

Clone of dean to fill assistant dean position

The 13-month-old clone of Constant Kimbies, Dean of Student Affairs, is to fill the position of Assistant Dean of Student Affairs in the near future, UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Herpa announced March 30.

Herpa made the announcement to members of the University Senate. The group's reaction was a mixture of shock, dismay and excitement.

Kimbies allegedly had the first steps of cloning taken in February, 1977, when a group of genetic specialists from UMKC's medical school removed a cell from his left eyelid. The specialists used the single cell to trigger the development of an embryo genetically identical to the dean.

Herpa said that the fetus was raised to a level of development equivalent to that of a child at birth on the sealed-off fifth floor of Woods Hall.

Cloning has become a controversial topic in recent weeks. The medical field has allegedly been capable of producing clones since the early seventies, but evidence of cloning in practice was unavailable until it was suggested last month that an American millionaire had had a clone of himself produced.

According to Herpa, the millionaire's clone, if it exists, is approximately one month older than Kimbies'. "We were forced to keep the operation under wraps because of the serious implications that would have arisen had we been the first to suggest the production of a clone. Universities are allowed to give cancer to rats, or to expose white mice to radiation, as the scientific community sees it, but cloning the first human's taboo."

"This way," said the Chancellor, "we'll be remembered in history as pioneers in the science, and not as its initiators."

According to UMKC representatives involved in the project, the child has already reached a level of intelligence and manual dexterity far beyond that of the norm for his age.

"We're really quite impressed," said one genetic specialist. "The child has exhibited characteristics at the age of 13 months that one generally does not acquire until the middle of his teenage years."

"The child is amazing," agreed Herpa. "Our tests show that he has already obtained the ability to drive an automobile. In

fact, if it was not for his small size, he'd probably make a first-rate driver's ed. instructor.

"We have also noticed that he enjoys wrestling," said the Chancellor.

The age of the child, while being described as 13 months by the university administration, is unclear. "The normal human gestation period of 270 days was not in effect here," said a UMKC representative. "We were able to step up the rate of embryo development gradually three weeks into the operation, so that it only took 70 days for the fetus to reach a level comparable to that of a newborn child."

Therefore, while the clone has existed for 13 months, it has been "born" for 11.

The University Senate reeled under the news of the project. "I'm feeling a mixture of shock, dismay and excitement," said Neil Prim, a faculty member of the group. "I just don't know what to think."

Other members of the Senate were definitely opposed to the project. "I can see how Dr. Kimbies may have an investment in this thing," said Bar-

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WHAT A DRAG: UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Herpa makes his acting debut April 12 in the University Players production of "Mame." Herpa portrays the title character.



HANGING AROUND: Physical Plant workers retrieve a member of the El Eta Thi sorority who was accidentally hanged Tuesday during a Greek rush [Photo by Jean "Mama" Italian-Sportscar].

Meeting of Central Council enjoys large attendance

A crowd of 751 students and faculty attended the recent meeting of Central Council on Wednesday, March 15, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting lasted seven hours, as Council debated several extremely vital issues. The results were some very key decisions.

Council's first action was the passing of a resolution which would require the Chancellor to answer to students on all of his decisions, on a referendum basis. This will go into effect May 1.

Next on the agenda was a

motion which would make the Board of Curators a student group. This motion has already passed through the student governments of Columbia, Rolla and Kansas City. After several hours of heated discussion, the motion passed by a two to one margin. It was decided that each campus would get three representatives, thus expanding the board to twelve members.

As his last official act, President Daze abolished Central Council. He would not give any reasons for this action, however. Many of the detached observers

were simply amazed, as were the members of Council itself.

Jeanne Bossman, student body vice-president, said, "I can hardly believe it after the productive year that Council has had. I can't remember when Central Council has been so active."

Jessica Killems, a close friend of most of the council members, said, "It's a shame to see all of the hard work of people like Dan Manakin, Donna Denser, Jeanne Italian-Sportscar, Mary Hope, Barb Huffy and others, go down the drain."

Classes extended to make up for snow

Classes will continue through June to make up for the snow days that caused the campus to shut down several times this year.

For the first time in UMSL's history, the winter semester is being extended to May 30 to "make up for this year's snow days," according to Chancellor Arnold B. Herpa.

The decision was announced during Spring Break and all students will receive notification in the mail within the week.

"The decision was basically easy to make," said Herpa. "The difficult part was deciding how many days the semester should be extended."

By randomly choosing May 30, Herpa feels this will not inflict any serious hardship on faculty or students.

Herpa stated another reason for choosing May 30 was connected to the energy shortage. Since this will be the beginning of summer, chances are the furnaces will not have to be used and therefore, the university can save money for heating classrooms next winter.

"We've heard reports that the winter of '79 promises to be worse than this year," said Herpa.

"Also, we'll have more money on hand for the cost of coal used in heating the buildings on campus," he said.

Herpa met with Central Council and other campus organizations March 25 for student input on the subject.

"We felt the semester should only be extended the number of days that we lost due to snow,"

said Charles Daze, student body president. "But most students we talked to said they really didn't care how many extra days were added because they had no special plans for the summer anyway."

