Dear Editor:

I feel that I must take issue with your reporter Steve Benz when he asserts that the Stump Jumpers are "the worst intramural basketball team in UMSL's history," (Current, Feb. 17, 1977).

Benz has allowed his judgement to be swayed by the selective use of statistics, albeit those conventionally quoted by some sports writers.

May I suggest that readers (and Benz) consider the following records amassed by the official Stump Jumper match statistician, which prove that by any reasonable standard, the team is probably the University's best ever:

1. Sports experts now recognize that "assists" are more important than points scored. The Stump Jumpers have an enviable record of assists—an average of 501 per match. No team can claim more.

2. Basketball has frequently been termed "the art of deceiving the opposition", (Saperstein,

1923; House, 1977). Nothing deceives an opponent more than fumbling a pass or a dribble. (The opponent having taken up a defensive position in anticipation of an offensive Stump Jumper play is non-plussed by the Stump Jumper's cleverly contrived fumble, especially if the ball then goes out of bounds.) In only two seasons, the Stump Jumper's deceived their opponents thus on more than three thousand occasion.

3. No team known to the official U.S. Government basketball archivist (the Harlem Globetrotters excluded) has dropped-kicked more baskets than the Stump Jumpers. Therefore, it may be assumed that Jack Houses's men (and Elaine Gartner) hold that sought-after record.

I rest my case! The Stump Jumpers are indeed "record breakers" and clearly more objectivity is required from reporter Benz in the future.

Name withheld upon request

Requests votes for pres, veep

Dear Editor:

Elections for student body officers and Central Council representative will be held April 6 and 7. These elections are important to the students of UMSL, as those elected will be representing their interests during the next year. Because of the important nature of these proceedings, we feel it is necessary to relay our feelings about the upcoming elections.

We support Dan Crone for President. Crone's qualifications are impeccable. Dan has been a member of Central Council for each of his three years at UMSL, and has been a member of the 'University Senate' for the last two years. He has served as a member or chairperson of over a dozen committees in his three years on campus.

Crone's interest in representing the students is also unquestionable. Dan has worked on such areas as the fight to save the old Administration building, the investigation into the University Center portion of Student Activity fees, and the investigation of use of parking fees. In short Dan Crone has proven that he is not afraid to take a stand for student interest.

Crone has been endorsed by two on-campus political groups.

The Student Action and Involvement League (SAIL) endorsed Crone over two other candidates, one of whom was a two-year member of SAIL. The other organization, the Fighting Spirit, has also endorsed Crone.

Running for Vice-President on the SAIL ticket is Jeanne Grossman. Jeanne is presently Secretary of Central Council, and has served on several committees of Central Council. Her involvement with student government and interest in serving student needs place her foremost among the candidates for Vice-President.

We urge you, the students of UMSL, to read the qualifications and platforms of the candidates. Then choose those people you feel would do the best job of representing student interest. We believe that there is one choice that stands out — that is the SAIL ticket of Dan Crone for President and Jeanne Grossman for Vice-President. We endorse them and would hope that UMSL students will elect them April 6 and 7.

Stephen Platt
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Central Council elections

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DANIEL C. FLANAKIN [FIGHTING SPIRIT]: Qualifications: Central Council representative and chairperson of Grievance committee.

Platform: "As a representative I would attempt to do the following things: 1) I would like to improve the contemporary programming on this campus. This could be done, not only through the Program Board, but through the sponsorship of central Council. 2) I would like to increase student activities. This could be accomplished by working with the student activities director, Rick Blanton, to provide manpower and publicity for increased student activities. 3) I would like to make Council more visible. This could possibly be accomplished by a bi-monthly newsletter or something similar. 4) I would like to increase student input into University decisions."

AL GOSS [USC]: Qualifications: "I am presently involved in various student organizations as an officeholder."

Platform: "I would like to work for a student atmosphere responsive to the needs of all the UMSL campus."

DINA HENDERSHOT [USC]: Qualifications: Alpha Xi Delta's representative to Central Council, elected member of Central Council.

Platform: "I would like to see more student involvement on this campus. I feel that with my past experience on the council, I could be a great help in the upcoming year."

CHRIS HENDERSON [FIGHTING SPIRIT]: Qualifications: one year high school student representative, one year treasurer and one year vice president of St. Monic Catholic Youth Council.

Platform: "In my opinion there must be more student input into the workings and considerations of Central Council. The Council members need to keep the student body informed of the Council's functions and operations. Extracurricular activities need more extensive promotion on the part of the activity sponsors and participants, i.e. coaches, directors and leaders. Greater participation by those directly involved will serve to motivate student interest."

MARY HOFER [SAIL]: Qualifications: elected council rep. '76-'77, served on U. Center Advisory Board and U. Center Expansion Committee, publicity committee, coffeehouses, homecoming king and queen committees.

Platform: "I would like to have the chance to follow up on a few things Council has been working on this year. I'd like to help Council get more and better publicity about school and Council functions. Hopefully, better publicity will get more students involved in campus activities. I would like to see better student oriented programming on campus. I am also concerned about why the Fundamentals of Algebra (Math 02) can't be a credit course. As of now you don't get the credit hours, but the grade counts in your G.P.A., which I think is unfair."

ART JOHNSON [No party affiliation]: Qualifications: none listed.

Platform: "To increase the student involvement at UMSL."

JERRY KLINGLER [FIGHTING SPIRIT]: Qualifications: Central Council representative for APO, member of APO for three years, holding various

positions within that organization.

Platform: "I would like to find out what will happen to the pool, the tennis courts, basketball courts when the old Administration Building gets torn down, and where will they be replaced. I would also like to see more student involvement in campus activities and more student say in these activities. I think that the Program Committee should bring contemporary events to campus, such as big names in rock music, instead of always Shakespeare type events."

NANCY MAHONEY [USC]: Qualifications: involved with UMSL Senate and Beta Sigma Gamma sorority.

Platform: "I plan to work for the betterment of all UMSL students and to contribute to the student government."

GLENN OWENS [no party affiliation]: Qualifications: membership on UMSL Track Club, treasurer of Track Club.

Platform: "I believe revisions should be made in the athletic program. First, funds should be more proportionately distributed among the sports. Second, a serious and practical plan should be developed for providing UMSL with a track in the near future. Also, I believe that changes should be made in the pass/fail option. Finally, I am a believer in the proposal that the old Administration building can be saved and renovated."

BILL POWERS [USC]: Qualifications: Central Council representative, member of the publicity committee.

Platform: "While I am serving on Central Council I will do my best to express the feelings of the students and to keep the students informed on the issues

that may have an affect on University policies."

GEORGE REED [SAIL]: Qualifications: member of Central Council, served on publicity and parking committees.

Platform: "I favor organizations whose purpose is to promote student activism on the UMSL campus. I support efforts to bring contemporary entertainment to UMSL. I also recommend a reduction in student parking fees."

DAN SAYLE [USC]: Qualifications: Central Council representative, chairperson of Curriculum Committee.

Platform: "I would like to see more student control over what goes on here at UMSL and the university and become more attuned to the needs and rights of the students. I also favor rock concerts on campus. I favor revisions of the pass/fail option."

EARL SWIFT [FIGHTING SPIRIT]: Qualifications: production chief and news staff writer for the Current, member of Central Council Grievance Committee, assistant coordinator of the yearbook.

Platform: "I would like to see a study on the reorganization of programming procedures. I support allocation of a small fund for the maintenance of UMSL ducks. I would also support building a more direct route to the Marillac campus, having library hours increased and would back bringing ROTC classes to UMSL."

MARY TRIPODI [USC]: Qualifications: member of Delta Zeta, has held offices in sororities.

Platform: "I believe that UMSL has a lot to give for it's students but all facilities aren't used in the right perspective.

