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## Curators question UMC med plan

Lacey Burnette

Plans to reduce enrollment at UMC's School of Medicine received a frigid reception from the Board of Curators at their meeting at UMSL Friday.

The plans, as announced by UMC Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling, call for reducing enrollment to 100 from 110. She cited inadequate laboratory and classroom space and a high student-teacher ratio as reasons for the reduction.

"The plan to reduce class size from 110 to 100 stu-

dents was made after an analysis by the school of the state's need for physicians and a thorough consideration of the benefits accruing to medical students from reduced class size," Uehling said.

Charles C. Lobeck, dean of the School of Medicine, said that an increase in size to 110 from 85 between 1966 and 1972 had severely strained laboratory and classroom facilities and increased the student-teacher ratio. "Medical education is a highly individualized process," Lobeck said. "A reduction in class size is expected to

allow professors the opportunity to provide more personalized instruction in the clinical setting and in the laboratory, with students experiencing an increase in breadth and depth of clinical experience."

The plan was attacked by Curator Robert A. Dempster who said that the proposal "would deny 10 students per year the opportunity to be doctors in this state." Dempster added, "I don't think we'd be doing our duty if we did that."

Curator William G. Cocos, Jr. also expressed discontent with the plan. "I believe that the

health needs of our country are such that I would be totally opposed to any cuts in our medical school," Cocos said. He also asked Uehling if she thought the university had been putting out inferior doctors over the last 10 years because of high enrollment. She said that she did not believe that was so.

Some of the curators were also upset about the lack of information Uehling was able to provide about the medical school and the proposed cutbacks. Uehling was not able to tell the curators how much money would be saved by the plan or how much of a

benefit the plan would be to enrolled students. The curators had not been aware of the plan until it was announced at the meeting.

As a result of the announcement of the plan, the curators passed two motions: they tabled the enrollment plan until the May meeting when more information could be provided and they passed a motion that requires all such proposals to be delivered to them 10 days before their meeting date so they can be studied in advance.

"The difference between everybody else and me is I have heart."

- Ron Tyler  
1962-1982



## 'We couldn't believe it'

Jim Schnurbusch

Ronnie Tyler, a 6-foot-5 sophomore forward for the UMSL basketball Rivermen, collapsed last Wednesday during a pick-up game in the Mark Twain Sports Complex, and was pronounced dead approximately 90-minutes later at Normandy Osteopathic Hospital-North. An autopsy performed on Tyler revealed that he died of a heart disease.

The tragedy occurred while Tyler, 19, was playing his third pick-up game with other members of the Rivermen basketball squad. According to Kurt Jacob, a freshman forward on the team, Tyler was making his way up court when he fell unconscious. Jacob said Tyler laid motionless on the floor after the fall.

"At first, we thought it might have been his ankle. He had bad ankles all year," said Jacob. When it was apparent that something more serious had happened to Tyler, rescue efforts began immediately.

Chico Jones, an assistant coach for the Rivermen, began

administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on Tyler. He worked on the basketball standstill until paramedics arrived.

As soon as the paramedics learned of Tyler's situation, they contacted doctors at Normandy Osteopathic Hospital-North for instruction. According to Frank Cusumano, a junior guard for the Rivermen, Tyler's heart beat stopped as did his breathing. Cusumano said that the paramedics gave Tyler oxygen to help him breathe while giving him four "shocks" to get his heart beating again. For 45-minutes, the paramedics fought to save Tyler from death on the gym floor.

At about 5:30pm, Tyler was rushed to Normandy Osteopathic Hospital-North for further treatment. One hour later, he was pronounced dead.

Tyler's teammates, all of whom were in the waiting room in their gym clothes, were saddened as they learned of Tyler's death.

"We couldn't believe it," said Jacob quietly.

Tom Bartow, head coach for the basketball Rivermen, was equally as touched by the death of Tyler. "I can't believe it. I don't want to believe it, but unfortunately it happened," said Bartow. "We'll miss him on the floor, but we'll miss him more for the person he was. He was a quality person. The strongest quality he had was his determination. That carries over into other traits and characteristics."

"Ronnie was a guy who didn't know any way to do things except full out. He didn't have two speeds. He didn't have a slow speed. He gave more of himself than what he got from others."

According to Cusumano, there wasn't anything overly strenuous about the pick-up games, in fact, he said that, "they didn't work half as hard in the pick-up games as they did in practice throughout the season."

Cusumano said that right before the team played the pick-up games, they lifted weights. While spotting Tyler

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## March to protest financial aid cuts

Next Tuesday, UMSL students will join in a march protesting President Ronald Reagan's proposals to reduce student financial aid. The march will begin at 2pm at St. Louis University and will end in front of U.S. Senator John C. Danforth's office at 6th and Olive streets.

Sixteen colleges and over 3000 students are expected to take part in the march according to Tony Calandro, one of the organizers of the event, and an UMSL student.

Calandro said that busses will leave UMSL at 1:30 for St. Louis University. Students who are interested in participating should meet at Alumni Circle before 1:30. Calandro said that students will be able to return to UMSL directly from downtown on the same busses.

"The current administration doesn't blink an eye when proposing aid for El Salvador, but when it comes to a generation of college students, they

don't seem to care," Calandro said.

Reagan's proposals call for reducing Pell Grants about 45 percent from 1981 levels, reducing work-study funding by 27 percent, and eliminating the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, State Student Incentive Grants, and the National Direct Student Loan Program. These cutbacks follow a 12 percent reduction in student aid that Reagan requested last year.

In the University of Missouri system, a total of almost \$21 million in financial aid may be lost by 1983-84 under the budget's guidelines. The Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid services in Columbia estimates that as many as 9,000 students could be lost. In the system, more than 5,500 students were involved in programs in 1980-81 that will be completely eliminated by the budget proposal.

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# newsbriefs

## Philosopher to speak here

Ulrich Sonnemann, professor of philosophy and social theory at the University of Kassel, West Germany, will speak on "Current Issues in Continental Philosophy" at UMSL on April 5. Sonnemann's lecture is part of the noon lecture series at UMSL. It will be given in the J.C. Penney Auditorium and will be followed by a reception. The German professor will be UMSL's Distinguished Visiting Scholar during April.

While on an extended stay in America following World War II, Sonnemann published "Existence and Therapy," a book which introduced Americans to the principles of existential psychotherapy. He has also published a novel and translated some of Ogden Nash's poetry into German.

His lecture at UMSL is co-sponsored by the UMSL Graduate School and the Department of Philosophy.

## Special Chinese books to be presented to UMSL

More than 275 volumes of Chinese books will be presented to UMSL next Monday. The special collection is from the National Central Library of the Republic of China. The 276 volumes "go beyond Taiwan or China and represent the pinnacles of human culture," according to Winston Hsieh, associate professor of history at UMSL. The volumes will be presented at a 10:30am reception in the University Center Banquet Room.

There are books on Chinese history, art, language, politics, and cuisine, as well as children's books. Several of them will be on display after the presentation.

## Alumni scholarships open

Nominations are now being accepted for UMSL Alumni Scholarships. Five scholarships will be awarded: one each in Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Evening College and Nursing.

The deadline for applying is April 7. Nominations should be sent to Kathleen Egan, University Relations, 426 Woods Hall. Candidate interviews will be held on April 17.

The scholarships pay up to full-time incidental fees for the 1982-83 Fall and Winter semesters; activity and parking fees are not included. The scholarships are not renewable. Students applying for the scholarships must have completed 75 percent of their degree requirements and have an overall 3.3 grade point average. The nomination letter should contain an explanation of merit or ability based on performance in the school and the candidate's contribution to UMSL\* the community, or the field of study.

## Money from student fee to be allocated to groups

This year a portion of the student activity fee has been set aside and designated as a student services fee. These funds are reserved for major expenditures that the annual budget of Athletics, University Center, Student or the Student Activities Budget Committee cannot provide. Funds can be allocated for the purchase of equipment, furnishings or building renovation.

Student groups or programs can submit proposals requesting allocations from the fee through April 30. About \$21,000 is expected to be available. Proposals should explain why the request is being made and the amount of the allocation sought. A panel of seven students will make the final decisions on disbursement of the funds. Proposals should be sent to the Student Affairs Office, 301 Woods Hall.

## Bimes to address adolescence conference

Beverly Bimes, 1980 National Teacher of the Year, will address educators and parents on "Adolescence: A Time of Great Expectations" during a one-day conference on adolescence, scheduled Saturday, April 24 on the Marrillac campus at UMSL. The conference is scheduled from 8:15am-3:00pm, and will include workshops and presentations on motivation at home and in the classroom, drug and alcohol abuse, assisting teenagers with vocational and sexual decisions, and setting limits for teens.

Bimes, a former teacher at Hazelwood East High School, received national recognition when she was named 1979 Missouri Teacher of the Year and 1980 National Teacher of the Year. She has served on several national panels, including those sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation, the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies and the Education Commission of the States. Bimes has published several articles on writing skills programs and teaching, and is the author of a book published in Fall, 1981, "Helping Reluctant Writers." Bimes has also written and moderated a television series for the Cable News Network on "The Miracles of Teaching." She currently directs a comprehensive literacy program at The Lindenwood Colleges.

