Student governance referendum next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Pat Palmer of Choice Inc.: “a woman should be able to decide what happens to her body”

Prospect that deferments may end meets mixed response
Freshman reaction to possible deferments mixed, reflects uncertainty

By ANN TELTHORST
Current Staff Writer

President Nixon has the option of signing a new draft bill which would give every young man an opportunity to serve in the United States Army. Although the proposal is not yet final, freshmen students were asked what they thought about the new law and what they would do if it were to be passed. Freshmen reaction was mixed, reflecting uncertainty about the law.

Greg Roy didn't give too much thought about the law. "I'll probably let them know," he said. John Feldhaus agreed with him. "I haven't thought about it much," he said, "but if I get called, I'll go out." "It's unfair," replied Dave Ray. "You shouldn't be given a chance to go to school." "The draft really can mess up your future. I've got a medical deferment right now so I'm not going to worry much about it." "If we don't get a chance to have deferments, they should abolish all of them including the deferments the older guys have," commented Nick Dusib. "I might join the reserves but I'd probably just get drafted."

"I can't do anything about the law and I'm not going to worry about it," replied Ed Heidicker. "It's up to the Navy or Air Force if I know I was going to get drafted."

"It's kind of a raw deal," answered Olivier Wischmeyer. "I spent the money to get in school and now I'll go down the drain."

"About getting drafted? I'll have to wait and see what happens."

"I don't think it's fair for it to just apply to our age group," answered Paul P. "It would be pretty hard to interrupt our education at this point but if I draw a low draft number I'd enlist."

"I'm not really worried about it now."

London police commissioner to speak Monday

Robert Mark, Deputy Commissioner, London Metropolitan Police, will speak on juvenile delinquency and the "high cost of hanging" at 10:30 a.m., October 4, in the J.C. Penney auditorium. The program is open to students and faculty.

Mark, who has had a distinguished career with the British police, has written numerous books on legal and other journals. He holds the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service. He was educated at Oxford University and was a visiting fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, in 1970. He has served as a member of the Home Office Prison Board, a member of the Prison Service, and a member of the Standing Advisory Council on the British Penal System.

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Commission's right to speak which will report to the students in February.
Most important of all, by this procedure, the Commission will be acting "by mandate of the student body," and so one shall be able to question, or impede, the Commission's right to speak for all students.

The Commission on Student Governance is to be successful, the referendum must pass. We urge you to vote Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and we urge you to vote "Yes."
New abortion referral agency seeks to protect women in need from being victimized

By JUDY KLAMON
Current Staff Writer

"A woman should be able to decide what happens to her body," according to Patricia Palmer, director of Choice Inc.

Choice, a new abortion counseling service located at 6236 Lindell, is ironically situated in the middle of the "Catholic strongholds" of St. Louis, but this fact does not seem to bother Miss Palmer.

On the contrary, she seemed delighted with the idea.

A self-willed middle-aged "rebel of the establishment" who wishes to be known simply as Pat, Miss Palmer believes in women's liberation and insists that women should have the right to make something of themselves.

She attacked the "socially-accepted myth" that women should be seen and not heard, and that she felt she would be destroyed along with the idea that abortion is "dirty." "If a woman wants an abortion," Miss Palmer maintained, "it's her body, not anyone else's and it's her responsibility."

This idea of independence prompts her opinion that women, blacks and children are in the same category.

Only if society can face a problem, she said, can it deal constructively with that problem. For this reason, Choice Inc. was formed.

Willford Goulson, a Methodist minister, is president of Choice Inc., located in Chicago, with which Miss Palmer's service is affiliated.

The objective of Choice is the destruction of organizations that victimize desperate women. Prior to the legalization of abortion in New York, anywhere from $400 to $500 was charged merely for the phone number of a person who would perform an abortion, not to mention the cost of an abortion.

Choice offers free pregnancy tests for the simple reason that early detection is advisable to prevent physical complications as well as psychological damage.

"The longer you are pregnant," Miss Palmer asserted, "the more attached you become, and the harder it is to adjust to an abortion."

The main function of Choice, however, is that of an educational facility staffed by qualified counselors, trained by the Chicago staff, as well as licensed registered nurses. In many cases, the counselors are student nurses or professional volunteers.

Through this organization, information about abortion, as well as group or individual counseling, is available.

Counseling before abortion is important to help women face their problem and free themselves of the shame attending abortion.

Among the questions asked in counseling sessions are:

How do you feel about an abortion?

