

Reorganization involves covert activities

Mike Blouidi

Methods for filling UMSL's vacant administrative and academic positions involve misinformation, an emphasis on private interests and some covert activities according to students and members of the faculty and administration.

The irregularities were discovered through an investigation on the present search for UMSL's vice-chancellor for academic affairs.

"It does not make sense to appoint two positions and leave the third one open for a search committee," stated Frederick Pearson, professor of political science. UMSL's Chancellor Arnold Grobman made recommendations for the two positions of vice-chancellor of community affairs and vice-chancellor for administrative services himself, said Pearson, "possibly because he feels they are not new jobs. But," he added, "I think they are new jobs."

Summing up faculty and student dissent over the method of selecting the third vice-chancellor, Lyman Sargent, also of the political science department, stated, "The discrepancy hinges on the chancellor's definition of new position."

Deborah Haimo, chairperson of the mathematics department, stated one point of view. "If a person's duties are not changed," she said, "if it's just a title change, then there is no need to go through a search committee process." Asking the Senate to select the search committee, however, is a "major diversion" from practice on campus, she said.

Pearson added, "There will be offices on campus which report to the vice-chancellor of community affairs under the new set up which don't report to the dean of faculties now." In addition, the new titles have

"more decision-making authority," he said.

Grobman affirmed that in addition to other offices, the athletic program and the development center will report to the vice-chancellor for community affairs. These offices presently report to the chancellor.

"There may be some confusion about the community affairs vice-chancellorship," Grobman said. "These functions are being filled by the chancellor and the dean of faculties now. The dean and the chancellor have them collectively." The position of vice-chancellor for community affairs, Grobman continued, was a splitting off of the functions previously shared by the chancellor and dean of faculties.

Other views concerning the selection of the vice-chancellor were expressed. The coordinator of one administrative program on campus stated that she "has seen other instances on this campus where (filling a vacancy) was a predetermined decision."

It was predetermined, she continued, by the "Old Boy Network." This is a method "where you find a position by having a friend," she said. The coordinator did not know if the "Old Boy Network" was used in the case of the two recommended vice-chancellors.

James Primm, professor of history and chairperson of last year's search committee for the chancellor, said, "Grobman is anxious to establish relations with the community and the two other universities in the area." Grobman might have felt Walters was best-suited for the job, Primm said.

Lucy Layne, coordinator of the women's center, said of Everett Walters, "I have observed him doing community work." He is "very active" in the community, she said. Walters is presently dean of faculties.

In the original plan for reor-

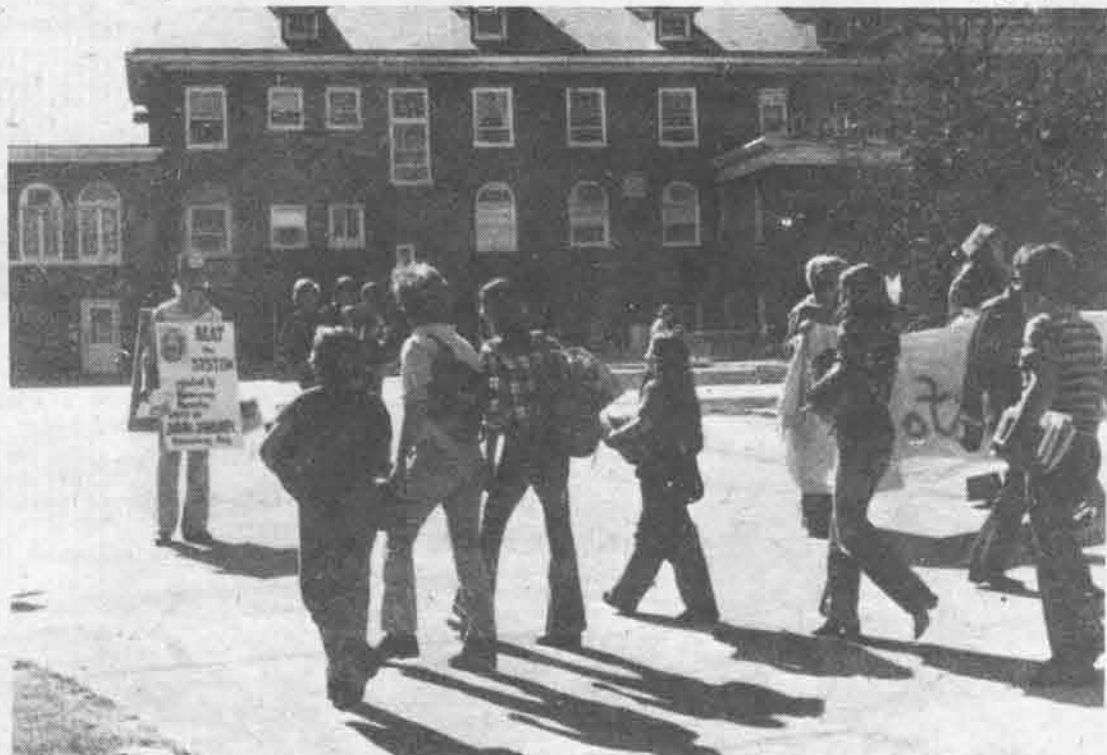
ganization, Grobman had asked the University Senate to select a search committee for the vice-chancellor for academic affairs. There was "no precedent" for this, according to Primm.

James Norris, professor of history and chairperson of the Senate last year, affirmed

Primm's statement. "There was a feeling on the part of the faculty," he said, "that the Senate was not the proper body to select the faculty representatives on the search committee. The faculty never intended to delegate that power to the Senate."

Howard Friedman, a student member of the Senate, and a member of last year's search committee for the chancellor, stated that there are "parochial interests" among student and faculty and that each "wants to make sure their interests are

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HOMEcomings CAMPAIGNS: Once again UMSL students campaign to get those apathetic voters to turn out at the polls. [Photo by Henry Kuechelmeister]

Director of the alumni office resigns

Marie Casey

Lois Schoemehl, present director of UMSL's alumni office has announced her resignation after a little more than eight years in that position. Although the effective date of her resignation has not yet been announced, Blair Farrell, director of the development office, hopes to have the position filled by the

end of this calendar year.

Schoemehl has decided to take on the challenges which her big house in the west end of the city offers her, to which she is definitely looking forward.

Upon her graduation from UMSL, Schoemehl started from almost nothing. In July of 1967, she became UMSL's first Alumni Director. Coordinating the activities and interests of a new urban university in private-institution-oriented St. Louis was only one of the mountains Schoemehl somehow managed to climb.

The alumni office began by initiating activities primarily of the social nature, providing a chance for alumni to get together again as they continue to do at the Alumni Night, Homecoming and the Annual Picnic. As experiences and numbers of alumni increased, they became more service-oriented, while maintaining their social alliances.

With this new focus came Serendipity Day, serving to attract students by making the high school seniors and their families more familiar with the university.