There should be more available in the Multi-Purpose Building for students, and not just for those in varsity sports. Adequate security systems should be stressed, along with more lighting. Each student should feel free to come and go whenever they want, and not have to worry about danger. I also believe that the pass/fail option should be changed in the foreign language department."

EARL VOSS [USC]: Qualifications: involvement in intramurals and various student organizations.

Platform: Voss wants to "work for better relations between students and government and more coordination between student groups and government." He wants to "see about keeping the Multi-Purpose Building open more hours and generally getting more students involved."

SUSAN WALTON [SAIL]: Qualifications: member of Central Council. Platform: "I would like to see more efforts made to get more students in campus activities. I support the idea of having better organization in Central Council meetings so that issues can be dealt with faster and more accurately."

TONI WEHRLE [SAIL]: Qualifications: member of Central Council, editor of Confluence, member of publicity committee and SAIL.

Platform: Wehrle states that she would support contemporary programming and wants to involve more students in campus affairs and programs.

DUAIN TAYLOR [FUSION]: Qualifications: Central Council representative, member of Dr. Lee Defense League.

Platform: supports Fusion platform.

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Around UMSL

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Thursday

TAX SERVICE: Beta Alpha Psi will offer a tax service in room 156 University Center from 8:30 to 2 p.m.

MEETING: Bible Study will be held at 11:40 a.m. in room 155 University Center.

KAFFEE STUNDE: German Club will have its weekly coffee hour in room 121 J.C. Penney Building at 12:40 p.m.

MEETING: The UMSL Senate will meet in room 222 J.C. Penney Building at 3:15

Friday

GALLERY 210: with the assistance of Guest Director Joel Glassman, is sponsoring an exhibit during the month of April called "Graphic Art and the Chinese Revolution." The exhibition will consist of graphic art produced by artist in the People's Republic of China. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sat. and Sun. at 210 Lucas Hall.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Packets will be available for the day divisions and graduate school for the summer and fall semesters in the lobby of the Administration Building.

MEETING: The Social Work Club will meet in room 121 J.C. Penney Building at 8:30 a.m.

MEETING: Evening College Honor Society will meet at 9 p.m. in room 205 Lucas Hall.

LUNCHEON MEETING: Phi Beta Kappa will have lunch in room 78 J.C. Penney Building at noon.

MEETING: Energy will meet at 1:30 p.m. in room 126 J.C. Penney Building.

RECEPTION: A reception will be held in Gallery 210 for the newly arrived "Graphic Art and the Chinese Revolution" pictures.

FRENCH CLUB: The meeting for "des etudiants du Cercle francais" will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Roger Noel's house, 1252 Moorlands Drive, Richmond Heights. Bring something to eat or drink.



Tuesday

BASEBALL: UMSL vs. Mc Kendree College at 1 p.m. at UMSL.

MEETING: There will be an informational meeting of all those interested in serving on the 1977-78 Women's Center Governing Board at noon in 107A Benton Hall.

TENNIS: UMSL Women's Division vs. Meramec, at 4 p.m. at UMSL.

SOFTBALL: UMSL Women's Division vs. Southeast Mo. State at UMSL.

KOFFEE KLOTCH: sponsored by the Evening College from 5:30 to 8:30 in the 3rd floor Lucas Hall lobby.

FILM: "Tom Jones" will be shown at 8:15 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

Wednesday

ELECTIONS: Central Council will have its general elections from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the SSB and University Center Lobbies.

DINNER AND MEETING: The Business School Alumni Board will have a dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. in rooms 78 and 229 J.C. Penney Building.

TENNIS: UMSL Men's Division vs. Eastern Illinois at 3 p.m. at UMSL.

BASEBALL: UMSL vs. SIU/Edwardsville at 1:30 p.m. at Edwardsville

KOFFEE KLOTCH: The Evening College will have a Koffee Klotch on the 3rd floor of the Lucas Hall Lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday

ELECTIONS: Central Council will be having the general elections at the University Center and SSB lobbies from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MEETING: Bible Study will meet in room 155 University Center at 11:40 a.m.

SNACK AND RAP: Sponsored by the Minority Student Service Coalition at 1:30 p.m. in room 78 J.C. Penney Building.

Saturday

FILM: "The duchess and the Dirtwater Fox" will be shown at 8 p.m. in room 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is 75 cents with an UMSL ID.

OPERA WORKSHOP: A fine arts performance directed by Gertrude Ribla will be in the Education Auditorium at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is \$1.

DISCO DANCE: Sponsored by Student Activities and Epsilon Beta Gamma will begin at 8 p.m. in the UMSL Snack Bar and will boogie on until 12:30 a.m. UMSL ID required, no admission charge.

TEST: The ACT test will be given at 7:30 a.m. in rooms 120, 201, and 211 Benton Hall.

COMMUNIVERSITY: Figure Drawing will be presented at 9:30 a.m. in room 132 SSB.

TENNIS: UMSL vs. Columbia College and St. Louis U. in the Women's Division beginning 9 a.m. at UMSL, tennis courts opposite U. Center.

MEETING: St. Louis Association of Wargamers will meet at noon in room 222 J.C. Penney.

BASEBALL: UMSL vs. Moorhead State at 1 p.m. at UMSL.

Sunday

TEST: The ACT test will be given in rooms 120, 201, and 211 Benton Hall.

SUNDAY FUN RUNS: these are biweekly, informal runs; designed to promote running as a conditioning, competitive and social activity. No sign ups or entry fees. 10 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building. These are sponsored by the UMSL track club. For more information call Jerry Young, 381-0047.

MEETING: Beta Alpha Psi will meet at noon in room 222 J.C. Penney Building.

VARIETY SHOW: The Minority Student Service Coalition will have a variety show at 4 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

MEETING: Delta Zeta will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. in room 155 University Center.

MEETING: Alpha Xi Delta will have a Corporation Meeting at 5 p.m. in room 78 J.C. Penney

MEETING: Pi Kappa Alpha will be having its pledges at 6 p.m. in room 266 University Center.

MEETING: Sigma Pi will meet at 7 p.m. in room 126 J.C. Penney Building.

FILM AND MEETING: The Sahara Divers Club will have a film and a meeting for new members at 7 p.m. in room 75 J.C. Penney Building.

MEETING: Pi Kappa Alpha will meet in room 72 J.C. Penney Building at 7 p.m.

Monday

BOOKSALE: UMSL bookstore is having a book sale in the University Center Lobby from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Packets will be available on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for day division and at 101 Administration Building from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the evening division, daily.

LECTURE: Sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi, the guest speakers are Dr. James Edwards and Dr. Arthur Wyatt. They will speak on "The Financial Accounting Standard Board from Two Different Perspectives." It will be 10:30 a.m. at the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

UMSL ODDITIES

by Bill Wilson



Receive free campus medical care

Terry Mahoney
Students are often surprised at the extent to which services are offered by the Student Health Center, according to Dr. Philip Shanahan, the center's part-time physician. The center, in room 126 of the New Administration Building, performs

to compete with family doctors. Shanahan has been at UMSL since 1970. He graduated from St. Louis University's School of Medicine in 1964, and is on the staff of Northwest and Northeast Christian Hospitals and at De Paul Hospital. He is at the center from 7:30

many students do not realize that their health insurance can sometimes cover referrals to specialists that he sometimes gives. Take advantage of the Health Center's free advise and treatment. The only possible cost incurred would be for medications not available at the center or for off-campus treatment. The center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 to 5:00 Friday, with nurses on duty.

features

blood counts and checks for venereal disease among other lab tests.

"Generally we take care of things that students get worried about," says Shanahan, "things like lumps or bumps or changes in moles." He says that the work is similar to what he has encountered in private general practice, though he emphasizes that the center is not designed

to 9:30 on weekday mornings there from 9:00 to 10:30. Shanahan except Wednesdays, when he is here says that there have been some complaints about these hours, especially from evening students. He says that there is a possibility that he may have hours one night a week sometime in the future.

