

# English bobby raps on crime

by Deborah White

"America has been wrapped up in the gun." This was one of the comments offered by Constable Rowland Reed of London's Juvenile Courts Department, the special guest at an informal luncheon sponsored by the Administration of Justice Association at UMSL. Mr. Reed gave a short talk regarding Britain's recently-formed Juvenile Bureau, of which he has been a part for the past five years. The Bureau, set up under the Young Person's Act of 1969, was Britain's answer to a rising crime rate among children and adolescents. Concomitant with the Act was a shift in emphasis away from punishment for juvenile offenders, and towards a sincere desire to help young lawbreakers return to the mainstream of society.

Constable Reed illustrated the Juvenile Liason Scheme in the burroughs of Liverpool and London, where special teams of police officers make an effort to become friends with adolescents in their local area. These officers thus act as potential crime-preventers. However, should a child under the age of seventeen be brought before the courts for any offense other than murder, he is not charged or held, but rather cautioned and sent home with his parents. An extensive follow-up occurs, whereby the child and his parents are told to return after one week's time. Meanwhile a social worker might be called in to see the child on a regular basis, until it is felt that the child has moved in the direction of personal and social responsibility.

If there are repeated offenses, similar tactics are employed, only in this case, a psychiatrist is summoned, and regular reports of progress are sent to the Bureau for review. If these efforts fail,

## Bradley joins Dowd lineup

Bill Bradley, 6'5" forward for the New York Knicks, swept across campus last Thursday in a fast-paced effort to generate interest in Ed Dowd, democratic candidate for governor.

Bradley is a long-time resident of Crystal City and at one time during the election considered running for State Treasurer. He met Dowd during the primary campaign and was impressed by his willingness to discuss the issues.

"It is unusual for a basketball player to show such an interest in politics," he admitted, "but I think and say and stand for."

As to his prospects for seeking state office in '76, the 29-year-old said definitely, "It's a possibility."

the juvenile offender is sent to a Community Home, which is not the sort of cold, custodial kind of reformatory generally found in the United States. Rather, it is a part of the local school system, and is "composed of small units... where children are taught a trade."

Speaking on other crime-related subjects, Mr. Reed informed the audience that in Britain, it is an offense for any persons other than a select few farmers, and members of certified rifle clubs, to carry a weapon. It is no wonder that, as Mr. Reed commented, only about six policemen were killed in London during the past four years.

On the issue of police brutality in England, the Constable implied that there is very little of it

occurring, and he blames poor public relations for those charges of alleged "police brutality" that do manage to get publicized. The English bobby also stated that "police and politics don't mix in Britain as they do here."

Another rather surprising fact that Reed cited is that organized crime has not taken any real foothold in England. Instead, what Britain has seen has been the typical garden-variety local gangs who are easily spotted and "kept down pretty good."

Throughout Constable Reed's informal tete a tete, he stressed the fundamental importance of understanding people. Perhaps that is why the Juvenile Liason Scheme has been such a large scale success for Britain.



Constable Rowland Reed (front) discusses Britain's successful Juvenile Liason Scheme.

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## YMCA hosts identity seminar

by Bill Townsend

Do you have trouble finding out who you are? Is sex really a happy part of your life? Do you know what the new morality is and how it affects your life? Obviously there are no concrete answers, but there is a program available that can help with these and other questions that enter your life.

The Downtown YMCA has developed a workshop program called "The Stages of Humankind" which offers valuable information on some of the most challenging trends in society today and their effects on our traditional moral and social values. The Y will conduct seven seminars at the Forest Park Community College Sports Center, 5600 Oakland Avenue on consecutive Thursday evenings beginning October 5 through November 16. All meetings begin at 7:30.

The format of the program will consist of a panel of two-to-four experts who will introduce that evening's topic. Following the opening presentation, discussion groups of 10 members each will analyze each speaker's subject, summarize the discussion as it pertains to the topic, and formulate questions to be directed at the speakers when everyone reconvenes.

The cost of the seminars for a YMCA member is \$9.50, for a non-member it is \$12.50. For Y member couples the cost is \$17.00 and for non-members, \$23.00. This fee entitles the participant to attend all seven sessions. The reason for the high cost is that the Y must pay travel expenses for some of the guest experts. Some speakers are coming from New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Karen Gotzler, Young Adult Director of the Y, anticipates that 400 people will register for the program. She adds that there are still openings, so if you are interested in information on the program, call the Down YMCA at 436-4100, ext. 244.

Here is a synopsis of the planned curriculum:

Oct. 5: Initial Session on Communication. This session will deal with inter-personal communication. In addition, it will help prepare everyone for the remaining programs through this "communications" format.

