CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Help Needed For Homecoming

There will be an organizational meeting for this year's Homecoming Friday, October 27, between 11:10-1:30 in Room 208.

Purple Onion

A masquerade ball Purple Onion will be held Saturday, October 28, at the Jewish War Veterans Hall, 120 South Second, beginning at 8 p.m. Admission charge, $2.50, will be given to the persons with the best costume and a $10 cash prize will be given to the second place. Also, there will be a 50¢ admission charge.

Patron organization will be given a pumpkin to carve and dress before the Purple Onion. The organization with the winning pumpkin will receive a Purple Onion award which will travel, going to the winner of a contest planned for each Purple Onion.

Cans Cancelled

The Competition Canned Food Drive, sponsored by the UM Extension Division, has been cancelled. The drive, scheduled for the week of November 15-22, coincided with a similar activity sponsored by other campus organizations.

“Landmarks” Course

A six-week course on St. Louis landmarks, offered by the UM Extension Division, will begin October 21 at Mansion House.

The course will cover the history of architectural influences which have shaped the buildings, monuments and famous homes of St. Louis, from the French influence of the early eighteenth century to the present.

Dr. Richard Reth, UM history professor, signs a petition protesting the arrest of six students at Mizzou, Saturday, October 14.

Students Petition for Mizzou Arrestees

Missouri University's action in arresting six students for distributing anti-war literature during University Day sparked a free speech petition drive by UM student last week.

The petition protests the "suppression of students' rights demonstrated in the arrest of six University of Missouri at Columbia students who were passing out anti-war literature last week."

It states that arrests represented "the arbitrary and undemocratic action of the administration." It requests a public statement from MU President John Weaver.

Fromm To Speak At Washington U.

Erlich Fromm, noted psychiatrist and philosopher, will deliver the keynote address to kick off the Fall Symposium to be held at Washington University, November 14-17. He and seven other noted authors will participate in numerous meetings, discussions and dinners which will be part of the three-day event.

Fromm, author of the book "Man for Himself," will speak on the topic "Man Against Himself" on Wednesday, November 15 at 11 a.m. in Graham Chapel as part of the Assembly Series.

The rationale behind the symposium, according to Dennis Brophy, 4th AS, chairman of the symposium committee, is to present "new and independent ideas on what is going on in the world today."

Sub Nominees Approved

The students were approved as sub-nominees to fill five recently created positions in the Student Senate. The Senate recommended a charge of $2.50 to students with EE's and $12.00 to non-students. Coons & Smith will present the suggestion to the Student Senate Committee on Athletics.

Price Suggestions

U-plane, the university airline, has been presented to the Senate, asking for ideas pertaining to this from the student body.

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Cite Attendance, Communications

by Judy Andrews

Freshman class elections have come to an end. Now the new Senators have had a chance to attend a few Senate meetings and formulate some opinions and ideas for the school year.

All four freshman Senators are going to submit a bill to end compulsory attendance of classes.

The reasons are:

1. The majority of the professors do not follow this ruling.

2. Students come to college on a voluntary basis, so, accordingly, attendance should be voluntary.

Bob Feigenbaum told a current reporter that the responsibility should be left to the student because students are adults attending college, not children attending high school. Feigenbaum said that no matter what decision is made concerning attendance, there should be one specific rule that all professors should follow.

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Current Comment
A Kind of Failure

Two provocative editorials, "Freshman Elections" and "Faulty Reasoning of Administrators," appeared in the October 13 issue of the Current. Both are of a kind of failure to UMSL, but each finds different reasons for this failure.

"Freshman Elections" claims that UMSL will be "one that college in St. Louis" until the student body develops an interest in student government and social affairs. The editor argues that the University administration is engaged in the "mass production of docile, intellectually sterile paper dolls."

From this starting point, the editor lists a great many students, both here and at other colleges, UMSL is "that big high school on Nahrial Bridge," but does this at the same time reflect a lack of "school spirit" in the student body? Does it mean that any UMSL administration which chooses mediocrity rather than superiority?

No; this attitude has its roots in the intellectual sloth of the student body. If UMSL produces "intellectually sterile paper dolls," it is because the student body is not that interested in the University does not offer stimulating and challenging courses, that there is no demand for high academic achievement is nonexistent. The students are simply indifferent to the virtues of UMSL. It is the administration and the faculty's success in providing a fertile academic atmosphere; it is merely impotence on the students part which prevents the development of a superior student body.

Mrs. Rappold, in her "Faulty Reasoning of Administrators," has her cause mixed up with her effect when she claims that "The University, must first offer an intensive, rewarding program of study to assist the students throughout the day but we also have new programs to hold our food."