One thing which Shanahan expresses concern about is that

CORRECTION

In the March 17 issue of the Current, an error was made concerning the origin of disco music. Discotheques featuring the new beat sprung up in American gay and black communities simultaneously. Contrary to the article, gay groups did not singlehandedly introduce disco to the American public. The Current regrets this error.

As a matter of fact... Old beer makes good insecticide

Anne Barber

Spring break provided you with a much needed respite from the second semester doldrums. Now spring fever is in the air and partying is on your mind. You decide to give a rousing party next weekend... but then you think about the morning-after mess. Oh, is it worth all the half-full beer cans, food scraps, and ashtrays piled high with cigarettes and cigar butts? You bet!

According to F. Smith of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, stale beer is the best killer of slugs and snails.

Just pour the left-over beer in shallow pans and place them on the ground. It will attract ten times as many pests as the standard bait, metaldehyde; the varments crawl into the pans and drown. Can you think of a better way to go?!

Plants love table scraps. Left-

overs can be placed in a compost pile to add nourishment to your garden soil.

And to protect your plants from nasty aphids, use "nicotine tea" made from tobacco butts. To make this tea, add two or three butts to a cup of water and soak until water is brownish. Then mix tea with soapsuds and dip plants in it or use in a spray.

The tea also kills common soil pests, including symphillids, fungus gnats, and springtails. For this, pour a cup of the tea around the base of the plant. But never use this solution on tomatoes, peppers, petunias, or eggplants because the nicotine will kill them.

These uses for the trash left over from parties will make your cleaning up less of a chore and more of a benefit for your garden and houseplants. Enjoy spring fever and warm weather fun. Don't let the morning after mess ruin your party plans.

Christopher McKarton



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

"In the course of human events one thing is certain: Black people may not get everything that we pay for, but we will certainly pay for everything that we get."

Sunday 4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Variety Show. A soul spectacular with some fine St. Louis area talent. Comedian Bobby Norfolk will be the Master of Ceremonies. No one will be admitted without a ticket that can be obtained free at the Information Desk, prior to the event. J.C. Penny Auditorium.

Wednesday 12:00 Noon. Grand Opening of Black Culture Room. Come see the new room, rap with friends, and enjoy refreshments. 254 University Center.

Monday 10:00 a.m. Midwest Conference on Higher Education. Speakers from Inroads, Inc. will discuss pertinent collegiant issues. 225 J.C. Penny.

Thursday 12:00 Noon. Brown Bag Discussion on Women, Class and Race. Women's Center, 107A Benton Hall.

1:30 p.m. Snac & Rap, Part II: The Drama of Roots and Its Present Day Implications. A discussion on how Blacks still must pay for whatever we get. 78 J.C. Penny.

BLACK CULTURE WEEK

APRIL 3-9

12:00 Noon. Brown Bag Discussion on Women, Class, and Race. Womes's Center, 107A Benton Hall.

7:00 p.m. Basketball Game. Disc-jockeys from radio station KATZ will challenge a team of UMSL students. Multi-Purpose Building.

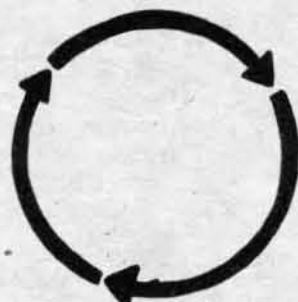
7:00 p.m. Combooley Dance Troupe. An entertaining performance of West Indian and African dance. J.C. Penny Auditorium.

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Snac & Rap, Part I: Getting Over or Getting Hung. A discussion about Black student involvement in UMSL's political processes. 78 J.C. Penny.

Friday 11:45 a.m. The Pathology of Oppression. A lecture by the noted human rights activist, Florence Kennedy.

Saturday 8:00 p.m. Party Time. A concert and dance with a mock night club set-up. Guests must have a college I.D. to attend. Snack Par.

For further information, call the Black Culture Room at 453-5949, or the UMSL Information Desk, 453-5148.



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Lounge in local hotel luxury

Anne Barber

If you couldn't make any plans to get away over spring vacation but long for a change of scenes, treat yourself to a stay in one of St. Louis' fine hotels. Not only will you be able to enjoy the leisure of a vacation anytime, but it will cost less. And its convenient location will save you from long, tiring hours of driving.

Here are five ritzy hotels and what they have to offer for your enjoyment.

The Marriot, located by the airport, offers lighted tennis courts and putting greens for the sports-minded guest. They also have saunas, whirlpool baths, and an equipped exercise room inside. The Windjammer Discotheque promises a fun evening of dancing.

There are two restaurants: Fazio's Crepe House (specializing in crepes) and The Hanger (famous for its steak and lobster and its Sunday brunches). Also located inside are beauty and barber shops, a game room, the Firehouse Tavern lounge, a gift shop, and a TWA ticket office.

The Marriott pride themselves on their cleanliness and service. Their rooms range in price: \$33-40 for a single, \$39-46 for a double, \$80 for a suite with one bed, \$120 for a suite with two beds, \$80 for a Cardinal suite (separate bedroom and living room), and \$125 for the bi-level suite (bedroom and livingroom on different levels).

The Breckenridge Inn, located near Frontenac Plaza and Le Chateau, believe their guests deserve special treatment. From five to six o'clock, they provide a cocktail party at no charge. Current flicks can be picked up at the desk and shown on their closed circuit television channel.

In the lounge, the Breckenridge fosters a cozy atmosphere with music for dancing by a live band. They have a Continental

Cuisine and serve a Sunday brunch. Their location is not only good for shopping, but just across the way there is a grocery store, a drugstore, beauty and barber shops, a cleaners, and a card shop.

Prices for rooms with one bed are \$39, with double-beds are \$46.50. If there are more than two staying in a room, an additional \$6 per person is required. Also available are connecting rooms, suites, and parlors at about \$60.

The Sheraton at West Port also offers many places to shop. They take pride in giving their guest that "at home" feeling. Their restaurant specializes in Viennese foods and serves a Sunday brunch. In their lounge they feature a band for dancing.

The rooms in their main building go for \$28 for a single and \$34 for a double. The Sheraton has just finished a new building referred to as the "tower building" which has larger rooms priced at \$30 for a single and \$36 for a double. Their suites are impressive a fireplace in the bedrooms and a walk-out balcony. These range in price from \$62 in the main building to \$76 in the tower building.

Stan Musial and Biggie's Hilton Inn, across from the airport, will be opening a new discotheque on April 1. Presently, Barbara Gaviella entertains in the piano-bar lounge. Their restaurant has the same menu as the Oakland branch, but his is much more interesting. Here the restaurant has a window ceiling to let sunshine in during the day and moonlight at night.

For the sports-minded guest, they have tennis courts. The children even have their own playground to play in. There are two main choices for rooms: the main building or a private chalet with an optional kitchenette. Prices are the same — \$24 for a single and \$32 to \$35 for a double. Hilton offers a special group rate with the added interest of requesting Stan Musial to meet and sign autographs for the group.

The Cheshire Inn, near Clayton and Skinker, is known for its prime-rib steaks. Even though the inn offers no dancing, Bill Benson, who has played piano and sung there for eight years, offers excellent entertainment. And for more entertainment through-out the city, Cheshire offers double-decker buses to take their guests to sport events



the opera, and other amusements.

Rooms run \$29 for a single bed and \$39 for a double bed.

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Students unearth Mexico's cultural goldmine

Mary Bagley

The splendor of Mexico brings to mind bullfighting, ancient pyramids, the Temples of the Sun and Moon, the sunswept beaches of Acapulco, and deep-sea fishing.

Imagine yourself as a matador facing a raging bull in the midst of a roaring crowd, or as an archeologist digging through the ancient ruins of Teotihuacan.

Over the past six years, over 250 students from UMSL and ten other area schools have had the opportunity to experience many of these things. The Sixth Annual Academic Program, not an UMSL-sponsored activity, but under the direction of UMSL Spanish Professor Luis Clay, offered four weeks of touring Mexico and exposure to the language and culture of Mexico.