Oct. 12: Self Concept. Discovering who you are, where you are, and where you are going is the theme of this workshop. If you have difficulty dealing with people, you will find this session to be particularly helpful.

Oct. 19: Sexuality. During this meeting, men and women will meet separately and discuss the many aspects of the role sex plays in one's life.

Oct. 26: Man and Woman. This is a particularly relevant session for newlyweds or those planning to get married. What to expect in marriage; how children alter life styles; money matters; and other pertinent facts to be considered before one marries will be discussed. This seminar will also include a discussion of homosexuality. "Should it be 'cured'?" Is it learned or inherited?

Nov. 2: Children-Mirrored Selves. The preceding session simply touches on how children affect the lives of their parents. This meeting will deal with the parent's

role in developing a child's values, ethics, and morals, the child-parent relationship, and developing maturity.

Nov. 9: New Morality. Since we are in an age of constant change, it is essential to discuss how these changes affect society, and more importantly, how they affect us as individuals. Some of the topics will be: Women's Lib, use of profanity, abortion, and the peace movements.

Nov. 16: Empty Nest. This will be the final workshop in the series and it will center on the later stages of Humankind--how to approach middle-age; the loss of children and spouse and how to prepare for retirement.

## Youth advisory board to study land use policy

At the request of William D. Ruckelshaus, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA's ten regional Youth Advisory Boards and the National Youth Advisory Board have formed a task force to create a national land use study. The study will provide an over-all or perspective of the role local, state, and federal governments play in the development of a national land use policy.

Examined in the study will be federal institutions making land use decisions and the impact of those decisions on the environment. Special emphasis will be placed on evaluating the EPA's role in this area.

Also to be examined is Federal legislation having potential to help in the area of land use. Major land bills presently before Congress as well as other legislation having land use implications will be studied. Unique local land use problems throughout the country will also be under study.

Based on these findings, the task

## Cavett hosts VD special

Reflecting the recent awareness of the epidemic proportions of venereal disease, KETC-TV, Channel 9 will air an unusual special on Monday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., entitled, "VD Blues."

Hosting the special, Dick Cavett will launch a national VD awareness campaign. The show will consist of a series of vignettes and songs explaining the beginning, development, dangers, and prevention of venereal disease.

The show is made possible through a grant from the 3M company. It will feature an original dramatic sketch by Jules Feiffer titled, "Silverlips" and an unpublished song by the late Woody Guthrie. Arlo Guthrie will introduce the song, "A child of VD," written by his late father. Other musical interests will be Karen Wyman and Novella Nelson, and the rock group Doctor Hook and the Medicine Show.

Broadway stars James Coco and Robert Drivas will portray the most unusual characters of their careers when they play the roles of a pair of gonorrhea and syphilis germs.

Several national organizations have combined to help sponsor the show on various stations.



Last week's Angel Flight window wash



# Pants strike gains support

by Ellen Cohen

Look at the label on the hip pocket of your jeans. If the brand is Farah, then you should know about Viva La Huelga.

Those Spanish words represent a workers' strike at the Farah Manufacturing Company plants in Texas and New Mexico, which has gained nationwide consciousness and support in the form of a retail and shopper boycott.

When Farah workers attempted to form a union with the support of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, members of the organizing committee at the San Antonio, Texas plant were discharged from their jobs, according to the legal brief prepared by the union. "Employees spontaneously walked off in protest of these illegal discharges. The walkout was followed by a strike at all four El Paso, Texas locations, commencing on May 9, 1972, again in protest over the San Antonio discharges.

The approximately 2,000 Mexican-American employees, who have been on strike for five months, are supported in their struggle to be recognized as a union by the AFL-CIO, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, U.S. National Student Association, and the Citizens Committee for Justice for Farah Workers.

The committee has attracted personalities of power and prestige in support of the Farah labor strike. Senator Gaylord Nelson is chairman of the committee, with Senator Ted Kennedy, Representative Shirley Chisholm, actress Joanne Woodward and ecologist Barbara von Hoffman among the

names giving strength to a situation of which they hold that "the issues are human decency: the rights of American citizens, the continuing struggle of Mexican-Americans to overcome the prejudice and repression that keeps them vulnerable to exploitation."

According to Senator Nelson, "the group of workers, like the migrant workers, need to have extended to them the same right to organize without harassment that was achieved long ago by a great majority of American citizens."

The harassments are represented in a complaint issued by the National Labor Relations Board, which charged Farah Manufacturing Company with unfair labor practices. Such acts as the use of guard dogs to threaten picketers, keeping surveillance on striking workers, warning and prohibiting employees from joining in union organizational activities and discriminating "in regard to the terms or conditions of employment of certain employees" were cited by the NLRB complaint.

