Orientation Planned For 1700 Students

About 1700 incoming freshmen and transfer students will be the center of orientation activities during the annual UMSL orientation to be held on campus, September 8-15. Transfer students will receive orientation September 13, with the remainder of the week devoted to freshmen.

Orientation is being handled by Student Affairs Office and the Orientation Committee of the Student Association, Holly Ross and Pat Soltes, are co-chairmen of the committee.

Freshman Orientation will be divided into two-day sessions for three groups of freshmen. First day events will include viewing the movie "Citizen Kane," a panel discussion of the movie with Dr. William Hamlin, Dr. Charles Armbruster, Dr. Robert Sullivan and Dr. Paul Frim, and discussion of the required reading book, John Steinbeck's "East of Eden." Students may tour the campus during the mid-day break and attend an afternoon reception in the Student Lounge in Belle Hall.

Second Day Events which the freshmen will participate in during their orientation include discussion sessions on "How to begin at College?" First are student leaders, campus tours, the Chancellor's address and a pool and patio party.

Orientation of transfer students will take place on one day, September 11, and will feature speeches from UMSL President Michael Hughes and Dean Eckhoff or Dean Davenport, scheduled for the early afternoon and an open house from 5-7 p.m.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS will set up booths on the patio behind the administration building to acquaint incoming students with their club's purposes and events.

Directing orientation events are members of the orientation committee: Holly Ross, Pat Soltes, Debbie Loyear, Julie Reid, Phyllis Brandt, Don Piche, and Donna Fisler. Members of Angel Flight will also help in this week's events.

U.M.S.L. in Building Boom

A second structure, a "fairly permanent metal office building," as Mr. Perry described it, is being erected near the Florissant Road entrance. Most of the administrative offices now in the country Club Building will be shifted to this one level building. Construction should end in January of 1968.

Center For Student Activities

Designs for the University Center complex are in the final stages now, with the transition from drawing board to reality expected to begin early in the first semester of next year. The four-story University Center, to be located northeast of the Country Club Building, will incorporate facilities for dining and student activities. A dining room and a snack bar, each seating 500, will be provided, as well as a student lounge, meeting rooms and space for an expanded bookshop, offices for the Center's director, the Dean of Student Affairs and the Student Association will also be included.

The J.C. Penney Educational Building will form the second half of the University Center complex. Linked with the Center by a closed corridor, it will quarter the Education Department and the University's Extension Division.

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Hughes Urges Participation

On behalf of the Student Association, I would like to welcome you to the St. Louis campus of the University of Missouri. You are for-}

merly the home of a growing institution. As such you should welcome the opportunity to participate in the development of UMSL's purpose and philosophy.

In addition to your academic activities, there will be a number of opportunities to participate and build a new type of student government, one which is relevant to the commuter campus. The success of our student government will be correlative to the amount of interest and energy each student puts into his government.

The purpose of student government is to govern and serve the students on this campus. The Senate, which is the legislative body of student government, is interested in the welfare of the entire student body. Your opinions on any matter should be known to your Senator, who in turn, present the views of the students to represent them to the Senate. Elections for Freshman Class officers and Senators will be held later this month; you are encouraged to run for office and represent your fellow students.

If you are interested and you would contact me as soon as possible. You are also encouraged to attend the weekly Senate meetings. Opportunities for your government actually work.

I will be happy to discuss student government with you at any time. My office is in Room 210, Administration Building. The best time to see me would be on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons.

I will look forward to meeting you during the year. Again, welcome to the UMSL Campus. I hope your experience at the University will benefit you, and that you will directly benefit the University.

Michael Hughes, President
UMSL Student Association

Large Enrollment Forces Expansion

More than 5,000 students will attend Day Division classes at UMSL this fall, increasing the strain on the University's already overburdened physical plant and causing the University to launch an expansion program this summer. The admission of some 1,700 freshmen forced UMSL officials to build two small buildings, buy a house, rent rooms in a church and add more parking space.

Construction of the Life Sciences Building will close the faculty parking lot along the campus drive. To make up for this loss, the lower parking lot along the east edge of the campus will be converted into a faculty lot during the day; at night, it will contain half-faculty, half-student parking. Faculty will also park on the shoulder of the drive leading from Benton Hall to Natural Bridge.