In past programs, the students have accumulated many memorable and exciting experiences. Special permission was granted for the students to dig in the archeological zone at Teotihuacan, site of the ancient Aztec pyramids. Charlie Mays, an UMSL student, found an artifact which had once been catalogued by the Mexican museum and had apparently been lost again.

"One of the most beautiful sights," said Clay, "was when we got to see the setting sun along the horizon of the pyramids."

The group chartered a bus and went to Cuernadaca, a city called "the ideal climate of Mexico" where Cortez built his summer palace. The group visited many famous pre-Columbian landmarks. They saw the Castle of Chapultepec, the Puebla, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, Taxco (a city famous for its silver), the Museum of Anthropology, and the Cathedral and Government Palace.

Many feel that the most exciting part of the program is Acapulco. "In Acapulco I got to do many things I had never done before," said Clay. The group

stayed at a seaside hotel called the El Cid, went deep-sea fishing and every boat was guaranteed a trophy of either a shark or a sailfish. "My wife caught a nine foot sailfish—about four feet taller than she is," said Clay. Sail parachuting is another favorite pastime when in Acapulco and many claim that the view of Acapulco Bay is fantastic.

No tour is complete without a bullfight. Clay and his group take it a step further by renting a bullring, complete with several bulls and lessons on bullfighting. According to tradition, the group watches a floor show while they are served dinner before the bullfights begin. Margueritas, strong alcoholic Mexican drinks of tequila, are served and when it is time to fight the bulls, most of the group are ready to fight anything.

The matador chooses the bravest or drunkest guy and asks him to stand in the middle of the bullring. He is told not to move. Then a charging bull is let out. The record for standing in the middle of the ring is five seconds; no one, so far, has passed this test of bravery.

Many students have fought a bull and none of them has been hurt; even nine-year-old Eddie Clay had an opportunity to fight a bull.

The program offers three full weeks in Mexico City, where the students attend the Iberoamerican University. Academic credit is given to approved Spanish courses, which include beginning, intermediate, or advanced Spanish. There are many other non-credit courses offered, such as dancing, painting, singing, art, and various crafts.

While attending the University, the students live in a family setting with a Mexican family and roommate. The homes are located within walking distance of the university.

Joe Dreyer, an UMSL senior, commented, "It was really neat



OLE, AMIGO!: UMSL Spanish professor Luis Clay demonstrates his dexterous wrist on a pint-sized calf, outside of Mexico City. Any willing students on the annual Mexico trip can also try their hand at bullfighting. [Photo courtesy of Luis Clay.]

to live in a foreign country. I lived with a Mexican family and since they didn't speak English, I was forced to speak Spanish. Although I was attending the Iberoamerican University, it didn't seem like school; it was very relaxing. I had a lot of fun."

Students take this program for several reasons: some sign up because it offers a certain area of adventure, some take it to improve their knowledge of Spanish and receive academic credit, and many sign up simply because they have gone before and enjoyed it.

Tom Schleicher, a Spanish II student at UMSL, said "I have never been to Mexico and I want to become fluent in the language. I think this is a very good way to get total exposure."

Ann Coslet, an UMSL junior who is planning the trip for the first time, commented, "It is a great opportunity not only to experience first-hand the culture and the language, but you also have a chance to get a great tan."

Charlie Mays, who has taken the trip two times, said, "We really had a good time. In the past two years that I went, my Spanish has improved considerably. I'm planning on going back again."

Clay is planning another program for the 1977 semester. The

program begins June 16 and last until July 12. The cost is \$512.00 which includes round trip flight, travel in Mexico, tuition, room and board, three meals a day, and a three day stay at a seaside hotel in Acapulco.

"The price is based on a group rate. This is one of the reasons we have been so successful in past programs," said Clay.

The program is not limited to college students, nor does one need to know the Spanish language. So far, over 40 people have signed up for the program.

Days numbered before metric system adopted

Earl Swift

On a typical day in the not-so-distant future, the average UMSL student will pull his car out of the driveway and head for school. Along the way, he will have a speed limit of 89 kph on Interstate 70.

Once there, he will be able to boast of getting his Vega up to 163 the day before, and no one will question his claim.

Farfetched? Perhaps not, once the United States shifts totally to the metric system of weights and measures.

The country is already moving toward the switchover. Just outside Rolla, Missouri, a sign on Interstate 44 designates St. Louis as both a 100 mile and 161 kilometer distance.

The U.S. Armed Forces, particularly the Army, have almost entirely switched over to metric measurements.

Many major U.S. soft drink manufacturers are now offering their products in liter-size bottles.

In short, the United States is striving to catch up with the rest of the world.

There are major reasons for the switchover. The metric system saves time and is easier to use since it is constructed around base ten. This means all figures are in multiples of ten.

Terminology for the system is also simpler. A series of prefixes denote varying powers of ten, affixed to the same base word: for example, kilometer, decimeter.

In measuring distance, the meter is the base value. Fractions of this distance (approximately 39 inches) are denoted by

such prefixes as "centi" (one hundredth) and "milli" (one thousandth). Larger distances are denoted by such as kilo (1,000).

The basic unit of volume, the liter, utilizes the same prefixes, keeping the system uniform and thus avoiding confusion. The same rules apply to the basic unit of weight, the gram, and units of area and bulk, the square and cubic meter, respectively.

The system presently in wide use in the U.S., known as the English System of Standard Weights and Measures, has many disadvantages.

One, for instance, is an overlapping of terminology: "ounce" refers not only to weight but to volume."

Another major disadvantage of the English System is that it is not constructed around a base number. A mile is divided into 1,760 yards. Each yard is divided into three feet, which in turn are each made up of 12 inches.

Temperature readings under the new system are much simpler. The freezing point of water on the Celsius (centigrade) scale is zero degrees, and its boiling point is 100 degrees. The British system of Fahrenheit employs 32 degrees as its freezing point, and 212 degrees as its boiling point.

The switchover to the metric system is inevitable. The United States remains one of very few countries clinging to the British system. Britain herself has switched. It is only a matter of time before the U.S. joins the rest of the world in using the metric system as its standard.

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Hungate's inside views power politics course

Thomas Taschinger

William Hungate's only previous experience in classroom instruction was a brief stint as a substitute high school teacher of saxophone and clarinet.

Yet he is eminently qualified to teach congressional politics at UMSL. For the past 12 years Hungate was the Democratic representative from Missouri's Ninth Congressional District.

Hungate knows how Congress works as few persons do, and since January he has been co-teaching Political Science 190, Congressional Politics, with assistant professor of political science Lance LeLoup. Hungate teaches the class on Tuesday and LeLoup takes over on Thursdays.

"I can tell the students things that aren't on the organizational charts in books about Congress," Hungate said. "A young man knows the rules, but an old man know the exceptions. When my students leave this class, I want them to know every political trick in the book."

In addition to Congressional Politics, Hungate teaches a single-credit graduate level course, Directed Reading in American Politics. He is also a member of Thompson and Mitchell, a local law firm.

At 54, Hungate's snow-white hair and three piece suits project a dignified aura that contrasts with his easy humor and rural accent. The walls of his office in the SSB Tower are dotted with autographed pictures of Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey and Robert Kennedy. Hungate is one of the few men who have tasted the power of Congress and yet retired at a relatively young age.

"I left Congress," he said, "because I found that I could no longer suffer fools gladly. After a while you either get out or get carried out. I thought that I could make as much a contribution by retiring as I could by staying."

Even so, Hungate admits that more than once he has felt the seductive lure of Congress tugging at him.

