Voluntary Courses, Tutoring Planned For Next Semester

by Bob Fick

Several innovations are being planned for the winter semester this year. Among these are an experimental college, a campus tutoring program and a commuter tutoring program.

The experimental college will operate on the basis of learning for learning’s sake. The courses will be other than those presently offered by the University. One of the courses being considered is Negro history.

Classes will be taught by willing faculty members and, possibly, students well-versed in the subjects offered. However, even though the faculty membership of the experimental college will be on a voluntary basis, there will be a minimal charge, probably one dollar per course, to cover operating expenses.

At present, such mechanics as time and place of the college, specific faculty memberships and many actual courses to be offered have not been definitely arranged. Student Association president Michael Hughes stated that letters have been mailed to many UMSL faculty members, asking if they would participate in the experimental college. He also said that the courses will probably be offered in the late afternoon and early evening.

Free Tutoring Service

The tutoring program which the SA hopes to have in operation by next semester are even less definite than plans for the college program. The on-campus tutoring for student of the University will be a free service available to anyone seeking academic assistance. Arrangements for obtaining this service have not yet been prescribed, but Hughes is hopeful that all details will be taken care of by the beginning of the second semester.

The commuter tutoring program is a community project entailing the cooperation of UMSL students. As presently planned, there will be two tutoring groups involved. A Negro group will be enlisted to go into predominantly Negro areas to help the children there with any problems they might have with their school work. The other group, composed of white students, will perform the same services in white neighborhoods.

Hughes also claimed that a lack of original thinking by student senators has contributed to this traditionalism. Defining the role of the senate as a means of communication between the student body and the administration, the SA president accused senators of neglecting student opinions and ideas.

Hughes told a Current reporter that the University administration is becoming “tradition-minded,” a condition he considers intolerable. “Once a university becomes tradition-bound,” he said, “it loses its chances for greatness.”

“The administration will only try tested solutions; it is afraid of failure, he continued. “It usually regards new ideas seriously. Unless it becomes ideo
tactic, the University won’t progress, and the student is going to lose.”

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Current Comment

Make Benton Lounge A Study Hall

Frankly, we are so sick of hearing about the controversy over the lounge, that we think blowing it off the face of the earth would be an improvement over the present situation. The treatment of that momentous last semester when the senate dramatically closed the Benton Hotel Lounge to the student body has been a lot of copy material for the Current and an opportunity for the senators to rant and rave.

Originally, the lounge was designed to be an attractive and comfortable place for students to relax and study. It would also have been possible to use the lounge as a reception hall for guests and important speakers. That was the plan, until the students entered the picture. They quickly moved in and began destroying and mutilating furniture, by willful destruction (slashed and scorched curtains), general sloppiness (food, trash and ashes on carpets, food, and furniture), and by ignorant negligence and crudity (overturning ashtrays, putting their feet on the furniture, and knocking around lamps). In addition their behavior was immoral and uncalled for (screaming and yelling, public displays of affection, gambling, etc.) All these abuses were brought up on the occasion of last year's shutdown.

So, the lounge was turned into a study area. This solved absolutely nothing. The conditions are just the same.

There have been numerous proposals made, to try to solve the problem once and for all. The senate has solved the dilemma of making a decision by doing absolutely nothing.

One proposal is to close off the lounge area entirely. Considering the present physical facilities, this would be a criminal waste of space. Better it should be converted into classrooms. That could at least mean two fewer classes at the Lutherans Church.

Another proposal is that the lounge be turned over to the Student Senate. The students have proved beyond a doubt that they cannot be trusted to maintain a decent relaxation area with any semblance of order. It has also been suggested that the lounge be reopened, completely devoid of furniture. This proposal so silly that it hardly bears mentioning. Rather than bear the humiliation of declaring the necessity of turning students, like cattle, into an open pasture, it would be preferable to close the area off completely.

This proposal for reopening the lounge as such is always buttressed by the argument that students need a place to unwind and relax. Why, for love or money, is there anything more to a place to rest? Few, if any, business firms provide any area other than restrooms and cafeterias for employees to relax. If the area were turned into a study area (supervised, of course) students could work on assignments, mathematics homework, and a host of other academic assignments. This is something that the lounge was designed to be.

