CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Pai Chi Lecture

"Who's Crazy?" If you don't know, Dr. Leonard Ulman of the University of Illinois is prepared to enlighten you.

Dr. Ulman, professor of psychology at Illinois, will deliver a public lecture, titled "Who's Crazy?" at 8 p.m., October 5. Sponsored by Pai Chi, UMSL's Psychology Honorary Society, the lecture will be in room 115 of Benton Hall.

P. Kappa Alpha

P. Kappa Alpha social fraternity will pledge its fourth class in a ceremony at home, 6014 Bermuda Drive, Wednesday, October 4. Pike expects to pledge seven new members.

The fraternity is also looking for furniture to use in equipping its new residence. Anyone with furniture to sell is asked to call 522-9227.

Player's Cast Set

The cast has been selected for the University Players production of "Mille, the Beautiful Woman" at a Monstrous Valium, which is under the direction of Eileen McCary. Appearing will be: Jo Ann Vogt, as Mille Melod; Dave Bradley, as Brentwood Draper; Linda Try, as Clifford Berman; Millie Melody; Dave Bradley, as Brentwood Draper; and Alvan Stewart, as Clifford Barnwood.

The melodrama, which was originally scheduled for September 29, has been rescheduled for Friday, October 6, in the S.B.U. building at 11:45 A.M. and 12:45 P.M. Admission will be free of charge.

Int'l Relations

UMSL's International Relations Committee is beginning a program of campus publications in sharing travel experiences. Anyone who has been abroad, or anyone who wishes to be, is asked to contact Toni Bogan, committee chairman, at either the student Association office or the police and fire department.

The committee plans to initiate a program of informal meetings with campus speakers and travel slides to acquaint the school with different views gathered from abroad.

In the year there will be a series of discussions focusing on international issues.

Four Chemistry Professors Receive $5000 Study Grants

Four members of UMSL's chemistry department received research grants early this month from the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society.

The grants, awarded on a nationally competitive basis, run for two years and are worth $5,000 dollars for a two year period of study.

The chemists and their selected research are: Dr. Lawrence Barton, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, for "Resonance of Methylene with Saturated Hydrocarbons." The department was particularly successful this year, Dr. Barton announced, "as all four applications for this category of award were approved."

"Out of the 300 applications received by the American Chemical Society, approximately 100 were approved, the University of Missouri at St. Louis having an unusually large percentage of successful applicants."

Dr. Barton said the grants were for "relatively unrestricted research" and not confined solely to petroleum use.

The grants are awarded only to young chemists in North America who are in their first three years of appointment as regular university and college faculty members.

This summer five chemistry instructors conducted research under grants set by nine undergraduate students. Dr. S. W. Kendall, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, had a grant for the study of "Polyatomic Excitations of Sulphides." His grant, also from the Petroleum Research Fund, was for research in the petroleum field at the undergraduate level.

Dr. D. W. Larssen, Associate Professor of Chemistry, worked with funds from the Office of Water Resources Research, the U.S. Department of the Interior, administered by the University of Missouri system. His concern was "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Studies of Aqueous Electrolyte Solutions." The one year grant was for $6,000, Study by Dr. A.F. Berth, Dr. Barton, and Dr. Garin was supported by funds made available by the UMSL Department of Research Administration.

Undergraduate assistants were: Robert Niccolini, Doug Nussle, Dale Schulke, Dennis Patterson, Joe Palman, Tom Jenkins, Ray Novak, Regfield Deal and Kathy Camack.

Davenport, Hughes Urge Student Action

Tell Frosh Students Can Make "Real Contribution" - 100 Attend Meeting

by Sue Langford

Dean Robert Davenport and Student Association president Michael Hughes encouraged student participation in University affairs at the freshmen class meeting Wednesday, September 28.

Speaking to some 100 freshmen in Room 105 of Benton Hall, Dean Davenport, Hughes and Student Union Board President SueEstes emphasized the role of the student in building the University.

"Sorry About That!"

The Current takes this opportunity to correct, and apologize for, three glaring errors in the September 21 issue.

