Legislature
Cuts Funds

The Missouri Legislature refused to appropriate capital improvement funds at its special session.

UMSL will not receive the $3.4 million it had been seeking for construction of a new arts and sciences building and a high-rise parking structure.

Chancellor James L. Bugg Jr. asserted the lack of funds leads to a bad situation as the campus "obviously will be unable to meet the increasing enrollment demands of the St. Louis area unless it obtains support for providing new facilities."

President John C. Weaver called the situation "absolutely tragic."
The University system had sought a total of $9,650,000 including the $1 million to be used for the purchase of land.

Also affected by the Legislature's action was the state mental health program.

Convocation
On April 25

Students with high academic achievement will be recognized at an Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 25. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m. in room 105, Benton Hall. A reception will immediately follow in the Student Lounge.

Guest speaker at the Convocation will be Mr. Merrinone Kunngim, President of the Danforth Foundation. Mr. Kunngim is former Dean of the Perkins Institute of Theology at Southern Methodist College.

Fifteen of honored students are invited, along with interested university students, faculty members, and the general public.

This annual Honors Convocation is headed by Dean Turner, Chairman of the University Committee.

Extension Div. Gets Grant

A $15,635 grant for development of a model in-service training program to acquaint educators with environmental factors influencing students' performance and behavior, has been awarded the Extension Division of the University of Missouri-St. Louis under authority of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

Provided by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and administered by the Office of State and Regional Planning and Community Development, the grant will be matched by an equal amount of institutional funds.

The model program, consisting of a series of workshops, seminars and short courses will be administered by more than 400 teaching and administrative personnel of the Parkway School District in St. Louis County, Dr. Robert E. Rea, of the UMSL School of Education, will coordinate the program and additional UMSL School of Education faculty members will conduct the series.

According to Virgil Sapp, Dean of the UMSL Extension Division, the Parkway District pilot project will be designed to enable teachers and administrators to better cope with the diverse mental abilities and with the home, economic, religious, ethnic, racial and social backgrounds of students in order to increase the effectiveness of the educational process.

Dean Sapp said it is hoped that the Parkway project will serve as a model for similar programs throughout the state.

Robert Sharp, President of the UMSL Young Republicans, and Mr. Kay Walker of the Extension Division and YR Advisor, displayed a banner made for the organization two weeks ago by Lawrence K. Roos. The UMSL Young Republicans were honored for raising down third spot in the miniature campaigns for outstanding YR Organizations.

County Supervisor Lawrence K. Roos awarded the UMSL Young Republicans a third-place plaque for the campaign last year. The award was presented at the annual state convention of the Missouri Federation of College Young Republicans at Columbia, Missouri. A delegation of officers from UMSL attended.

According to Mr. Kunngim, the convention submitted the following resolution to the Young Republican platform: that all four campuses of the University of Missouri system should have equal educational advantages; that the budget of the University of Missouri system is apportioned to the individual colleges according to the size of the respective student bodies. When approved, the resolution will go to the University of Missouri Federation as being representative of the Young Republican policies in the state.

The Young Republicans have been active on this campus since the fall of 1965. They are currently involved in campaigns for Roos and Tom Curtis.

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Cohen Speaks On Israeli War

Gabriel Cohen, a member of the Israeli parliament, told UMSL political science students, March 15, that last year's six-day Arab-Israeli war was inevitable. He blamed the war, instead, on irrational behavior and a chain-reaction of political accidents.

Cohen, a professor of Medieval Palestinian History at Tel Aviv University, as well as a Labor party member of the Israeli parliament, argued that Syria was the only Middle Eastern country which desired a war with Israel. Nasser, he said, was concerned on problems in Yemen and building his army — and seeking to regain prestige he had lost because of his policy failures.

It was a combination of pressure from Syria and Jordan, which were attempting to take leadership of the Arab world from Nasser, and the Soviet Union, which was attempting to embarrass the West, that forced Nasser to move troops into the Sinai peninsula near Israel's southern border. Professor Cohen had stated this. He led to what he called "the quickest or fastest escalation we know."