Two new student parking lots will be built toward the rear of the campus, between the Math and Languages Building and the intramural field. There will be space for about 350 cars here.
Faculty Gains
Size and Quality

Nearly 100 new faculty members will join UMSL’s staff this fall, bringing the number of instructors here to more than 175. Many of these new teachers have proven themselves to be outstanding scholars and so, in order to recognize their achievements, the Current will present departmental sketches of new faculty through the next few issues.

Five doctors and a doctoral candidate will begin teaching in UMSL’s science department this fall. Two of them are biologists, two are chemists and two are physicists.

Dr. Frank Moyer, who will become professor of biology, is presently teaching in the biology department of the University of Colorado. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois and is currently working with Dr. William Eidson, who is presently teaching in the biology department of the University of St. Louis.

New Physics Chairman

UMSL’s new chairman of the physics department, Dr. William Eidson, is presently directing research in the field of physics and is working on a research project at the University of Illinois. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois and is currently working with Dr. William Eidson, who is presently teaching in the physics department of the University of St. Louis.

New Chemistry Chairman

Dr. William Eidson is presently teaching in the biochemistry department of the University of Colorado. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois and is currently working with Dr. William Eidson, who is presently teaching in the biochemistry department of the University of St. Louis.

Building Program Accelerates

Total cost of the University Center and the J.C. Penney Building is projected at more than $4,000,000, the center will be housed in the new building at the University of St. Louis. Federal funds will also be used. The Leo A. Daly architectural firm is designing the complex.

Athletic Facilities Planned

Two more large structures are currently in the preliminary planning stages. In its last session the Missouri Legislature appropriated money for a Multi-purpose building, which will be constructed partially with the proceeds from the sale of the UMSL-owned J.C. Penney warehouse in St. Louis. Federal funds will also be used. The Leo A. Daly architectural firm is designing the complex.

T.V. Series to Help Drivers

"Auto Mechanics," a new series presented to area drivers in the understanding and care of their automobiles, will premiere on KETC, Channel 3, on September 12 at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and will be repeated at 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Hosted by Mr. Richard E. Fin- ette, each of the ten programs deals with the operation of different systems of the automobile--the Engine Ignition System, the Fuel System, the Brake System, and the Engine Lubrication System. The instruction in the operation of these various auto units is accompanied by actual demonstrations. Also, drivers are shown how to make minor repairs and how to detect excessive wear of the automobile parts.

The telecourse outline and view- er's kit for this series may be obtained by writing to: The Registrar, KETC, 6996 Millbrook Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, 63110.

Students at UMSL can expect a dynamic Student Association this year. That's the opinion of Michael Hughes, SA President, who stated that charges of "apathy" should have been aimed at past Student Association administrations, not at the students of the University. In an interview, Hughes told the Current, "In the past, SA has not represented the students, nor has it met the needs of the students. Instead, it has made for itself a reputation of being a close-knit, self-perpetuating organization. This year we plan to take major steps to make the SA a more active role in the students' affairs."

Hughes said that the SA plans a major revision of its constitution. "This is probably the biggest step towards making SA more effective," he explained. "As it is set up now, the SA is still basic on class representation. The biggest drawback to this system is that the students do not know who to talk to if they have a problem or recommendation to put before the Senate."

"Other commuter schools such as ours use a system which I feel is more desirable: having the Senate composed of delegates representing the divisions of the University; the representatives would be students, majority in a particular area of study, elected by others majoring in the same area."

For example, history majors would select a representative or representatives also majoring in history. Under this system, if a student should wish to make an opinion felt, he would know where to go and who to talk to."

Revision Will Take Time

Hughes said that the job of revising the constitution will be lengthy, taking up to a year and a half. After the revision, the Committee for Constitutional Revision, headed by SA vice-president Bob MacDonald, will be elected to hold hearings. Hughes urged students to attend the hearings and make their views known. The new constitution, when approved by Chancellor Bugg's approval, would go into effect next spring.