First, Rod MacDonald did not resign as Student Association treasurer, as the page 1 headline indicated. The position MacDonald held, and vacated, was SA vice-president.

Second, the Current begs forgiveness for misspelling MacDonald's name. (Everyone complained but Rod.)

The Current's third blunder involved listing Dr. Joseph P. McKenna as a new member of the Business School. Dr. McKenna joined the Department of Economics, a division of the College of Arts and Sciences.

To paraphrase Mr. Shakespeare, "We wrote not wisely, nor well."

Nelson Stresses Five UMSL Parking Rules

by Mike Meyers

During registration week for the fall semester each student received a handbook of traffic regulations. It is in the interest of everyone at UMSL to read this booklet whether or not he has purchased a parking permit. Chief James Nelson told the Current.

Chief Nelson, head of UMSL's traffic and security department, listed a few points in the traffic booklet that should be stressed:

1. It must be remembered that the person to whom the vehicle is registered in the office file shall be held responsible for parking and traffic regulations of such vehicle while on campus.

2. All traffic violations are to be reported to the Traffic and Security Office upon arrival on campus, for temporary parking permission at a cost of 50c. Of course, parking stickers must be visible in the proper positions as described in the handbook.

If all these regulations are observed, Chief Nelson believes that the student body should anticipate no problems in parking on the UMSL campus.

L. J. Sharpe speaks before planning group.

photo by Jim Rentz

Byron O. Rentz

Security Officer directs campus traffic

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To Change for the Sake of Change

It seems that a majority of the members of this year's Student Association are looking forward to reconstructing the entire system of student government on campus. They seem to be of the opinion that the present system has failed, and the best way to reach the greatest number of students.

Has this present administration given the class system a good chance to show itself, to show what potential it may have for communication with the student body? It would seem logical to be absolutely sure that one form of government is no good before taking such a gigantic step as establishing an entirely new system. No consideration is being given to what form of government should be established in the place of the present one. Perhaps the university is not ready for a new form of government. Perhaps the present administration should concentrate on preparing student government for changes and not on totally changing it. Furthermore, it seems unfair to the students who during the past three years have worked so hard to establish a workable student association on campus. The ones who have supported the present system in the past also members of the school administration, who have also supported it.

The present system is not perfect, yet, what man made institution is? To say that changes are not necessary in the student government would be foolish. Changes must take place, but only after careful consideration and thought. The question that remains to be answered is whether the system has failed or whether we have failed the system. Perhaps its faults can be overcome not by total renovation, but by correcting the internal faults and by giving the system the chance it deserves.

The present system is not workable and a new system has been found which we can be sure will definitely serve the university better should total changes be brought about.

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to answer your editorial evaluating Freshman Orientation, "That All Important First."

While I might agree with the writer that the first impression of the University is important, I cannot agree that this impression given was not a good impression.

I challenge your staff to present those students who were made to feel inferior as a result of our orientation program. This program was designed easily to integrate the new student into the University community, academically as well as socially. For many students the change from high school to University life is a difficult transition. The student must be prepared on the first day for his role as a University student. There is little time for academic adjustment and this is one of the reasons for presenting the student with an academic atmosphere on his first day of Orientation.

Many students felt that discussion groups with faculty members were beneficial. This fact can be checked statistically through our Orientation evaluations provided by Freshmen themselves. The faculty members gave not only their time but their experience and knowledge to the new students. I feel that the Courtesy should have been a statistical sampling of all Orientation groups before making a statement the students were "disappointed with his orientation.

I would also like to call your attention a contradiction made in the editorial. At one time it is stated that it is wrong to have discussions because the professor delivers a monologue and from time to time asks for comments. This abuse shows the writer's unfamiliarity with the university or college in the greater St. Louis area. The queen will be chosen by the school selling the most tickets. For more information call the St. Louis Heart Association, GARfield 1-0502 or the Sigma Epilson Fraternity, at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. This dance will be held in the plash Gold Room of the St. Louis Hotel and Motel Association.