At this point, the professor said, Nasser intended only a show of force, a power to retain lost prestige. His fatal mistake came when he asked U Thant to remove United Nations troops from positions at Sharm el-Sheik, which commands the Straits of Tiran, Israel's water link with the Indian Ocean. Then replied that neither all U.N. troops would maintain their positions. This left Nasser with a choice between backing down or provoking war: he chose the war.

Professor Cohen indicated that this remarkable series of events was a failure of the Soviet Union's "brinkmanship" policy, that is, rushing to the edge, or brink, of confrontation in order to achieve a political victory. Once they saw that Nasser was pushing past the brink, however, Russia tried hectically to prevent the war.

Cohen said that "this is not the first time that the Soviet Union has played such a Machiavellian role in the Middle East."

Professor Cohen, who fought in the Arab-Israeli conflicts of 1948 and 1956, and who was wounded twice, described the Middle East as "a region where imagination and irrationality take the place of calculation."
Legislature Again Ignores UMSL Parking Problems

The failure of the Missouri legislature to grant UMSL funds through the capital improvements budget bill marks another set-back in UMSL's campaign to acquire a parking garage on this campus. Last semester we ran an "all the way," somewhat inapt editorial saying that even if we didn't get funds for a garage, there were still signs of progress, in other areas, and we'd get the funds eventually anyway. We now changing our stand. Eventually isn't soon enough. We need some solution to our massive parking problem, and it must come soon.

The amount of free land available for surface parking on this campus is rapidly decreasing, at the same time that the enrollment is increasing. The only apparent solution is a parking garage, requiring one million dollars from the Legislature. The situation is soon to reach the point where this suspended indefinitely as the Legislature seems insistent on doing.

It seems ridiculous to think that higher education in Missouri will suffer because of a lack of adequate parking facilities, but without cooperation from our Legislature, this may well be an accurate prediction. The outlaying campus location makes driving a necessity for most students; and the surrounding municipality is not hospitable to cooperation from the Legislature, this may well be an accurate prediction.

There is obviously a plot afoot. We urge the students and faculty on this campus to not allow this obvious lack of legislative sympathy for our needs to continue, even if protests can take no stronger form than the usually impotent "letter to your congressmen."

In some way, the Missouri legislature must be made to realize the gravity of the parking situation on this campus, and the discontent of those who are forced to tolerate it. We watch with the hope that Missouri will exist on playing politics with these important issues--and our parking garage did not go down alone, other vital areas, such as mental health, have suffered as well (not to mention our Fine Arts Building)--and without being realistically confronted, the members of our community, and other interested parties, will add an interesting twist to their game.

We further urge support of petitions being circulated by students in the lobby, cafeteria, and library. The petitions are to be sent to Governor hearnes before the deadline for recalling the Legislature.

The purpose is to show our discontent in an organized manner, with the necessary facts defining our cause.

Petitions to the governor and letters to individual congressmen are the strongest forms of protest that we can undertake, and remain in good graces with the Missouri legislature. We hope that together they will be in some way effective, so that stronger forms of protest will not become necessary.

SA Reforms Petter Out

We would like to congratulate the constitutional revision committee on their excellent progress so far.

It seems the air lit by the SA mass resignations have been stymied already--the most recent meeting was adjourned because of lack of a quorum.

This is truly amazing. After all the exciting talk about power plays, petitions, student power, constitutional revision, factions, etc., we watch as the meeting is adjourned--more like a brawl of one and a half weeks before the start of spring--into an exciting game of chance and high adventure.

We congratulate that our administration at UMSL has this superb outlook on life.

Almost everything in St. Louis closes down for more than three lascs of snow. But since the other institutions in St. Louis have dull, brakeman's uniforms, and are in charge of making decision notice that there has been a decided change in the landscape, they call up the radio stations, which in turn make some bland, unimaginative remarks like, "BT is closed today." This usually happens at a fairly early hour. How unfortunate these people are, always knowing and where to come in and go--what a colorlessness! Perhaps, their managers aren't so down as you would think, because they are driving a defensive game by reasoning, "Why tell the students and faculty?"

The administration has anything to do with this? Those in charge of making decisions must have time to devise a new system of surprises before the next snowfall--the biggest of which would be a early decision and announcement of cancelled classes.