Concerning the strike, the Fifth Circuit Court of El Paso, Texas ruled that the "district court shall further restrain each of the defendants (Farah), their officers, and agents from in any manner arresting, jailing, harassing and requiring bond on any of the plaintiffs or Farah employees engaging in peaceful picketing and assembly."

This ruling followed a June 26 federal court ruling that declared the Texas mass picketing laws, which prevented strikers from being posted within 50 feet of the plant and each other, as unconstitutional. According to the union, workers were being arrested for violating these laws, sometimes taken from their homes at night, and held under a bond of \$400, when the bond for a misdemeanor was normally \$25.

Willie Farah, president of the company, is opposed to unionization, according to an article in the New York Times. "Workers are better paid than in any other apparel plants in any other city (El Paso) and they are kept happy with model benefits," Gordon Foster, vice-president of corporate affairs, accused the members of the citizens committee, saying that "not a one of them has ever set foot inside our plants, so how can they make statements?"

The plants have been reported as clean and active, with Mexican music flowing throughout. Com-

pany benefits include its own hospital, pharmacy, resident doctor, major medical insurance, and reasonable discounts at the company cafeteria. Farah also offers one of the best pension plans; yet, according to a local union member of ACW, no one has ever retired on the plan.

Jim Anderson, the regional director of the Union Label Department of the ACW, is coordinating boycott activities in the southwest area, covering eleven states. According to Mr. Anderson, local shops and department stores have been approached to cancel orders and leaflets, bearing the motto Viva La Huelga, have been distributed at store entrances encouraging customers to boycott Farah pants.

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## Biology department hatches a few eggs

by Carl Hess

One of the prettiest spots on campus is Bugg Lake, which is in front (or is it back?) of Benton Hall. On a sunny day, students gather on the surrounding hills to bask in the sunshine and feed the ducks. The lake has also served as the stage for some rather odd activities. A fraternity flew a helium-filled balloon from its center during a student election campaign recently, a statue made by another frat for "Greek Week" was unceremoniously dumped in it by an unidentified group, and once a student rode a skateboard down a hill from Benton Hall and took a dive into the water. But few people know much else about the lake.

ing pump is run in the lake, which keeps a portion of it free of ice so the ducks have open water. "This may bother some skaters, but the ducks seem to be happy about it" says Dr. Moyer.

In the summer, the lake takes on a somewhat haggard look, because much of the surface is covered by algae. While this "scum" looks cruddy, it is a natural formation in warm weather, and is not harmful to people, the fish, or the ducks.

## Hygiene sprays under attack

by Peggy O'Connor

The American Druggist declares them the "success story of the decade," but more and more people are beginning to express concern about the safety and effectiveness of feminine hygiene deodorant sprays.

In 1966, Alberto-Culver marketed the first feminine hygiene spray in America, and stated that their eventual sales goal was \$315 million dollars. Three cans of spray a year for every woman in the country over twelve. In 1971 alone, American women were spending an estimated \$53 million dollars for thirty different brands of deodorant.

Although the apparent success has delighted manufacturers, retailers, and advertisers, others such as doctors, psychiatrists, consumers and feminists tend to take a rather negative attitude toward the hygiene sprays. The Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics, 12:88 (1970), states: "It is unlikely that commercial deodorant feminine hygiene sprays are as effective as soap and water in promoting a hygienic and odor-free external genital surface." Psychiatrists have argued that the product and corresponding advertisements are emotionally detrimental to women. The Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission are presently investigating the deodorants.

In response to the recent controversy, the St. Louis Organization for Women's Rights has launched a campaign against the deodorants. Ms. Sarah Locheretz, the organization's president, has announced that a brochure summarizing the medical and psychological reports concerning the sprays is now available to the public. A free copy may be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to: The St. Louis Organization for Women's Rights, P.O. Box 3025, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.



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Because of its age and proximity to the labs, Bugg Lake serves as a handy test ground for the Biology Department, which is currently hoping to obtain a grant for study of a closed lake in a suburban environment. Twice a year, but the biology department occa- trip" into the lake, observing and counting the fish, taking samples of water and plant life, and generally slogging around in the much which has accumulated on the bot- tom through years of silting.

The lake was last stocked with fish about 25 years ago, and this situation affords a chance to study the long-term effects of a closed environment on a fish population, and it is also one of the reasons for the "No Fishing" signs.