The Scholarship Program was another service-oriented project which continues, now supporting six needy students each year. The publication of ALUMSL became another vital aspect of the alumni office's activities. This informs alumni of the goings-on of the university, besides publicizing alumni activities and news on the alumni themselves.

Of approximately 11,000 alumni, 85 per cent of whom live in St. Louis, there are about 2,000 who pay annual dues of

\$5. According to Schoemehl, there is a nucleus of more involved members, many of whom have graduated within the last three years. The ten-member Board of Directors and the four officers are elected annually by members of the Alumni Association.

In meetings with Schoemehl each month, many activities have been initiated. These include an Alumni Night at the ball park, at the symphony and at the St. Louis Spirit basketball games, besides social parties.

In speaking with Blair Farrell on the future direction of the Alumni Association, he conveyed the anticipation of major changes in direction with a concentrated effort on continuing education. The expansion of the range of appeal among alumni is a major objective of going in this direction. As he pointed out, universities across the country are capitalizing on the fact that education is their business. He is anxious to "see us moving in that direction as soon as possible."

In return for the service of continuing education, the university will definitely be asking the alumni to do more and more. The first Alumni Fund Campaign, which raised almost \$5,000 last year, is one way in which alumni can help UMSL.

Farrell hopes the position of Alumni Director will be filled by someone who will view alumni as a major resource to UMSL. UMSL can serve chiefly through continuing education. Several persons will be nominated by an appointed Search Committee, and final selection will be made by Farrell and Grobman.

Faculty provides UMSL input

Susan Kendrick

Charles Armbruster, associate professor of chemistry, was elected to the recently-formed Missouri Assembly of Faculties in Higher Education, at a meeting of all university faculty Sept. 17.



ELECTED: Charles Armbruster to serve on the Missouri Assembly of Faculties in Higher Education. [Photo by Steve Weber]

The group will serve in an advisory position capacity to Missouri's Coordinating Board of Higher Education. According to Armbruster, the assembly consists of one elected faculty representative from each institution of higher education in the state. This includes public, private, senior and junior colleges, as well as technical schools, colleges of osteopathy and seminaries. A total of 76 members meet on a monthly basis in order to provide direct input to the Board.

At the same meeting of all university faculty on Sept. 17, Deborah Haimo, professor and chairperson of the Mathematical Sciences Department, was elected to a three-year term on the Inter-Campus Faculty Council.

According to Haimo, the council is a 12-member faculty group, with three representatives from each of the University of Missouri campuses. She, along with James Tushaus, associate professor of marketing, and Robert Murray, professor and chairperson of the chemistry department, will represent UMSL at the council's monthly

meetings with C. Brice Ratchford, president of the University of Missouri.

"The meetings with Ratchford gives us a chance to discuss issues."

One of UMSL's three representatives regularly reports to the campus Senate and Faculty Council.



ELECTED: Deborah Haimo to serve on the Inter-Campus Faculty Council [Photo courtesy OPI]

Reorganization irregularities found

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represented." "There is a tendency on the part of the Senate to select Senate members to committees," he continued, "and most faculty and students feel that they can best represent themselves."

There were, however, "political reasons" one administrator said, for some faculty members wanting to make sure Grobman will pick a name from the list they drew up.

According to several UMSL faculty members, one administrative position was filled last spring by a personal selection, which "either ignored or contradicted" the recommendation made by the search committee for that position.

In addition, the salary of the person was changed while the search committee was drawing up its list. The committee was not told of the salary change until after it had made its recommendations, the faculty member continued.

Changes were made also in the function of the vacant position, according to an UMSL professor. The search committee was notified "post facto" of the change, the professor stated.

Joseph McKenna, professor of economics, alluded to the incident at the Senate meeting, according to the same source. There was general concern at the meeting that such an incident might occur again, a professor stated.

Further activity surrounding a Central Council resolution sent to Grobman in August revealed a change in the position Grobman took toward selecting the vice-chancellors.

At that time, the Central Council passed and forwarded to Grobman a resolution recom-

mending "that search committees be established... to advise the chancellor of nominations for the three positions," because of their "substantial impact" on students and faculty. All three positions were vacant in August.

Responding to the resolution in a letter to the council's secretary, Grobman stated, "I agree fully with the thrust of the resolution. I will make no recommendations for major appointments (on this campus) without... the advice of duly constituted search committees." Grobman's letter was dated Sept. 23.

Curt Watts, student body vice-president, stated, "I was a little surprised by Grobman's subsequent actions." In mid-September Grobman announced that he had recommended candidates for two of the three positions. Sargent stated that the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization also recommended search committees to fill all three positions.

Other activities revealed similar handling of the search committee selection. At the Senate meeting on Oct. 9, Haimo proposed the resolution originally put forth by the college of arts and sciences. The resolution had been forwarded to Grobman two days earlier.

Suggesting a change in the composition of the search committee as initially proposed by Grobman, the arts and sciences faculty asked that five members — three from arts and sciences and one each from business and education — and two students be among the committee members.

In addition, the resolution suggested that the constituency of each group having a representative on the search committee elect that representative. Originally, the Senate alone was

to elect the representative.

Norris, in an interview with the Current last Thursday, said, "The arts and sciences resolution was the most crucial item at the Senate meeting. A search committee was not selected then," Norris continued, "because we allowed Grobman time to respond to the resolution."

On Thursday, Oct. 16, faculty members of some departments in arts and sciences elected representatives to a search committee according to the method proposed by their resolution.

Sargent, when interviewed Friday, said he was a social science department nominee to the search committee for the third vice-chancellorship. Sargent said, "There will be faculty nominees from the humanities, natural sciences, and mathematics departments, and from the business and education schools." Sargent was unsure if Grobman would choose each nominee or if each one was elected.

Grobman confirmed the former in a telephone interview. "I'm going to appoint the search committee," he said. He added that his appointments would coincide with the faculty's nominees, "so long as I'm sure the search committee has a balanced representation." His concern was that principles of Affirmative Action be followed, he added.

Originally, the arts and sciences resolution proposed that each representative be elected by their constituency.

Further changes were made in the resolution before it was implemented. One non-academic employee will be added to the committee. Grobman will select the one administrator. Grobman stated that the administrator will

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chair the committee.
 "I will appoint the administrator," he said, "to balance the committee. That person will chair the committee because an administrator will have time that's freer," he said. Grobman continued to say that the balance wanted was in representation. Blacks and women will have "proportionate" representation on the search committee.

Faculty and students, as well as Grobman, discussed the use of Affirmative Action principles in selecting the vice-chancellors. Primm agreed that Grobman wants a balanced representation. "The only reason Grobman might have decided to pick those nominated to the search committee instead of having them elected would be to make sure Affirmative Action is complied with," he stated.

Other faculty stated differing opinions. Pearson drew up a resolution read at the Senate meeting. The resolution recommended that all candidates for administrative and academic offices be selected by the Affirmative Action method.

In a later interview he stated, "There can be no Affirmative Action without search committees and advertisement." He added that he felt Affirmative Action was not followed in the recommendation of the two recommended appointees.

