CURRENT HAPPENINGS

University Players
Search for Director

UML's University Players are now beginning the search for a director for their spring production. Half of their $600 budget has already been allocated toward the director's salary.

A membership drive for the Players was recently held and climaxed at their February 25th meeting. About 45 students were in the club last semester. Students interested in any form or phase of drama should contact Gus George, president of the Players, at RA 7-1089, or Dr. Lisenby, faculty advisor.

UML Professor to Serve on Seminar

Dr. John J. Lennon, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, will be one of the major participants in a nation-wide series of seminars to be held on racial discrimination and occupational status under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The seminars will be conducted for the Federal Government by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and are intended to develop policy guidelines for the employment practices of various Federal agencies.

Dr. Lennon, a member of the University of Missouri at St. Louis' Department of Sociology since 1966, will be responsible for seminar material dealing with "misconceptions about race."

The first two seminars, March 10 in Miami, Fla., and April 8 in Los Angeles, Calif., will be attended by middle and upper echelon management personnel from the Federal Agency.

Editors Attend Conference

Two members of the Current staff were present at a college news conference on smoking and health at Washington University on Tuesday evening, February 7. The conference, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, was designed to acquaint college students with the possible dangers of cigarette smoking, especially in connection with the rising incidence of lung cancer.

A question and answer session followed the speech, and the students present were impressed with the Society's message that "it's never too late to stop." Material on the subject will be available in the Current Office, March 1, or can be acquired through the local office of the American Cancer Society.

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CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS journeyed to Jefferson City, January 24, to present copies of the Current to members of the Missouri General Assembly. Presenting a copy to Governor Warren E. Hearnes are (from left to right) David Elkins, a political science major, Governor Hearnes, Michael Hughes, editorial editor, and Wayne Goode, state representative of Missouri's Fifth Legislative District.

"Administration" To Participate in Seminar

Four prominent members of the UMSL administration will participate in a Current-sponsored seminar which will provide students with an opportunity to voice complaints and criticisms of the University Wednesday, March 8. The meeting is scheduled for 2:30 in the New Student Union Building.

Chancellor James Bugg, Jr., Dean Glen Driscoll of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Harold Eickhoff, Dean of Student Affairs and St. John Perry, Business manager, will represent the administration in the seminar. Students are invited to state grievances or ask questions of the panel.

The idea of the seminar sprang from an exchange between the editorial staff of the Current and Dean Eickhoff, beginning with an editorial in the December 16 issue of the newspaper which claimed that the University's code of conduct virtually eliminated student protest. The editorial further stated that "a great number of causes for student protest) are readily seen."

Dean Eickhoff took issue with this statement and, in a letter published in the January 24 Current, remarked, "I am certainly not aware of the great number of causes which demand relief. Frankly," he continued, "I would like to see a constructive attitude adopted toward University problems and regulations ... I would further suggest that the Current organize a forum to discuss this issue and the great number of grievances, if, for one, would be willing to participate."

In answer to this challenge the Current organized the seminar with the "hope that students who have complaints will show up and make themselves heard," as Michael Hughes, head of the editorial staff, put it. Hughes also defined the Current's position by saying, "We think we're right because we're closer to the students than the Dean (Eickhoff)."

Among the grievances Hughes expects to be brought up during the meeting are academic counselling, lack of study space, condition of the parking lots and the cafeteria, and parking fees. Other topics which might be considered include the insufficiency of the library and the lack of a nurse on campus.

The consent of administration officials to take part in the seminar shows that "the administration is concerned that there might be student problems," Hughes commented. Now it is the task of the students to vocalize these grievances, he said, and "to increase financial aid for a number of them." He concluded, "They discussed Governor Hearnes' recommendation of three new buildings for UMSL to the Legislature, and found him to be very much concerned with the progress of higher education in Missouri."

Hughes and Rentz distributed the paper to both State Senators and Representa­tives, they were only able to confer with Representatives, including members of the Appropriations Committee considering funds for UMSL. Hughes stated that "Many of the legislators felt they had been neglected in the field of higher education. They felt there were more urgent needs, such as higher medical and the poverty program."

One St. Louis Representative expressed his viewpoint when he remarked that most of his constituents would be un­able to attend college, and he would betry them if he voted to increase financial aid for a service they could not use. There was a great deal of favorable response, however, to Hughes' and Rentz' journey. Hughes noted that, "Several of the legislators were surprised that we came to see them."

"We wanted to express to those people," he continued, "we discussed the progress of higher education and to those of concern to the college students of Mis­souri, and especially to those at UMSL. I think we saw a few of them."
**Editorial**

The necessity of the American university

By Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr.

**Editorial Note:** The following was submitted by a member of the UMSL student body. Because of its length we are forced to print it in two parts. Since we do not necessarily agree with all the arguments expressed by the student, we are publishing it in the next issue of the UMSL Current (with Part II, MH).