The Biology Department would like to keep the setting as "na- tural" as possible, and this has caused a few hassels in the past. The retaining walls have altered the effects of silting somewhat, and a couple of years ago, some biology students alleged that the mowers had destroyed some duck's nests along the bank. At present, there are no nests near the lake, but the Biology department occa- sionally hatches a few eggs.

As anyone could notice, the duck and goose population at UMSL seems to be most prolific. Nobody keeps an accurate count on how many ducks reside here, and there is at least one good reason "Peo- ple sometimes sneak in at night and leave pet ducks they no longer want" says Doctor Moyer. At times, migrating ducks and geese stop here on their way south.

Although the Biology Depart- ment periodically puts feed out, people sitting on the hill often feed the ducks potato chips, crack- ers, bread, grass, and anything else they will eat, and some of them are getting fat. The geese are somewhat tame, although they are apt to take a nip at bystand- ers now and then.

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**Wastage:****'nobodys responsibility'**

Genocide is a highly inappropriate term when one is referring to domestic affairs, because by far, the most damage that is being done is not in the day to day police murders, i.e.--the Chicago Seven but in the total wasting of human life in unemployment and poverty. Certainly the police guilt in many cases of outright slaughter, and physicians are guilty of performing involuntary sterilizations. In legal terms, each of these represents an individual case and not an attempt to commit genocide. Even compiling all such cases, the chance of proving genocide would still be slim. Mass murder or any other kind of murder implicitly requires a murderer, which by this time has become so abstract that we could not accuse it if we wanted to. A government is not a murderer. People are murderers, and philosophies encourage murderers, so constructively, we must eliminate the absurdity of blaming the "government" for genocide.

However, the magnitude of deaths in infant mortality combined with the adult death rate, the failure of health care to provide adequate coverage, nutritional deficiencies, unemployment, housing deterioration, lead poisoning, all have the characteristics of unnecessarily wasting lives--a characteristic which genocide also holds. In many cases the wasting of life can be correlated with race. This can not be legally proven, especially when there are other factors involved, such as money. Even after a racial correlation is made, to where does it lead us? Back to the problem of how to eliminate this waste.

Typically, the United States government has committed themselves to these problems of their perimeters only. The center of this cyclone is nearly always bypassed, usually because of money or state and local sovereignty rights-- in essence; "politics." But regardless, someone or something is responsible for each wasted human life.

If a wasted life is the result of a ghetto housing project, which places an individual in an environment contrary to traditionally educating that person so that he can take a useful place in society, someone has to be responsible. If the federal government financed the project, they are partly responsible. If the city planning council was involved in financing the project, they are partly responsible. If educators believe that the atmosphere within the housing project might prove detrimental to education, and they do nothing to halt the project, then they are partly responsible.

A lot of humor has been drained out of the phrase "pass the buck." But the humor has dried up and the buildings are burning. CBS sponsored a television special about the construction of cars a couple of months ago. In the program, a worker was asked what he thought about the construction of the "Pinto." He replied that the car was cheap, and that sometimes a Pinto would come off the assembly line appearing to be constructed adequately, but as soon as he touched the steering wheel, it would fall off. When asked if he ever reported the defects, he replied with "hell, no, it ain't my job!" And that is what everybody else is saying about everything: "Hell, no, it ain't my job!" Well if it isn't yours, then whose is it?

Nationally, unemployment is almost up to 6%. That is nearly as high as when the depression began in the 1930's. The federal government claims that poverty has decreased by 26%. What does that mean? On the surface all is peachy. Below it, there is no change.

While the amount of money that the poverty-stricken receive has increased so has the income of the middle and upper classes. The economy certainly has not stood still. So, in relation to the income of the other classes, poor is still poor--the median income has gone up 67% in the last 10 years while the income of the poor has only increased by 26%.

The youth unemployment figure within the City of St. Louis in June, 1972 was 12,000 out of the 20,000 eligible for employment.

The 1969 figures indicate that 31.4% of the St. Louis area blacks were classified as poor. Only 7% of the non-black population was classified as poor. 99.9% of that non-black population was white. 42.1% of the blacks in East St. Louis are classified as poor.

In 1969, 100,199 people, or 39% of all the "poor" population of St. Louis was under 18 years of age. 63% of those lived in the central city and 82% of the youth in the central city is black.

Sad, but true, those agencies that are responsible for this wasting of human life are not going to change their economic policy, nor their attitudes unless it is advantageous to them monetarily or politically. If you can show the ghetto landlord a better way to make money than off black squatters, he will be the first to pack his bags and move somewhere else. The wasting of human life is a very human matter, but subject only to those in power, it is an economic and political subject only.