Other groups felt that by extending the semester three weeks, it would give students who were falling behind a chance to catch up.

"Like hey man, I've been partying since the last snow day, and wow, I mean, I'm really far behind in my English course," said Joe Simon, president of Scholastic Achievers Association. "By getting them extra days, like, I may be able to catch up and even pass the course."

Some students are not so pleased with the decision. Seniors planning to graduate in May will now receive their degrees in mid-June.

In addition, students enrolled in the summer session will be unable to attend these classes until their winter semester is completed May 30. Although they may be catching up on the winter semester, many of them will be behind at the start of the summer session.

"We can't please everyone," said Herpa. "Every decision made has its good and bad points. In this case we feel that the good points far outweigh the bad."

"Students falling behind have an excellent chance to catch up and the school is saving money," he said.

In addition, the physical plant

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Family files lawsuit

A Hannibal family has filed a \$6 million lawsuit against UMSL, charging the university with gross negligence in the naming of the Mark Twain Multipurpose Building.

The suit also says, "It seems highly improper for a major institution of higher education to use a pseudonym in the naming of a building. The author's family is dismayed at this action, and demands that the name of the structure be immediately amended."

Named in the suit are UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Herpa, Jon Peary, vice-chancellor for Administrative Services, Chunky

Smut, athletic director, and the UM Board of Curators.

"It's not that we find Mark Twain objectionable in itself," said Clemmons March 29, "it's just that it is not the most suitable name for the structure. Virtually everyone in the state knows who Mark Twain was, but many are not familiar with the name Samuel Clemmons."

"In effect, what the university has done here is to name the building after a non-person," said Clemmons, "because Mark Twain, as a person, never existed."

Clemmons said that the family

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THE FORCE WAS WITH HIM: A stagehand in the J.C. Penney Auditorium was vaporized Tuesday when a Physics Department laser was mistaken for a set of stage lights [photo by Jean "Mama" Italian-Sportscar].

Biology project bears fruit

The UMSL biology department announced March 28 that it had discovered a substance that would enhance the growth patterns of laboratory animals.

Drs. Al Hat, Harry Freeperson and Chuck Deranger, along with graduate students Hill Spring and Jon Oldcome have been working on the project for the last three semesters. The mutagen is called PXYZ-245, and is from a derivative from Bugg lake. The exact process, "Cannot be revealed at this time, because we do not want just any dummy making the stuff," according to Hat.

However, he would say that the process did involve the use of duck down.

The effects of the chemical are not wholly understood or known, so the researchers plan to market it as soon as possible so that the FDA does not find out before they can retire on the profits. "Several companies have offered a lot of money for the patent rights on PXYZ-245," said Freeperson.

In the few tests that they have done, most of them on lab rats, they have found that the chemical makes them grow larger and

faster than normal. They can also live in polluted environments and eat garbage and rusty steel.

"We did dangerous tests on student volunteers from Bugg lake because we would have had all those animal protection agencies after us if we had done them on rats," said Fannie Winkie of the Biology Department.

One of the rats got away on March 30 and the biology department could not find him so they naturally got another one in its place.

Police hold training courses

The UMSL Police Department held its annual spring training courses last week. The event took place in the vacant parking garage located next to the General Services Building.

Jon Peary, vice-chancellor for administrative services and the man in charge of the outdoor events, explained some of them and their purpose, "On the top level of the garage, officers practiced talking on walkie-talkies, sitting in cars and lining up sawhorses in preparation for pre-registration and summer school."

Inside the General Services Building, UMSL Police Chief James Schnelson, the person in charge of indoor training, ran officers through a series of intensive, high level drills. "Our purpose," said Schnelson, "is to give our officers the kind of hands-on, advanced training they need. The first thing we teach them is how to put on and remove sunglasses when enter-

ing and leaving the buildings. Proper technique is very important because last summer we had three untrained officers injure themselves and while they were recovering we had to replace them with women.

"We also require all officers to pass a physical exam. They are required to walk up two flights of stairs. This could become very important in the event that there is an emergency in one of our buildings and the elevators break down," he said.

"In another room, we have air which we captured by Bugg Lake. We leave an officer alone in this room while we blow the smoke around with a fan. If after five minutes the officer doesn't become hungry, we let him partrol near that area," said Schnelson.

"We are also teaching our officers to fill out moving traffic violation forms in case the Board of Curators allocates us money for a radar gun," he added.

Chief Schnelson stated Patrolman Lacy Ford was not seen because she was training elsewhere. "Officer Ford is our token Bugg Lake underwater recovery expert and is out right now staying in shape in case of an emergency. Each morning after she gets off work (the graveyard shift), I have her run five miles in a scuba outfit breathing only through a snorkel and carrying four canoes on her back. It's not that I hold anything against Officer Ford, I just want to be sure she's as tough as my men," he said.

When asked what good any of these exercises could do to reduce the growing number of purse snatchings and rapes on campus, one high-ranking official replied, "Nothing. If the women on this campus are afraid to walk out to the garages after dark, that's tough. Let them stay home and raise babies like God wants them to anyway."

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