How do you think you should feel?

Why do you want an abortion?

If, after intensive counseling, the individual decides on an abortion, she will then be referred to medically qualified agencies in New York.

If she decides against abortion, the individual will then be referred to other counseling agencies.

"The most difficult problem in counseling sessions," Miss Palmer contended, "are parents of young kids."

"Parents just don't understand that their children are individuals. Parents primarily worry about what their children have done to them."

"They cannot understand that kids are sexually active. Even if you lock them up, it is not going to help reduce their sexual activity."

For this reason, Miss Palmer would like to initiate a counseling program for all parents.

Everyone aware that the organization's activities are technically illegal in the state of Missouri, but other legitimate organizations - such as the Clergy Consultation Service - with which Choice works closely, have suffered no legal repercussions.

Choice also assumes full legal responsibility for its activities.

Privately financed by funds from Chicago as well as by voluntary contributions, Choice is an independent non-profit organization.

Among the future goals of Choice Inc. are to enlarge throughout the Midwest as well as to finance individuals to act as lobbyists to see that more adequate abortion laws are introduced to the legislature.

However, the Choice outlet in St. Louis is just getting on its feet and is still in need of funds.

Miss Palmer's only regret is that she cannot finance people who cannot afford transportation to New York.

This then, is one of her immediate goals, as well as providing contraceptive information and mental hygiene aid following the abortion.

"Things cannot be considered bad or dirty if they are considered human," Miss Palmer maintained.

Mellman named advisor for pre-law students

UMSL is expanding its program of advising students interested in going to Law School.

Such students should, without delay, contact Dr. Harry C. Mellman, Department of Political Science, recently named Advisor to Pre-Law students.

His office hours, in 428 Benton, are 10 a.m. to noon, MWF.

Evening Students and any others for whom these hours are inconvenient, should forward their names, graduating class, addresses, and phone numbers to Dr. Mellman (Phone: 5521), who will set up appointments with himself or other qualified and interested faculty members.

"Law Board" examinations, required by almost all Law Schools, for admission to Law School in 1972, will be given next on December 18, 1971 and the deadline for registration for that examination is November 26.

Basic details on this examination are in Dr. Mellman's office. That office will soon maintain a collection of catalogues and other information (including financial aids) for each of the over 150 Law Schools in the United States, as well as a basic library of books and other materials useful to pre-law legal students.

In the program plans are being made for informal sessions for students with prominent members of the bar as well as representatives of various Law Schools.

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COMMENTARY: Editorials and Opinions

Who’s helping whom?

Departing from our usual pattern of yellow journalism (so succinctly defined by Mr. Shower’s letter), we will now attempt a discussion in a serious—specifically serious—one, that of the organizations versus the bureaucracy.

Now that we have filled our quota of sensationalism for a while, let’s get serious. Campus organizations that sponsor events, in particular the Friday night mixers, have encountered a major stumbling block in the 20-cent per head charge imposed by the University Center. In our discussions with Center director Bill Edwards, we were informed that this charge has merely a nominal one, originating in Columbia and aimed at a) outside groups sponsoring events on campus and b) campus organizations trying to make a profit on their efforts. The organizations naturally resent such a crap on their profits. Furthermore, Edwards added that the provision for guards to check I.D.’s excluded the high school kids whose presence (and money) would contribute to the success of the affair.

It seems apparent that organizations are in a bind. They can only evade the “nominal charge” by not charging admission—however, considering the prices charged by even the least significant musical groups, this course of action would be fiscally unsound. But neither is it unreasonable for the university to try to slice a share of the profits for itself.

But the costs cited in Miss Notoranelo’s letter (see below) attest to the plight of organizations who wish to use the university facilities for their functions. Her letter also points out certain changes at UMSL. The bake sales that were such a part of campus life and irritated Canteen to no end has fallen victim to a new food service monopoly—but in this case, the university is unlikely to tolerate competition.

In short, the organizations have encountered a new era here, and they were not quite prepared for it. None of us were. However, the catering prices cited by Miss Notoranelo suggest that the food monopoly may be trying to get too much too soon out of their perhaps—involutary clients.

We wish we had a brilliant solution to the problem which would instantly eradicate it. As it is, we can only point out what seems to be a problem and leave the rest to the people who can manufacture a solution to every dilemma.

Letters

For cooperation

Dear Editor,

The controversy over the policy for dances held in the new student union this year has resulted in some misunderstanding. After two half-hearted attempts which actually cost the university lost money, many people began to believe that no way would a successful dance on campus be possible.