Judy

**letters:****vox populi, vox dei**

To the Editor:

In Vol. V of RAP of the Association of Black Collegians (9/11/72) a call is made to black UMSL students to join this club "so that all eyes can see the deception, hypocrisy, and subtle oppression perpetrated against Black People by all governing bodies in this country."

This sounds like demagoguery. The paper then makes a blatant racist statement that attempts to link what would today be regarded as irresponsible syphillitis research at the Tuskegee Institute in rural South Carolina forty years ago to a present lack of respect by whites for blacks.

The paper concludes: "I wouldn't be surprised if someday we woke up and found that the Honky has been putting biological germ warfare material in our drinking water. Check it ---" This at best is vulgar racist thinking. It is difficult to believe it is representative of the attitude of the membership of A. B. C. It seems to me recognized campus organizations at UMSL should behave responsibly and be an asset to the University Community. In addition to its many laudatory goals A. B. C. ought to also be a positive influence for the improvement of race relations. The Unity Dance and the Black Awareness emphasis of the club are fine ideas and should be strongly supported.

George C. Witteried  
Assoc. Prof. School of Business  
Administration.

Dear Editor:

The APO bookpool should not be allowed to be run on campus again. In fact, after their appalling handling of the bookpool this semester, APO's responsibility to participate in any campus activity should be examined.

Locked doors during "scheduled" hours, an unattended room at times (3:30 p.m. August 20, 1972) long vigilance by studying coeds, and run-around telephone calls showcased APO's lack of responsibility and haphazard handling of this supposed student service. By collecting students' books, selling them, charging money, they obliged themselves to be available and prompt in selling and returning books and money. This is our bread they are holding, our books we can't get back. Times were published, dates were set--no where was there a sign that read, "hours when available, if somebody shows up, we might forget and go to the pep club rally."

If APO can't maintain a simple function that they volunteered, how can they be expected to participate in some of the more bureaucratic intricacies of the Urban University? Why did the university volunteer a room to this group, certainly not to run such a slipshod event? Others could have used it more profitably; possibly for a better organized bookpool of its own. Students contribute heavily to an organization like this through the Activities Fees. Following a disaster such as this, certainly we should question its merit. We paid tuitions that helped keep 107 Benton Hall occupied for three weeks. APO must come up with some answers on why this was permitted to happen.

I want my money's worth and my money back! Nobody told me I was contributing to a university-sanctioned rip-off.

Ronald J. Miller

To the Editor:

As an independent voter, I am appalled at the great number of people who say they are going to "sit this one out" when it comes to

voting for our next president on Nov. 7th. Of course they have such a right but I do believe they have a duty to cast a ballot for one of the presidential candidates even though none of them seem satisfactory to them.

Who they vote for is strictly their own business but I urge them to give careful consideration to the issues between now and election day. They might then be able to vote for the candidate they believe would do the United States the most good during the next four years.

Whether they pick a loser or a winner for president I am sure all voters will feel better knowing that they did take a full part in the democratic process.

Elmer N. Stuetzer

All letters and guest editorials to the Current can be addressed "to the editor," 255 University Center. Letters to be accepted for publication must be no longer than 250 words, and contain your name address and telephone number. Publication is dependent on available space and pertinence to the issue concerned.

**Solution 58**

by Howard Friedman

A lot of people have been screaming their heads off about conglomerates in recent years. It is not correct they say. Well, I too would like to add my 2¢ worth -- an investment which may or may not snowball into an ITT.

We should stop creating fraternal twins and given them their own house (white) in Washington (black). As has been said many times, enough is enough and not necessarily equal.

Why must we vote for Nixon and Agnew, McGovern and Shriver, Jeness and Pulley, Spock and Hobson, or Schmitz and Anderson?

What if a person likes Nixon but not Agnew, because the name's too Greek; or likes McGovern but not Shriver, because the name's too Catholic? Why can't he or she vote for Nixon and, say, Hobson -- two names that sound so real American?

This is just one example. For all you people that like that Kennedy mystique and would just love to match it up with that Nixon ephemeral excitement, why not Shriver and Nixon (or vice-versa)? Past

experience has shown too many times that since the people vote for the Vice-President, the President doesn't have to worry about any public uproar when he sticks the guy in some closet or filing cabinet as seems to happen to most of the number two men.

After all, (quick quiz) who was William R. King? See! you don't remember him but of course you well remember the President he served under -- good ol' Frankie Pierce.

It just makes sense to elect the two candidates separately. For example, what if McGovern should win? With all the trouble he's had concocting veeps shouldn't he maybe leave it up to the people? Then they could give him somebody that's tried and true -- McGovern and Agnew! A sure thing. 'Four more years' of one thing and a 'coming home' of somebody else. A little of everything for everybody or, a lot of hogwash.