The registration fee for the adolescence conference is \$20, which includes lunch and materials. For a complete brochure, or to register, contact Clark Hickman of UMSL Continuing Education-Extension at 553-5961.



Photo by Sharon Kubatzky.

SPEAKER: Giancarla Codrignani speaking at UMSL last Friday.

## Diplomat calls for peace

An independent, unified peace movement is needed to stop the threat of nuclear war, according to Giancarla Codrignani, a member of the Italian Parliament. Codrignani spoke as one of the panelists in a seminar held at UMSL Friday night entitled, "Peace in the Nuclear Age: Choices for Europe and the United States."

The seminar was moderated by Joyce Mushaben, assistant professor of political science. James H. Laue, director of UMSL's Center for Metropolitan Studies, and Barbara Roche, co-director of the national clearinghouse for the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, also served as panelists. The clearinghouse is located in St. Louis.

Codrignani, an activist in the European peace movement, said that in Europe the fear of nuclear war has overshadowed all other fears.

"The question of the European peace movement is a question about fear. Fear is a human feeling. To create a feeling of distrust for people during difficult times makes participation by people more difficult, but more important than ever," Codrignani said. "A nuclear war in Europe is a nuclear war for all. There is danger for every country, for all mankind."

Laue said that there are two illusions about militarization that need to be dispelled: that military spending produces employment and that militarization can be a feeling of security. Laue cited St. Louis as one city that would be greatly effected if "peace should break out."

Both Laue and Mushaben, however, pointed out that there are other areas where defense money could be spent and still

provide employment. Recently a number of studies have indicated that many cities in this country are in need of massive capital improvements.

Students wishing to become

involved in the local effort, the St. Louis Committee for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, can contact Bill Ramsey at 862-5770. The organization is located at 438 North Skinker.

## Book on peace available

James H. Laue, director of the Center for Metropolitan Studies at UMSL recently served as vice chairman of the U.S. Peace Academy Commission. The result of the commission's work is a book entitled, "To Establish the U.S. Academy of Peace."

"We found that there was a great and deep interest across the country for peace," Laue said at the "Peace in the Nuclear Age: Choices for Europe and the United States" seminar held at UMSL last Friday night.

Laue said that currently

there is legislation in both houses of Congress to establish a peace academy in this country. The Senate bill is co-sponsored by more than 50 senators and the House proposal is co-sponsored by more than 100 representatives.

The book is available through the Government Printing Office for \$7.50. It can be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The stock number to request when ordering is 065-000-00116-1.

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RAPPING: Curator Rex Z. Williams speaking at the rap session.

# Rap session called 'impressive'

Last Thursday's rap session with the Board of Curators here received a number of positive responses.

"I was very impressed. The students seemed very knowledgeable and concerned about the campus," said UM President James C. Olson.

"Usually we're lucky if we can get 10 or 15 people to one of these," remarked Curator Rex Z. Williams during the session. Over 150 students, faculty, administration and staff members attended the session.

UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman later echoed Williams'

comment by saying, "That's the greatest turnout I've ever seen for a rap session."

Student Association President Larry Wines said, "Many of the department chairpersons have come up to me and commented on how impressive the students were at the rap session. We did very well."

The large number of people also brought with them a large number of concerns. Virtually every issue that has been discussed at UMSL this year was brought up at the meeting—and then some. Although the curators could not provide solutions

to many of the questions, they did seem to be trying to understand the concerns. President Olson and Chancellor Grobman also sat on the panel.

Wines said that he thought the goal of the rap session was fulfilled. "My goal is to sensitize the board of Curators to the issues here," Wines said. "If all this results in, is the curators asking a few more questions, then that's a good start."

## Irish widows to speak here

Members of the Widow's Mite group, Ulster women whose husbands were killed in Northern Ireland, will speak about their country and its conflict tomorrow afternoon at UMSL.

There is no admission charge to the one-hour forum that begins at 2:30pm in the McDonnell Conference Room, 331 SSB.

Widow's Mite was formed in May 1981, in Londonderry, a city in Northern Ireland. It is composed of both Protestant and Catholic widows. A statement by the group says its founding was "the dignified and spontaneous reaction from the living victims of terrorism" and adds that the organization "aims to expose the vicious so-called freedom fighters on both sides."

Violence from the long-standing and complex political situation stems largely from the desire of a majority of Northern Ireland (Ulster) residents to remain linked to Great Britain as opposed to the Irish Republican Army's purported aim of bringing the six Ulster counties into the independent Irish Republic, which comprises the rest of the country.

Terrorism accelerated in the 1970s and was responsible for more than 2,000 deaths, according to the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Two-thirds of those killed were civilians. The remainder included many members of the Ulster Defense Regiment and Royal Ulster Constabulary. The husbands of two of the group's founders were members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; one was killed by an IRA gunman while taking his children to a Sunday church service.

In addition to the deaths, 24,000 people have been injured, blinded or crippled by bombs.

Three of the group's founders, Marlene Wilson, Silvia Deacon and Georgina Gordon, will be at the forum, as will several organizers. One of the organizers, Marlene Jefferson, is a former mayor of Londonderry and patron of the group.

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# editorials

## Curators' rap session receives rave reviews

The turnout for the Curators' rap session last week was another step in the right direction in the growing recognition being given to the UMSL campus. If the Curators took the students at UMSL lightly before, they certainly left the session with a better opinion of us.

Attendance played an important role in presenting a positive image. A large number of students, faculty and staff attended the session considering the rap session took place on a Thursday afternoon when the campus is almost deserted.

The attendance was even noted by one of the curators who addressed Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman before the crowd saying, when you say you'll get people together for a rap session you really do it. This curator also noted that attendance for the rap session on the Kansas City campus was light.

The people on this campus, however, continue to take an active stand in what is happening and continue to voice their concerns about what may be in store for them in the future.

Thursday's rap session re-

flects such a concern by students. A wide variety of questions and concerns were presented to the four curators invited to speak, UM President James C. Olson and Chancellor Grobman.

We could not expect to receive promises from these people or to go away from the session with all of our questions answered. What we were able to do though was get the issues and concerns out in the open, and stimulate some thinking.

We also were able to see just how much the curators were aware of, or just how

little they knew about, our campus. Surely the conversation between Curator Robert Dempster and the chancellor after the rap session, or over dinner, was an interesting

discussion.

And if nothing else, we came out of the rap session knowing that at least Dempster thinks of us as kin — just like one of the family.

## letters

### Student Association's political naivete noted

Dear Editor:

This letter of complaint will be short. Although the Student Association meant well in its motion condemning federal financial aid cuts, the Association's political naivete became blatantly obvious.

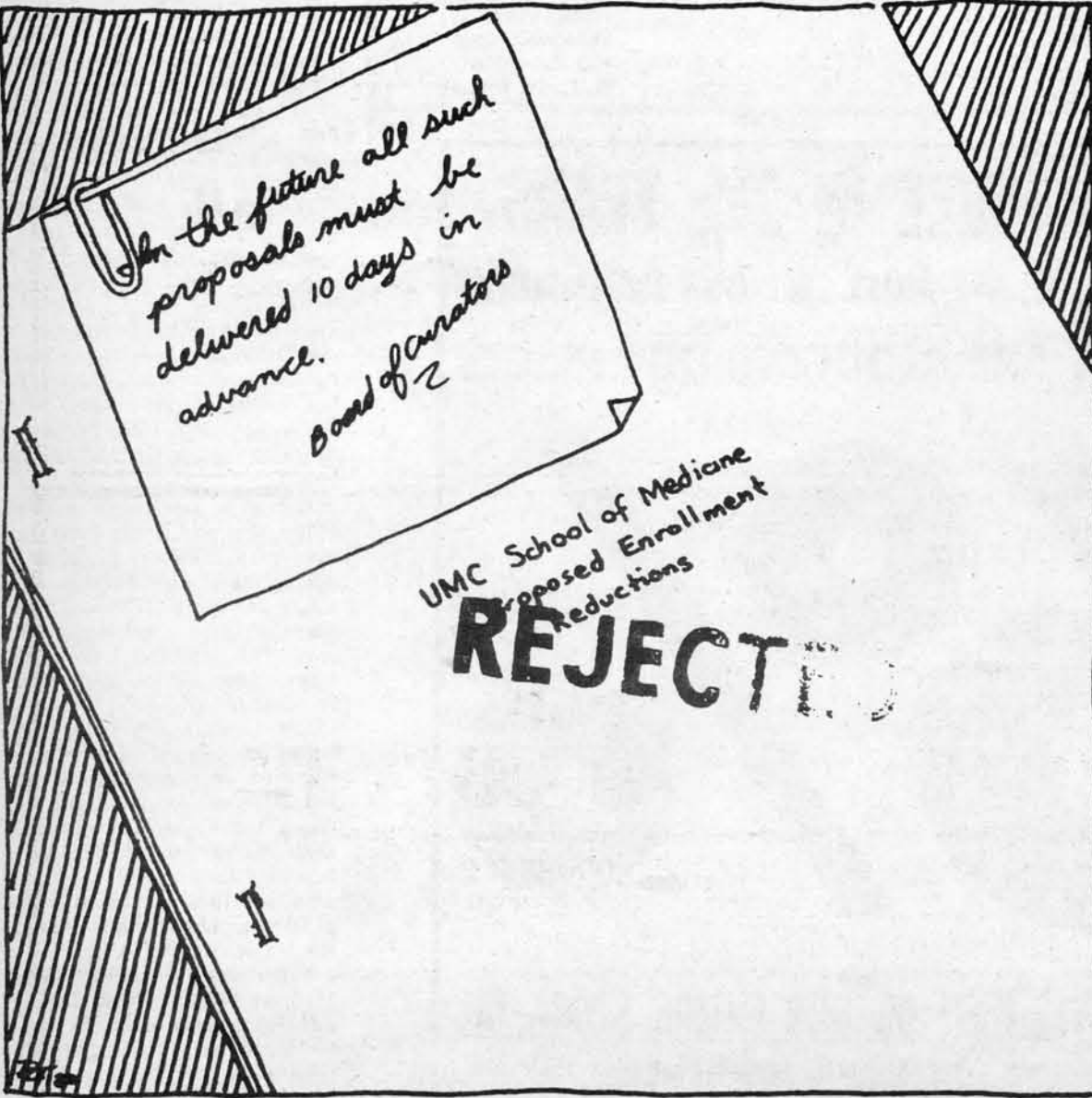
When the Association, representing the entire student body, attempts to deliver a message to the politicians representing that student body, it should include all the representatives. Clay, Young and Gephardt are not the only Congressmen representing the St. Louis area population. The North St. Louis County area and St. Charles county are unfortunately included in the 9th Congressional district, a position filled by Rep. Harold Volkmer. As the motion reads Volkmer is

