Czechoslovakia
Subject Of
Politics Seminar

Next week the UMSL Politics Club will begin its activities with a two-day program on Czechoslovakia. "The Shop on Main Street," a widely-acclaimed Czechoslovak mini-series, will be shown Tuesday, October 1, and a panel discussion of the recent Soviet invasion is scheduled for the following evening.

Vladimir Butkoff, Assistant Professor of Russian at UMSL and a native of Russia, will introduce and comment on the film. A reception and discussion will follow the screening of the film. Dr. Robert Sullivant, chairman of the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Elizabeth Butkoff have presented their views, the fee will be charged for the movie, and Dr. Stanley B. Kimball, a history professor at SIU-Edwardsville will lead the panel discussion Wednesday night, Dr. Kimball was in Czechoslovakia when the Soviet invasion occurred. It is hoped that students will be fascinated by the ducks resting near the Life Sciences Building.

Students Plan Structure
For Central Council

by Ron Brown, News Editor

Those students who are planning a broad outline for a student representative system have created a dual basis for representation in a central council and an interplay between parallel student and faculty committees. Representatives will be chosen from each organization and from each school or college in proportion to its membership.

"We call our central council, a "switchboard for student opinion," said Jean Kettinger, a junior, who became involved through Newman Club. "We don't want to make every student do anything that he or she is not interested in helping us, and that includes former members of the SFA or the constitutional convention. But we want only the few, interested students who seek communication between the students and the administration," she said.

Although the members of the planning group generally agree on this means for representation, some of them recall who proposed it first. Nevertheless, they believe it is innovative, sensible, and viable.

"We hope that every student will be represented at least once," explained Michael Longacre, president of the Chemistry club. "We want a loose and simple outline that is not too strict and parliamentary like the old Senate."

Another feature of the plan is student committees that will parallel faculty committees in form and duties. For example, a committee on admissions and student aid, under the central council, will include both student and faculty members with a majority of students. A similar committee with the same name, under the faculty senate, will be a student-faculty committee with a majority of faculty members — some elected by the faculty and others appointed by the Chancellor.

The group is in the process of displaying its plan to the respective deans in the Schools of Business and Education, in the College of Arts and Sciences, and in the Evening College.

Rain on the first day of school may have dampened the spirits of junior students, but the steady downpour did not bother the ducks resting near the Life Sciences building under construction.

Events Threatened

There is some concern over whether or not the major social events will receive the financial support and manpower for them to be held. Although most of these are the Christmas Ball on December 19, Homecoming Dance on February 16, the Sadie Hawkins Dance on March 15; and the Spring Formal on May 20, deadlines for the Christmas Ball and Homecoming were September 25. The Sadie Hawkins and the Spring Formal deadlines may be extended another week in order to give organizations more time to meet and decide which event they could sponsor. Deadlines for bidding on the Sadie Hawkins Dance and Spring Formal are set for October 14.

UMSL's Inter-Council has already agreed to sponsor the All School Mixer scheduled for this Saturday, Newman Club will organize the Purple Onion Costume Party planned for November 2.

For the larger social events, however, there is some concern over whether or not the university will support and encourage them. Miss Kreis suggested that organizations consider working with one or two other groups in order to make planning easier, the financial strain lighter, and to help in successful events.

Spelunkers' First Meeting

The MUSLS, (Missouri University-St. Louis Spelunkers), has been approved by the Student Senate and will conduct its first meeting on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Life Sciences Building.

Students who have either a passion for spelunking or who are simply exploring caves are invited to attend the spice and discussion. There will be discussions of practicalities and procedures as well as stories of three field trips, open to all students, for October 6, 13, and 20.
SUB: A Great Loss

Throughout the decade and fall of the Institute known as the St. Student Association, one symptom of the management that survived. It not only survived but it was a credit to the Student Association. If the Student Association had one time period, it was the Student Senate Board. In the year 1967-68 the SUB received $15,000 to run the social events on campus. The SUB did it in an excellent fashion.

This year the SUB has been abolished in favor of a system in which the organizations on campus bid for the social events. It has not been a fair system, with more money being given out among the various organizations such as athletics, University Chorus and the band. Although this appears to be a wise move of benefitting the organizations which will be receiving funds, the lack of a SUB still seems a great loss.

It seems a big burden to put on the campus organizations who must bid out for the social events. It must be realized that just as the university is different from any other organization. Obviously, these groups are limited in their use of funds.

We wonder why the total amount of funds with which the SUB functioned had to be cut. Why couldn't there still be some funds controlled by the Student Senate Board? It would be related to the SUB to supplement the organizations. Obviously, this system will not only benefit the organizations but also the students.

The arrival of the 1968-69 school year at UMSL is marked with quite a few changes. There are new buildings, new curriculums, new rules, new faculty members and a mushrooming number of new students. Amidst all the changes, however, there are a few things that will remain the same. Included in this area is the ever present problem of increase participation, by the student, in the affairs of this school.

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Whatever the cause or causes, the fact remains that some definite, positive action should be taken to "awaken" the UMSL student and help him discover a school which has the potential of becoming one of the great metropolitan universities in America.

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Students' Commuting, Work Experience, Extra-curricular Activities Explored in Survey

Last week the first two of five sections of a sample survey of 200 members of the UMSL student body were covered by the Current. That article dealt with background information of the sample students and with their academic status. This article will be concerned with the final three sections of the survey, which cover commuting, work experience, and extracurricular activities.