UMSL Deep-Freeze

Snowstorms in March can be very annoying, unless you work, go to school, or otherwise commute to someplace where those in charge have a finely developed sense of the ridiculous--where they know how about you, and put on a white's outfit--like a blizzard one and a half weeks before the start of spring--into an exciting game of chance and high adventure.

It would be nice if we found that our administration at UMSL has this superb outlook on life.

UFO

This is the last recruiting calendar for the year. We will not conduct interviews during the summer months. All graduating seniors should register with UFO beginning May 1, 1968.

Mon., Mar. 25: RICHMOND UNIFIED SCHOOL: Richmond, Calt., All majors

Mon., Mar. 25: VISTA: Open Recruiting

Tues., Mar. 26: PARKWAY SCHOOL: All majors

Wed., Mar. 27: VISTA: Open Recruiting

Wed., Mar. 27: ANCHORAGE BOROUGH SCHOOL: Anchorage, Alas., All majors

Wed., Mar. 27: UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: Racin, Wisc., All majors

Thurs., Mar. 28: WEBSTER SHOFTTER, All majors

Mon., Apr. 1: FERGUS-FLORIS DISTRICT: All majors

Mon., Apr. 1: ELLIOTT DOUGLAS LAB CORP: All Bus. majors

Tues., Apr. 2: CHEESEBOUGH FUND INC: All Bus. majors

Tues., Apr. 2: RALSTON PURINA: All business majors

Wed., Apr. 3: SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FREDONIA: All majors

Thurs., Apr. 4: MABASHUBI MUTUAL LIFE INS: All business majors, Ph.D., All social studies majors, all foreign language majors, U.S. Army: Open Recruiting

Letter To The Editor

Foul Plot Afoot?

Dear Editor,

As a reasonably observant and somewhat above average student, I feel compelled to disclose a monstrous and sinister crime perpetrated on the campus. It is of such proportions that it must be called to the attention of the powers that be.

After long and careful deliberation, it is my belief that all the ducks recently returned to the UMSL lagoon are inimical.

I fully realize the far reaching consequences of my accusation, if correct, and for this reason I wish now to present my evidence.

The foul in question is of the height and weight of the dispossessed predecessor. The plumage is precisely the same. And after much research I found that the gender of the aforementioned party is the same. But the "quick, quick" is different. It obviously lacks the dickey. What I lack has preened itself with these smelly ducks. And this duck, now living among us, is not out of our original but a spy that has been stationed ranks for some foul deed.

There is obviously a plot afoot but I feel compelled to disclose this monstrous and sinister crime.

Sincerely, 

Robert Fredericks
Center Deals with Urban Troubles

The road is being paved for development of a school of urban studies at UMSL. Under the direction of Dr. William Schumacher, professor of political science, the University's Center of Community and Metropolitan Studies is striving to apply knowledge to the problems of the urban area.

The Center is presently gathering experts in such fields as urban sociology, economics, local government, police science and public administration. In addition to teaching urban-related courses in their respective areas of study, these experts would pool their ideas to create new interdisciplinary courses in urban studies.

Traditionally a wide gap has separated city leaders from university scholars, who choose to isolate themselves from the pressures of large communities. The Center hopes to reverse this policy and close the communications gap through a program of teaching, research and community service. To accomplish this goal, the university would offer evaluations of the immediate problems facing St. Louis, provide training for its civic leaders and set up experimental research projects in application to the city's needs.

The Center has already given aid to several groups in the St. Louis area since its creation by the Board of Directors of the University of Missouri in 1965. In its first year the staff sponsored a course on planning and zoning for the City Council Planning Commission of Bridgeton and met several times with the Central St. Louis Businessmen's Association.

During its second year the Center participated in a review and evaluation of economic developments in the St. Louis region and a socio-politico-economic study of the municipality of Kinloch, Missouri. The staff also helped the St. Charles City and County Planning Committee in its passage of a sewer bond issue. Short courses were conducted for community leaders in the fields of municipal administration, political and fiscal management and planning and zoning.

The Center's present staff consists of six members, Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Earl J. Reeves, who is the Center's associate director, Dr. James J. Solms and Joyce Liliberte represent the political science department. Other staff members are Dr. Herbert Werner, assistant professor of economics, and Dr. Richard Gilman, an instructor in sociology.