not addressed. Although this might seem trivial to some, it clearly characterizes the Student Association's shallow effort. When the concerns of Jefferson County and Illinois students are added, the oversight seems more than trivial.

If we are to be successful in deterring higher education funding cuts, we must get into the political game. We must play the game according to their (politicians) rules, or we are not in the game at all. To omit at least 25% of the representation is not playing by the rules.

I ask the members of the Association who reside in North County why they did not raise this issue?

Sincerely,  
Matthew J. Hall



### Our friend

We loved the times you scored two.  
The way you made us chuckle when we felt blue.

We loved your puns, rhymes or a joke—  
Gaining an admirer each time you spoke.

A "Gentle Giant" some said you are with a  
smile and charisma of a star.

Your personality and originality were second to none.  
With your humorous nicknames that were on the one:

"The FUNK, no—  
The GUNK, yeah!  
I'm better than FUNK!"

But your friends called you Ronnie "One Hell of a Dude" Tyler.

God must o' sent you to turn frowners to smilers.

Sure, we're saddened and question our loss,  
But God has reasons uncomprehensible, after all—  
He's Boss!

So during our tears let's remember to smile.  
Because Ronnie would have wanted it, that was his  
remarkable style.

Michael T. Johnson  
March 29, 1982

### Passing recollections

Death be not proud to an athlete dying young—  
Exuberated crowds cheer no more as God's will be done  
Exultations through condemnation hastily draw to a stand—  
Swept away incomplete by our Lord's almighty hand  
"Do not go gentle," suggested Dylan Thomas, "into that good  
night" —  
Seize the triumph by the rim; the inevitable journey of  
heavenly flight—  
Life's moments fade slowly, the hour hand nears desti-  
nation—  
Unable to demand "Time Out," accepting powerless denials  
of fate's alternation—  
The final buzzer erupts, the final farewell—over—  
Lain forever to rest in a field of livelihood—crimson  
and clover—  
Death be not proud, Ronnie, your friendship's indeed  
known—  
All the world was your stage; the court your second home.  
Jeffrey D. Jennings

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J.C. Penney Lobby  
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#### Thursday

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# UMC student government to protest Reagan cuts

Barb DePalma

The University of Missouri-Columbia has declared war against President Ronald Reagan's proposed cuts in financial aid.

The Missouri Student Association (MSA), the UMC student government, passed a resolution March 17 to contact all major colleges and universities across the country and get them actively involved in a letter writing campaign. The students are being asked to write letters to state legislators urging them not to support further cuts in financial aid to higher education. The letters will then be collected from all the campuses and sent

to Washington D.C. via a national caravan.

"Student apathy is such that if you tell them to go home and write a letter, it wouldn't be a success," said Jamie MacKenzie, MSA president. "We are doing everything for the students. We are supplying the paper, addresses, and numbers important in the cuts."

The UMC letter writing campaign will be held April 7-8 and will be preceded by a rally on April 6. The rally will feature representatives from the Missouri state government, UMC faculty, administration and student body and a Columbia business.

Following the letter writing

campaign, students from across the country will form a caravan to deliver the letters to the White House. The goal of the caravan, according to MSA, is to reach Washington, D.C. with several thousand letters from as many states as possible.

MacKenzie said that the MSA is planning to start the caravan on the west coast. It will take on a central route and pick up schools as it moves eastward across the country.

One of my aims is to let students know they will be part of a national effort," MacKenzie said. "I also strongly urge any type of innovative action from campuses to draw attention to this. The more attention, the more effective it will be."

On March 22, the MSA began sending packets to over 200 major colleges and universities across the country telling them how to organize a letter writing campaign and rally on their campus. The nation was divided into 11 regions, each covered by one MSA representative. The major colleges in these regions received a packet. They, in turn, are responsible for contacting and organizing the smaller colleges in their area. UMSL has been delegated to inform and organize St. Louis University, Washington University, Fontbonne College, Webster College

and the three community colleges.

In one week the MSA has received commitments to action from 15 schools outside Missouri. Over 300 volunteers have also signed up in Columbia to organize the caravan.

"All UM schools have given us (UMC) a great response," MacKenzie said. "They have been very supportive. We are holding nothing back. Our campus war effort is our top priority. Everything that has already been planned will go on as scheduled, but everything else will be put off until the war effort is completed."

The MSA has sent telegrams to Vice President George Bush, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and House Speaker Thomas (Tip) O'Neill stating their plans for war against the cuts in financial aid. Letters were also

sent to Missouri legislators urging them to act now in passing future legislation.

According to Reagan's plan, higher education will lose \$31 million and the Government Student Loans will be eliminated. Also, \$45 million in awards to individuals will be lost.

Presently, 57,000 individual Pell grants are being awarded annually. Under Reagan's plan, only 32,000 would be awarded. For 1982-83, proposed fiscal budget cuts would reduce Pell grants by 46 percent and reduce work-study grants by 30 percent.

UMSL has planned to hold a voter registration drive and will also take part in the letter writing campaign. Larry Wines, Student Association president, and other student representatives are planning to take part in the national caravan.

## Tyler

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as he was lifting, Cusumano said that he did have a lack of strength. "When we were weightlifting, he was particularly weak. He could only do one rep on the bench press, he usually did five. He said he just couldn't do any more."

Tyler was not known to have a heart problem, although he was hindered throughout the year with occasional dizzy spells.

"He used to get dizzy in practice and games," said Jacob. "But he would sit down and rest and then bounce right back up again." According to Jacob, the problem was thought to be some sort of chest cold or asthma.

Cusumano added that it seemed that Tyler got more tired than others.

Friends of Tyler's were shocked at the news of his death. The UMSL athletic department held a prayer meeting last Thursday in the Mark Twain Sports Complex. On Friday of last week,

another memorial service was held in The Summit.

Tyler was the Rivermen's second leading scorer last season with a nine-point per game average. He led the team in field goal percentage, shooting at a 52.6 clip.

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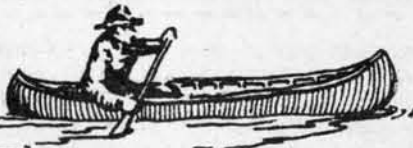
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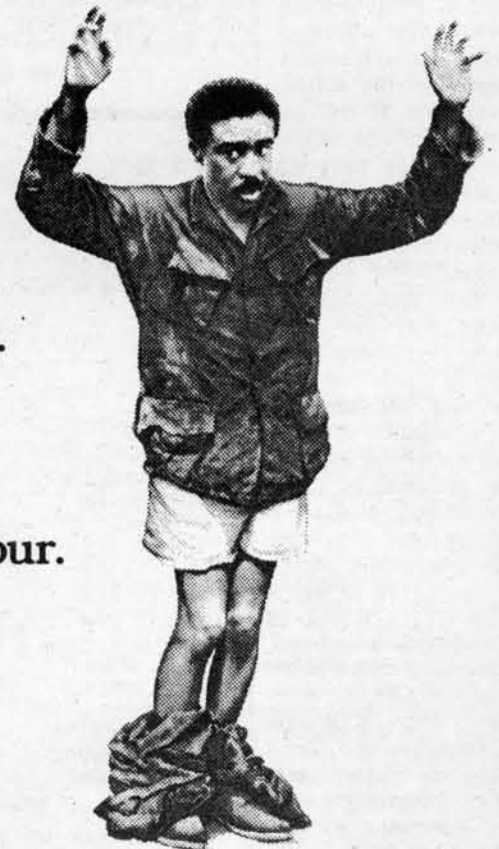


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## Bella Abzug opens women's conference

Deborah Suchart

"This conference is taking place at a very important moment. It also happens to be a month when the President, for the first time, declared 'National Women's History Week.' In 1975 they gave us a year. After that it was declared to be the decade of women. Who knows—if we behave, they may decide to let us into the whole thing." Those were the opening words of ex-Congresswoman Bella Abzug in her talk to the UMSL Women's Conference, "Women, Politics, and the Economy," last Thursday evening.