This statement seems remarkable to one who has intensely enjoyed and not at all found dull and dry, but such obviously does not realize how dull and dry his courses. Even more remarkable, and more unacceptable, is the implication that the faculty is not of a high caliber. Is it then, the administration's and the faculty's inability to satisfy intellectually the student body which is at issue? No! It is the inability of the student body to satisfy the faculty, to display interest in particular courses and in learning in general, which will, in the cause leading to the effect of a disappointed student body.

A university should be a "community of scholars," as Chauncey Bagg has reminded us. Are there 7,000 scholars on this campus? Are there 700? Perhaps the writer is a sure that those who participate in lecture halls and incessantly complain about the stupid and boring man on stage, the man trying to so an idea in their sterile minds--are not scholars. Now, and I mean this sincerely, I do not believe that a whole lecture class is discussed because it persists in flaunting its disiniterest and disrespect in the lecturer's face, one doubts that they are even 700 scholars on campus.

This is the greatest of UMSL's ills: we are a student body which does not deserve the title "student." We should not lament for the "intellectually sterile" students. To them, ignorance is bliss. The objects of our concern should be those who participate in the exchange of ideas and knowledge inherent in a "community of scholars" for they may very well find their fertile field transformed in a sterile desert by their impotent, impudent, fellow students.

Richard Dagger

Inflation

Our cafeteria is moving up in the world, Last year's vacation.

This year Canteen, Not only has there been an increase in the number of ladies to assist the students throughout the day but we also now have new programs to hold our food.

Students lament! The days of the thirty cent hamburger are no longer with us. Today, all you can buy for thirty cents is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Boy! Talk about inflation.

D.R.M.
The National Repertory Theatre will appear for two weeks at the American Theatre, opening on Monday evening, Nov. 6.

Now on its sixth national tour, the National Repertory Theatre, presented by the American National Theatre and Academy, will offer two plays in repertory performances.

Michael Dewell and Frances Ann Dougherty, producers of the NRT, have chosen a Shakespeare comedy called "A treasure of American literature" which will have its first full-length dramatization in the second production John Brown's Body. The story of the man who determined to free the slaves all by himself if necessary, who saved the State of Kansas for the North in the Civil War, is a thrilling play which enlists the entire company. John Brown's Body has been directed by NRT director Jack Spydow, who has been with the company since its founding.

The Comedy of Errors will open the engagement of the National Repertory Theatre at the American Theatre on Monday evening, Nov. 6, and will be repeated on Nov. 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16, with matinees at 2:00 P.M. on Nov. 11 and 15.

The cast of "The Smell of the Crowd," a broad­way smash hit musical staged by Edward Earle for producers Barry C. Tuttle and William A. Cur­raso is coming to the American Theatre for a one week engagement opening on Monday, October 21, with evening performances at 8:30 and Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 P.M. This award-winning British import stars Edward Earle in the role of Cocky, the little underdog who is bullied by Bly, the establish­ment, played by the strutting pom­pous and large-voiced David C. Jones. Both are very familiar to theatre-goers across the country through their many stage roles, in addition to their numerous television appearances on the major networks.

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Greek News

Last week was an important one in UMSL Greek activities as Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities celebrated "Founder's Week" and Alpha Phi Alpha, Omicron, pledged to the na­tional sorority Alpha Xi Delta.

Pi Kappa Alpha, a favorite game with Delta Zetas sorority, moved into a hayride, a dance, and a banquet into their Third Annual Founder's Week.

At the banquet Saturday, October 21, officers for the current aca­demic year were formally in­stalled. They are: Stan Herman, president; Bill Kallman, vice­president; Skip Bleich, secretary; Mike Swabo, sergeant-at-arms; and Don Demski, treasurer. Pi Kappa promises that "Founder's Week was merely a prelude to bigger and better things to come in the future."

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Frosch Comments

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Urging more freshmen to come to class-meetings, Feigenbaum re­marked:

"Coming to the freshman class meetings is the only way the kids are going to know what is going on. There won't be any activities unless the kids come to the meet­ings and show an interest."

John Pfeiffer also considers the problem of communication the most vital of the University:

"I feel that it should be easier for members and groups of the student body to communicate with each other. Specifically, I would like to see and help create understand­ing and increase communica­tion between the student govern­ment and the students. I would like to see more students take part in school functions, such as being members of committees and run­ning for office."

Student Activities Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
Cross-Country: SMS Invitational at Springfield, Mo. 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
Delta Zeta Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Cafeteria Meeting Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
Mark Twain Golf Course, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Room 211, Benton Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Phi Kappa Alpha Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Room 208, Admin. Bldg.