The preceding was solution #58 to the evils of the American political system. Be with us next week when we'll present solution #36 and give you a sure-fire method to make the American Court system fair to all men, of all walks of life.

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# Another pretty face



by Steve Diesel

**Jon:** Well, you've just finished listening to the Rick Springfield album, "Beginnings," fifteen times. What do you think?

**Steve:** It's really an overrated album. Springfield has talent, granted, but his album is 3/4 poor and 1/4 mediocre.

**Jon:** Very few people seem to agree with you on that. At the store where I work, for example, the record is selling well. Even the Post thought Springfield's talents were worth writing about.

**Steve:** I just don't understand the commercial music world. Springfield's guitar playing is average, but surely not worth recording. And his banjo work is a silly joke. Few of the songs can hold my attention.

**Jon:** What about "Speak to the Sky," it is surely becoming a hit single. Popular opinion seems to see things dif-

ferently than you do. Rick was in St. Louis recently and was well received.

**Steve:** What do they see in him? When he sings, at best he sounds like a cheap imitation of Paul McCartney. Look at the song "What would the Children Think." It's a take off on "She's Leaving Home."

**Jon:** Well, Springfield is going to be really popular among female listeners. Did you see the album cover? Springfield is nothing short of beautiful.

**Steve:** Just another David Cassidy, Bobby Sherman, or Cat Stevens. Who needs another pretty face?

**Jon:** The women do. Even your wife admits it. He's got what it takes.

**Steve:** But the music on the album is weak and the lyrics are anything but enduring. He's another Emitt Rhodes, he'll fade into oblivion.

**Jon:** Another Who?

**Steve:** Never mind. As far as I'm

concerned the only song on the record that has a melody is "Speak to the Sky." A fair song, okay. But worth an album?

**Jon:** Well, he may do better next time. But do you really think your opinion will stop the excited mobs of women music lovers from buying the album?

**Steve:** No, I guess not.

**Jon:** Well, then?

**Steve:** I wish I could meet Springfield.

**Jon:** What?

**Steve:** I would like to wish him good luck. He's really going to need it.

**Jon:** You just did.

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## Symphony adds two new works

Under the direction of Walter Susskind, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will add two new works to its repertoire at subscription concerts. Receiving their first performances by the Orchestra will be Brahms' Serenade No. 1 in D major and Roussel's Rapsodie Flamande. Pianist Jeffrey Siegel will be the soloist in Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto and the concerts will open with Cherubini's overture to "Anacreon."

Sunday afternoon, October 8, marks the opening of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra's new Encore series. The five-concert series, inaugurated this season, will be a repeat of five outstanding Thursday-Saturday evening concerts. Remaining Encore concerts are scheduled for November 19, December 17, March 11 and April 8.



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# Witchery - 'Craft of the wise'

by Dee Gerding

The traditional view of witches connotes in one's mind a stooped old lady with a crooked, warted nose, pointed black hat, and a broomstick for transportation.

Forget about that old caricature and meet Mr. and Mrs. S. Gaven Frost, proponents of the School of Wicca - Witchcraft.

Witchcraft comes from the words "wicca craeff", which mean "craft of the wise." Witchcraft is considered a religion by the Internal Revenue Service, and one of its most basic tenets is the importance of the "power of knowledge."

According to S. Gavin Frost, most witches homes have a "book-store" appearance because of the numerous shelves of important literary volumes. Books are important to witches for the knowledge they provide, since learning is a basic goal of the School of Wicca.

One of the key words in the religion of Witchcraft is "discipline" from which many practices arise. Maintaining one's physical and mental health is of paramount importance in the School of Wicca. An example of this self-discipline is the consumption of a fixed amount of vinegar each day, which keeps the body acidic, rather than

alkaline. This condition helps prevent detrimental micro-organisms from doing any damage.

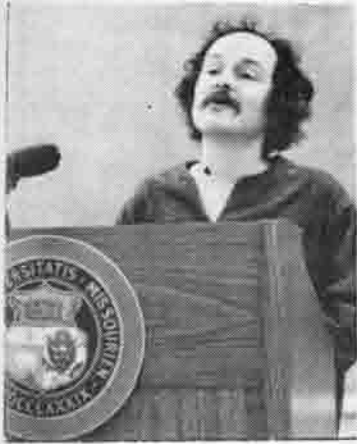
One of the most erroneous conceptions that the public holds about witchcraft is that it is based on superstition. According to the Frosts, every Wicca practice is based on documented evidence done by experts. One example which Mrs. Frost most often presents is that of the effects of the moon on human beings. Since the moon exerts a major force in governing the tides, it can and does also affect human physiology. Post-operative bleeding is more likely to occur to patients coming out of surgery during the full moon phase. Some police stations do not give vacations to patrolmen during the full moon phase because of possible ill-effects.