Abzug continued, explaining her cynicism with statistics—women in the world earn only ten percent of the world's income, and own only one percent of the world's property. "It is pretty much reflective of what exists in this country as well," Abzug said. At the time she was elected, only 11 out of 435 representatives in the House were women. There was only one woman (out of 100) in the Senate.

She discussed other areas where women are still under-represented. "The AFL-CIO

executive board for the first time last year elected a woman to its executive council even though 25 percent of its membership is women," Abzug said.

In regard to the field of education, Abzug said that although women hold the largest number of teaching positions, they are not represented in very large numbers as either superintendents or deans.

"As a result of all this, we find some rather serious things happening right now," Abzug continued. "Economic rights of women are being attacked. Women earn 59 cents on the dollar compared to men—women in management only 37 cents on the dollar compared to men."

Among other concerns Abzug addressed were the struggle to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment before the June 30 deadline, the attack on constitutional reproductive rights, and our hope for a peaceful planet. She stressed that every issue is a women's issue. "All these things are happening in a framework of a violent attack on society itself by those who are in power against those who are not in power," she said.

Abzug said that this administration has reached new records—"12 percent unemployment, the lowest farm income since 1932, record mortgage and interest rates." She believes that the groups suffering the most are senior citizens, widows, students, working women with dead-end jobs, single mothers, and children—not a small portion of our society.

She also expressed concern over the increasing influence of the Moral Majority on the current political scene. "We now have the Moral Majority crowd whom our ancestors came here to escape," Abzug said. While acknowledging the right of all groups to speak freely, Abzug feels that groups that impose their own ideas on others are a threat to the foundations of our system of government. "The truth is everyone has a right to scream and holler...that is what America is all about," Abzug said. "When a group sets itself up as the only one having the right answers from a religious or moral standpoint, that is all right too. But when that group says that those ideas should be forced on all of us...that is an attack on our pluralistic system of government and on the separation of church and state, which has been intrinsic to what America is all about," Abzug said.

Despite the bleak realities of the present, Abzug expressed

hope for a better future, and said she feels feminism will be an integral force in overcoming the challenges that lie ahead. "I want to make one suggestion...I believe that feminism will help us save the country for men and women, and maybe will help us save the world," Abzug said.

Although ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment seems more and more unlikely, she feels that women will not be deterred from their struggle for equality. "We have to organize our own strength," Abzug said. "I think that women, along with blacks and other minorities, are emerging as the most progressive force in our nation."

For this potential to be realized, however, Abzug feels people must begin again to believe in their own strength. "One of the major problems in this country is that people don't believe they can make a difference anymore," she said. "Only 52 percent of the people voted in the last election."

"We have to organize our constituency in political terms," she continued. "We have to organize a block of power. We have to be able to say that we are going to use our two major advantages—one, that we are a majority; and two, that we live longer."

"We are not going to be licked if by any chance we are unable to make it by June 30, 1982. People are beginning to understand more and more that the attack on women is an attack on the public as a whole from middle income on down."

"It is not going to go away," Abzug said. "There is no way we can turn back the clock."



Photo by Sharon Kubetzky.

**LEADER OF THE PEOPLE:** "I think that women, along with blacks and other minorities, are emerging as the most progressive force in our nation," said former Congresswoman Bella Abzug.

### Fool's Day performance tonight at 8pm

The Chicago comedy improvisation group Exit Laughing will perform tonight at 8pm in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. The program is a continuation of the Tuesdays and Thursdays (T-N-T) series. The series is being given by the University Programming Board with funds allocated for coffeehouse presentations.

The purpose of the series, according to Curt Watts, assistant director of the Office of Student Life, is to bring small one-act and duo presentations that might not otherwise be offered and to promote the new Summit Lounge above the Underground.

With their very first performance at Sylvester's in April of 1979, Exit Laughing established itself as a major talent in Chicago's comedy scene. Exit Laughing learned its trade in comedy and improvisation with Josephine Forsberg at her Players Workshop, where the members met.

Exit Laughing has been featured at every major comedy club in the Chicago area including The Chicago Comedy Showcase, The Comedy Womb, the Winery, and Zanies. Exit Laughing members have appeared as the opening act for Gordon Lightfoot, Barbara Mandrell and the Beach Boys.

Tickets for the show will be \$3 for the general public, \$2.50 for UMSL staff and faculty and \$2 for UMSL students with ID. There will be no reserved seating for the event.



Photo by Jim Hickman.

**CONFERENCE CONTINUES:** The UMSL Women's Conference drew a good-sized crowd Friday during the discussion.

## ACORN recruiters on campus April 6

ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, will be recruiting at UMSL next Tuesday, April 6. ACORN is an organization of low to moderate income families dedicated to attaining social, political, and economic justice.

ACORN currently has members in several states and plans further expansion. "ACORN is a multi-issue organization," St. Louis member Chris Pelly said. The association tackles a variety of issues, including crime, lower

utility rates, better health care, and neighborhood improvements.

One of the issues ACORN is currently working on is the establishment of a legal method of homesteading and has assisted several families in moving into abandoned houses in St. Louis toward that end. Maggie Halls, an ACORN member who moved into one of the abandoned houses, said she has been told that she is violating the law. "But I feel that they are the

ones violating the law," she said. "I am an occupant of the city of St. Louis; I feel that housing is a right. The main reason we are doing this is that poor people just don't have a place to go. I can't afford to pay rent."

She feels ACORN has helped her in her struggle. "I have been an ACORN member for 11 years, and I know it is a successful organization for low and moderate income families," she said.

ACORN organizers are taught how to conduct an organizing drive, how to build a neighborhood up from scratch, develop leadership, recruit members, research, and plan strategy. The initial training lasts from six to ten weeks.

Pelly said that the positions ACORN is recruiting for offer low pay and long hours. Students interested in applying should contact the Career Planning and Placement Office or call 865-3833.



# Lamberts major in early childhood education

Charmagne Schneider

With the recent emphasis on mother-daughter conflicts, through such books as Nancy Friday's *My Mother, My Self* and Joan Crawford's *Mommie Dearest*, the closeness and harmony of Marilyn Lambert, and her daughter Kim, 20, is a happy exception.

They are both enrolled in a new educational program at UMSL that will prepare teachers to teach public school to an age group previously not covered by the public school system—those from birth through four years old, in addition to those through third grade.

Marilyn explained the reason behind this new program by saying, "The new emphasis on even earlier education is based partly on the changing role of women. As more and more women are working, quality early childcare is no longer a luxury, but a necessity."

But equally important in the decision to stress earlier public education, she said, is the fact that the baby boom generation has graduated from high school by now, thus leaving many schools empty and decreasing the need for teachers at the secondary level.

Marilyn is the mother of three daughters: Cheryl, the oldest, who graduated from UMSL recently with a communications

degree and now works for Warner Communications; Kim, 20, enrolled in the same program as her mother; and Suzanne, 17, who will graduate from high school this year and also plans to major in education in college. With so many in the family involved in education, Marilyn

"We...say we're going to own our own school some day."

--Marilyn Lambert

says, "we always kid around and say we're going to own our own school some day." And, in fact, both Marilyn and Kim say they have considered opening a private school at some later date.

Marilyn went from high school to a job and then marriage at 20,

raised three girls, and later worked as a full-time legal and executive secretary. She explains that her decision to return to college several years ago at Meramec was motivated by the family's move from Chicago to St. Louis.

"Since I was used to working full time in Chicago, had many friends and belonged to a church there, I was bored, unhappy and depressed when we moved to St. Louis," Marilyn said. "Although I had considered going to college while in Chicago," she added, "I never had time for it with a full-time job and family to raise." She therefore considers the initial unhappiness and depression she felt on moving to St. Louis to have been positive because it motivated her to return to school. She first went to Meramec and received an associate's degree in music several years ago.

Kim also attended Meramec first and received an associate

degree in music and then started in the same program as her mother one semester after her mother. Kim says she decided to enroll in the same educational program as her mother "mainly because of my mom—she introduced me to it."

Although they share many

"It's been real helpful for me — my grades went up."

--Kim Lambert

similarities, there are some differences in their perspectives which are understandable in light of the difference between their ages and experiences.

One such difference in perspective brought about by the difference between their ages is that only Marilyn has had the

first-hand experience one gains from having had and raised children. She explained that she believed this would be helpful to her in teaching by making her "capable of handling a child and seeing what stages the child is going through - I think I'll be better able to anticipate what is coming."

She did say, however, that what she has learned about child psychology and early childhood education through the programs would probably have kept her from having had children if she had known it then. "We're in child psychology now," she said. "If I had known then what I know now I would have worried about it too much and I would never have had children."

Both Marilyn and Kim agree, however, that it is easier to be more objective with someone else's child than it would be with their own child.

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"5th of July" just closed on Broadway a few weeks ago and now a road show is being planned," explained Fontaine Syer, artistic director of the

Theatre Project Company. Because of the nature of performing rights, shows in production on Broadway or on a national tour cannot be produced elsewhere.