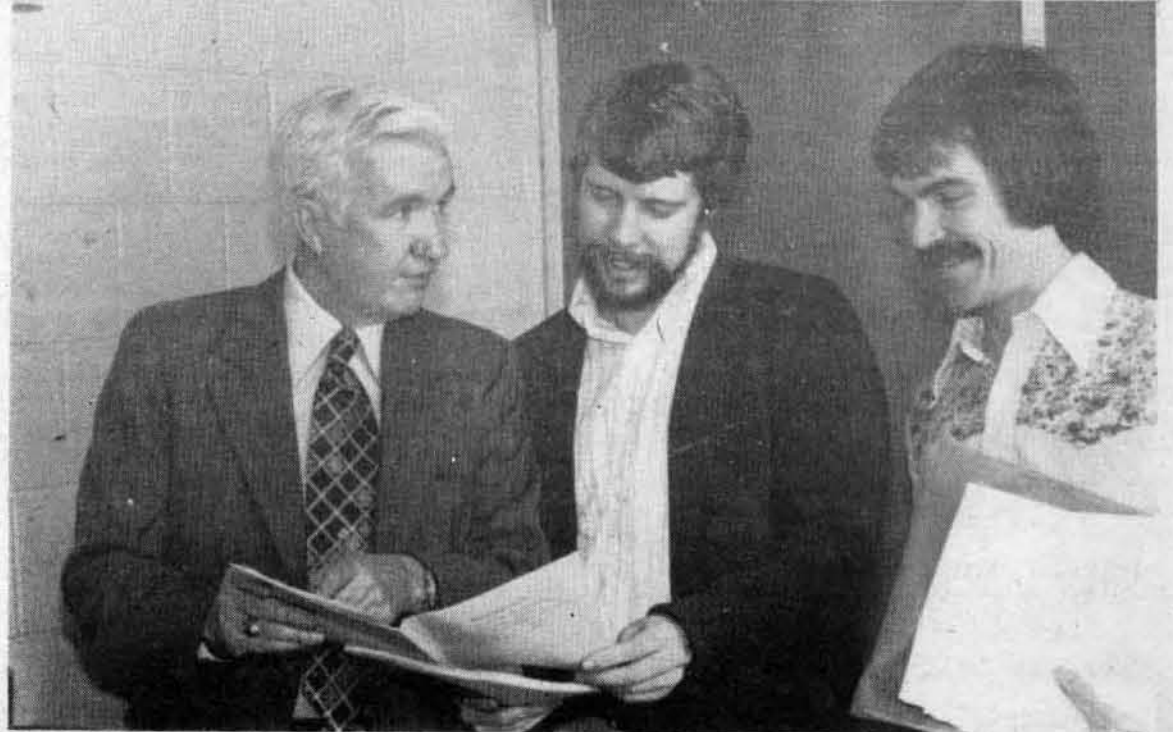
"I tend to form selective remembrances," he said. "I remember 'the impeachment thing' and the times the committees passed my bills, but not the times I spent two years on a bill and nothing happened."

"I still get the urge to go to committee meetings occasionally, but it's like remembering my time in the army. The best cure for wanting to see your old army buddies is actually seeing them. But I definitely miss Congress on paydays," he said with a laugh.

The "impeachment thing," as Hungate calls it, is regarded by many as his finest hour in Congress. As chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Hungate handled the potentially explosive situation adroitly and contributed to the momentum that led toward Richard Nixon's resignation.

Being one of the 38 members of the committee, Hungate says facetiously, makes him "a historic artifact."

Hungate maybe an "artifact" of sorts, but he has some pretty lively ideas on how to reform Congress.



THE ANSWER DON'T COME EASY: Former Missouri Dem. Representative William Hungate goes over the fine points of an exam in his Congressional Politics class. "I want them to know every political trick in the book," he says. [Photo by Scott Petersen.]

"The present system of having congressmen run for election every two years should be changed," he said. As it is now, congressmen are always campaigning and always raising money. This makes them hesitate to do anything controver-

sial. They never tell their constituents to go to hell, but sometimes they should.

"I think it would be more effective if congressmen were elected for four year term. The terms should be staggered so that every two years half of Congress would be running for re-election."

Even with the limitations of the present system, Hungate feels that several persons in Washington have been doing excellent jobs as representatives.

"The man I most admired in Congress," Hungate said, "was Representative Emmanuel 'Manny' Cuellers of Brooklyn. He was kind, gentle and very astute. Manny also knew a thousand stories about Congress. Until the impeachment crisis, knowing him was the highlight of my career. He was unfortunately defeated for re-election last time by Lix Holtzman."

"Another person I admired was Barbara Jordan of Texas. She didn't make a career out of being a black or a woman, but in being a congressperson in the fullest sense of the word. She is very sincere and able."

Another person in Washington whom Hungate admires is a newcomer, President Jimmy Carter.

"Carter has made a number of very important symbolic gestures," he said, "but it remains to be seen if he'll be able to follow them up with permanent improvements. It's really too early in his administration to say too much about Carter."

"I'm very impressed by some

of the men Carter has chosen for important posts. I particularly like the new Secretary of Agriculture, former Minnesota congressman Robert Bergland. Two other good men are Brock Adams, the new secretary of transportation, and Wade McCree, the new solicitor general.

"I was never offered a cabinet post," Hungate said with a smile. "The first time I met Jimmy Carter was in 1975 at a Democratic National Committee Telethon in Los Angeles. Carter and Terry Sanford were there; they were just two of the many men running for president then. Bob Strauss, the chairman of the party then, told Carter 'Jimmy, quit making love to the people on TV. Just get out there and raise money'."

In spite of the many stinging battles in Congress, Hungate said that he hates no one in Washington. "I know many men who are dishonest and hypocritical," he said, "but I still don't hate them. Too many times a guy who's tried to kill you in one election will help you in the next one."

"I've been in campaigns where my opponent has called me everything but a gentleman, but after he'd lost he would come up to me and pledge his support of the future. I've profited from lessons taught to me by my opponents."

"Besides," he said with that laugh that comes easily, m not smart enough to hate anyone. That takes too much energy. I used to say that I could irritate them the most just by staying around them in Congress."

Quotations from Chairman Bill

"No matter how nice a guy your opponent is, two weeks before the election he's an S.O.B."

"Several students have complained about the rambling and disorganized nature of my lectures. I can't help it—that's the nature of politics."

"A sense of humor is important in politics. It's good to have some people on committees who don't do anything at all except not get mad."

"The Senate often raises the appropriations on House bills

that are sent to it for consideration. It's probably unconstitutional, but both sides like the arrangement."

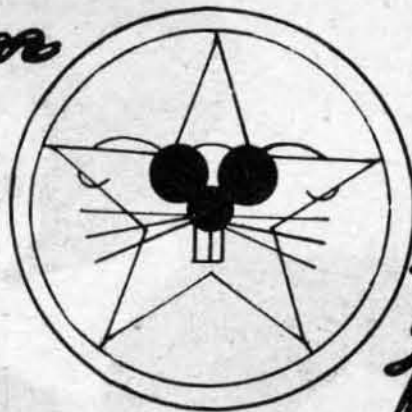
"Congress is not as corrupt as many people think. I've encountered more unethical behavior in the business sector and the legal community than in Congress."

"The Carter people were super-organized and expected victory. In contrast, Joe Teasdale stood around and said, 'What do I do now that I've won, Mom?'"

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'Rocky' is not just another violent sports film

Thomas Taschinger

"Rocky" is a film about boxing that even pacifists can enjoy.

The movie doesn't shy away from the inherent violence of the sport, but neither does it dwell on it. "Rocky" is worthwhile, because in addition to a revealing look at the world of boxing, the viewer is presented with an unusual love story and the perennial quest of the underdog who seeks victory. The adroit combination of these elements produces a film that is both different and memorable.

Sylvester Stallone plays Rocky Balboa, a small-time boxer in a seedy Philadelphia gym.

Rocky and the rest of the losers trapped in this depressing existence beat each other bloody on Saturday nights for a few dollars, spend some time recuperating, then go at it again. Rocky, the classic big, dumb jock, is slow on his feet but has an awesome left hook.