The third dance scheduled was cancelled and the fourth week there was a well-publicized mixer held off campus. The week of September 24, Newman House sponsored a mixer in the student union. Mr. Bill Edwards, tough because of the high prices charged by the union, was the object of much criticism concerning the new policy, and Sears bent over backward to help make our dance a success. Despite great competition from a good movie on campus, a football weekend at Columbia, and the mixer in direct competition to ours, Newman was able to make a fine profit from its dance.

Dances on campus are no longer the gold mine they used to be. We are unhappy with some aspects of the new policy as anyone. It now requires a great deal of advertising and acceptance of some risk to even attempt one. But I believe that Newman proved that it can be done.

If the student organizations on this campus could learn to cooperate with each other rather than sponsor events in direct competition, it would surely benefit the whole community.

Pat Godell
President of Newman House

Feeling pinch

Dear Editor,

At the present time the administration here at UMSL is trying to eliminate organizations from the campus, or so it seems from mem bers of campus organizations. With the opening of the student union and food service center many groups are feeling the new restrictions in the way they conduct their business.

For organizations to exist there must be some means of raising the necessary funds for the groups’ survival, previous to this fall major means was through Friday night mixers which were held in the Brown Building. Organized sponsored dances that were a vital continued on page 5

Angela: a black and white dilemma

There is an urgent need for the people of this land to understand exactly what is represented by the frame-up of Angela Davis. As a Black woman and a communist, she poses a threat which this capitalistic system cannot easily abide. Through its savage and irrational attack upon her, the government exposes itself and its reactionary policy of racism and anti-communism.

In many ways, this attempted repression of Angela is no different from the repeated attacks upon the Black Panther Party—particularly this most recent and outrageous one; i.e., the murder of George Jackson.

What this government does not seem to understand is that such tactics cannot be employed again and again without arousing the horror and finally, the rage of the people. It has just about run out of excuses for its near-fascist actions—certainly it has run out of excuses which the people can accept. So when Angela Davis is denied bail on the ground that she may run away, even though the probation officer has highly recommended that she be allowed it, the government is seriously underestimating the people’s sense of humanity and fair-play.

The response to this has been the springing up of Angela Davis Defense Committees all over the country as well as similar responses from around the world. It is not surprising that many of these committees are operated by whites and in white communities. This is because people are able to see in Angela’s plight more than another racist attack upon the black community. It is an attack upon freedom itself; for how can white Americans continue to live in the “belly of the most reactionary government” in existence without eventually being crushed under the heel of the same boot which attempts to destroy black people? They cannot unless they come to recognize racism and repression as weapons used by the system to keep the people divided and helpless in the face of monopoly-capital.
Letters (continued from page 4)

part of the sparse social life here at UMSL, entertaining over 1000 students at the women's center with dancing. I am sure that it is a vital money source for the livelihood of the organization and I hope you will continue to support us this year. For next year, the organization would like to request an increase in support. To book a dance an organization must be willing to pay $28 per person that attends, in addition to the $7.50 check that must be paid to support the women's center. To book a dance, please call 384-4558 for more information.

J. Shear

Fish-ripper

Dear Editor,

I cannot permit myself to continue to ignore the stupidity and unconstructive negative which you persist in subjecting us to through your weekly fish-fry.

As you are aware (if you can think back beyond the conclusion of the last issue), I have never been exactly a member of the Central Council. Now, for the sake of chance, the student government has stumbled into the right combination of angry bastards, discounters with the way things were, who could be counted on to kick it up a notch whenever necessary, and rip it out of its lethargic love of living with no hesitation, silence, and mute-acceptance-of-the-powers-that-b-e-syndrome.

Since everything was correct. In the past few months, the Central Council has taken enough significant action to disprove University investigations, U-Center space-use policies, organization recognition, Senate committee, cataloging policy, the Student Publication Grievance Investigation, and most importantly, the integration of student government into the University system. I have seen the above proposition to be a step in the right direction of a real student government here, after all.

I can assure you that you have not been a Central Council "afraid to rock the boat" in any one of these incidents has involve direct, and often angry, confrontation with an irate, irresponsible, and hostile elements of the administration and faculty.

How can an organization which you might not be aware of these factors, none of them has ever been reported on in the Current. I guess you have been too busy sneaking around into other cabinets and making fraudulentphone calls to bother to send a reporter and produce the last word in yellow journalism.