"Happy Birthday, Wanda June" will be presented in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Performances are on April 8-11 at 8pm and on Sunday at 2pm. Tickets are \$5.50 on Thursday and Sunday and \$6.50 on Friday and Saturday. Special rates are available for UMSL students and faculty. For reservations call the Theatre Project Company box office at 531-1301.

The plot revolves around a Hemingway-esque character who comes back after eight years lost in the jungle only to find that his wife has received a college degree and is about to remarry. Meanwhile, in heaven, Wanda June, a ten-year-old who was killed by an ice-cream truck, plays shuffleboard with a Nazi.

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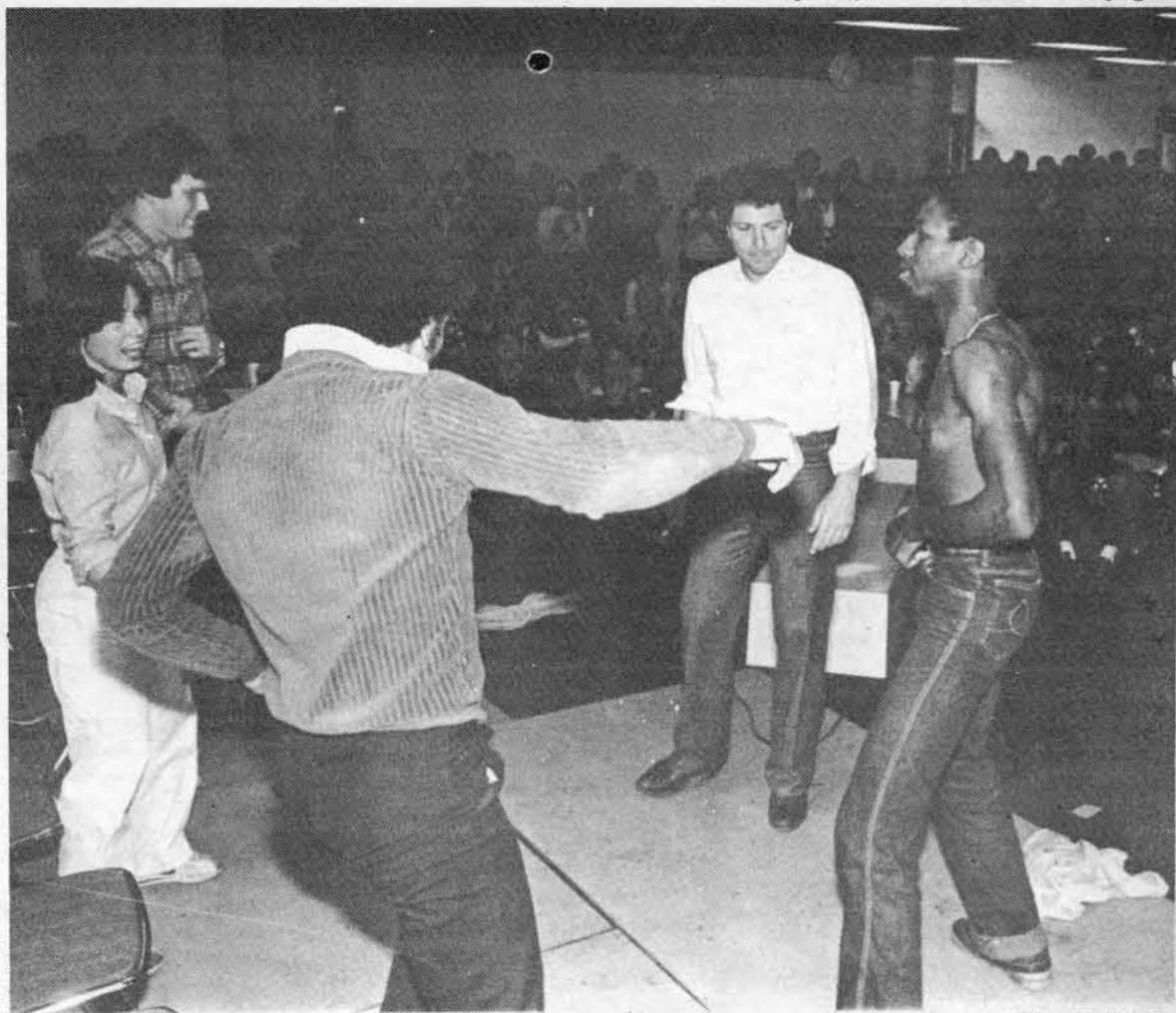


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# Lambert

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Another difference their ages made in their lives and perspectives on education is in whether, and how much, education they plan to pursue after completing their bachelors degrees.

Since Kim is just 20 and went straight from high school to college she, like so many of us, does not anticipate going beyond the bachelors degree at this time, but rather plans to teach immediately upon obtaining her bachelors degree. "Once I get my B.A.," she says, "I will begin working."

Marilyn, on the other hand, having been out of school and having worked full time for quite a while before going back to college, loves the educational experience and probably will go on for a masters degree immediately upon completing her bachelors. Although no masters degree is yet offered in her particular undergraduate area, she will probably get a masters in a related educational area.

"I would go on if I could since I've been out of school so long," she explained. "I enjoy school more now than when I was younger. When you're older and go back," she continued, "you feel it's all out there for the taking - it's all in front of you and an eye-opening experience."

This probably explains the difference in their attitudes about studying and preparing for exams. Marilyn is very much a perfectionist and wants to start studying for exams far in advance of the time they are scheduled, whereas Kim, like most of the rest of us, is a notorious procrastinator. Since

she and her mother now study together, however, she can no longer procrastinate. She therefore credits her improved grade-point average to this fact. "It's been real helpful for me - my grades went up."

Competition among students at the college level is natural these days, and is particularly intensified by the current job shortage and dwindling economic resources, but one would think it would be particularly intense between a mother and daughter because of the added personal feelings and conflicts they have toward each other. Not too surprisingly, however, and noticeably pleasant and different, is the fact that Marilyn and Kim do not feel very competitive toward each other. As far as competition, Kim said, "Our grades are always within a few points of each other - not as much a problem - we study all the time for tests together."

Yet as far as their basic educational philosophies are concerned, they both feel and believe that the same things are important in a quality education for children, but specifically the very young age group with which they will be dealing. Both believe strongly that the emphasis the UMSL program places on the total development of the child, particularly the emotional aspect, and away from purely academic skills to development, is a positive step in education.

Concomitantly, both believe in a less structured learning situation and believe that the experiences which the Child Care Center provides help develop a more well-rounded person who is at ease and can handle any

situation because he/she has had more than only classroom and/or academic experiences.

Kim said, "It really does affect children. I'd say it makes them better all around and better when they get older," she continued, "A lot of structure doesn't prepare them much for the real world."

Marilyn agreed, saying, "I'd rather see a whole, rather than a one-dimensional person."

Their similar beliefs and interests and their closeness is not just the result of their shared educational experience at UMSL. It is also the result of their shared love for and interest in music, their close family structure, which includes involvement in church activities.

Kim teaches piano part time and Marilyn directs a children's musical theatre group and an adult drama and musical group, takes voice lessons and sings soprano in a church group and in the UMSL University Singers.

And, although both say they would enjoy teaching music in public school, neither wanted to stake her career future solely on teaching music because of the shared belief that the job opportunities in that educational area were more limited than in the early childhood educational area which they have chosen.

Kim does plan, however, to be prepared to teach music should an opportunity arise. She says she will "get a secondary in music so I'll have it and if something comes up, I could

teach music from kindergarten to the twelfth grade age level."

Besides all the outside interests and activities they both pursue, Kim also works as a parttime waitress at Fred Gang's Restaurant. When asked how she finds time for her schoolwork, job and extracurricular activities, she replied: "It's hard to find time for everything."

Marilyn had a slightly different perspective here, saying that although it was a challenge organizing and getting everything accomplished, "it's easier for me to be busy than to just sit around."

Both agreed that the task of managing all their responsibilities was made easier because their family was supportive and understanding and because their

whole family participated in many of the same activities.

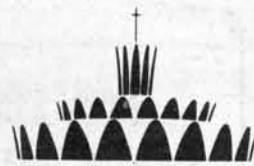
Marilyn explained, "even though we're busy, we're all busy together rather than going in all different directions." She added, "our family is very active in church and Christian musical groups - the oldest and youngest are in that, so we're all busy together - that helps."

As an example of family involvement and cooperation, Marilyn gave the fact that when she was ill recently and when her children's theatre group was scheduled to perform, her husband took over most of her responsibilities with the group. She is proud of the fact that she and her husband will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

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- A forum on Northern Ireland will be held from 2:30-3:30pm in the McDonnell Conference Room, 331 SSB. Four Northern Irish women will speak out about their country and the conflict. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.
- "The French Lieutenant's Woman," will light up the screen at UMSL's Friday and Saturday Nights at the Movies with two shows at 7:30 and 10pm in 101 Stadler. One guest may accompany an UMSL student at a reduced rate of \$1 each. General admission is \$1.50. Advance tickets are available at the University Center Information Desk.
- The tennis Riverwomen will face Northeast Missouri State University with a game beginning at 3pm at UMSL.