Sylvia Lang, Affirmative Action officer, stated, in the process of looking to see if Affirmative Action principles are being utilized on campus. She has no definite knowledge of the exact areas of investigation. "Information is beginning to be collected," she said.

If a list of candidates for an office were drawn up, Lang said she would have to approve it "before an offer is made." She would sign only if Affirmative Action were followed in selecting the names. The procedure would hold for the vice-chancellor search, she said.

Sargent, stated the "Grobman did check with the office. Affirmative Action to see if he was OK" when he made recommendations for two of the vice-chancellorships.

Grobman stated that he had checked with A.G. Unkelsby, vice-president of the University Wide Administration, before recommending Walters and Perry to the vice-chancellorships. Unkelsby, at Columbia, is the Affirmative Action officer for the entire university.

Faculty members at the Senate meeting also discussed when Affirmative Action principles were to be used. "It is possible to reassess without Affirmative Action," stated a faculty member, "but not when the position involves advancement." Advancement, he continued, was determined by a raise in salary.

Grobman has stated that there will be no change in salaries of those holding the vice-chancellorships. There would be an Affirmative Action search for the two recommended positions if they had been new ones, he stated.

In the case of the two recommendations, he said, "we're not making a search for people. They're already here." He was referring to Walters and Perry.

On the final list drawn up by the search committee for the chancellorship there were no women. "This was because they turned it down," stated Primm. Primm chaired that search committee. Women were considered for the position of chancellor, he said.

Blacks were on the list, Primm added. Two administrators, John Perry, business officer, and Connie Kimbo, dean of students, were included on the search committee for the chancellor last year.

LETTERS

'Student Body President' speaks out

Dear Editor:

I am the new Student Body President and Chairman of the Central Council. "How can that be?" you ask, "We've never heard of you?" Allow me to explain.

Last election I ran for UMSL political office in the Apathetic Party, a party originated by me. When I realized that less than 1000 students of a 12000-plus student body voted, I realized that the student majority had no one adequately representing them. Each and every candidate represented a small power group on campus, politically standing on special interests, and were voted in by those special interests, and were voted in by those special-interest power-groups. The only way the majority could express their wishes was choosing not to vote. Therefore, I claim all those votes that were

not cast were for my own political party — the Apathetic Party.

I was amazed at the way the student body rallied to my slogan: "If you really don't care — vote Apathetically!" About .08 per cent of the student body voted for all the other candidates and I received the rest. Just think: all of those people who lost actually think they won!

I hereby decree my first act as the winning candidate: in consistency with my political platform ("We don't care!") I hereby liquidate the Central Council by the wishes of the student majority. Have all the funds used by the council returned to the pockets of each and every student.

Kevin McGrane
Student Body President
Central Council Chairman

Cites 'irresponsible journalism'

Dear Editor:

In response to the article carried on the front page of the UMSL Current dated Oct. 9, 1975 in reference to art 243 being cancelled, we would like to make the following observations.

The explanation of the absence of Dr. Carole Kaufmann was done in extremely poor taste. It would have been sufficient to say that Dr. Kaufmann had taken a leave of absence, or even that she was gone due to a family illness. But, to intrude on her personal life was totally uncalled for and shows a lack of taste on the part of the people responsible for the article. To go into as much detail as the article did was very rude. The personal conflicts of a professor's life should not be discussed in regard to her career. There is no excuse for that sort of irresponsible journalism.

We also feel that the attitude of the students interviewed in the article was not a fair representation of the bulk of the students enrolled in the class. Comments such as: "I was hoping the course would pull up my grade point average" and "... I wanted to take a course that was easy" or "... the class did not have an opportunity to learn much before the class was cancelled" were totally beyond belief. If these students had a sincere interest in the course and had bothered to do the assigned reading, they would not have made such vindictive comments. The article left the impression that absolutely nothing had been accomplished in

those first four weeks. This is clearly a misconception. Art 243 was informative and promised to be fulfilling. It is this sort of easy grade attitude that has depreciated the value of a college education in today's society. Furthermore, one cannot expect to learn everything there is to know about the history of architecture in four weeks, or even to begin to scratch the surface of this broad subject.

In reading the article, we noted that the student seemed to feel the whole situation was the fault of the Fine Arts Department and vowed never to return to that department again. In fact, as Dr. Bellis explained, the department did handle the situation as best they could under the circumstances; therefore, it is a mistake for the student to feel that the Fine Arts Department was to blame or at fault for what happened to him, and no student should feel that this situation is typical of what goes on in the department. Anyone seriously involved in the department knows of the high standards held by it. The instructors have always taken a keen interest in the students and any problems he or she might have, especially when those problems are professionally related.

In conclusion, we feel that the article presents a somewhat biased point of view, and was not written as responsibly as the significance of the situation demanded.

Barry Luedloff
James C. Scott
Cynthia Stollhans
[students from the Art 243 class]

Questions term 'Socialist perspective'

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to an article by the Current "Duncan Terminated For Indefinite Reasons" (Oct. 9, 1975) initially by asking, "what is a 'socialist perspective'?" From the comments by the student who lodged the formal complaint against him, Duncan was not teaching a class from a "socialist perspective" but rather as a socialist persuasion. I agree that teachers should use the course title as a guideline to what they teach. However, I caution the recommendation that Duncan should be teaching in the philosophy department. Here, too, zealots may use the guise of a general philosophy course such as Philosophy 50 — "Major Questions in Philosophy" to try to indoctrinate students. (I use the word "indoctrinate" here loosely.)