Another objective of this year's SA is to draft a basic statement of the student's rights and responsibilities--"and the emphasis is on responsibilities," Hughes pointed out. He said, "The two major responsibilities a student has at UMSL are to learn, and to behave in a way that would not bring undue publicity to the school."

Hughes stated that a committee composed of four students and three faculty members will write the statement, which must prove acceptable to both students and faculty. He feels that such a statement may prevent the development of a situation like that at the University of California at Berkeley, where students were ignorant of their rights.

Course Evaluation Underway

Two other projects which SA will undertake during this year are a questionnaire and a course evaluation report. The questionnaire will probe student opinion on urban problems, civil rights, the draft, the Vietnam war and problems concerning UMSL. The course evaluation report will provide a statistical examination of the courses offered at UMSL.

At a meeting on August 26, the SA Senate also voted in favor of joining the United States National Student Association. The vote came after SA President Hughes, who had just returned from a two-week stay at the University of California at Berkeley, told the SA that he considered the National Student Congress, Hughes was a non-member observer.

Advantages of Membership

There are a number of areas where the Student Association hopes to be of service to our student on our campus: 1) There is a program of domestic and foreign travel which helps our students while traveling or visiting; 2) while traveling in this country or abroad, students are also entitled to special arrangements for rooms at college dormitories and 200 hotels, including five leading hotel chains; 3) Through Educational Travel, Inc., a division of NSA, students can use a number of programs to travel, work or study abroad. The NSA also offers individual life insurance policies to students attending member schools. The NSA's $10,000 policy is available at a cost of $20 a year.

Among other advantages Hughes cited was information service which can supply a member school with information from a lending library. In addition, the NSA publishes a newsletter which provides updates on student union matters from foreign nations.

August Graduates

Fifty students joined UMSL’s first graduating class when they graduated on Thursday, August 24. No formal graduation ceremony was held.

The College of Arts and Sciences graduated 17 students, 22 received degrees from the School of Education and 11 completed undergraduate work in the School of Business Administration.
Grand Prix Visually Exciting Despite Dull Stereotype Plot

Motion picture director, John Frankenheimer, who has been responsible for such fine films as Birdman of Alcatraz, The Manchurian Candidate, and Seven Days in May, took a film crew of more than two hundred people, including a talented international cast to Europe to follow the Grand Prix world championship motor racing circuit. The result was a visually exciting Cinerama feature about this world of speed appropriately titled Grand Prix, which is currently showing at the Martin Cineramas.

Frankenheimer, his director of photography—Lionel Lindon, and his sound recording engineer—Franklin Milton—have come up with many scenes, which, with the help of the Cinerama process, give the viewer the sensation of being in the car on the track moving at speeds in excess of one hundred-fifty miles per hour. These thrilling scenes plus some excellent acting make the film worth seeing.

Cliche-Filled Plot

Robert Alan Arthur's screenplay attempts to explore the lives of the people involved in this fascinating sport, but succeeds only to remind us that there are people behind the cars. The reasons for this are a cliche-filled plot and a series of one dimensional characters. The plot deals with four drivers, portrayed by James Garner, Yves Montand, Brian Bedford, and Antonio Sabato; their attempts for the driver's world championship, and their problems with romance. Sabato plays the stereotype of all thrill-seeking youths, and Garner plays an American driver who is little importance to the plot. He is obviously in the picture because he has an ideal combination of a star name and an unusually good knowledge of auto racing, a long-time hobby of his.

Bedford and Montand fare much better. Bedford is a young man who is fanatically trying to be a better driver than his older brother, a former world champion who was killed in a racing accident. His performance is strong, and the acting of Bedford and Walter make the film worth seeing.

This man's death in a racing crash is made the only moving moment in the film by the acting of Montand, whose performance made him care for his role sufficiently to be worth seeing.

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Catalogue Library

In S.A. Office

A library of catalogues from American colleges and universities has been initiated in the office of Student Association President Michael Hughes. The library will also contain other student-oriented literature and will be available to all students and faculty.

Any student or member of the faculty who has catalogues or other academic literature of interest to students may donate them, if they wish, to this new library.

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Like to be one of 18 in a Volkswagon?

Like to be one of 7,000 in the Campus Bookstore on the 1st day of classes next semester?

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