UMSL Lutheran Students Meeting, 11:30-12:30 p.m., Room 208, Admin. Bldg.

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Delk Zeta Sorority Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Cafeteria, Admin. Bldg.

The Student Union Board meets Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Room 210, Administration Bldg.

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Student Union Board
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Director Talks About "110 In The Shade"

by Sam Hack, Features Editor

Next weekend, the University Chorus will sponsor the first presentation of a fully staged musical comedy on campus in the history of the school. It will be Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones' "110 in the Shade." In order to find out what provoked the decision to attempt it and how it will be handled, I talked to Frank Elmore, a senior English major, who is directing as well as appearing in the show.

Limited Facilities
No Problem

The most logical, first question was how the limited space and facilities of a lecture hall would be augmented. Elmore indicated that this would not, in fact, be a problem.

"We've had a lot of cooperation from the building department who were originally going to build an extension onto the stage. When this became impossible, they decided to purchase a portable extension for a stage which will extend out into the audience another four feet. We'll be using exits cut through the audience, the aisles, as well as the two side areas of the stage. This will give us plenty of room for action. We have a new row of spotlighting which will make all the difference in the world as far as lighting."

Something To Believe In
What is the desired effect? What is Elmore's concept of the show? "I think the story is just as essential as the music. A combination of reality and fantasy, reality being fantasy really. The real world, the fact that there's a drought, that cattle are dying, that people are needing water; the crops are burning out, and at the same time, the hope in a con-man, a magician who comes into town and tries to con people that he can make all the difference in the world, the fact that there's hope slowly inch by inch if we just tried."

Frank Elmore discusses a scene from "110 in the Shade" with Penny Sondrenger. Photo by Jim Rentz

Elmore indicated that this would not, in fact, be a problem.

"The fact that we have this high caliber of people, interested people, in the show is going to make it not only enjoyable, but close to a professional or a high college-level show."

If this production is a success, what will it mean to the future of this sort of thing on campus? "I think it's vitally important. You have to start somewhere. If we can get off with a high-level production, it will clear so much ground that would be done very slowly, I think if we just tried to hack it away with small productions and a limited type of performance. The successful production of 110 in the Shade will be like a great shot of adrenaline. It will prove that funds pumped into this segment of the campus can be productive."

Eye of School on "110 in the Shade"

"So I guess right now the eye of the school has to be focused on 110 in the Shade, I say this not just because I'm directing it, not just for publicity, but because of the other people involved. It's taking a combination of 50 or more people to put it on without any specific organization except that they all want to do a production this badly on campus.

Proof Of Interest On Campus
"That's proof enough, I think, to the powers that be that there is an interest on campus for drama, an interest in music, and a lot of talent to be had; more talent than we could use for this one production. But they have to have the incentive, and organization has to be there, I think if we can establish something this semester, it will be carried on."

"If the students do not support this it will die where it is now. The responsibility of initiative is being placed on the students on campus. The faculty is willing to help, I think the administration wants the students to push ahead, and now is the time to pursue it."

Current Observer
Interprets Tran

by William Church, the Observer

On October 12, I had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Tran van Dinh.

Mr. Dinh had served as a Vietnamese officer fighting the French and Japanese and was in the hills surrounding Dien Bien Phu when the Vietnamese defeated the French army. After the Vietnamese victory and the creation of the South Vietnamese government, Mr. Dinh served as the South Vietnamese ambassador to Burma and later to the United States and the United Nations. At the present he is the representative in the United States for the Overseas Buddhist Church.

During the interview, Mr. Dinh repeatedly stressed three points, "the establishment of a new and more representative government in South Vietnam, the withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam and the strengthening of the village type of government throughout South Vietnam."

He suggested that "a government composed of representatives of the main religious and ethnic factions be created as an interim government until a general election can be held. In the election everyone should be allowed to vote -- Viet Cong and non-Viet Cong.

The idea that the United States should withdraw from South Vietnam was also very predominant throughout the interview. He suggested that the withdrawal may take three to five years but it is still very possible to accomplish sooner. Within the realm of all US role in the Vietnam conflict Mr. Dinh suggested that we stop the bombing of North Vietnam because it was not effective and the idea that we can force the Vietnamese to the conference table was pure nonsense because "nobody has ever succeeded in forcing the Vietnamese people to do anything against their will." He made it quite clear that the conflict in South Vietnam is a Vietnamese conflict between Vietnamese and it does not need the United States' intervention.

In the Vietnam Observer column of October 15 I basically outlined the different stages of government in South Vietnam. At the bottom of this political structure outlined was the village, the only stage where the true will of the people is heard under the present form of government in South Vietnam, and that there must be a strong sense of unity and individual expression within the village structure.