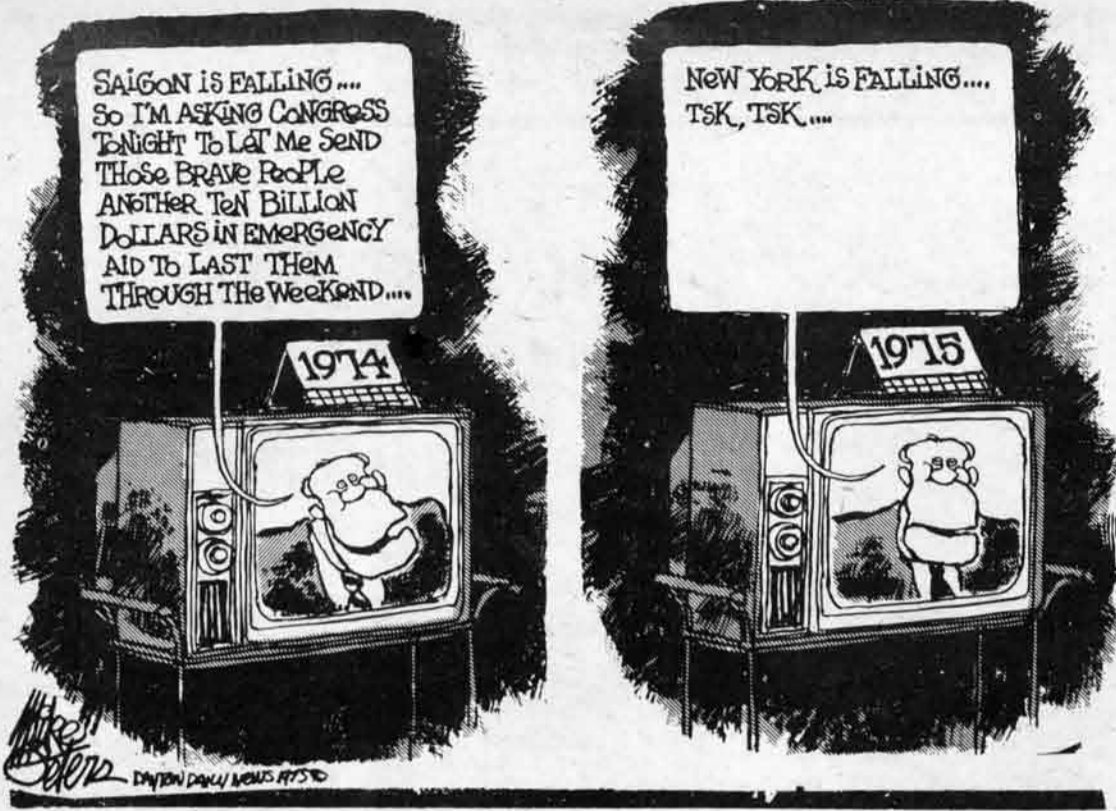
Nevertheless, if Duncan is correct in his accusation that

"the faculty committee is conducting a witch hunt" against him, I believe that the university should adopt an across-the-board policy to give terminal contracts to all faculty members who are not teaching in a course what is designated by the course catalog.

Mr. Duncan states, "The fundamental right of political freedom in the classroom is at stake." I question whether or not he acknowledges the fundamental right of a student to expect that he will be offered a particular skill described in the course outline.

Finally and most strenuously, I have no objections to Mr. Duncan's political beliefs not to the teaching of such convictions, I do, however, object to his teaching them under false pretenses.

Debra Knox-Diermann



EDITORIALS

Grobman's recent actions inconsistent with claims

Kathy Mitchell

When he first arrived at UMSL, Arnold Grobman claimed that his policy towards students, faculty and administration would be an open one. In a May 1, 1975 interview with the Current, Grobman further added that expansion of present university facilities must include those currently out of school but wishing to continue their education.

This philosophy does not fit well with Grobman's recent actions. Since his arrival at UMSL,

certain areas. However, projections, based on the budget allocations in past years, showed that these gaps could be filled if the library continued to receive the same amount of money in future years.

This is hardly possible with a budget cut of \$175,000.

Students will not be the only ones suffering if this amount is cut. In a university system where "publish or perish" is so soundly rooted, one needs to do extensive research. But a \$175,000 loss means less current periodicals, less books, less microfilm documents, less everything needed

COMMENTARY

Grobman has managed somehow to purchase a new "mansion" with funds from an anonymous donor, "knight" two former administrators into vice-chancellors, and now the crowning blow, he has proposed an unprecedented \$175,000 cut from the library budget.

Those who use the UMSL library to do research of any great length will immediately realize the irony of the situation. As an undergraduate student, I found the library's collection mediocre at best. But as a graduate student, I find the library's holdings sadly inadequate for serious study.

This lack of books for graduate level studies has serious implications. Not only will it cost the university students, but ultimately it will cost the university growth in degree offerings.

A major part of the evaluation to find out if a university is capable to offer a degree is based on the university's capacity to provide solid research material. Several of the degrees initiated at UMSL in the last few years were initiated with the idea that the library collection would increase. That implies that holdings at the present time were inadequate to warrant issuing a Master's degree in

for quality research.

For someone who has been associated with universities systems all his life, this seems an unspeakably gross error in judgement on the part of Chancellor Grobman. To those of us who were accustomed to the candid, fair-minded manner of Emery Turner, Grobman's actions over the past six months have been hard to accept. In particular, his method of ramming the proposed budget down the throat of the long range planning committee is offensive.

As an alternative suggestion to the library problem, the total \$175,000 should be re-evaluated. If it is found that this is indeed the final total, then a division among the various other departments schools, and facilities on campus should be made.

But for the library, which only receives five per cent of the university budget, to have to bear the brunt of the cut is an outrageous action not to be tolerated by the university community.

As a suggestion to Grobman's autocratic manner of handling things, the senate should use the power it has while watching this chancellor very carefully.

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Veteran moved by film

Dear Editor:

In reference to the movie: 'Hearts and Minds' shown on campus Oct. 15.

On the Fourth of July, every Fourth of July for the past five years, I have trembled in both fear and remorse; not only from the incessant sounds of the aerial bombs at the nearby fire-works displays, but from shades of the past and my involvement "over there."

I loaded bombs day in and day out, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and religiously every Sunday like a good Christian for thirteen months. All the while, Nixon was telling the U.S. that there was no further aggressive action taking place "over the holidays."

We sent mission after mission, twenty-four hours a day seven days a week into Laos and North Vietnam; we weren't bombing there; said Nixon: "There is no military action in either Laos or North Vietnam."

Yes, I do have nightmares; it's been over five years with those. The senselessness of it all; what's it been worth? Am I to be more mature as a result of it or do I remain a walking scar of mine and others' actions? All the napalm, all the phosphorous and numerous other strictly inhumane weapons of destruction which I cannot understand or comprehend, now or ever. Are these more real to me or to the dead? No more do I participate physically, yet I am there for an eternity.

The manipulation of so many

by so few men in D.C., the wool (or was it plastic?) which they pulled down and so securely tied for so long over so many peoples hearts and minds, mine included. At last it is out where it belongs; "Hearts and Minds," it says it all. It points to so many things that need to be changed but most importantly the need for the complete deletion of something terrible called war.

It took me one and one-half years to muster the guts to see the film. I'm not sorry I did and I am already coping more wisely with so many aspects of it all; yet I am still very depressed. Just can't seem to forget.

You load and drop napalm, etc. for thirteen months then come home and hold your child.

You fly over Laos at 1000 feet and see the bomb craters, seemingly every inch.

You watch the military erect a church bell made of half a 750 lb. HE bomb and then think about your religious upbringing and whose side God is really on.

You bear the cross just as so many people have for so long.

You pray for and praise those who had the real guts and courage or perhaps total and absolute sense of commitment to refuse service or to leave their homeland.

Now, you may cry with me.

Thank you for the movie and thank you for this opportunity to say what I say, think what I think and most importantly, to feel what I feel. Give Peace a Chance.

Name Withheld

Claims mere suggestions ineffective

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a suggestion if I may. The next time UMSL sets up an operation such as calling the campus operators whenever a phone is found to be out of order some one should be specifically selected to notify the operators the program has started. I am serious about this and I speak from experience. Last week while trying to make a phone call in the University Center I lost \$20 in the pay phone. After reading the sign on the phone about what to do when it is found to be out of order I used the nearby Hotline and called the campus operator.