That, then, is another proposal to turn the area into a supervised study area. At least then the students who are forced to study in the hall, because of a lack of study areas elsewhere, would have a place to rest. Few, if any, business firms provide any area other than restrooms and cafeterias for employees to relax. If the area were turned into a study area (supervised, of course) students could work on assignments, mathematics homework, and a host of other academic assignments. This is something that the lounge was designed to be.

The present study areas are immensely overcroweded. Since this is a university, studying and homework still come first. Since the students have been given any number of chances to have a lounge and muddle themselves and the lounge area, it is time that they were shown the door. If supervised study halls are the only way this can be accomplished, then the area should be designated as a supervised study hall.
Chelsea Girls Laughs At Society

by William Church

With the name Andy Warhol comes the mystic connotations of crowds of people huddled together to view another "underground masterpiece." In the early 60's when Warhol made the Campbell soup can a work of "art" (the use of the word art isn't mine) I thought he was having a good laugh at our society and purposely poking fun at the symbols of our pseudo existence.

Years have passed and Andy Warhol has presented us with his Campbell soup can in the form of a movie, Chelsea Girls, which is three and a half hours long, beookced me with promises of artistic entertainment, glorious males and erotic impulses.

Best - Worst Soap Opera

Chelsea Girls isn't a movie in the contemporary meaning, but it was meant to be another mock supermarket which can be truly called the best-worst soap opera I have ever seen. Any soap opera fan can tell you that cheap settings, trite dialogue, unrehearsed acting with themes manufactured into bestselling subjects are the overall elements of a soap opera. Throughout the entire three and a half hours of Chelsea Girls there isn't a minute of good dialogue, acting or photography; and the same can be said of any ordinary soap opera.

Strict Stereotypes

The subjects of lesbians, drug addicts, homosexuals and erotic desires were presented through the view of Mrs. Middle Class Conservative America, who has a secret erotic desire for B-grade movies. The homosexual scenes were strict stereotypes that could have only been written by some adolescent shut-in. Every scene was overplayed with the actors telling us bluntly that they didn't know their parts or didn't care.

Now, after paying Andy Warhol such high compliments by calling Chelsea Girls the best-worst soap opera I have ever seen, I think it is necessary to remind you that every time an actor laughs he is really laughing at you and your thoughts. Warhol didn't produce this for entertainment but to strike deep into the middle-aged Americans who will flock to see his movie because he promises SEX. Warhol is laughing deeply and at the same time being paid to make a fool of You. Maybe we deserve it!

A Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1967
Sophomore Class Meeting, 9:30-11:30 a.m.?, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Room 208 Administration Building.
SNEA Meeting, 10:40-11:30 a.m., Room 208, Benton Hall.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1967
Student Court Session, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Room 268, Administration Building.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1967
Marketing Club Field Trip to Ralston Purina Research Farm, meet 9:30 a.m. at research farm.

Do your Christmas shopping at the Campus Bookstore. The C.B. features books, college jewelry and apparel, prints and posters, college supplies. The Campus Bookstore will be open during the Christmas vacation from 8 to 4, Monday thru Friday.
Richard Scharp, president of the Young Republicans Club, is a nineteen-year-old economics major. An accomplished trumpet player, Richard is busy teaching trumpet and playing in the Riverview Community Concert Band, and he is always busy with club activities and studies. His political漲望 is for two political careers: one as a political conservative, and he feels this is similar to Richard Nixon's stand. After graduation, he plans to enter the service and then attend graduate school.

Purpose of Y.R.P.

The purpose of the Young Republicans Club is to bring political issues on campus and Richard feels this is a "terrific educational opportunity for the Young Republicans Club, at the college level, is only part of the structure of Republican Clubs. Starting in high school with Teen Age Republicans a student can continue with the Young Republicans branch there are Young Republicans after college, until thirty-seven years of age, and then join the Senior Party, Richard says that there are Young Republicans and each other and all work for the National Party, with the G.O.P., helping the campaign as needed.

Learn Through Structure

Through this club structure, Richard explains, students learn the fine points of political strategy, the campaign office, and how to run an organized campaign, as well as thoroughly learning the qualifications and positions of various candidates in an election.

