Here comes Another one

New grading system opposed

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At the March meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences, an ad hoc Committee on Grading proposed a new grading system that would eliminate "D" and "F" grades. The College voted overwhelmingly against the proposal.

The proposal would replace the grades "D" and "F" with a "no-credit" grade that would not appear on the student's transcript. A large majority of the opponents of the new system were aligned by the fact that students could not receive "D" or "F" grades.

According to Dr. James Doyle, one of the original proponents of the revised system, there were conservative and liberal factions opposing the revisions. "I seemed to think the new system didn't go far enough because it kept "A", "B", and "C" grades. They wanted to abolish grades altogether. The other side felt students should receive "D" and "F" grades when they deserve them."

Many of the teachers seemed uninterested with the new system. Doyle felt the lack of concern among the faculty was due to the fact that "they received very little student support."

Any revision of the system will involve major changes. "It will be a lot of trouble," Doyle remarked, "because even the computer system will have to be changed."

It will also mean more trouble for the teacher. "Faculty members will also have to spend more time with students," said Doyle. "Written evaluations and recommendations will be very important if "no-credit" grades are not recorded on transcripts."

A system like this has a lot of benefits for the students," Doyle continued, "but the faculty isn't vocal enough. The faculty won't go to the trouble of making a change in the face of little student support."

The Committee on Grading is going to meet again to try and work out an alternative revision. Doyle stated, "The proposal was a compromise that satisfied the views of the Committee, but it still failed to pass the College of Arts and Sciences."

Another idea had called for additional levels to be built on the existing garages, but Perry said that structures were not really designed for extra levels. "Costs for such a project would be too high," he said.

An additional project being considered by the Master Planning Board of UMSL is the straightening of the road near the visitors parking lot. However, said Perry, "there is a lack of funds for this project at the present time."

Selections for parking garage sites and road reallocations, are made by the Master Planning Board and its architects. Consideration is given to proposed building sites and the balance of open spaces on campus.

"The fact that UMSL is a commuter campus, does create problems, with the tremendous influx of cars on the campus daily," said Perry. "At the present time, there are 2,800 parking spaces, but these will not be adequate to meet the demands of increasing enrollment."

Decisions regarding the planning of new garages are made on the basis of need. Perry estimates that a new structure will have to be added every 2-3 years.

The addition of a new garage does entail cutting down a few trees, but the loss will be minimal. "That can't be avoided," said Perry. "But of course they will be replaced. We've probably planted more trees on this campus that we've dug up."

Country needs soul says Chisolm

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"This country needs a leader - someone with concern, compassion and commitment to the people. This country needs a leader with soul," Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm told a capacity crowd at Graham Chapel on Monday evening, April 17.

Shirley Chisolm is the first black woman to serve in the United States Congress. She has supported a more responsive welfare system, women's equal rights amendment, and a volunteer army. She is, according to her, "a real candidate for the presidential nomination of the Democratic Party."

She walked to the podium at Graham Chapel and waved off an immediate standing ovation. Her presence in St. Louis attracted a heterogeneous crowd of young blacks, college students, arm-banded feminists, and adults.

"The individual feels so powerless, so uncontrollable of his own life. We have a government that is so remote ... In short, we have a government that has lost much of its credibility," she told the audience.

"And now," she said, "when economics are on our minds, the President decided it was a year for travel." She continued to expound on some specific economic problems in the United States today - those of the elderly on fixed incomes, the discrimination against the basic economic equality of women and blacks, the below-level standard of living for the American Indians, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, and Spanish-speaking migrants. "There is no better way to bring people together... than economic injustice."

While the U.S. space ship was heading towards the moon, Shirley Chisolm told the crowd that, "We waste our best minds on outer space, when we have space down here that needs to be taken care of first. People would rather have better bus service from their homes to their jobs." She strongly advocates the maintenance of a good subway system in every major city with a population of 200,000 or more.

She described what it was like for her to be a presidential candidate. "When a black woman comes forward, that's just too much, they get up in a snide remarks, and misinterpretations. You recognize that if you have the daring to break down some of the traditions, you have to move out, and I moved out seven months ago."

Speaking of the Democratic National Convention, she said, "the convention is going to be so unpredictable. If blacks and women are not seated in proportion to their state population, we are ready to challenge."

The conservatives were not unrepresented at the gathering in Graham Chapel. Three students, members of Young Americans for Freedom were present with posters which they demonstrated to Shirley Chisolm and the audience. They walked down the center aisle during her speech, and then retired to the rear of the chapel. Shirley Chisolm stopped speaking, and then added, "Let's get ourselves together again - you get used to this after a while."

Concluding her public speech, she invited the crowd to "Join the Chisolm trail and see if we can't put it together at the Democratic Convention."