Music for the evening will be provided by the well known group "The Klansmen." The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the Heart Queen. The candidates will represent each University and college in the greater St. Louis area. The queen will be chosen by the school selling the most tickets. For more information call the St. Louis Heart Association, GARfield 1-0502 or the Sigma Epilson Fraternity at 423-2921.
Newman News

by Ray Barclay
Newman Reporter

The 2nd Annual Night,” the “Goldenrod Fancy” and the “Pillow Fight,” highlighted Newman’s numerous activities this past summer, while Newman spirit grew every Wednesday night at the Newman House.

This summer could be classified as just a preview of what to expect at Newman this next year. With Evelyn Blessey and Dave Wernbro, president and vice-president, respectively, working together with the Newman Chaplain, Father Lyons, and a very competent student executive committee, a whole new vista of excitement and excitement will be alive. Now is the time to be come part of Newman ’67 Newman membership is open to every student. The House is located across the street and it is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 4:45.

Two Formal Events

During this past month, Newman held two formal events which proved to be successful and very enjoyable. Last Sunday, September 24, students and parents attended Mass at St. Providence, followed by an Open House at Newman. Another Open House for the University Faculty and Administration was planned for Monday, October 2.

At most clubs or organizations there is always some event, some yearly activity which usually starts off the year. Newman 14 activity year off with its annual Spaghetti Dinner this past Wednesday. The large attendance could prove that this year could be the best ever at Newman, Mary Burton and Tom Preiss, social committe leader, headed the dinner.

What will really highlight Newman in the fall of ’67? Will it be a new kind of Illuminated sign invented by Brian McCarthy? Will it be Park Petel and Joe Somer can the fallbough’en Party or will it be the recreation of another ’66 Convention?

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First Home Meet Saturday
Harriers Run Past Blackburn

UMSL's harriers will host Westminster College in the second meet of the season, here at 11:00 A.M. this Saturday.

The Rivermen, who defeated Blackburn College 25-30 last Saturday will face an experienced Westminster team, according to Coach Larry Berres. Berres said that Westminster will return at least two lettermen, one of which is Gary Schmidt, a junior. Schmidt won the Greenville Invitational Cross-country meet in a record of 20:27 for the four-mile course.

“This will probably be the toughest course we'll be running on all year,” Berres said. “It contains more hills than most courses, and for this reason, I think that Westminster's top man, Gary Schmidt, will have to push real hard to break 21 minutes.”

The Rivermen captured their first meet by the close score of 25-30, last Saturday, beating Blackburn College. The runners took positions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 for a team total of 25. Blackburn was paced by junior Lamonte Rollins, who set a new course record of 20 minutes and 22 seconds. The old record was 21:05 for the four-mile course.


NPSL President Calls League Future 'Bright'

by Marty Hendin, Associate Sports Editor

The National Professional Soccer League has just finished its first season and if the success of this season is an indication of future success, then the NPSL will look forward to a bright future.

That is the feeling of NPSL president, Robert Herman, who is also president of the St. Louis Stars. In an interview, Herman and league commissioner Ken Macker told this reporter that the first season was a season of education for fans and club officials alike. Herman said that he was “very pleased with the season” and cited a major reason for the league's success, television.

"Television" he stated, gave us an audience of between four and seven million people each week. He stated that because of television, many people were exposed to soccer for the first time.

Before the game, Herman was presented a trophy in honor of his work for the league. In addition to the trophy, a perpetual scholarship in Mr. Herman's name will be awarded each year to a promising college soccer player. Mr. Herman was especially proud of the scholarship because he feels that the “Future of American Soccer is with college players.”

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The Stars' Bora Kostic heads the ball during action in the Commissioner's Cup challenge game at Busch Memorial Stadium on September 18. Watching is Oakland's Moncilo Gavric. The Clippers won, 6-3. photo by Mike OOlds

Current Co-ed

Marsha Barrett contributes to the scenery and to the well-being of the ducks at the same time. Marsha, a junior majoring in psychology, has some wings of her own: she is a first lieutenant and pledge trainer for UMSL's Angel Fight Wing.