Michael Shearin

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unfortunately, the students of any campus cannot bring food into the dorms. Each student has the right to live where they choose, and there is no need to micro-manage their activities. And "human beings" are not animals, and making fraudulent phone calls is not "hunting." -K. M. R. (continued on page 6)
I swear it all happened by the Administration building. For a drink, I got my chin over the edge of the pond, and concined of my age by my long gray hairs, they gave me a can of dehydrated H2O. Just add a gallon and stir, and that's all done. Good stuff but frighteningly expensive. I wasn't thirsty anymore, but I needed a smoke pretty bad. So I stumbled to the cafeteria, lit up some cornflakes, and got really high. I was getting heavy vibes all up and down my dorsal fins.

Since I knew the Department of Reducency Dept., Can., Inc., Ltd., was looking for me, I hid out in the lobby, hoping to chance on some likely victim. When none appeared, I was crestfallen and sank to my knees.

So like all good criminals, I returned to the scene of the crime, and parked outside the Undergraduate Library (UGLY) and pondered my fate. It hung about my neck like an overgrown horsecollar. With the horse still attached, I hopped a barge and went for the high headlands.

The natives were very friendly but they didn't like the way I was dressed, so I left on the morning train, cracking sunflower seeds and sending a message to my typewriter. The spies in the other corner of the compartment kept watch on me as we speeded across Humana, but I ignored them until we were nearing the border. As we crossed the bridge over the frozen river, I launched myself like a rocket past the signal tower, through the windows down, down, down toward the waving arms of the missionaries.

I made my getaway to the warehouse. It was empty when I first arrived, but there was a player under a single bare light bulb in the far corner. As I walked toward the center and Bugsy rose to greet me, I thought this was the end. Concrete shoes and a swift trip to the bottom of the river, but he said, "Game of five-card Tarot!"

Oh, Editor, the aces were crumblin' and down my sleeves. I saw through their one-eyed, one-nosed, and one-dug tramps with my spades. I excluded them from my clubs. It was a fast game, but it took a long time to play. And finally, the moment of ultimate triumph was near. I dealt the last card, and Bugsy handed out a hermetically sealed envelope, insured by Lloyd's of Birmingham

I pushed all my chips out into the center and Bugsy, chagrined by having to call me, slid the envelope across the gristy green table to the center. He materialized as evil state at me, and I sensed his warped mind lurking behind his eyes, piercing my own brain up to its very core.

Shakily, I clutched the envelope as they all watched me. Then they came for me. For a second they disappeared. For a second I disappeared. And then there was no me out of me, standing in front of the great chocolate volcano, picking judge brood here and there and making smart remarks to my professors.

The sky was still a raw slumber, but a rust appeared in the gloom, and from the volcano, now an ancient shrine, issued a white-gowned figure holding a sparkling torch. And around her head appeared a wreath of stars, and over it all was written, Columbia Pictures Presents. Soon all was obliterated but the torch and the volcano. And she very sweet came to me like a delicate whisper and said, "Yes, she is. She is. I repeated. She is well. I repeated. And love me dearly."

And all was calm and sunny, and the volcano healed; and I was standing at the front gate of the Great Midwestern University, and I wept bitter tears of happiness, for I do love you, and I missed your last issue, but I still love you.

Alice's Caterpillar
(Name withheld by request)

Sales tax blues
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snack bar food sales, athletic ticket sales, subscriptions, programs, store sales, publications, certain agricultural sales, concert tickets, tickets for student activities, event sales, books sold by the University Press and such services as printing, copying, duplicating of tapes and others.

While the university wants to be a good corporate citizen and recognized the need of the cities which it enacts city sales tax ordinances, the university does not believe that such city ordinances can legally impose a tax on the gross receipts of sales made by the state university. Therefore, the university does not believe it can legally collect such city sales tax from buyers for remittance to the state and it will not do so.

In addition, the university actually has determined that room and board for students living in university housing are not subject to sales tax.

Connie Elliott, one of the hopeful prospects at the Cheerleading tryouts last Friday, displays her form for the judges.

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Forum speakers link Attica, government economics

By RON TRENHAUS
Current Staff Writer

The recent revolt at Attica State Prison in New York was linked to current government economic policies, offered as examples of "repressive government tactics," by three speakers at a Committee to End the War forum last Friday.

Jeffrey Scott, condemning the use of "brutal force" to quell the Attica rebellion—which left ten hostages and thirty prisoners dead—contended that "prisons are microcosms of American society, and the attempts by prison authorities to suppress prisoners' demands are similar to the attempts of the elites of society to dominate all oppressed peoples."