To supplement his meager income, Rocky moonlights as a collector for a local loan shark. Even though he is huge and powerful, Rocky's heart-of-gold prevents him from being unnecessarily cruel when collecting bad debts. In one scene, he does a debtor a favor by not breaking his thumb as ordered by the loan shark.

Rocky would have probably drifted into petty crime or man-

ual labor after he grew too old for boxing, but he gets a chance in a million to prove that he's "not just another bum." Rocky Balboa, a third-rate, punch-drunk slugger from the slums of Philly, is given a shot at the world heavyweight champion, Apollo Creed.

Creed, played by Carl Weathers, wants to stage a gala fight in Philadelphia on July 4, 1976. When his original opponent has to withdraw because of an injured hand, Creed decides to pick some chump at random and play up the event in the media. Creed's chump is Rocky, the "Italian Stallion," the nobody who has the chance of a life-time tossed in his lap.

Weathers gives a fine, ironic

performance as Creed, the world champion undefeated in 46 fights. About the only thing Rocky and Creed share in common is that they're both boxers. Creed is a sophisticated, articulate, shrewd, black businessman-boxer equally adept at slaughtering opponents and generating publicity and money.

Rocky selects a cantankerous old trainer, played by Burgess Meredith, to prepare him for the bout. This is an unusual role for Meredith, but he plays it well, conveying a sense of pathos and aged dignity in his brief appearance.

Along the way, Rocky falls in love with a neurotically shy woman who works in a pet shop. Talia Shire portrays Adrian, the introverted clerk who is given a new life by Rocky. This is another unusual role performed by a talented actor which gives the film its refreshing quality.

Instead of receiving \$250,000

and having Burt Reynolds star, Stallone netted only \$75,000 with himself as the star. However, in more ways than one, "Rocky" proves that the oft-maligned American dream might not be so illusory after all.

All students are invited

The Opera Workshop of UMSL, Department of Fine Arts, presents "La Boheme" by Giacomo Puccini, Act 1 in Italian, and "The Marriage of Figaro" by W.A. Mozart, Act 2 in English. Performances will be on Friday, April 1, Saturday, April 2, and Sunday, April 3.

The program will be presented at Education Auditorium, Marillac Campus, 7800 Natural Bridge Road. Admission is \$1 at the door.

Gertrude Ribla, director, invites all UMSL students to attend a program involving student performers. The workshop performances are intended as learning experiences for both the performers and the audience.

'Front Page'

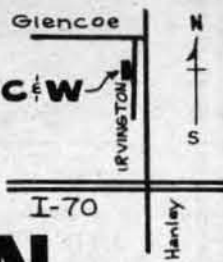
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ting a scoop, trapping a politician, and retaining his star reporter.

The cast is replete with "characters"—the bumbling sheriff, the wise-cracking reporters, the over-bearing prospective mother-in-law, the hard-boiled editor, the sweet girlfriend, timid crook, clutzy flat foot. Between the timeless script and the talented actors, however, "The Front Page" comes off as fresh, hilarious, and completely enjoyable



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Hilarious story of Chicago newspaper brings an era alive

Ruth Thaler

The Loretto-Hilton performance "Front Page" is a joy and a delight. The Ben Hecht-Charlie MacArthur play is presented by the Loretto-Hilton Repertory Theatre with professionalism, skill, and obvious enjoyment on the part of the actors. The production runs through April 8.

"The Front Page" is the classic treatment of Chicago

lived a love affair with their jobs.

The newsmen of "The Front Page" was tough, slightly seedy dedicated, sarcastic, and single-minded. He hounded officialdom when errors were made and was the bane of political hack's existence. He virtually lived in the pressroom of his particular "beat" and whiled away dull hours with penny-ante poker and dirty jokes, waiting for a big story to crack.

for marriage and a "respectable" job in New York.

In Hildy Johnson, we see the classic newsmen—dedicated to the point of obsession to the big scoop, the world of news and headlines. At every point of decision, just as he could leave to join his fiancée, Johnson is

stopped in his tracks by a new development in the hanging story.

Robert Spencer portrays Hildy Johnson, and does an excellent job in the part. His character is volatile, loud, cocky, and hopelessly addicted to his work. He is also hopelessly in love with

Peggy, played by Susanne Marley, and involved in a constant battle with employer Early Williams, a domineering and verbally abusive editor with absolutely no scruples when it comes to get


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fine arts

newspaper days which in its combination of laughs, excitement and history may be the definitive American comedy. It is the definitive statement of the newshound's character, if nothing else, and brings alive an era when newspapermen (there were very few newspaperwomen)

"The Front Page" involves two inter-related plots. There is the major story—representative from several papers are gathered in the courthouse press room waiting for a convicted killer to be hung. As a subplot, newsmen extraordinaire Hildy Johnson is trying his best to leave his paper

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Plot bombs before Super Bowl does

Mary Bagley

"Black Sunday," based on a novel by Thomas Harris, combines action, violence, and football to create a bizarre plot, where terrorists plan to blow up the Superbowl game using the Goodyear blimp.

Richard Shaw, a left-over from "Jaws" (no pun intended), takes his role brilliantly as Kabokov, an Israeli agent opposing the forces of Black September, as an Arab terrorist organization. Shaw, from the beginning to end, plays a violent, cruel villain, who through some wierd twist ends up becoming the hero.

The movie opens in Beirut, where the Black September terrorists begin to plot their scheme. From Beirut, the viewer travels to Los Angeles, and then Miami, where the Super Bowl game is held.

Marthe Keller plays Dahlia, the beautiful but deadly revolutionary — the usual stock character for a spy film. Dahlia leaves Beirut to join forces with Mike Landers, played by Bruce Dern. Lander is an ex-POW, blimp pilot. Dern's portrayal of a slightly deranged, easily manipulated shell of a man was very well done.

Together, these two smuggle explosives into the U.S. which leads to a neat speedboat chase by the Coast Guard. They cover themselves by blowing up a ship's captain with a telephone call, attempt a murder on Kabokov, and assemble and test their new, secret-weapon bomb.

"Black Sunday" is appropri-

ately hailed as "the thriller of the year;" it has moments of sheer violence and suspense. But, the action and violence reign throughout. In the opening five minutes, Kabokov conducts a raid on Black September's headquarters; bombs explode, machine guns blact, and a miniature war erupts, leaving corpses scattered all over.

Directed by John Frankenheimer, "Black Sunday" develops from what first appears to be another, boring spy movie, into a fast-paced, intense drama. The plot is transformed from someone's nightmare of science fiction fantasy, into a well-written adventure of intrigue.

The movie is constantly shifting in time and location. One scene takes place in Los Angeles, another in Beirut. Dates printed on-screen retain the sequence for the viewer. This aspect makes the film more interesting because it is an unusual technique and helps the viewer follow what is going on.

Tom Rolf, the film editor, had some excellent shots of the superbowl game, and aerial views of Miami.

Most movies aim to communicate. One wonders what the message of the plot is in "Black Sunday"; Arab terrorists attempt to revenge the U.S. for aiding Israel, by plotting to blow up the Superbowl game via the Goodyear Blimp. In spite of the plot, the movie turns out to be very intriguing and entertaining. In Black Sunday, the plot is the only thing that bombs — not the movie.



TWO TERRORIST: Bruce Dern, as an embittered American pilot, and Marthe Keller, as an Arab terrorist, plot to hijack the Goodyear blimp on "Black Sunday".

The basic difficulty in "Black Sunday" is that the plot depends too much on action. One receives the message that the Black September group has a political motive in their attempt to kill 80,000 people at the Super Bowl, but the dynamics of this are left at loose ends.

Kabokov's motives in pursuing Black Sunday are not well-defined enough to make one empathic to the Israeli cause, as one thinks intended. Most distressing of all was the very hokey ending, where Kabokov's aerial heroics in attempting to divert the bomb-laden blimp from its target at the last minute.