The answer I received was unbelievable. She asked me what I expected her to do about it and that I should call the phone company and tell them. It was obvious by the tone of her voice and the flip answers I got that she was too busy to bother about a phone that was out of order. So the next time the Current belittles the student body about not caring enough about our school to tell them when something is not working I suggest that they find out why nobody is bothering to report broken equipment around school.

John P. Cody

'Poor ecological condition' cited

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on the poor ecological condition and upkeep at UMSL. I refer to the areas most heavily traveled by the knowledge hungry students who believe that the shortest route from A to C is through B.

There are certain B areas of which I myself am guilty of trodding, which means I'm

either knowledge hungry or in a hurry.

First, the downhill-cross country route from the Administration Building to Stadler Hall. If it was snowcovered and had a vertical drop of 7,000 feet it would be excellent skiing. Such is not the case. It's just eroded and most likely corroded. Why can't the university

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construct either a) steps, or b) asphalt paving over, on and through this area?

The second concerns the area from the general direction of the Library to the pool hall. There is a beautiful sign placed in this area which state that if we don't walk on this B area, then we'll have plenty of air for tomorrow. A paved path here would be well spent time and material.

By no means am I suggesting that the entire campus should eventually be paved. It's a beautiful campus. I just feel

(and quite strongly) that wherever there are masses of people, that masses of grass blades are going to be wiped out and the soil so hardened that it will take more gypsum than is available to recondition it. Besides, I happen to be rather fond of grass as I'm sure there are others with the same sentiment.

Please comment, or better still do something about it. I want some air to go with the grass for tomorrow and vice versa.

Karl Lattner

Against support, aid for New York

Dear Editor:

President Ford and the Congress have a big and important decision to make before December. Whether or not to save New York City from bankruptcy by having the federal government pay its bill is the question. Every student at UMSL should be deeply concerned as to what the final decision will be. I feel that to bail out New York City would be an injustice to college students all over America, because of the educational program that New York is burdened with.

In New York City, all college fees are paid for by the city of New York. Books, tuition, housing — all of these are paid for. In other words, college is free in New York. Education alone makes up close to 30 per cent of New York's debts.

In simple language, if the federal government bails out New York, that means students at UMSL will be paying their own college fees plus the fees of the students in New York City. What makes the New York

students special? Why can't they pay their own college fees as every other student in the U.S. does? Getting rid of this "unfair," burdensome college system alone would solve New York's money problems.

President Ford has said he wants no New York bailout, but instead to let them live with the monster they have created for awhile. He has warned that the consequences of a New York bailout could be even more severe than what we have now. Helping New York could set a precedent for other cities spend, spend and spend what they don't have with the assurance of federal help.

I feel we should back President Ford strongly on this point, and let New York be an example of government mismanagement and over spending for other cities to prevent them from going broke. I for one don't want to pay New York's bills, and I am sure most American don't either.

K.W. Koonce

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Not enough French to please the French

Kathy O'Brien

Although Paris may seem pretty far to go for a McDonald's hamburger, if you're an American traveling in France the "golden arches" of this famous American hamburger joint could be a welcome sight. And that's just what it was to Bob Richardson and Don Jehle, two UMSL students who recently went to France.

Bob and Don had planned to attend the Universite Paul Valerie de Montpellier, a university in France, this year, but they learned a couple days before their departure that they hadn't fulfilled one of the requirements. Since all their plans were made Bob said that they decided to go anyway, in hope that they could still get in.

Their original information about French universities came from an article in Esquire magazine. However, the article was lacking in information about a particular entrance requirement that requires students to pass a language test. The test would have had to have been taken in May.

When Bob and Don wrote to the university, they had decided upon, it too failed to inform them about the requirement.

Undaunted, they began making preparations for the trip. Bob said that (the requirement) "popped up" a couple of days before he and Don left, and he had mixed reactions. "In a way I was relieved because I wasn't sure I could hack it — being in a French classroom after having only 13 hours of the language. But I was also disappointed because I didn't have any real purpose for staying too long. It was a real let-down," Bob said.

Bob only stayed on the continent for 16 days, but Don is still there "camping out and seeing the country until his money runs out."

To get to France they took a Russian passenger ship, the Mikhail Lermontov, which carried approximately 700 passengers and 300 crew members. According to Bob, there aren't very many passenger ships left making the North Atlantic run, but it's the only way to go. He said,

"It may cost about \$50 more than a plane, but you're on it for about ten days and they provide all your food, the use of the swimming pool and whatever else is available. On the Russian ship that I was on the only difference between Fourth class, which I traveled on, and First class, is that I had four people in my room on a lower deck and the rest room was down the hall."

He indicated that one needn't worry about getting seasick because passenger ships are well stabilized. Although he did experience a little trouble with the boat rocking while he was trying



FOREIGN TRAVELER: "I have just begun to travel." (Photo by Andy Chandler)

to teach a Russian girl how to do the "Bump."

While Bob and Don were in Europe they never stayed in hotels; they had rail passes, so they rode over-night trains and went sight-seeing during the day. This did present some problems. Bob said, "We had to take a train far enough so we could sleep overnight. If we wanted to visit some place close to where we were, we had to go someplace farther away and come back the next night."

The rail passes were good for two months, but Bob felt that he got his money's worth out of it in the two weeks he used it. He said, "The trains

were always on time (unlike American trains) and most of them were kept up really nice."

Bob and Don didn't limit their travels solely to France, although they did spend most of their time there. They also visited Rome, Switzerland and London. Bob said, "The nice thing about Europe is that everything is so international. Everything is in two or three languages and they have all the international direction signs, which are standardized drawings."

As with anyone who has traveled, Bob has the usual "on the road" stories.

Some things seem to happen to everyone — like running into other Americans while touring Europe. Bob said, "We were looking at the Coliseum and Don had on an UMSL shirt; the lady came running up to us and said, 'Oh, do you go to UMSL?' It turned out she had gone to the University of Missouri-Columbia."

Bob, who has had only 13 hours of French, said that he didn't have too much difficulty commuting. That is, until he had to wash his clothes. He said, "We didn't know how to say laundry, soap or laundromat — we never got to that in French class. By chance we stumbled onto a place that looked like a laundromat — fortunately it was. We spent the whole day trying to get our clothes washed — asking how to say soap, wash and things like that."

They didn't have any problems with expenses as far as food was concerned. Bob said, "You can spend a fortune on it or a dollar a day. Sometimes we would get bread from a bakery in the morning and ham or cheese from a market, and that would last us all day."

Bob said that all the people he met were really friendly and he plans to go back to France in two or three years. Right now he is making plans for a trip to Egypt, that he'll be taking next year. Bob is a Political Science major and hopes to get into national foreign service. He said, "I'm going to finish up at UMSL and then, I'll really start travelling around."

Veteran's Affairs offers service to UMSL Veterans

Joe Williams

The Veteran's Affairs Office, a service organization on campus, is sensitive to the 1500 veteran students and veteran dependents

enrolled in the Day and Evening Divisions.