- The tennis Riverwomen will host Drury College with a game beginning at 1pm.
- Last two screenings of "The French Lieutenant's Woman" can be seen at 7:30 and 10pm in 101 Stadler. An UMSL student may bring one guest at a reduced rate of \$1 each. General admission is \$1.50. Tickets are available at the door.



## Sunday 4

- Creative Aging, a KWMU production by retired persons, will feature "How Much Is Your Record Collection Worth (In Sentiment or Cash)?" and "Tracking Maya Textiles in Guatemala" from 7-8pm on FM 91.
- Sports Spectrum, a weekly review of sports by the KWMU Student Staff, will also have a commentary by Onion Horton of the St. Louis Argus from 11:30pm-midnight on FM 91.

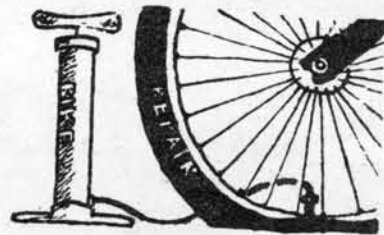
## Monday 5

- Managing Stress in Your Life, a workshop to teach you how to recognize the sources of stress in your life, identify your physical and psycholo-

gical responses to stress and develop effective coping skills, will be held on Mondays through March 19. The workshop is free to UMSL students, faculty and staff. To register call 553-5711.

• Video programs for the coming week include "Fleetwood Mac" from 9am-3pm weekdays except Wednesday and from 5-7pm Monday and Tuesday in the University Center Student Lounge.

• The Women's Center sponsors "Bicycle Repair" at noon in 107A Benton. Kathy Gremingerm, a St. Louis cyclist who has ridden from St. Louis to California by bicycle, will teach how to make simple repairs on your bicycle for the spring.



• An exercise class will be held in the Women's Center, 107A Benton at 12:15pm. Debra Llwellyn-Munro will lead the group in shaping up. The group will meet regularly if there is enough interest.

• "Poor Relief, Philanthropy and the City 1830-1911" will be the subject of an international seminar by Michael Rose from 2-4pm in the McDonnell Conference Room, 331 SSB. Students are welcome and refreshments will be served.

• The tennis Rivermen will host Washington University with a game beginning at 2pm.

• The softball Riverwomen will play a doubleheader against Bradley University with the first game beginning at 3pm on the UMSL field located next to the Mark Twain Sports Complex.

• The Evening College Council is sponsoring a Koffee Klatch from 5-8:30pm on the third floor lobby of Lucas Hall. Free coffee and cookies will be served.

## Wednesday 7

• Wednesday Noon Live will feature "Fantasy" from 11am-1pm in the University Center Student Lounge.

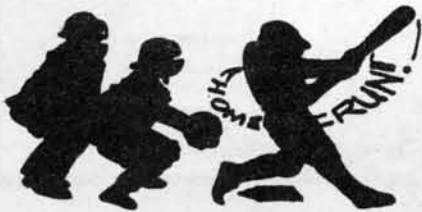
• The tennis Riverwomen will challenge St. Louis University beginning at 3pm at UMSL.

## Thursday 8

• Recruitment for elementary, special education and secondary teachers will be held by the Fort Zumwalt School District and the St. Louis Public Schools in the Career Planning and Placement Office. For more information call 553-5111.

• TNT-It's Dynamite presents Bernie McDonald in a mini-concert from 11am-1pm in the Summit Lounge.

## Saturday 3



• The baseball Rivermen will face Southeast Missouri State in a game beginning at 1pm on the UMSL field located next to the Mark Twain Sports Complex.

## Tuesday 6

• TNT — It's Dynamite will feature a mini-concert with Shady Groves from 11am-1pm in the Summit Lounge.



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# Teammate reflects on life with Ronnie Tyler

[This story was written by Frank Cusumano, a teammate of Ronnie Tyler's, and is reprinted with permission from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat].

I can remember the evening scene like it was yesterday, although it was the Winter Semester of 1981. On weeknights, Hud (Tom Hudson) and I would stay up and watch M\*A\*S\*H, while Ron (Tyler) would listen to his box in the bedroom. Ron loved that box. Linus has his blanket and Ron had his box. He even purchased the portable stereo with part of his scholarship money. During the first few months he had it, the music would arrive five seconds before he would.

Ron and I lived in the same apartment, slept in the same

room, and played on the same basketball team. But Ron was not my best friend. He was everybody's best friend. Everybody — from employees in the cafeteria to his card-playing partners in the University Center — basked in his warmth.

The only group in the world who couldn't stand to be around him, in fact, detested him, were a bunch of oversized men wearing short pants called the opposition. They did not like his 6-foot-5-inch gazelle-like frame. They abhorred his silky 15-foot jump shot. They were not crazy

out his left-handed slam dunks. But worst of all were his countless headfakes. He must have led the universe in headfakes.

So often in sports, we hear this player has the potential for greatness. Well, Ron was living proof of that old cliché. He was just beginning to tap some of his enormous talents. It was almost like he had everything worked out. He was not going to show the fans too much too soon. He was going to give his excitement gradually and in small doses.

Oh sure, every once in awhile, Ron would just take a game into his hands, and flat out dominate it. Like the time last year at Lincoln, when he scored 15 points in about a nine-minute span. Or this year against Southeastern Louisiana, when he scored at will en route to a 24-point performance. But in general, Ron was saving the best for later.

But on a Wednesday, March 24, that later turned into a never. It was poetic that he died on the court. He was doing what he enjoyed most; doing what he did best; playing the sport of basketball.

Off the court, Ron's potential was already reached. He was a bundle of love, and he tried to give everybody a little piece of his love. He had an ear-to-ear grin that would melt girls, and make his friends feel welcomed.

There are not many people who can live life without ever having an enemy. Ron Tyler was one of the select few. Maybe Martin Harris, the team manager, put it best when he said, "I never saw Ron ever get mad or angry at anyone."

He never seemed to get the least bit depressed. How could

he though? He was tall and handsome. He had a particularly sharp wit. He might not have made the dean's list, but he was always quick with the one liners.

Ron's ending was bitterly ironic. His favorite phrase in the locker room was, "The difference between everybody else and me is I have heart." On that ugly Wednesday, Ron's heart stopped working.

I am no doctor and I haven't even taken a biology class, but maybe his heart quit working because he used it so much. He gave it to his friends, his family, and his teammates. Maybe the heart just wasn't accustomed to someone that beautiful.

Billy Joel once sang, "Only the good die young." In Ron Tyler's case, it should be altered to "Only the great die young."

## sports



Photo by Sharon Kubatzky.

**FOLLOW-THRU:** The baseball Rivermen's bats haven't been silent this year. Last week, the UMSL squad battered a hapless Lincoln pitching staff.

### Men continue climb to top; power past Lincoln twice

It seems that there is always at least one sour grape in the bunch. Last week, for the baseball Rivermen, the bunch was four home games and the sour grape was the one game that kept the Rivermen from having a perfect week.

On March 23, the Rivermen played host to the Central Missouri State University Mules. The Mules were the defending MIAA Conference champs from the 1981 season. The Rivermen dampened their hopes of repeating, as they embarrassed the team from Warrensburg, 14-2, in the first game of a twinbill. The second game wasn't as joyous an occasion for the Rivermen, as they lost in the final stanza.

The Rivermen were leading in the nightcap, 7-6, with just one inning to play. Rivermen's freshmen relief pitcher, Kim Herr, was in the game to put the clamps on the Mules attack, but instead, learned a college baseball lesson early in his young career. Facing a CMS batter with two CMS players on base Herr threw the gopher ball which landed on the other side of the fence, thus securing the Mules win over UMSL, 10-7.

Jim Dix, Rivermen baseball coach, diagnosed the day's action against CMS. "We hit the ball in the first game, and didn't in the second. We seemed to be struggling in the second game. Maybe we were letting up."

Perhaps the bright spot was the hitting of the Rivermen. "The guys were pounding the ball. It's the best I've seen a UMSL team hit the ball in one game," said Dix.

And with the good, there's the bad. "Our relief pitching just didn't do the job. We would have liked to have won the second game," concluded the head baseball mentor.

Last Saturday afternoon, the Rivermen hosted another MIAA foe, the Lincoln University Blue Tigers. Unfortunately for the Rivermen, Lincoln isn't on their schedule more often during the season.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Rivermen smothered Lincoln, 19-0. Obviously, the game wasn't much of a contest for the Rivermen. Strong pitching was supported by a hitting demonstration from UMSL slugger, Mike Stellern.

"Mike pounded the ball out of the park against the wind. He has the most potential of any hitter we've ever had," said Dix.

In the second game of the day, Lincoln finally realized they

were playing baseball and scored three runs against the Rivermen in a 5-3 loss.

The Rivermen, now 9-5 for the season, seem to have just one kink in their program—consistency. Dix thinks that his team is just about to overcome that kink. "As the year progresses, we should get more consistent. We'll prove how good a team we are later."

Dix cites the early season play of shortstop Al Mares and Ray Howard as key ingredients to the Rivermen's success thus far. "Al Mares is playing shortstop like a veteran. Ray Howard has better range than any third baseman we've ever had." With these two mainstays in the UMSL infield, Dix can easily conclude that defensively, his team is sound.