He compared the constant friction between guards and inmates to "constant friction between the oppressor and the oppressed."

Stressing the political nature of the uprising, Scott cited "overcrowding, guard brutality, poor medical care, censorship of prison libraries and personal letters" as evidence that "fundamental democratic rights" were missing at Attica prison.

"The indiscriminate killing," he declared, "was staged to prevent the prisoners from gaining any sort of victory from the rebellion."

Scott maintained that, had the "needed demands" of the prisoners been met, the success would have sparked similar revolts for "equality and justice" through the U.S. penal system.

"The acceptance of the demands would also have confirmed that the prison authorities were fully aware of the repressive conditions that existed at the prison," he added.

Unemployment, the wage-price freeze, and welfare cutbacks were designated as examples of "the oppressive economic conditions" of the poor (particularly non-whites) and the middle class today, according to the next speaker, Marilyn Case.

"Economists think the figures gotten by government on unemployment (5.1 per cent in August) should be doubled because the number of unemployed is only taken from the number of unemployed actively seeking jobs at that time," she maintained.

Citing a request report from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Miss Case explained, "In the civilian labor force, eight per cent of non-whites are unemployed as compared to 2.6 per cent of whites unemployed in the North Central States, in which Missouri is included."

She went on to criticize welfare cutbacks.

"Despite a booming demand for welfare," she maintained, "fifty-nine states and Puerto Rico managed to decrease their welfare rolls last spring".

Miss Case noted that St. Louis welfare recipients will discover their October checks whittled by 5 to 10 per cent.

She added her opinion of employers for welfare recipients, saying, "People around the country are of the opinion that giving welfare people jobs is a good way to get cheap labor."

Regarding the wage-price freeze, Miss Casey asserted, "Many authorities view the freeze not as a means to curb prices or inflation, but as a means to curb wages."

She contended that the freeze could have some benefits, but that it seemed there were too many loopholes to raise prices and some to raise wages.

Philosopher teacher Paul Goodman attributed "politically racist cause" to all of the problems criticized by Scott and Miss Casey.

He likened the Attica rebellion to the workers' struggles under the present "oppressive economic conditions."

Calling workers the losers in the wage-price freeze, Goodman contended that, while there were few ways in which workers could fight inadequate housing and wages and high prices, rich industrialists could deal with "upstart" workers by calling in the police and by using the courts against wildcat strikes and other demonstrations against low wages and poor working conditions.

"Racism can be defeated by smashing racist practices," he concluded.

The sponsors of the forum plan to hold similar forums periodically throughout the year "to stimulate discussions on current topics of student interest."
Council hears more gripes

By ALLEN KODAKOWSKI
Current Staff Writer

Shortage of space was a topic of discussion at Sunday afternoon's Central Council meeting.

"The biggest bear of all complaints initiated today," according to student president Bob Lambert, is allocation of space.

More allowance in the multi-purpose building has come under fire, partly because of the relative accessibility of the handball courts.

A related issue was the problem of the Rifle Club and the reluctance the athletic department to allow the rifle club to be constructed in a room of the new fieldhouse.

We feel the Rifle Club is an activity that can be offered with complete safety.

The members of the rifle club is to teach safety, the fundamentals of firearms, and just have a good time.

Thus far, nearly 700 signatures have been received in favor of the Rifle Club.

The number one priority among council, Lambert maintained, would be library expansion.

"It is imperative that we receive the 1.7 million dollars requested," he said.

Complaints presented by the Grievance Committee included high prices in the bookstore, the need for a change machine in the library and "how come the copy machines never work?"

When the floor was invited open for grievances to be aired, many complaints centered around food.

One member suggested that the cafeteria be open for even students.

The price of food on campus was also cited.

The catering prices, according to Bill Ring, are too high. An alternate viewpoint suggested that a comparison of prices with other catering services be explored.

The distribution of cafeteria funds was also discussed. Forty percent of the revenue goes for food costs, forty for labor, and twenty for maintenance and miscellaneous.

Dr. Dennis Fallon has selected to develop a professional physical education curriculum here.

As coordinator of physical education, health and recreation, Fallon is in charge of the physical education department and the athletic department.

A joint meeting was planned with elements of the physical education department, as well as local area school officials, in hopes of determining professional preparatory needs of physical educators in this area.