If Wicca could be paralleled to western religion, then its Ten Commandments could be expressed in the phrase, "an it harm none, do what thou wilt." The Frosts added that the word "none" included harm to oneself.

In contrast with previous meet-

ings where the witches had been ill-treated, the Frosts were very cordially received by a small gathering at Florissant's Y.M.C.A. as guests of the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church. Mrs. Shirley Fencl,

co-publicity chairman, expressed the fear of public reaction to the Unitarian Church. According to her, the church just wanted to give the witches, "a place where they can talk."



by Preston Page

September 26 saw poet David Meltzer at 126 Penney giving a recital of his works. A crowd of about seventy gathered to hear him read selections from his various published works of poetry. The audience reaction was warm, and most enjoyed the poetry.

Meltzer is reading his poetry across the country to finance a trail leading from his home in California to end in London. His reading will be the only work he will do to get to London.

A versatile character, Meltzer is also the author of ten pornographic novels, and he and his wife have cut three rock'n'roll albums. Meltzer's fame comes from three of his eighteen poetry works; "Luna, The Dark Continent," and his latest work, "Knots."

# Deliverance?

A film review

by Mark G. Roberts

Every now and then, a film will be released that you're glad you didn't know much about before you saw it.

"Deliverance" is one of those films.

Jon Voight and Burt Reynolds head a small band of actors, filmmakers, and stuntmen that invade the deadly privacy of a 40-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River in Georgia. The risks involved in their three-month invasion have produced a masterpiece in terms of survival and internal strength. Voight has come a long way from "Midnight Cowboy" and "Catch-22" to deliver the most powerful image of man-against-self since Dustin Hoffman's portrayal of a mathematician-turned-killer in Sam Peckinpah's "Straw Dogs". Reynolds himself proves to be more than words when a weekend canoe trip with three untried businessmen leads both he and Voight to kill-or-be-killed tactics with two lecherous mountain men.

Director John Boorman, while transforming a very rough story into an equally physical film em-

ploys haunting late-night photography to draw as much concentrated attention to the film's climax as possible. James Dickey, who plays the questioning county sheriff, adapts his novel of Deliverance to the screen in a rapid succession of life-sapping scenes. At the film's beginning, you'll glow in the heated contest between a gentle man's guitar and a mountain boy's banjo. You'll sweat under the boughed confines of the river's overgrown banks. You'll cringe while witnessing the utter degradation of the jovial bachelor. And finally, you'll slump at the film's climax, feeling completely drawn as Jon Voight is forced to decide whether or not he and his friends will be delivered from the wrath of a toothless mountain man.

## Grievance table

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# Intramurals - for a healthy life

by Steve McNorton

In high school, Physical Education was required so everyone had to participate. Here at U. M. S. L., Physical Education is not

required, so intramural sports are the only way to achieve the fitness of a gym class. Intramural sports offer the average student the

a healthy life. U. M. S. L. offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Among them is flag football, which is the first of all sports to get underway this fall. Basketball and softball round out the big three followed by many other activities such as handball, racketball, volleyball etc.

Gals can also get out and may lose a few pounds or just go out and have fun by participating in such activities as field hockey, volleyball, powder puff football or softball.

For those who don't feel awkward sweating among members of the opposite sex, go out and sign up for coed intramurals. You can

get involved in such sports such as hoc soc, volleyball, water basketball, or even badminton.

Dennis Frank, a sophomore at U. M. S. L. who was a member of Normandy's Varsity football team, commented on the switch from varsity football to intramural flag football "Intramural sports don't stress the idea of victory or nothing. This takes some pressure off the individual allowing him to get a greater sense of accomplishment and enjoyment out of a game."

By coming out for intramurals it's a good chance to meet people on the field and off, and still be

able to be friends with them. Some claim that on a commuter campus such as U. M. S. L. you find college life dull. The answer to that was phrased best by Frank, "It makes it much more enjoyable because it offers a chance to meet some really fine people."

The Intramural program is designed for the U. M. S. L. student, and it can only survive with your cooperation and patience.

For more information concerning intramurals, contact Larry Berres, director or Judy Whitney, supervisor of women's and co-ed intramurals.

Prospective basketball players are urged to attend a meeting at the Multi-Purpose building in order to discuss the game plan for the coming year. Meet at the MP complex this Monday, October 9, at 4 o'clock.