Mr. Dinh closed with the astounding remark that we should not worry about the Viet Cong voting and taking power because it is up to the Viet Cong to sit in the jungles and criticize the present government, but do they blame when they are in power and the government is still being run corruptly. Mr. Dinh's final solution is that "the Viet Cong will defeat themselves if left alone."

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UMSL’s Athletic Future: More Varsity Sports, Fieldhouse

by Doug Sutton, Sports Editor

UMSL is experiencing an awakening in sports this year, as most students are aware, but what about the future. With the addition of cross-country and golf as varsity sports, along with basketball and tennis, and with the acquisition of new coach Larry Berres, who is the head of the athletic department, the coach left little doubt that in another four or five years, this school will be well on its way to gaining national recognition.

Smith showed a preference to talk about how the athletic department is set up, particularly which people are responsible for getting the program off the ground.

"Two men, Chancellor Bugg and Dean Eickhoff had the foresight to get the intramural programs started before the school already became established," said Smith.

"The Chancellor is in charge of administration, which includes everything from faculty expansion to sports. He held the belief that sports are for the students and play a big part in a student's life at the university, so he made administration of the sports program part of Dr. Eickhoff's responsibilities, as Dean of Student Affairs."

"Through state appropriations and from funds from the Student Association, we work from a budget to meet our needs," continued Smith. "We use the funds in two categories, equipment and personnel. We have to pay for the coaching staff, for the officials, and for other services connected with running the department such as public relations and bookkeeping. Our equipment may range from uniforms to chalk for the fields, but the big expenses are for the permanent equipment such as volleyball standards, goal posts.

Fielhouse to Seat 1600

Smith said that he must work out a budget the year before he plans to use it, and he is never sure just how much money he will have to work with until just before the school year starts. So far, he's had pretty good luck in obtaining funds, "but we could always use more," he says, smiling.

As the school grows, Smith expects that it will grow in stature as a school athletically, a major factor in helping the success of the school will be the proposed fieldhouse, to be erected near the athletic fields. The structure will seat 6100 people, and have facilities for handball, wrestling and gymnastics as well as basketball.

"Hopefully, and I say this with caution, our gymnasium could be ready by 1971. But that is if everything goes perfectly, Ground-breaking for the $4,200,000 structure could be next spring, and barring labor difficulties, could be ready when today's sophomores are seniors."

Plans for Urban-University Conference

UMSL's immediate future calls for adding soccer and baseball as varsity sports next year, pending approval of enough funds to equip and coach the teams. This year a soccer team will be formed and Smith said that there has been an "enthusiastic" response with about 45 already signed up.

But this reporter was interested in talking about this school and basketball, and the coach deftly answered questions, cautiously but filled with optimism.

"All signs point to this university becoming a national basketball power in five to ten years," said Smith. "With the wealth of prep talent in the area right at our doorsteps, we'll be able to build good teams in every sport, not just basketball."

"Right now, we're an independent school, but we're in the beginning stages of forming a conference of urban universities like ours such as the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and Wayne State University of Detroit, and LFU of New Orleans. The conference would take at least three years to form, however, because most schools work out their schedules at least 2 years in advance and because we would have to expand our varsity program to at least six varsity sports."

Coaching Smith

Chuck Smith doing some paper work in his double-duty as basketball coach and athletic director.
Runners Host SWMS Saturday

The cross-country team will be host to the harriers from Southwest Missouri State this Saturday at 11:30. Southwest, which has several seasoned runners on its squad, will be favored, according to coach Berres.

Next Tuesday, Principia will be here for a meet at 4:00 P.M. Principia beat our harriers earlier this season on their course and they feature John Steelsmith, a freshman, who won the meet. Steelsmith also took second place in the Culver-Stockton Invitational, leading his team to a second-place finish overall.

Current Co-ed

In that Culver-Stockton meet last Saturday, Kerry Robinson, fifth, seventeenth and nineteenth, respectively, as UMSL scored 131 points.

Ted Baker and Dennis Joiner placed 44 and 46, respectively, and Bill Joiner was not far behind, at 48.

The top runner in the race was freshman Wayne Thompson of Culver-Stockton, who ran 18:36 over his home course. In second place was John Steelsmith of Principia.

The team standings were: Augustana, first; Principia, second; Washington University, third; East

Lipstick Bowl November 2

UMSL finally has a football team-in fact two of them. The teams, have not yet been given names, will battle each other in the first annual Lipstick Bowl sponsored by the Freshman class. The game will be played on Thursday, November 2, at 1:00 P.M. on the intramural field. There is no charge for admission.

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