The free university, initiated at the beginning of the semester, will continue classes through mid-sessions with meetings Wednesday, Thursday and Friday according to the biweekly schedule. The operation of the free university began by Hal Sears -- dubbed its dean -- has developed into a lively dialogue between students and teachers. Students as well as members of the faculty assume leadership in the administration of courses. More than 100 students are attending classes.

The three most popular courses are American Negro History with Dr. Richard Resh; Contemporary Philosophy and Ideology with the joint efforts of Drs. Lymus Sargent, William Hamlin and Kay Dickson; and contemporary Music with Ron Edwards, a UMSL senior.

In each case the material covered depends solely on the instructor, Dr. Resh's class planned to use a paperback for discussion, whereas the contemporary music and contemporary philosophy courses depend largely upon the background of the participants.

The courses take on the attitude of an informal seminar, which is meant to complement the learning experience. But they also provide the chance for students and faculty to get acquainted on more casual terms. The spirit of fellowship and discussion fostered in these meetings has led to the extension of the free university past appointed hours and appointed classrooms on campus gaterings.
Elvira Madigan is Exceptional For Its Beauty

Elvira Madigan is an exceptional Swedish film which is outstanding for its beauty, simplicity, and emotional restraint. It is reminiscent of A Man and A Woman in its simple love story and rather slow pacing, but its thematic content and photographic artistry make it a much more important film. Screenwriter-director Bo Widerberg has taken a true story of the ill-fated love of two public figures who refuse to conform and avoided its inherent sentimentality by emphasizing the beauty of their relationship and the beauty of their love so great that it is worth dying for and, at the same time, that such spiritual beauty cannot exist in a materialistic, morally rigid society.

At the beginning of the film Sixten and Elvira are so overcome by their love that they are not aware of the difficulties they will inevitably face. Widerberg keeps the audience continually but barely aware of these difficulties through ironically contrasting glimpses of the world outside the bubble in which the lovers exist. For instance, a man finds part of Sixten's uniform which he had playfully draped on a scarecrow. The man's ironic reaction to his find is that they "hold nothing sacred."

Because of their specialized backgrounds, they cannot find work without revealing their identity. They are forced to live on whatever they can find such as berries, and they cannot find enough for survival. The hungrier they get, the closer they come to their end. Society will not allow them to live in nature. Money is a necessity. It is not only society from which they cannot escape. Their past haunts them as well. She impulsively steals a clothes line to use for a tightrope, and, thus, reveals her identity. In a later scene, she happily greets some old friends and fellow performers. He is found by an Army companion with whom he enjoys some war games and from whom he anxiously receives news of his wife and children. When they finally realize that they can run no longer, they do not even consider returning to their former lot. To die together is the only answer they see.

Widerberg achieves an amazing amount of believability as well as beauty in Elvira Madigan. Such an overwhelming spiritual love is made believable by combining exquisite expressionistic color photography with the restrained passion of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 in the background. Believable nature, money is by the sparse but realistic dialogue (in the subtitles at least) of Widerberg's screenplay and the marvelously natural and sensitive acting of Thommy Berggren and Pia Degermark.

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Making the table look good is this week’s Current Co-Ed Cindy Kogut. Cindy, who is 5’2” with brown hair and brown eyes, is a senior majoring in English.

Univ. Players Cast Change

Susan Kimpers has replaced Tammy Layten in the role of Helena in the University Players’ April 5, 6, and 7 production of Little Shop of Horrors. The leading roles of Jimmy and Alison will be performed by John Nieman and Mary Lacey. Nieman, previously appeared with the University Players as Otis Clifton in Absence of a Color. In high school (St. Thomas Aquinas), he played the villainous Jud Fry in Oklahoma! and appeared along with popular, professional actor, Jack Murdock, in Mr. Murdock’s play Flight of the Birds. Look Back in Anger will be Miss Lacey’s first U.P. production. At Rosati-Kain High School, she was a member of the Trouper’s and taught a class in theatrical make up. She appeared with the St. Louis Theatre Guild.

Comedy Continues

"Barefoot in the Park," Neil Simon’s top Broadway comedy hit continues for the second and final week of its engagement at the American Theatre March 26 thru March 31.