Fallon would like students to consider the following questions: Do they want the facility? Should credit be given for it? Should grades be assigned? Would it count in a grade-point average?

A timetable for development of the program is being established.

Students interested in a career in physical education (major or minor) may contact Fallon in room 246, multi-purpose building, or phone 423-5641.

Last year, the course evaluation gave results in statistical form. This year, according to the Curriculum Committee, an appraisal response will be used.

Instead of saying 60 per cent of the students liked a course, the evaluation will read "they were generally in favor of the course."

Grievance Committee reports

By DONNA NETHERTON

The Grievance Committee has investigated the problems of student parking on campus. This issue has taken priority over nearly all other grievances by the student body as it affects nearly everyone. The complaints center around lack of parking spaces and distance between lots and the buildings.

Ken Slaven, chairman of the Grievance Committee, received a letter from John Perry, business officer explaining the situation.

Perry wrote in his letter, "Before students become too critical of the distance they must walk after they park, they should investigate parking on other campuses. They might find that they would have to walk this far between classes."

He explained the lack of parking spaces in terms of parking garages. The total cost of the two existing garages is now at $1,500,000. $1,000,000 of which was financed by state funds and $500,000 financed by the parking fees. According to Perry, the parking fees are used for the building of the garage structures and the repair and maintenance of our present parking facilities.

At the present time there is $725,000 in the parking fund. This does not include the funds collected this fall, Fall 1971. There is another garage in the planning which is anticipated to be in use in the fall of 1972.

The Central Council has made the scenic view of the new Faculty Towers.

Current photo by Carl Doty

Student environment projects sought by foundation

Student-originated projects dealing with problems related to the physical, biological or social environment are being sought by the National Science Foundation.

The China forum at Wash. U.

An open forum on United Nations membership for Red China will be held October 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the East Asian Language and Area Center of Washington University's Steinberg Hall.

Dr. William Wyroff of UMSL's history department will be on a panel of Chinese scholars including Dr. Stanley Spector, Dr. Mark Selden, Dr. Richard Young, and Ernest Tsal, all of Washington University.

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RICHMAN BROTHERS NORTHEAST PLAZA
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The most recent entry to the current trend of films in search of a plot is Two-Lane Blacktop now showing in the St. Louis area.

The vague theme of the film concerns the on-the-open-road encounters between two nomadic racers known as the Driver and Mechanic, a hitchhiker and a middle-aged plain clothes gypsy named G.T.O. This menace a trio plus one seems to be either suffering from acute anemia or some other form of detachment from reality.

The lack of plot, beginning and conclusion notwithstanding, the film provides a vehicle for folk composer James Taylor and former Beach Boy drummer Dennis Wilson to exhibit their blatant lack of acting ability. Warren Oates (G.T.O.) is the only principal who emerges as a capable actor in the entire film. Taylor's role as the stoic Driver is an obvious bit of typecasting, to say the least.

With the exception of a brief interlude with the hitchhiker (Laurie Bird) the Mechanic's sole interest seems to be his fetish with the carburator of the 1955 Chevy he and Taylor race at various intervals.

On a lighter note, you may or may not be delighted with the colorful dialogue in the film, reminiscent of boot camp in the U.S. Marine Corps. As for sex, Two-Lane Blacktop is about as sexy as the average Walt Disney film. Producer Michael S. Loughlin has been generous in adding several extraneous sex scenes in his film. It would be adding insult.

If you have an opportunity, avoid Two-Lane Blacktop.

C.D.

Coming Attractions

Michaelsandio Antioni's first American film, Zabriskie Point, will be shown this Friday at 7:30 and 9:45 at the J. C. Penney Auditorium and on Saturday at 8:00 (same location).

The film is a disconnected little bore involving the juxtapositioning of a would-be student radical and a jaded hippie chick who just happens to be on the run for various personal reasons.

The film isn't a bargain at 50c but the price of admission should be well worth the opportunity to see if the University Program Board will initiate their alleged plan to patrol the auditorium with squirt guns. No one likes an unappreciative audience, but squirt guns? Really! Why not use baseball bats?

Our congratulations to whomever was responsible for the change in the Penney Auditorium from LS 101. It's a 200% improvement.

City Players to present

"Three Sisters"

The City Players of St. Louis will present Astol Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" beginning this weekend, at 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays.

Dates are October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17.

The theatre is located at 2207 Washington.

Tickets are $2.00 and may be purchased at the door or reserved in advance by calling 531-5222. Student and group rates are available.