The VAO is headed by John Sehnert, Co-ordinator with a staff of seven peer counselors,

and a Veterans Representative, Pat Claspill.

"Veterans are usually better students because he or she is more mature and realize what

they are in school for. Most have families that must be supported while they are in school. Therefore they become impatient with red tape and bureaucracy, we

try to circumvent as much of this as possible," Sehnert said.

"My main function is to assure that educational payments are made promptly. I get assistance from the Regional VA facilities. I have a direct line to the Regional office where the primary function is handling payment problems," Claspill, Veteran Representative said.

"From what I've experienced so far, most students here know where they are going. This, however, is indicative of most four year colleges. I like the atmosphere and the students are helpful," Claspill said.

Sehnert's student-peer counselors are available eight hours a day to assist veterans.

"My role is to provide as much insight as possible about educational benefits and aid all veterans that come up here, Charlie Goodlow, peer counselor said. "I also think that the image of Vietnam Era Vets is negative. People see most ex-GIs as brutal misfits. We are here proving that is not so."

The VAO offers recreational activities and hosts a Veteran's Club lead by Leon Dogan, another peer counselor.

"Most vets enrolled in college after serving a stint in the Armed Forces and find that there are many difficulties incurred while competing for college grades. When considering peer-groupings, the average vet will not identify with recent high-school graduates. We have a vets club just for that purpose," Dogan said.

The VAO offers assistance in many areas such as: admissions, advisement, community referrals for personal problems, remedial assistance, work-study, and tutorial assistance, and these are just a few.

"I would like to see more participation in vets club. Our office isn't here just for money problems, we provide other services too," Paul Maddock, Claspill's assistant said.

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"Condor" for the birds

Steve Means

Robert Redford is Joe Turner, and unimportant reader-researcher working in an obscure CIA office somewhere in New York. The office, also containing seven other relatively unimportant people, is under a false name and has an electric metal grated door and video camera to keep the nogoodniks out. The defense fails, and for some unspecified reason, three gentlemen come in the front door and proceed to blast to bits everyone there — except Joe Turner, who by chance slipped out to get a couple of sandwiches at a greasy cafe down the street.

When Turner returns he finds his bullet-riddled buddies lying about the office, still warm, the computers still running, and no one else to be found. Suddenly, he realized that he too, is in danger and must get in touch with headquarters. It seems though, that headquarters doesn't care for Turner either, and decides to try to make it an even eight corpses.

After a close brush with death, Turner makes it his business to find the "CIA within the CIA." At this point, it seems that everyone is out to get him, and he must find a secure hiding place. Turner decides to hijack a woman and her land rover for this purpose, finding that she is young, single, lives alone and is beautiful. The woman goes by the name of Catherine Hale (Faye Dunaway) and spends a good deal of her time strapped to her own toilet as Turner is out roaming around, investigating the CIA. At first she objects to this total stranger coming in on her life and taking control of her, but later decides it isn't so bad when this handsome devil

cuts her loose and makes love to her. In turn she decides to help him out.

On the other end of the receiver, the big cheeses in the CIA, (John Houseman and Cliff Robertson) are still out to get Turner, who through his own ingenuity manages to escape some of their more complex webs, including the crosshairs of one incredibly business-plike hired gun (Max von Sydow)



Where is the plot going? Is it saying anything? Apparently everybody involved with the film forgot such a minor technicality — and the production shows it.

There are some definite statements made about the CIA, yet they were all strung out, between spurts of action and conning. Acting-wise, Redford turns out a slick performance with similar praise for John Houseman, Cliff Robertson, and especially Max von Sydow. Faye Dunaway also did a reasonable job, considering a rough part. Are solid performances enough to salvage a movie? In this movie they were — barely.

The plot begins to drag early, and continues throughout, leaving the story standing fraggily on acting and dialogue merits. Sydney Pollack directed the story, and doesn't do too bad a job in lieu of the material he had to work with.

Not a bad film and not a great one, but one for Redford fans who are interested in a strong performance.

Now showing at numerous theatres in the area.



DIMITRI, at his best [Photo courtesy Edison Theatre]

Dimitri performs music, mimes

"Dimitri, the Clown of Ascona," will appear at Edison Theatre, Washington University on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Born in Ascona, Switzerland in 1935 of artist parents, Dimitri Mueller has in recent years earned a reputation as one of Europe's best mimes.

Active as a pantomime artist for nearly twenty years, Dimitri is a former student of Marcel Marceau.

Since becoming independent from Marceau's company in 1959, Dimitri has gone on to master a variety of other performing arts.

He juggles ping pong balls with his mouth while balancing spinning plates with his hands. He plays ten different musical instruments including four saxophones simultaneously. He is an acrobat.

In 1973 he won the Grock Prize, the international award given for the best clown.

Shows are at 8:00 pm. Seats are \$4.50 a piece for the general public.

'Midsummer' showing

William Shakespeare's enchanting comedy of romantic mix-ups and the magical workings of the world of dreams opened at the Loretto-Hilton Theatre on Friday, October 24.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be directed by David Frank, with sets by John Kavelin, costumes by John Sullivan and lighting by Peter Sargent.

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"Earnest" jabs of intellectual fun

Mark Henderson

Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" was performed last Friday, Saturday and Sunday by the University Players.

Wilde's "Earnest" is a fine vehicle of nonsense, jabbing fun at everything from the Church to Victorian aristocracy to romantics. Wilde twists the language into set-up puns and funny one-liners, such as, "I will wait forever... provided you don't take too long."

Barry Kepp played Algernon, the rogue with a ferocious appetite, in a funny, refined way. Kepp's mannerisms were well defined and his timings impeccable. Sunday night, Kepp had trouble at the onset keeping his English accent, but this problem was rectified before the second act.

Stan Brown played Algernon's counterpart, Jack Worthing. Jack assumes the name Earnest so he can come to town for fun. Jack claims that "One comes to the city to entertain himself, he goes to the country to entertain others," brown, as Jack, was a stately character with beautiful eye expression, from shifty side glances to bugging out in surprise. Constantly solid, Brown's accent was always well defined.

Gwendolen, a relative to Algernon and in love with Jack under his assumed name of Earnest, was played by Michelle Armstrong. Armstrong's Gwendolen was properly stiff as a young woman bored with the aristocratic life, but her voice was not convincing enough. Often a monotone, Armstrong's voice lost many of Gwendolen's better lines.

Tina Renard played Cecily,

Jack's ward who falls in love with Algernon when he comes to Jack's country estate impersonating Jack's non-existent brother Earnest. Cecily, an impetuous girl of eighteen, was played with verve by Renard, a bubbly and beautiful performance.