One connection must be made in the previous article before continuing with this discussion of the survey. The term "modal student" which runs throughout that article is a printer's error. The survey makes no attempt to describe what an UMSL student should be like as that expression connotes. In its place should be "modal student." The "modal student" is merely an imaginary student who represents responses which occurred most frequently in a specific question.

Few Surprises

The sections on commuting hold few surprises. "...the modal student comes (to school) alone, driving his own car, or (one of two in the family and one that has a market value of $1200), and parks it on campus after a 30 minute trip." Eighty-five percent of the students who are smokers report that they smoke in their dormitory or park on campus and 11% park off campus. A smoker is to be entitled to his own parking place on campus.

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It is important to attend this party for anyone planning to go through fall rush. If unable to attend, contact Kay Cushman, faculty member, Math-Language Bldg.

Students' Commuting, Work Experience, Extra-curricular Activities Explored in Survey

by Sam Hack, Features Editor

Given as the highest ranking reason for attendance of the activity or desire to join athletic teams; 22%, student government; 19%, special groups (i.e., 13% religious clubs; 13%, fraternities or sororities; 12%, fine arts groups; and 12% others).

With regard to specific groups, 12% of the students who belong to Newman Catholic Association; 7% intramural basketball; 6% intramural volleyball; 6% University Choir; 5% Young Democrats; 5% Newman Catholic Association; and 5% intramural softball.

Specific Activities

An exceptionally interesting part of this section of the survey is concerned with the popularity of specific campus activities on three grounds (use, potential, and net worth). Greater was determined by the survey to be "the one activity on campus; potential" by subtracting the "use" of that activity from its "potential"; and "net worth" by subtracting the percentage of students who desire to abolish or decrease the budget for that activity from the percentage who desire to increase its budget.

The Current ranked first in use with 89%, second in budget increase with 26%, and sixth in potential with only 1% who read any newspaper and do not read the Current. Lectures ranked second in use with 89%, third in budget increase with 24%, and sixth in potential with 9% who attend and desired to attend it. Dances ranked third in use with 89%, third in budget in decrease with 44%, and sixth in potential with 20% who do not care for the dance and desired to do away with it. Plays ranked fifth in use with 87%, fourth in budget increase with 47%, and second in potential with 30%.

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Dallas Lends Experience To UMSL Soccermen

UMSL's first soccer coach, Don Dallas, was graduated from Bishop DeBourg High School in 1964. While he was in high school he played four years of soccer, baseball, and basketball. During his last two years of high school, he was named to the all-district soccer team.

This should be an interesting sports year here at UMSL as soccer and basketball will be added to our ever growing sports program. All the teams should do well if they can figure out if they are playing at home or on the road. Due to the lack of facilities on campus our sports teams are forced to practice and play their "home" games elsewhere.

The soccer team, which practices at Normandy Junior High, has only one home game scheduled and, as of now, they do not know where that will be played. Cross-country, which does practice and hold meets on-campus, has only three home meets because of construction work here which has forced an alteration of the course.

The varsity basketball team, which practices at Normandy Junior High, will play two "home" games at Concordia Seminary Gym, four at Normandy High School's new gym, and three at Florissant Valley's Gym. The Rivermen practice and hold some meets here, but most of the matches are played elsewhere. The golf team, although based at a former golf course, practices and plays "home" matches at Hillcrest Country Club.

For those of you who wondered about our headline calling the cross-country team "barriers," here is the explanation as written by last year's sports editor, Doug Holtman, in his famous column, "Cough Out!" "Apparently in England there were running clubs called 'hounds' and 'hares' clubs. Eventually the shorter term 'barrier' evolved and described the distance runner." Also on the subject of cross-country, I'll try to explain the cross-country scoring system. The main idea is that the team with the lowest total of points wins. In determining the score, the team's top five finishers comprise the total points. For example, if team A were to place positions 1, 4, 5, 9 and 10, its score would be 29. If team B should take positions 3, 2, 1, 9, and 6, its score would be 36, so it would win the meet 26-29.

UMSL athletes should be in great shape this year. That's because they will have to go out to the back of the campus to talk to the coaches who are now headquartered in the blue metal building at the Florissant Road entrance to the campus. I drove from the Administration Building to the new building and found it to be 6/10 of a mile. The coaches should make their players run out there a few times a day as part of their training.

Congratulations to Marilyn Sando, Johanna Travis, and Evelyn Washington who were chosen as cheerleaders last May. Tryouts for the remainder of the cheerleading squad will be held Wednesday, October 16. Cheerleading clinics will be held starting Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m. on the volleyball court in back of the administration building. Watch for the Current for complete details of all cheerleading activities. The cheerleaders will miss two-year veteran Pat Mitchell, who will be attending night school this semester, however, Marilyn, Johanna, and Evelyn will provide a nucleus for the new squad.

Any freshman or transfer student who is interested in varsity basketball should report to Normandy High Junior High at 4:30 on Tuesday, October 1, when tryouts for new players will be held, according to the new Freshman Police getting underway October 7.

This year looks good for our basketball Rivermen as seven returning lettermen, eight transfers, and seven freshmen make up the team at this time. Included among the 22 players are last year's all-time leading scorer Jack Brennan (22.7 ppg in 69-68), three 6' 9" transfer students, and Normandy High School's all-stater Glen "Dooey" Rohn. Watch for the pre-season roster which will be published in the near future.

In closing this first column, I'd like to wish the best luck to our cross-country, soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, and baseball Rivermen and their coaches Larry Berres, Don Dallas, Chuck Smith, Carl Brummett, and Arnold Copeland, respectively.