For action, violence, and even political propoganda, "Black Sunday" can be satisfying. One's logical responses are left unappeased.

Auger leaves the keyboard smokin'

Bill Thomas

Brian Auger and the Oblivion Express continue to lead the musical genre known as jazz/rock.

In concert at Mississippi Nights March 23, Auger left the keyboard smokin' after mixing his jazz artistry with rock and calypso rhythms for nearly two hours. The audience enjoyed cuts from Auger's recently released "Happiness Heartaches" as well as earlier albums.

Since the early sixties, Brian Auger's purpose in music has been to bridge the gap between jazz and rock. His musical innovations certainly caught the ears of the full house at Mississippi Nights as the crowd clapped and cheered for an

encore, probably Auger's best-known hit, "Happiness Is Just Around the Bend."

The concert led off with the soul/rock sounds of Coalkitchen from Champaign, Illinois.

The Mississippi Nights setting adds to the concert experience. The floor slopes toward the bandstand, theater-style, so no one gets a bad seat. One's first glance at the wall to the right of the bandstand may lead one to believe they are showing silent films. A longer look can easily turn into a gaze as music fills the head, drawing one into the perspective of a bridge spanning the Mississippi River. Outside the window trains silently traverse the setting, adding to the impression of an evening at Mississippi Nights.

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Starting strong

Softball team bunts into first season game

With all her starters back from UMSL's first intercollegiate softball team in 1976, coach Carol Migneron hopes that this will be a winning season.

"Some of the players who played last year even got cut this year. That's usually a pretty good indication that a team has improved," says Coach Migneron.

Winning six of nine games in their maiden season, the Riverwomen don't have a lot of room for improvement, but they would like a strong finish in the state tournament. In 1976, UMSL was 6-1 in regular season play, but lost both of its state games — to Southwest Missouri and Northwest Missouri.

The pitching staff is deep — four top hurlers for a schedule that includes only 10 games plus three tournaments. Michelle Siemer, a sophomore from St. Mary's Academy in O'Fallon, Mo., may be in line for the number one spot in the rotation, with senior Pat Pelly and sopho-

more Anne Bochantin being the top returning hurlers. Junior Denise Paul is also a capable pitcher.

Those pitchers are also versatile. Bochantin and Siemer are likely first base candidates, and Pelly, Siemer, or sophomore Kathy Peters are the choices for second base.

Carmen Forest and Tommie Wehrle are the incumbents at shortstop and third base, respectively, and seem set to adequately field those position again.

Behind the plate will be newcomer Bev Marsin, a junior transfer from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Backing up Marsin, is sophomore Cathy Lewis.

Likely outfielders are juniors Pat Shelley and Terry Becker, and freshman Jackie Orr has a chance to break into the lineup while playing the third outfield position. The only other freshman on the squad is Nancy Cadenhead, who will fill a utility role in the infield or outfield.



IN TOP FORM: Greg Ready [with an easy stolen base] appears to be headed for another great year. Through eight games Ready leads the Rivermen in hitting with a .371 average. He also has eight stolen bases to his credit.

Tennis coach screams

Marty Mishow

Gene Williams is a man with a short temper and high emotions. When he's angry, he lets people know about it, and now Williams said he has a right to let people know about his anger.

Entering his seventh year as tennis coach at UMSL, Williams said he is heated up over the distribution of money through the athletic department. Currently, the basketball program gets \$55,000, soccer \$20,000, and baseball \$16,000. The tennis team is allotted \$3,000 which Williams said is not even enough to give out scholarships.

But what really had Williams irked is the allocations of \$9,000 to the wrestling team.

"I went to the athletic department and raised hell about the money. Wrestling hasn't had a winning season in years, but they got a lot of money because they said they need it to build up their program. We were 13-5 last year and we get very little. It's ridiculous," he said.

Williams said that it is very difficult to compete with the larger schools that give scholarships, but he said he can offset that a bit.

"I work with juniors, and the best bet is for me to encourage my youngsters to come here. I can help them get a scholarship later somewhere else if they want to transfer."

"They act like jackasses over in the athletic committee. They don't know what they're doing. The situation here is like at St.

Louis University. Nobody knows what they're doing."

With the 1977 season one week old the netmen find themselves with an 0-3 record, and a future not so bright.

"I'm not surprised at all, said Williams, we're playing about as well as we're capable of playing."

Returning lettermen Bill Hippisley, Barry Sutherland, and John January have all performed well, but it has been the lack of depth that has done the Rivermen in so far.

"Their still learning to play the game, and so their going to make mistakes," added Williams. "The inexperience has really hurt them, especially in the third sets."

"It's finally beginning to catch up with use now. Without any aid the program is going to be downhill from now on."

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NCDS center formed: Group provides disaster aid

Terry Mahoney

Students may have noticed the sounds of whoopee cushions and joy buzzers emanating from the Blue Metal Building in recent weeks. The noise is coming from the newly-established Center for the National Comedy Defense System.

Center director Jocko Wiggly discussed the need for the system to Stagnant reporters in an exclusive interview held in his exquisitely padded office. "We live in a communication-oriented world," he said, and if that wasn't a big enough bombshell, "increasingly, public officials are coming under criticism not for what they do so much as for what they say when they do it. When President Ford hired comedy writer Bob Orben as an advisor that was just the tip of the iceberg... who could

have anticipated the zingers Ford came up with? Remember when Ford apologized for General Brown by saying that Israel wasn't a military burden and we had given it two and a half billion dollars to prove it?"

But it is the way government officials can use humor for the benefit of others that really interests Wiggly and the Center. In 1972 an enormous meteoroid grazed the atmosphere over Montana, catching fire, but then passing off into space again. According to even moderate estimates, Wiggly claims, if "A fairly largish meteoroid" (to use the technical term), were to strike New York City it could burn everything as far away as Jersey City.

"And if you think that's funny," Wiggly said, "consider this: how could we survivors deal with the incredible effects of such a catastrophe? When the

national news starts being broadcast from Terre Haute Indiana, how do we recover from the shock? What can we say?"

"The way we figure it, the responsibility falls on the president. As soon as the dust settles, the National Comedy Defense System goes into actions. Carter is flown to the edge of the crater, and with a coast-to-coast hook-up on all major networks, he says: '...You know, that's a mighty big ditch.' Recovery begins immediately."

The system, once fully operational, could be used to provide some useful social services. "It could be especially useful in dealing with the wimp problem," Wiggly says, "You know what I mean, wimps—some people call them by less precise terms: geeks, loser cities, whippers—but the idea is the same. For some reason these people are becoming a progressively

larger proportion of the general population. But then, I should think that students at UMSL should be especially familiar with this problem."

"Just the other day, I saw a man sitting in the quadrangle—mind you, actually in the quadrangle!" he said. "He had on a Hawaiian shirt, shoes that didn't match and a Harvey Korman Fan Club button. Now true, this fellow was a college dean, but most of his fellow wimps will never be that lucky."

"In many states, a man who wears a seersucker suit in the wintertime and smiles in public without a good reason can't get insurance that pays case of violent attack. The companies just figure that he has it coming to him."

Once it was thought that the answer was to put such people

away in Homes for the Unpleasant. "But there's simply too many of them," Wiggly said.

"For a time the Human Relations School was popular, and it was thought that charm lessons might be the answer. Now look, it was a nice idea, but not everybody can end up being Van Johnson, I mean it's just not practical."

"The answer is to train these people as comic relief, to teach them to go about wearing purple bow ties, wearing bermuda shorts on buses and slipping on banana peels as though it were on purpose. When we get that

done, we can get a lot of these people out of academic circles and back onto the streets where they belong."

Board of Curators renames UMSL buildings

Mary Bagley

The UMSL Board of Curators has renamed most buildings on the main campus. In an open session of the Board meeting last Tuesday, it was decided the buildings should be named after less "controversial figures."