In preparation for the coming election Rick said the Y.R. Clubs of Missouri are holding Leadership Training Workshops and Schools to teach campaign strategy. As an important function of all political clubs, Rick mentioned, is participation in the Missouri Intermediate State Legislature or M.I.S.L. Next semester, there will be a meeting at St. Louis Republican college for all Republican-oriented students, called a pre-convention. At this pre-convention, delegates to M.I.S.L. will be appointed in relation to the number of students attending. At the convention delegates from both parties will assume control of the House and Senate at Jefferson City debate and pass or fail various bills on important state issues. These will then be given by Governor Hornsby as being representative of current college student opinion. Anyone interested may attend and observe. Rick would like everyone interested in the success of the Republican issues at the conventions to attend the pre-convention and be counted in the apportioning. The Young Republicans Club will furnish detailed information next semester.

Realization that there is too much dissension in the Republican Party and said "We've got to unite."

"Odd Couple" Returns

Don Andrews, veteran screen star, and Robert G. Lewis, television personality, will be starred in a return of Neil Simon's smash hit comedy, "The Odd Couple," which will open at the American Theatre, Jan. 1 and run four weeks through Jan. 19. It will be offered as a "twofer" (two tickets for the price of one basis). The play ran 968 performances on Broadway, closing last July 2 and is being made into a movie with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau.

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Harris, William Jewell, UIC Next on Cagers' Schedule

The Rivermen cagers will face three opponents in the next eight days. Tomorrow night, they will play against a strong Harris Teachers' team; Saturday night they will face defending MCAA champions William Jewell, and on December 23 they will play the University of Illinois at Chicago. The games against William Jewell and University of Illinois at Chicago will be played at Kiel.

In the game against Harris Teachers' College at 7:30 Friday night at Concordia Seminary, the Rivermen will have to play a real good defensive game in order to win, according to coach Smith. This is because of the addition to Harris' line-up of the explosive Ron Woods, Ron, who played for UMSL last year and averaged 23 points per game, joined the Harris squad a couple of weeks ago. "Harris is a much stronger team with Woods," said Smith. "They are better balanced, and they will rebound better with him. So far we've been able to outrebound our opponents, and we should be able to outrebound Harris, but we're going to have to play real good defense to stop them."

Woods will be joined by high-scoring Harry Ripperdan and Sam Turner to carry the attack.

The game against William Jewell College will start at 6:15 at Kiel Auditorium. The game will precede the contest between the St. Louis Hawks and the San Francisco Warriors.

William Jewell is a new opponent on the Rivermen's schedule this year. They won the Missouri Collegiate Athletic Union conference championship last year while posting a 15-13 record. This is because of the addition of an exciting player on the team, runs the floor with confidence. Terry Reiter is gaining after last Friday's contest against McKendree. But before anything can be said about his 18-point, 15 rebound performance in that game, it is necessary to say something about the game two nights earlier, against Millikin. Terry attempted seven shots, but connected on only one; he collected 7, which is not too impressive. "Big T" is a graduate of Pattonville high school, and he was awarded a basketball scholarship to North Texas State University. In his freshman year there, he lettered, but after his second year he lost his scholarship. He went to Central Missouri State two years ago, and came to UMSL, where he played for two seasons prior to coming to UMSL.

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On Saturday, December 22, UMSL will play the University of Illinois at Chicago at 6:00 p.m. at Kiel Auditorium. Tickets for the game, which is to be played before the St. Louis Billiken-Kansas contest, are on sale at the cashier's office. Ticket prices are $2.25, $2.50 and $3.00.

UIC is another new addition to UMSL's schedule this year. Posting an 8-7 record last year, they will have 4 of their starting 5 players back from last year. Their season has not yet started.

Woods To Go For Harris

Woods, who in his one season with UMSL last year was the most outstanding player on the team, ran out of eligibility with UMSL, and is now back at Harris Teachers' where he played for two seasons prior to coming to UMSL.

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Roni Woods driving the baseline in a game for the Rivermen last year.

Riverman Review

Confidence Makes Reiter Feel Ten Feet Tall

Confidence, as any athlete will tell you, is one of those intangibles in sports. It is much like a woman. When she favors you, life is full of happiness. But she can also be elusive and a deceiver; it can break you if you don't have it and can be terribly hard to gain.