"A Bubbling rib-licking comedy," says the New York Times. Starring three of Hollywood’s greats, Virginia Mayo, Margaret O’Brien and Lyle Talbot who have acted in the top screen epics of to-day, along with an all-star cast from the stage and TV, guarantee a fun-filled theatre experience.

Spring Clearance Sale

Most of our clothing stock has been slashed greatly in order to reduce our present inventory.

Savings on jewelry and other crested items of up to 50%

Campus Bookstore

Today thru April 19th
Cagers End Season at 13-9

By Marty Hendin, Sports Editor

The 1967-68 basketball season was one of ups and downs for the Rivermen who finished with a 13-9 record.

The ups included a 109-48 opening game victory, a second consecutive Concordia tournament title and a second consecutive tremendous homecoming game victory, their one-point loss into a strong Rockhurst team and their victory over Southwestern of Memphis with a new starting line-up.

Smith's Views of Season

In an interview with the Current, Head Coach Chuck Smith stated that he was "real pleased with the team's production this year. They had great desire and always fought back."

When asked his views on the high spots of the season, the coach named UMSL's Concordia Tournament victory, their one-point loss to a tough Millikin team, their upset of UWM, their comeback to defeat Concordia at homecoming, and their victory over Southwestern of Memphis with a new starting line-up.

Smith named 5'11" junior guard Verle Sutton as the most improved player of the season. Despite the fact that he did not play high school basketball, Sutton led the JV in scoring the 25.9 points per game. His final varsity average was 11.1 but he averaged 17.8 points per game in the five games he started.

Looking ahead to next year, the coach said, "We need immediate help at forward and center to replace seniors Ron Armbruster and Clarence Slaughter."
Jim Healey
John Dunlop
John Rinka
Jesse Price

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UML's Best Opponents

In a recent poll conducted by the Current, the Rivermen named their 1967-68 all-opponent team.

Heading the team is 6'9" junior center Jim Donnelly of John Brown University. Donnelly scored the most points against UML of any opponent player all season on January 2 when he scored 28 points to lead the Eagles to an 84-66 victory. He finished the year as UML's top scorer with an average of 10.6 points per game.

One of the forwards is 6'4" junior Jesse Price of Millikin, who was named on all fifteen ballots. Price currently leads the Millikin team in scoring and rebounding with averages of 23.6 and 16.4 respectively. Next season he will become the highest scorer in Millikin history. Price scored 16 points against UML on December 6 to lead the Big Blue to a 67-66 win.

The other forward is Rockhurst's 6'3" junior Jim Healey, a graduate of CBC in St. Louis. Healey averaged more than 24 points per game this season despite missing several games due to a broken hand. He led both teams with 25 points and 14 rebounds in Rockhurst's 84-74 district-playoff victory over the Rivermen on February 28.

The two all-opponent guards are Kenyon's "J-Twins", 5'9" sophomores John Rinka and 6' junior John Dunlop. Rinka broke five Ohio Conference records and seven team marks this season. He averaged 31.8 points per game to lead the Ohio Conference and finish sixth in the nation. He scored 15 points this season to set single game highs. He scored 34 points against UML on January 8 when the Lords won 99-81.

Dunlop, who finished the year with a 24.4 average, broke five Kenyon records. He finished third in scoring in the Ohio Conference and led the league in free throw shooting. His high game this year was 40 points. He scored 11 points against UML in Kenyon's victory.

IM Basketball

Thanks to the weather, the eighteen teams in the spring intramural basketball leagues will have a longer season than they expected.

The season started on March 11. Games scheduled for March 12 and 13 were cancelled because of the snow. The March 14 games were played but the games on March 15 were rained out.

Because of the weather some teams played two games while others did not play at all. Following are the league standings after the games on March 16.

GOLD LEAGUE
Kal's Krunchers 2-0
Stenics 1-0
Gods 2-1
Pi Kappa Alpha 0-0
Grunners 0-1
Animal Farm 0-1
Saints 0-1
Rebels 0-2

RED LEAGUE
67 2-0
Armpits 1-0
Sigma Pi 1-0
Papal Bulls 2-1
Marauders 0-0
Alpha Epsilon Pi 0-1
Sigma Tau Gamma 0-1
Polypeptides 0-1
Capers 0-2

Sophomores

March 22 is the last day to file for a class office or senate position in Room 210 of the Administration Building.