The Rivermen will try to work on their consistency as they host the Southeast Missouri State University Indians on Saturday in a doubleheader that begins at 1pm.

Next Monday, the Rivermen play perhaps their most peculiar day of baseball in recent memory. At 2pm, the UMSL squad hosts the Cougars of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Monday night, the Rivermen travel to Maryville College for a night game that begins at 7pm.

### Riverwomen split in SIU-E tourney then come home and improve to 6-6

Bill Fleischman

The UMSL Women's softball team split four games in the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Gateway Tournament last weekend, raising its record to 4-6. The Riverwomen won two games a week ago last Tuesday on a forfeit by Harris-Stowe which cancelled its entire season reportedly due to a lack of interest.

UMSL knocked off Illinois-Chicago Circle 9-2 as the Riverwomen started quickly, scoring three runs in the first inning, as third baseman Sandy Moriarty singled in one run and freshman first baseman Cindy Krahl doubled home two runs.

The Riverwomen closed the coffin in the fifth inning when they sent 11 batters to the plate and scored five times. Center-

fielder Debbie Johnson, leftfielder Laura Gerst and catcher Lisa Studnicki drove in runs with singles during the onslaught. Studnicki is the top hitter on the team with a .419 average after eight games.

Right-hander Nancy Hatler pitched impressively as she went seven innings and allowed two runs on five hits. The sophomore from Lindbergh High struck out four and walked three.

In the second contest, UMSL defeated host SIU-E 2-0. As senior Mary Dorsey hurled all seven innings allowing only two hits and only two walks while striking out none.

The Riverwomen again started quickly as they scored both runs in the first inning. Designated hitter Sue Vetter singled home Studnicki who walked and Johnson doubled home Judy Panneri who singled.

Saturday was not a good day for the Riverwomen. In the first contest, Northern Illinois nipped UMSL 2-1. The Riverwomen scored their only run in the fourth when Moriarty, a .333 hitter, doubled and came home on a double by Vetter. UMSL held the lead until the bottom of the seventh. With two out and nobody on, Hatler walked three straight batters. Northern Illinois scored the game winner on a single.

Hatler allowed two runs on five hits while striking out one and walking four, dropped her record to 1-4.

Things didn't get any better for the Riverwomen in the second game as they were buried by Western Illinois 14-1. "Western Illinois pounded the ball against us," said UMSL coach Mike

### Golfers open season

The UMSL Golf team began the season by placing sixth out of 14 teams at the Lincoln University Tournament last Friday.

UMSL's four golfers had a combined score of 317. Southern Missouri State University topped all teams with a 296.

John Mercurio was the star for UMSL, tying for third place in with a 74 along with four other golfers.

"I finished strong. I birdied three out of my last four holes," said Mercurio.

After playing the regulation 18 holes, Mercurio and the four other golfers played

a sudden death hole to determine the third place winner. Craig Harrison of Central Missouri State University won the play-off when he sank a 40-foot putt and scored par on the par-4 hole.

UMSL's Dan Durso, Joe Peterson and Craig Abt all came in with 82s. Tom Jacobs had an 86 and did not qualify for the team score.

Coach Jim Niederkorn was happy about his team's performance.

"I'm pleased. I wanted to finish seventh or better at this tournament," said Niederkorn.

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# Ronnie Tyler was UMSL's MVP (Most Valuable Person)

It was a cold winter day in January and, as usual, Ron Tyler was sitting at a table in the Underground, eating lunch. I casually sat down across the table from him and we chatted about the basketball season, a subject of conversation that wasn't exactly popular at the time.

The Rivermen were in the midst of a three-game losing streak in conference play and the team was rapidly plummeting toward the division cellar. Every player reassured me that the season could be turned around in the second half, even though some of them were just blowing smoke.

Tyler, however, was convincing. As the team's starting center, the 6-5 University City product felt a certain responsibility to help UMSL pull through down the stretch. Although the situation didn't improve much in the final weeks of the campaign, Tyler never gave up. The quiet, unassuming leader was a bundle of determination all the way to the end of the season.

But now he's gone. When Tyler collapsed last week while playing a pickup game at the Mark Twain Building and died moments later at Normandy Osteopathic Hospital, the Rivermen lost their MVP forever. By MVP, I don't necessarily mean Most Valuable Player. Tyler was UMSL's Most Valuable Person.

Tyler accentuated the positive in everything he did. On the court, his constant effort and determination was always a major factor when UMSL emerged victorious in a game. Off the court, his approach towards people was aided by the same element of effort and determination.

It was easy to tell Tyler liked people. He wore an effervescent smile that would last all day. And he was appreciated for his friendship.

"Ronnie always had something positive to say to everybody," said freshman guard Bob McCormack. "He would encourage guys after a loss, and I think everybody appreciated it. There was never any dismay between him and any other player on the team."

Tyler didn't fit the stereotype of the egotistical basketball star who looks at himself as more important than non-athletes. This stand-

out cager cherished friends and happiness more than making the headlines.

"Ronnie was one of the best players on the team, but his loss as a person outweighs that," said freshman standout Kurt Jacob, who added that Tyler was extremely well-liked and had the best "attitude" on the team.

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Determination and love is what Tyler will be remembered for, especially by UMSL head coach Tom Bartow.

"I can remember standing three or four feet behind the backboard in practice and watching the look of determination on Ronnie's face when he would drive to the basket," he said. "I'll never forget that look, because it's a look I've seen few players have."

As for Bartow's feelings on Tyler's off the court behavior...

"Ronnie was a guy who didn't know any way to do things except full out," he said. "Ronnie approached people the same way he approached basketball. He gave more of himself than what he got from others."

There is no doubt that the Rivermen lost a terrific player last week. Tyler started all 26 games this past season. He was the team's second leading scorer and the team leader in field goal accuracy.

Tyler lived around the rim. He showed signs of becoming a player who could dominate a game inside. With two years of eligibility in front of him, Tyler had the potential to become one of the all-time greats in UMSL basketball history.

But no matter how much potential Ron Tyler had, he never could have been as good a basketball player as he was a person. In that category, he definitely ranked at the top.



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**UNDERHANDED:** Nancy Hatler, one of the pitchers for the women's softball team, pitched a 1-0 victory over SIU-E Tuesday.



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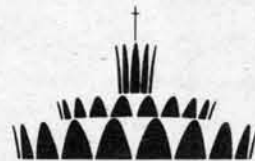
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# Women net first win of season

There's something magic about playing at home. The same players, the same coaches using the same strategies and equipment can often find the key to winning at home.

The UMSL women's tennis team found the magic of home last weekend as they won their first tennis match of the year, trouncing Northwest Missouri State University, 6-3.

Braving the elements of Mother Nature, who seems to play havoc on any tennis competition this time of year, the women put up a strong performance against their visitors from Maryville, Missouri.

The number one singles player, and perhaps the strength of the women's squad, Linda Meyers, put on a dazzling performance as she upended her opponent, 6-0, 6-4.

Meyers' supporting cast was

equally as tough with the second, third, fifth, and sixth singles players gaining victories in their individual matches.

The number two singles player, Lisa Geers, won handily 6-1, 6-1. Chris Seckel, the singles player in the third spot, won an equally easy match, 6-2, 6-0.

Pat Harkins, the number five singles player for the women netters, was involved in the hardest fought match of the meet. After losing the first set, 4-6, Harkins came back and battled her way to two straight set wins, 7-5, 6-4.

Mary Sucher, playing at the sixth singles spot, completed the tough UMSL singles play by defeating her opponent, 6-0, 6-2.

The women got their sixth win from the first doubles team of Meyers and Geers. They breezed past a bewildered NWMS doubles team, 6-0, 6-2.

In the next meet, women's coach Pam Steinmetz was satisfied with her team's performance against William Woods College although it resulted in the women's third loss of the young season. Playing the team from Fulton last Saturday on the UMSL courts, the women found themselves coming up on the short end of a 6-3 decision.

The winners for the women's team were number four singles player Jan Fore, 6-3, 6-0, number six singles Mary Sucher, 6-2, 6-0 and the first doubles team of Meyers and Geers. Their score was 6-2, 6-4.

"William Woods top three girls were very strong," said the third year coach. "We're playing very aggressive, keeping the ball in play and hitting good shots. What we have to work on now is our consistency."



EYES HAVE IT: In tennis, eye-hand coordination is crucial. The women netters coordinated their efforts for their first win of the season.

# UMSL's galaxies of intramurals now underway

Ronn Tipton

Captain's Log: Stardate 4182.7. Having just completed a successful mission last week by converting a mod of non-athletes into intramural fanatics, I, Captain Ronn T. Kirk, was ordered to procede to the Mark Twain Building to find out which UMSL students still needed converting. Meeting with the Almighty Intramural Commander, Larry Coffin, I was given the job of Imperial Press Agent so that I might successfully convert even more students. Being an experienced newspaper jock, I decided to tray the unsuspecting students by telling them about intramural action in Hoc-Soc and Weightlifting.