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McKENDREE COLLEGE

On January 13, UMSL lost their fifth game out of six played on the road this season as they were defeated by McKendree College 93-89 at Lebanon, Illinois. The Rivermen led by 18 points in the first half and held a 51-40 lead at half-time, but McKendree came storming back to win. UMSL again balanced scoring with five men in double figures. Jack Stenner played his best game of the season while leading all scorers with 22 points. Clarence Slaughter scored 15 points, Ron Clark 14, Ron Woods 12, and Terry Reiter 11.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

The Rivermen's winning streak was stopped at three on January 18 when UMSL lost to Eastern Illinois University 65-52 at Charleston, Illinois. UMSL led 27-22 at halftime but Eastern Illinois hit seven straight points at the start of the second half to take a 37-27 lead. They then opened up a 40-32 margin and coasted to victory. Ron Woods played his usual fine game as he scored 23 points and captured 19 of the team's 38 rebounds. Jack Stenner also hit double figures with 13 points.

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

The Rivermen suffered their first defeat in St. Louis on January 23 when they were routed 110-78 by Southwest Baptist College of Bolivar, Mo. The game was no contest after the opening seconds when Southwest took a 2-0 lead and never trailed, as they outplayed UMSL in all departments. The Bearcats led only 58-48 at half-time but steadily increased their lead in the second half. They broke the game wide open when they reeled off 14 straight points in 2½ minutes to take a 107-70 lead. Ron Woods was UMSL's high scorer with 14 points. Jack Stenner joined Terry Reiter on the bench with three fouls and Clarence Slaughter's three-point lead that stood until the last second was taken by Ron Clark chipped in with 12.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Despite the loss of Sylvester Phillips and Ray Martin the Rivermen defeated Concordia Seminary 78-69 on February 10 in their final St. Louis game of the season. Coach Chuck Smith's club got off to a slow start but tied the game at 18 all with 3 minutes left in the first half. At this point Jack Stenner joined Terry Reiter on the bench with three fouls and Concordia opened up a three-point lead that stood until Clarence Slaughter's three-point play with two seconds left to tie the game at 39 all at halftime. Bob Lucas sparked UMSL in the first half with 10 points.

The Rivermen came out strong at the start of the second half, led by Clarence Slaughter's aggressiveness, they outscored the Preachers 21-7 to take the 39-47 lead with 11:45 remaining in the game. They were never threatened and squeaked by McKendree to win. UMSL led 27-22 at half-time, but Eastern Illinois hit seven straight points at the start of the second half to take a 37-27 lead. They then opened up a 40-32 margin and coasted to victory.

Talent '67 will conduct the try-outs here and later will make a representative selection of the best student performers. Those chosen, will be paid a professional entertainer's fee. The winter edition of Campus Talent '67 included UMSL freshman John E. Elmore who sang "Try to Remember." UMSL students who plan to audition must provide their own accompaniment. A record player will be available if needed. Interested students are asked to contact the Office of Public Information, Room 117, Administration Building, extension 308-309.

If you want interesting teaching experience in your field – after school hours – with pay – call BY 3-1120 for further particulars.

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National Hockey League Team For St. Louis
by Jack Connors

April 6, 1966, major league hockey returned to St. Louis after an absence of thirty-one years. St. Louisan Sidney Soloman headed a syndicate which purchased the NHL franchise for an estimated one-half million dollars. Soloman also bought the St. Louis Arena, at a cost of four million dollars, and is presently spending an estimated one-half million dollars on renovation and improvements. The "Blues," as the new St. Louis entry will be called, are in the process of repairing and lighting all of the parking lots, adding a number of rear exits to eliminate traffic congestion, and adding theatre-type seats in the box and parque sections of the stands. A large number of other seats in certain areas will also be cushioned and repainted.

The Arena is not being renovated merely for hockey. A new, electronic, multi-purpose sports clock will be substituted for the ancient mechanical monster which has been suspended from the roof for many, many years. Clear bullet-proof glass will be installed around the perimeter of the rink to protect the fans from the puck which reaches speeds in excess of ninety miles an hour. Finally, the Blues' fans plan to construct an "Arena Club" modeled after the Stadium Club at the Downtown Riverfront Stadium.

St. Louis and five other cities represent the first expansion in the National Hockey League since 1942, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and St. Louis will make up their own six-team league, with the winner playing the winner of the other six-team division for the championship. This rather unique method of placing the six newest teams in a division by themselves represents another of the NHL's progressive but sensible expansion policies. (continued from page 3)

Roll To Rolla
The Rivermen's next game will be their final contest of the season at Rolla on Saturday, February 25. As a service to UMSL fans, the Current is chartering buses to Rolla. Anyone interested should contact Sports Editor Jack Connors or sign up in the lobby of the administration building.

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by Sam Back

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