Renamed buildings are Lucas Hall, Benton Hall, Stadler Hall, Clark Hall, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Library, New Administration Building and University Center.

The Business Education and Social Science Building, contrary to rumor, will not be renamed. A board member, who wishes to remain anonymous, commented, "We think the present name makes sense. It's original, catchy, and a challenge to UMSL students who must not only remember it, but spell it."

Stadler Hall has been changed to Stagnant Hall to honor UMSL's acclaimed newspaper, The Stagnant.

The Cafeteria in the University Center is renamed Belch Hall in memory of UMSL Alumnus, Edgar A. Belch. Belch is reknowned for his award-winning novel, "The Return of a Swallow."

It is curious to note that Clark Hall now has a dual name: Marx-Lenin Hall. An unnamed UMSL art student has been commissioned to paint a portrait of "Groucho and John" from the clippings in Chancellor Grabag's scrapbook. The portrait will hang in the foyer of Marx-Lenin hall.

The Board deliberated for hours searching for a less common name than Benton Hall. The president made a motion that his own name, Arthur T. Flackenbush be submitted. The motion was voted down by a majority of 24 to one. The name finally agreed upon was Woolworth Hall.

The Thomas Jefferson Library will be renamed Parking Garage Number 52. "It's not that we have anything against books," a

board member commented, "but UMSL needs a new parking lot. We're number one among American Universities in parking lots and we're going to stay that way."

Another Booby Bones promo

Mike Dralno

On this site stood the collection of Booby Bones promos, pictures, statistics, reworded promos, re-reworded promos, and some rearranged promos for variety.

The pictures included: mug shots, jumping shots, dribbling shots, running shots, and shot shots. There were 11 arm-pit shots, 7 shoe shots, several knee shots, and even shots of other non-printable things. (See advertisement on page 2 of the April 1976 issue.) Some say that when it came to the pits we had reached the pits, but let us not get pithy.

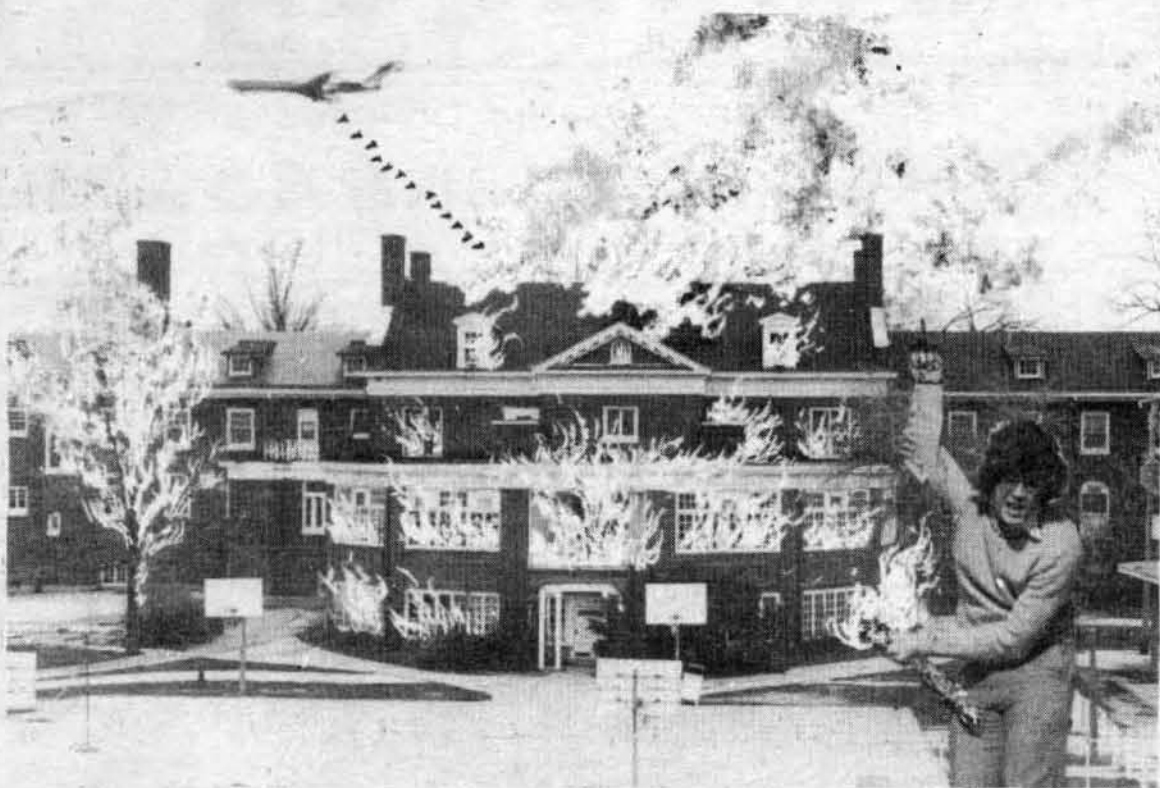
There was, according to court sources, a large feature about Booby. This was a combination of all the promos that had been written to date.

There were tacky articles, skicky articles, and bad articles. There was even an article of clothing. The dust has started to collect on them now.

Well, how is my fine brown-eyed boy Mr. Coach?

Informed sources say that there may be a Booby Bones memorial promo. Others say that he will go on living in the hearts and minds of every basketball on campus, still other say that he will return next semester for another season, and the next for another season and the next for another season.

So, it is time for all interested students, faculty members, and administrators to get out their favorite 36-72 color glossy photo of Booby, and rejoice.



TO HELL WITH IT: Steve Blatt, disheartened by his unsuccessful attempts to save the old Administration Building from destruction by an unfeeling administration, decides to "beat the old fogeys to the punch" and burn the building himself. "I'll be darned if they'll get the fun after all my work," commented Platt. [Photo by Bill Wilson.]

Fire, explosion rack Benton Hall

Fire and explosions ripped through Benton Hall March 30, gutting its interior and leaving only one survivor.

Over thirty physics professors and teaching assistants perished in the blaze that took Normandy fire protection officials nearly twenty hours to control. The only teacher present in the building who survived was Lee Flee, geology professor.

Bel-Nor and Normandy firemen freed Flee from a fire-proof nuclear physics lab after having fought the blaze for three hours. The professors killed had been gathered in a conference room on the fourth floor, discussing tenure procedures within the department.

"This is really terrible," said Flee, after his release. "I was standing outside the nuclear physics lab, trying on a flak jacket and helmet that I had received as a gift. The next thing I knew, I heard this loud 'pop' and fire just came racing down the corridor towards me." The nuclear physics lab is also

located on Benton Hall's fourth floor. "I ran into the lab, closed the door, and put on an oxygen mask that I had with me," said Flee. "I could hear the other physics professors screaming in the conference room. Gosh, I really felt bad..."

Excavation yields evidence of ancient tribe at UMSL

Jo Schaper

In recent weeks, experts from the UMC campus have conducted extensive digs in the quadrangle area of the UMSL campus.

This flurry of activity has turned up evidence of the existence of a prehistoric tribe, the Bellerive Indians, whose civilizations may prove to be the missing link between the original inhabitants of the area and those persons currently occupying the UMSL campus.

Most interesting of the finds is a cache of what appear to be petrified hailstones, along with a

"I'm not sure what we'll put in Benton Hall's place," said Jon Perinsky, vice chancellor for Administrative Services. Perhaps something useful — a mall perhaps, or a turn-around so that students will have better access to Bugg Lake."

"We will take whatever steps are necessary to preserve this site," said T. Offenswing, head of the dig, and great-grandson of Chief Five Eye Ronputt, reputedly the head of the Bellerive Indians during their encampment here. "This is the only known place in Missouri where these petrified hailstones have been found, and as such the site is priceless."

Meanwhile, investigation continues into reports that the SSB Tower is actually a cover for an ancient Bellerive Obelisk used in space exploration.

Nothing inside