The Hoc-Soc season is in full swing now as last Wednesday night V.B. and Others planked Phi Zappa Krappa 4-0, TKE won by forfeit over Sig Pi, Deans beat Probates 5-0, and Phi Zappa Krappa defeated NADS 5-2. This week's action began Monday night as V.B. and Other shut-out the Sig Tau Roses 4-0, Sig Tau squeaked by Beta Alpha Psi 4-2, Dozers clobbered ROTC 10-1, and Police Squad edged by the Pikes 3-1 in a very close match.

The standings in Division I as of Tuesday night were: Sig Tau and the Dozers tied for first place, both having 2-0 records. The Dozers have scored 14 more goals than their opponents while Sig Tau has an 11 goal

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edge. Tied for third place is Beta Alpha Psi and Police Squad, both sharing 1-1 records. Beta Alpha Psi has outscored their opponents by three goals while the Police Squad has scored three less than their opponents. Tied for last place are the Pikes and ROTC at 0-2. ROTC has been outscored by a whopping 18 goals while the Pikes have only been outscored by seven.

In the Women's division, V.B. and Others have taken the lead with a 2-0 mark. They are eight

goals up in scoring, having won both games by 4-0 scores. The Sig Tau Roses and the Phi Zappa Krappa womens team are tied for last (there are only three teams), both being 0-1. They played last night to determine who had sole possession of second place.

The Division II standings, as of Tuesday night, saw the Deans tied for first place with Phi Zappa Krappa and TKE. All have 1-0 records, but the Deans

hold the edge in scoring, having scored five more goals than their opponents. TKE and Phi Zappa Krappa have both scored three more goals than their opponents.

The Intramural weightlifting meet was held last Thursday and many records were broken. Tony Rogers won the 123 pound class and set a new record in the deadlift by lifting 305 lbs. Odie Smith (132) set records in the squats, deadlift, and total weight.

## Women

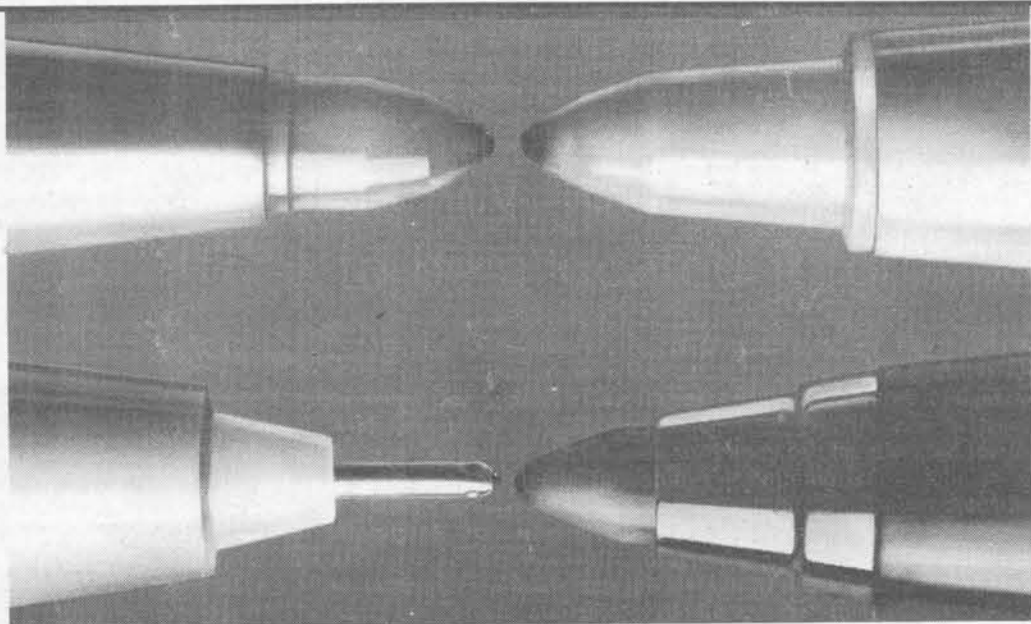
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Larson. Western Illinois belted Dorsey for all 14 runs and 16 of its 17 hits. Western Illinois was on top 5-1 until the top of the seventh. In the seventh, nine runners crossed the plate on only seven hits.

Except for the Western Illinois game, Hatler and Dorsey pitched well, but Larson believes the pitching needs improvement. Larson said that the two hurlers need to improve on their control to cut the number of walks.

Larson, however, doesn't expect his pitchers to strike out many batters. "Our pitchers won't get many strikeouts because they're more control-type pitchers," he said.

Despite averaging only three runs a game in the tournament, the first year coach isn't worried about his team's offense. "We're hitting the ball well but we're not hitting it into the hole," he said. Studnicki added, "We need to put hits together because we're leaving to many runners on base."



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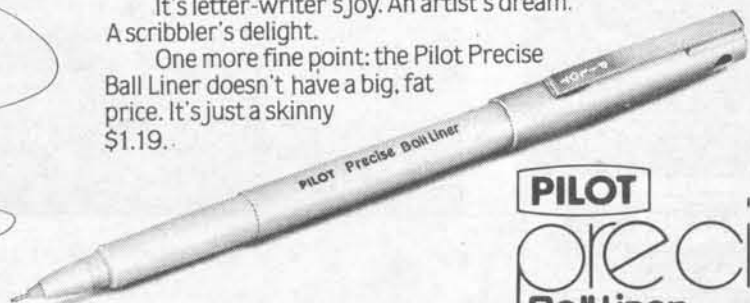
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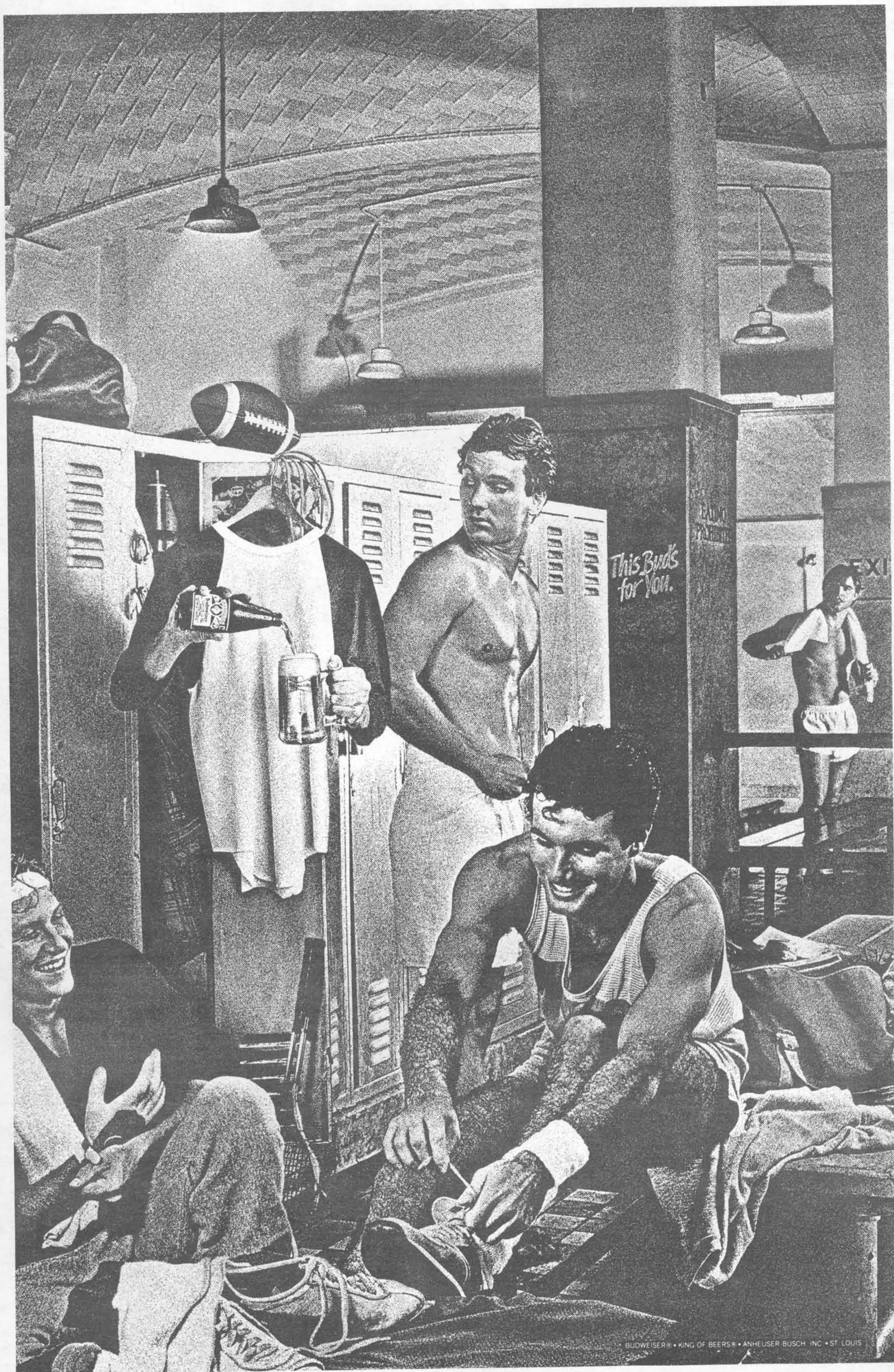
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