And confidence is what senior Terry Reiter is gaining after last Friday's contest against McKendree. But before anything can be said about his 18-point, 15 rebound performance in that game, it is necessary to say something about the game two nights earlier, against Millikin. Terry attempted seven shots, but connected on only one; he collected 7, which is not too impressive.

With this performance in mind, (along with another performance, in which he accidentally busted a back-board trying to dunk a ball in the pre-game warmup) it is no wonder that Terry's showing Friday night was especially pleasing to him. The big, 6'8" senior, who is twice as nice as he is tall, seemed intent on spoiling a fired-up McKendree attack; and there is no better way to nullify your opponent's efforts than by adding 18 to your own team's effort.

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Of his performance Reiter said, "This equals my personal high for one game for scoring, and the 15 rebounds also equals my previous high. All my scoring seemed to come in spurts; I hit my first shot, and two of my first three, and after that, I got my confidence back." Confidence. You can't beat it.

by Doug Sutton

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the students and faculty at UMSL from your friends, the folks at Normandy Bank.

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Rivermen Outclass McKendree, Bow To Milliken By One

by Marty Hendin, Associate Sports Editor

The Rivermen lost their second game of the season on Wednesday, December 6 when they were defeated 67-66 by Millikin University of Decatur, Illinois. The game turned into a see-saw battle that went down to the final seconds.

With Millikin leading in the game 1-4, the Rivermen scored ten straight points to take their brightest lead of the game at 14-8. Millikin came back to tie the game and then took a 21-21 lead with 4:47 remaining in the half. UMSL then pumped in seven straight points to tie the game with 3:14 left. The lead then shifted back and forth, and the score was tied at 34 at half-time.

The teams matched shots at the beginning of the second half, but Millikin jumped into the lead with 15:52 remaining in the game. The Big Blue held the lead, which got as high as eight points, until Bill Caldwell gave the Rivermen a 66-65 lead with 1:09 remaining in the game. With 46 seconds left, Millikin center Jack Sunderlik scored the winning basket on a play on which the Rivermen felt that travelling should have been called. After both teams missed shots, UMSL got the ball with 14 seconds left, but could not connect on a shot and three tip-in attempts.

The game’s leading scorer was UMSL’s Jack Stenner who scored 24 points and looked as if he had completely recovered from his knee injury. Bill Caldwell scored 16 points and had 14 rebounds. Chuck Caldwell had 10 points. Millikin’s leading scorer was Jack Sunderlik with 20 points.

On Friday, December 8 the Rivermen ended their losing streak and kept their Kiel Auditorium record perfect as they defeated McKendree College of Lebanon, Illinois 92-81. The Rivermen led throughout the game, trailing only by two points in the opening minutes of play. With 10:52 remaining in the first half, UMSL took the lead and never relinquished it. The UMSL lead reached twelve with 14:10 to go in the first half, but the Bears scored eight points in the final minute, and UMSL led at halftime only 42-38. McKendree narrowed the gap to three in the opening minute of the second half, but that was as close as they could get, as UMSL rolled to their third straight Kiel Auditorium victory over the past two seasons.

UMSL’s Jack Stenner was the game’s high scorer as he scored 25 points for a total of 49 in his last two games. Stenner’s 25 points was his college career high.

The evening was a total loss for McKendree’s coach, Harry Stewham. In addition to his team losing the ball game, his car was towed away from a parking place near Kiel Auditorium.

The victory gave UMSL a record of 3-2, with two of the victories coming against McKendree. McKendree’s record fell to 11-3.

Bill Caldwell goes up for a shot as UMSL’s Bill McBride (right) looks on. Photo by Mike Olds

Offensive-Defensive Stars

Bill Southwestern Bell


Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the games against William Jewell and UIC are now on sale at the cashier’s office. $1.50 tickets are on sale for $2.00 each for the William Jewell game on December 16. The game will precede the Hawks-Warriors game.

Tickets for the December 23 contest between UMSL and the University of Illinois at Chicago will cost $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00. The game will precede the St. Louis U.-Kansas game.

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