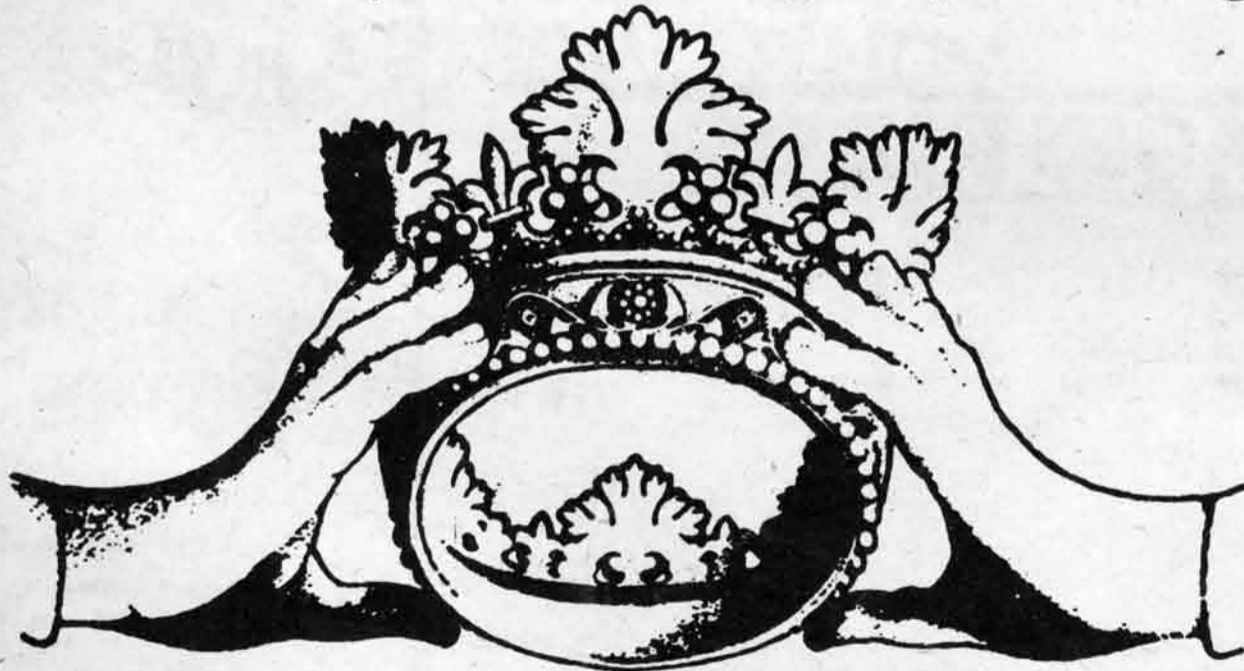
The rest of the cast was exceptional, especially Jim Dugan's dry Lane, Algernon's butler. Debbie Gerber, Pat Hederman, Michael Eagan and Chris German filled out the cast.

Directed by D.L. Bettisworth, this production of "Earnest" was a refined and restrained one. Considered by Bettisworth an "intellectual farce," the cast played the language and ignored all slapstick possibilities found in "Earnest." Bettisworth set a proper rhythm for the play, but the cast had a tendency to jump on their laughs, thereby losing some lines throughout the play.

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MAKE HIM SWEAT: Steve Moyers [no. 11] and Ted O'Neill [no. 18] keep the pressure on in last Saturday 2-0 victory over UICC. [Photo by Betty Brielmaier.]

Rivermen split in soccer

Jim Shanahan

The Rivermen soccer team split a pair of games, losing to SIU-Edwardsville 4-2 on Wednesday Oct. 15 and defeating the University of Illinois Chicago Circle 2-0 on Saturday Oct. 18. Both games were at home.

Greg Villa opened the scoring for SIU at 6:03 in the first half with a shot from about fifteen feet out on an assist by Tim Twellman. The Rivermen came back late in the half to tie the score when Steve Moyers put in a head shot off the fingertips of the leaping Cougar goalie at 32:36 on a throw-in by Nick Traina. UMsl came back five minutes later for their second goal of the game as Ted O'Neill scored on a two on one break with the assist to Jack Donovan.

In the second half the Rivermen came out flat and SIU quickly took advantage of the situation. Chris Cacciatore sent in a high hard shot from about thirty feet out and to the left of the goal. UMsl goalie Rick Hudson got his hands on the

ball but deflected it over his head into the net.

"The tying goal changed the complexion of things," said head coach Don Dallas. The Cougars began to increase the pressure on UMsl's defense.

At 60:07 Greg Makowski scored on a head shot off a corner kick by Twellman as Hudson was screened from the ball by his own defense. Twellman closed the scoring at 87:09 with a shot from the left side into the lower right hand corner of the net.

"The goals they scored in the second half were on faulty plays of ours," stated Dallas. We miss (Mark) Legrand. He really stabilized our backfield."

The results were more pleasant for the Rivermen Saturday in their game against UICC. UMsl, with five freshmen starting, including Dennis Genovese in goal instead of Rick Hudson, were never really in trouble during the game.

Dallas said Genovese started because "Ricky (Hudson) has a bad hand. We had it X-rayed

Thursday and there were no broken bones." Dallas added that he may start Genovese again Thursday to give Hudson some more rest.

Steve Moyers scored early in the first half when he walked in on the goalie on a long pass down the middle from Traina. Dennis Bozesky put in the final goal for the Rivermen with a head shot off a penalty kick by Mark Dorsey at 82:50.

UMsl will play again this afternoon when they host Southern Methodist, 11-1 for the season, in a 4:45 pm game.

A preliminary game Thursday afternoon at 2:45 pm, preceding the UMsl -SMU match, will pit Forest Park Community College against Richland Junior College of Dallas, Texas.

They will close out their home season in Saturday's Homecoming game against Northern Illinois. The game will follow a match between junior college power Florissant Valley, top ranked in the nation, and Meramec in a twelve noon game.

Women aim at title

Dave Bridwell

A big step in the right direction was taken this past weekend when the UMsl women's volleyball team qualified for the state tournament by placing first in their district.

Four teams competed in the district, in which the top two teams go to the state tournament. UMsl and St. Louis U. placed one and two respectively. Washington U. and Southeast Missouri State lost their bids to attend the state meet which will be held Nov. 7-8 at UMsl.

Other schools which will probably participate in the tourney are: UMC, UMKC, Northeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri. Southwest took the championship last year, and they consistently have exceptional teams. The tourney is a round robin tournament. Within the state of Missouri there are four districts.

The Rivermen have twelve wins against one defeat so far in the season. Coach Judy Whitney explained that the success of the

team is due to, "Their hard work plus the total team effort." The team is not big but makes up for it in this teamwork that Whitney talked about.

This past Tuesday the GAIAW tournament continued with UMsl and St. Louis U. in a tie for first with 3-0 records. The two teams met that evening but the results were not available in time for this issue. This may be the last year that UMsl competes in the GAIAW because of the weak competition. St. Louis U. is the only school that gives the Rivermen a challenging match.

Even though Coach Whitney substitutes occasionally not all girls, especially underclassmen, get actual playing time. For this reason a team number two was created. On Saturday they played against Forest Park, St. Louis U. and SEMO all who have similar teams. The round robin tourney wasn't completed but in the games that had been played St. Louis U. was 2-0, Forest Park 2-1, UMsl 1-1 and SEMO 1-2.