For further information, contact Valerie Hyman at 241-2990, est. 211 (work) or 727-6654 (home).

Oct. 31 deadline for Rhodes applications

The deadline for applications for the Rhodes Scholarship for study at the Oxford University (October 31, 1971) was announced today by Dr. Donald C. MacMillan, Institutional Representative for the Rhodes Scholarships here.

Dr. MacMillan, a former Rhodes Scholar, commented, "I strongly urge all qualified single male students, seniors, or graduate students, to apply. An outstanding student would be wise to apply simultaneously for a Rhodes Scholarship and for other fellowships, such as the Danforth,istorical, National Science, or Woodrow Wilson.

As a member of the Missouri Selection Committee for the past two years, I have been disappointed to encounter candidates, from University of Missouri campuses, but none from UMSL. Despite the Language of the official announcement, a man need not be a superman in quality.

The Selection Committee looks for high scholarship (probably at least a 3.0 G.P.A., but the normal year), outstanding performance in some type of independent work, some extra-curricular activity, and a humanitarian concern for others. The candidate need not be an athlete, although he should be physically fit and enjoy exercise.

A candidate must be between the ages of 18 and 24 on October 1, 1971. Male and female restrictions may be relaxed for a candidate who has completed national service obligations. While he must be unmarried until the end of his first year at Oxford, he may be married in his second year without forfeiting his scholarship.

Elections will be held in all states in December, 1971. Scholars-elect will enter Oxford University in October, 1972. If he is called into military service before entering Oxford, the Scholar will ordinarily be permitted to postpone his Scholarship.

The scholarship pays about 1000 pounds (approximately $2,500) in October (1971) per year. Appointment is made for two years with a third year probable if the Scholar's record merits it.

The Scholar may either study for an Honours B.A. or for a graduate degree in virtually any field or profession.

Interested students should consult Dr. R. McCandless, Director of the University of Missouri, 1111 College Avenue, St. Louis 6, Missouri, or the University of Missouri, 1111 College Avenue, St. Louis 6, Missouri, or contact the Oxford Scholarship Association, 360, 8th Street, St. Louis 1, Missouri.

"Crucial early years" topic at Cross Keys conference

The open classroom, introduction to reading, understanding Black English, and other educational issues will be topics of "The Crucial Early Years" conference on childhood education.

The third annual conference for kindergarteners, preschool and primary teachers, administrators and parents will be held Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, at Cross Keys Junior High School, 14205 Cougar Drive, Florissant.

The conference, sponsored by the School of Education and the Extension Division, in cooperation with the Ferguson-Florissant School District, opens Friday with a dinner and keynote address, "The Impact of Personality Factors on Learning," by Dr. Boyd R. McCandless, director of educational psychology at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, editor of the American Psychological Journal, "Developmental Psychology," and author of the textbook, "Children: Behavior and Development.

Saturday's program will consist of small group sessions, teaching demonstrations and workshops on early childhood education, including "From Language in Literature into Reading" by Peggy Brogan.

Fee, including lunch on Saturday, is $7.75. Dinner Friday will be an additional $2.85.

To register contact the Extension Division, here or telephone (314) 653-5961.

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Kickers count on rugged defense

Fitz appended the Rivermen lead to 2-0 later that period, scoring on a Rich Evans pass. UMSL carried their 2-0 lead into the third period, when Flesch scored his second penalty shot of the year.

The Rivermen were awarded the free kick when Bear goalie Mark Burdick waylaid Flesch after he had stopped a Missouri shot. Burdick gave Flesch an elbow to the ribs, the ref saw it, and Flesch was given a free kick.

There seemed to be a little dissent on the Bear bench about the call. Always aiming to please, Greg Kramer sought to enlighten them.

"It was a cheap shot," Greg explained to his listeners. Obviously ungrateful for this bit of education, the Bears replied, "Get rigged."

With the penalties out of the way, Flesch lined up his shot and proceeded to hit the upper-hand corner of the net, past the outstretched arms of Burdick.

That one wasn't a cheap shot. Burdick found himself victimized by Flesch again in the third period when the Rivermen forward gave the Red and Gold their 4-1 lead, on an unassisted goal.

Flesch and Fitzsimmons will attempt to carry the Rivermen past Quincy in an 8 p.m. game Saturday.

Last year the Hawks edged the Rivermen, 2-1, and the Brown and White are always extra tough on their home field. Quincy is a perennial power in the NAIA District 16, of which the Rivermen themselves were a member prior to their admission to the NCAA.