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## Harriers take second

UMSL's Harriers placed second out of five in a cross country meet held at Southern Illinois University Saturday. It was the Harrier's first competitive run at a distance of five miles.

Rob Leutwiler took second place for UMSL, and Ed Heidbrier managed forth easily. Each received a trophy for their efforts, as did the team for their second-place stand-

ing. SIU finished first in the competition, compiling only 31 points, with UMSL taking 59, Greenville 76, Washington University accumulating 84, and University of Missouri-Rolla grabbing 161.

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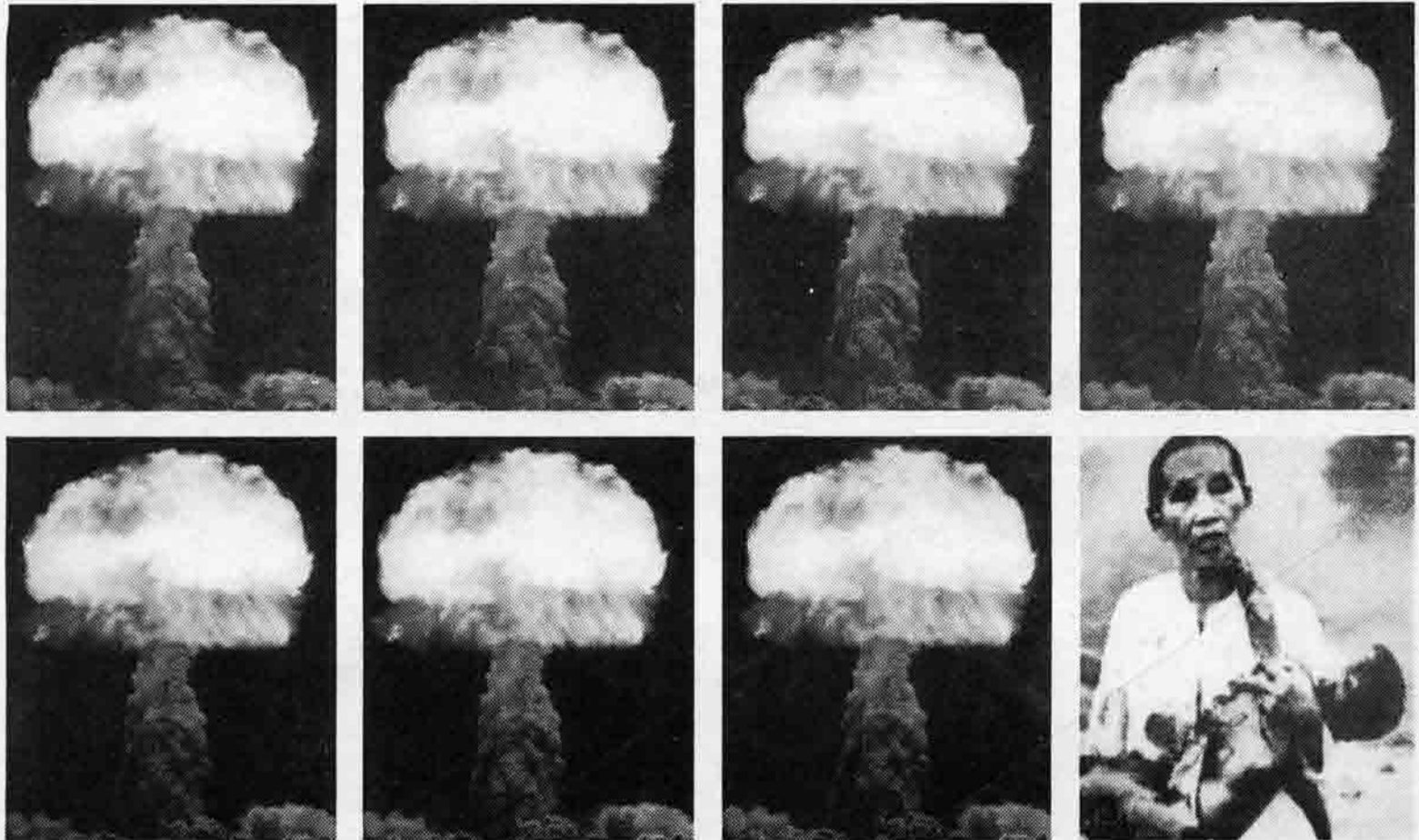
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*On this October 9th, it will be four years. Can our conscience stand the guilt of another four years of this kind of immorality under Richard Nixon?*

What are the justifications we are given for this wasting of Vietnam and its people? To protect the people of South Vietnam from communism? To maintain democracy?

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