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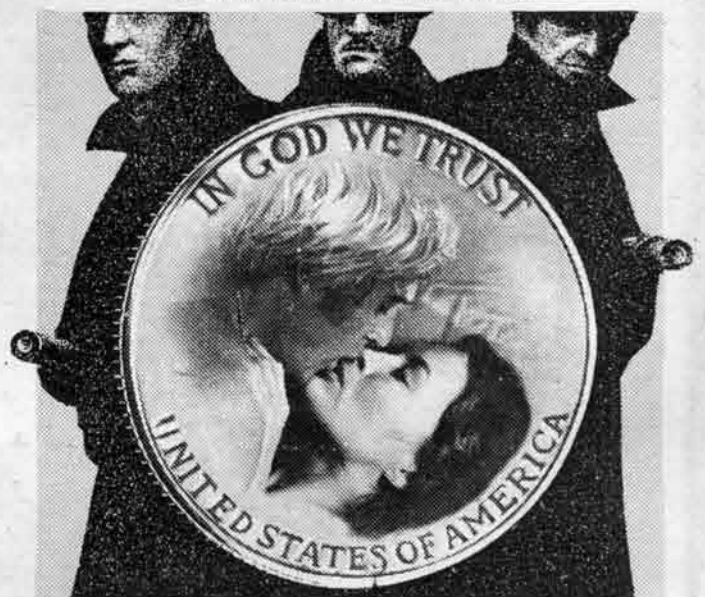
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Gals are key to scoring . . . (goals)

Paul Koenig

Coed hoc soc will make its first appearance in the UMSL intramural program this semester. Previously the sport was for males only.

For those not familiar with coed hoc soc, it is a game played by two teams of six players each, three men and three women. The game is a combination of hockey and soccer, but contact or roughness is not allowed. Slight contact is expected but nothing more than slight. The

playing surface consists of the entire gym floor. The ball may be played off walls, bleachers and any other structure in the gym. Playing time is comprised of two fifteen minute periods with five minutes rest between halves.

The gals are the key to scoring a goal. At least one girl must touch the ball in her team's offensive zone before a goal is legal. The gentlemen may score only from their offensive zone, females may tally from anywhere. Play begins Oct.

29.

Coed intramural bowling entered its third week of competition Oct. 21. Eight four man and woman teams bowl every Tuesday at Ferguson Lanes.

After two weeks of competition the Delta Zeta Turtles were in first place. In second place with an equal number of points but slightly lower team average was the TEKES. The Polish Nationals, Four Hits and a Miss, and the Double Gutters rounded out the top five.

The men's high game to date was shot by Dennis Boswell (235). Cheli Ohms currently has the women's high game of 187. Boswell also holds high average with 185. Judy Oliver has a women's high average of 152.

The No-Names gained the final playoff berth in intramural football last week by defeating the Huskies 6-0. Eight of the leagues twelve teams will do battle in the playoffs. All first and second place teams as well as two "wild card" teams will compete in the finals.

The three first place teams are the Fun Palace, the Pros and the Sig Taus. The second place squads consist of the Pikers, the No-Names and the Jets. The "wild card" spots were grabbed by the TEKES and the Sig Pi team. All teams had their opening contests Oct. 21. Results will be in the next issue.

Anyone interest in playing intramural broomball at the Dellwood Recreational Center? In case you are not familiar with the sport, broomball is similar to a game of hockey played on ice, with a few minor exceptions. In exchange for his hockey stick the broomballer carries a "modified" broomstick (the bristles are cut down). The player's

footwear is no longer honed hockey skates but ordinary street shoes. Teams do not chase a puck, but rather an ordinary

rubber ball. Sound like fun? If it does then drop by the athletic office and pick up a roster from which also lists available times.

Women even hockey record

Pam Rhodey

The women's field hockey team reached the .500 mark with a 2-1 victory over Greenville here Oct. 18. The win lifted their overall record to 4-4-2.

UMSL went ahead 1-0 early in the first half on a goal by Gerri Allmeyer. They did not maintain the lead, and the opponents tied the score. The Rivermen regained the lead in the second half on a goal by Sue Lappin making the score 2-1. Greenville put the pressure on, but they were not able to crack the UMSL

defense again.

Coach Carol Migneron said, "The team played an excellent game and they really hustled. They are playing together, and as the season goes on they are definitely improving."

The Rivermen tied Principia 2-2 earlier in the week on goals scored by Gerri Allmeyer and Sue Lappin.

The field hockey team will travel to Lindenwood on Oct. 22 and to Greenville on Oct. 24. They will play at home on Oct. 26 against Southeast Missouri State University.

Courts near finish

Tom Rodgers

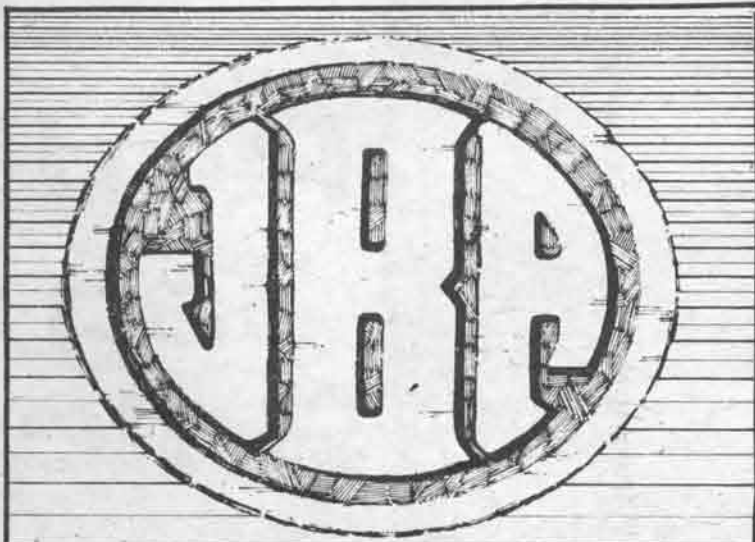
UMSL is constructing four outdoor racquetball courts that are nearly completed. They are located behind the Multi-Purpose Building beside the tennis courts.

The courts are not finished due to construction problems. Jim Velten, intramural director says, "They would be complete except for the lack of doors. It could be any day now when they will be in operation."

"It's a shame the courts aren't ready now with all the good weather we have had," Velten says. When the courts are ready they will be open to all UMSL students, faculty and

staff. At the outset there will not be time assignments as with the indoor courts. Velten says this could be changed late if congestion occurs. "In that event it would have to be discussed with the athletic committee."

Velten thinks there may be some misconception among prospective users about the courts. "Since there is no roof some may have negative feelings about the outdoor courts. You do have to change your game a little to adjust — but not that much because this is a four-walled facility, not a three-walled one like some believe. I hope everyone interested in racquetball will take advantage of this opportunity."



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