Cross country rebuilds with frosh

The team ran against Washington University Wednesday, but the Current went to press before the result was available.

Tuesday the UMSL runners beat the strong SU-Edwardsville runners in a 4 p.m. match. The Cougars humiliated the Rivermen last year in a match at Edwardsville.

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Golfers take second second at M!

The Rivermen golf team added to its list of Fall accomplishments Friday when it took second place in the annual Missouri Southern College Invitational Tournament. The runner-up performance, which came hand on the heels of a fine ninth place finish in the Midwest Intercollegiate Golf Classic, was the second consecutive second place finish for the golfers in the Missouri Southern event.

The University of Tulsa finished on top with a 330 team score while the Rivermen carded 306.

Ron Brewer led the squad in the eleven team event with a 75 which tied him for third place in the individual medallist competition. Mike Prendergast was next for the Rivermen with 76, George Blederman finished with 77.

Gene Dodson, considered the finest freshman golfer in UMSL's history, entered his second year of competition with a 78 and Gray shot 81.

"We play a fairly good fall schedule," said coach Larry Berres.

The coach feels that every bit of competition helps a midwestern team. "We all play such limited schedules, it puts teams from this area at a distinct disadvantage in national competition."

The Rivermen, for instance, tied to SLU gave them instant stature.

It is a fact that any college intent on building a successful soccer program beats the bushes here in St. Louis.

St. Louis is a soccer town.

We claim it, out of towners admit it -- and the media ignores it.

It's one thing for national sports magazines to forget the sport exists but quite another for local papers to hide soccer scores on the ninth or tenth page of the Sunday sports section, buried under the latest bulletins from Waterloo High and the Rotary Rebels.

But how can this happen in the heartland of American soccer? As Bob Barnes explained when asked why KMOX-AM had an open-line for every sport but soccer, "There's not enough interest."

That question was hardly necessary, a look at the vast, empty expanse of Busch Stadium during a Stars' game and the sparsely populated stands at the hill here at UMSL should be enough for anybody.

St. Louis has produced in relation to its fine players, the game's most miserable fans.

In St. Louis, the quality of play is there -- but the fans aren't.

In St. Louis an incredible number of talented players and plays are wasted on an equally incredible number of empty seats.

St. Louis is a soccer town.
**Rivermen kickers rip WU, tie EIU**

A shot on goal is deflected before it can reach UMSL goalie Tim O'Toole. The Rivermen blanked the Bears of Wash. U., 4-0.

**Harriers 2-0, SIUE in for Breeder**

By Ann Teliberst

Neither cold, nor mud, nor water knee deep can keep our harriers from winning a meet.

It may sound easy but those were the prevalent conditions at last Saturday's meet against Milliken University.

Prior to the race Milliken coach Carl Johansson had said, "I doubt if anyone will break 30 minutes." Ed "The Breeder" Heidbrigger claims he didn't hear the coach's remarks and proved it when he toured the five mile course in a record shattering time of 28:36.

The performance eclipsed the mark of 28:36 which had stood for three years.

Bunching up much as they did in their season opening win against Westminster College, the Rivermen rounded up enough points, that is, rounded up few enough points, for a 25-38 win.

Team captain Frank Neal capped fourth place with Tom Knap finishing right behind him in fifth. Greg Roy finished seventh and Tom Dierker followed in the eighth slot.

Ted McQuery and Marvin Goodwin scored out any chance of a Milliken win when they tied for third.

For those uninformed on the intricacies of cross country scoring, the first five places in which each team scores are added up and the team with the lowest score wins.

Marvin Goodwin and Ted McQuery, therefore, didn't figure in continued on page 10.

**Out of Bounds**

With Mike Olds, Current Sports Editor

St. Louis is a soccer town. This claim has gone unchallenged for decades and the facts seem to back it up.

The Gateway city has been home to the finest collection of amateur teams and leagues in the country. Producing, some years back, a squad of all-stars that held an English touring team to an astounding tie.

The St. Louis Stars are the last of the original professional teams and in operation, survivors amongst a flood of bankruptcy claims and empty stadiums.

The St. Louis University Billikens have, to date, run up a 33 game winning streak on route to three consecutive national titles. In addition, the hated Cougars of SIUE have risen to a position of national prominence and have battled the Bills in the Midwest NCAA eliminations the past two years. And don't forget our own Rivermen, whose near-miss 2-1 continued on page 11.

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