University of Missouri - St. Louis
An alternative- the Socialist Workers Party

"We feel we have the alternative to simply replacing Nixon with just any Democratic candidate in '72," said Laura Miller, a representative of the Socialist Workers Party. Ms. Miller, in the official capacity of national coordinator of the Young Socialists for Jenness and Pulley, spoke at the Washington University Political Open House on Friday, April 14. Following her public address, she stood outside Graham Chapel, endorsing the candidates for her political party - Linda Jenness, president and Andrew Pulley, vice president, and explaining the position of the Socialist Workers Party to interested students.

"The Socialist Workers Party recognizes all the major social movements in the United States today," Ms. Miller explained, "the political and social liberation for women, blacks, chicanos, Puerto Ricans, homosexuals, students, workers, and the single, most important movement - the Anti-War Movement."

With presidential candidates attempting to attract the youth vote, "we feel the surest way to waste a vote - especially your first one - is to vote for one of the major parties, of which there is no significant difference between any of the candidates."

Ms. Miller went on to describe the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party. Linda Jenness, age 31, is a resident of Georgia and has entered such electoral races as mayorship of Atlanta in 1969 and governorship of Georgia in 1970. She is an active speaker on women's rights. Her running mate is Andrew Pulley, a young black, age 26, who was instrumental in the GI's United Against the War, and is presently very active in the anti-war movement.

According to an article in their campaign literature, the Socialist Workers Party is an independent political action group. "We can't demonstrate against the policies of the Democrats and Republicans one day and vote for them the next." Some of the policies which the candidates uphold are - immediate and total withdrawal of all U.S. troops from S. E. Asia, an end to the bombing, self-determination for the Vietnamese, the repeal of all laws which restrict abortions, black community control, and strengthening of civil liberties.

The economic policies of the Socialist Workers Party are based on a change from capitalism to socialism. According to Ms. Miller, "the level of technology in the U.S. is such that an economy could be planned so that there would be an abundance of goods created for everyone. Today, the American people are too competitive, too individualistic, and capitalism tends to accumulate 90% of the wealth in the hands of less than 3% of the population."

"It is this minority," she concluded, "of wealthy, white industrialists and bankers who rule the United States and control the Democratic and Republican parties."

UWL Library offers Three new services

Karen Stillwell, assistant director of the UMSL library, made public three recent innovations in the library system designed to provide faster and more efficient service to students and faculty. The new systems initiated are: "Fastcat," a microfilm department, and accessibility to materials on other University of Missouri campus libraries.

The "Fastcat" innovation is designed to make new books readily available. In the past at least 6 to 12 months were required to process a newly received book before it could be made available. With "Fastcat," new books will be placed immediately to the east of the Library's main entrance.

The second innovation is the microfilm department which can now be found on the second level of the Library and may be reached by means of the stairway located in the southwest corner of the building. The collection does not include government documents and materials in microform. These may be found in the Government documents library on the 5th level.

In the other service recently initiated, students will have access to the card catalogs of the libraries on other University of Missouri campuses, while being spared the necessity of personally traveling to other campuses to use their facilities. This is being done by microfilming the author and title catalogs, and the government documents card catalogs located throughout the University of Missouri library system.

The collection of microfilm materials will be placed at the library's reference desk and available for public use. Students may then find their desired selection and order it on loan for temporary use.

"The Library staff doesn't want the books to sit around and collect dust," Miss Stillwell summarized. "We want the books made available to the students as rapidly as possible. These new innovations go a long way in reaching this goal."

Seminar for women

"Management of Women Only," a management development seminar, will be held May 4-6 at For­dyce House Conference Center, 316 Grimsley Station Road, St. Louis County. The seminar will examine the role of communications in modern management and will emphasize the management by objective concepts approach to business.

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Impromptu debate arises 
From demonstration

A demonstration against McDonnell-Douglas, the increased bumbling in North and South Vietnam, and the presence of ROTC on campus drew thirty to forty people outside room 286 University Center on Wednesday, April 13. The occasion for the demonstration was the meeting of SRAAOC (Students at UMSL for the recognition of Air Force ROTC and Air Force Career Opportunities).

The protesters had gathered with the intent of confronting an Air Force colonel who was scheduled to appear at the meeting. However, when the colonel did not arrive, the attention turned to Bill Ring, president of SRAAOC. As he climbed the stairs to attend the meeting, he was greeted by chants of "R.O.T.C., it sounds like murder to me, to me."

Ring was then called upon to justify the commandment "Thou shall not kill." He replied that anyone who was willing to abide by the agenda of the meeting was welcome to attend. Ring then closed the door and proceeded with the meeting.

Outside, the demonstrators discussed what their tactics were to be in light of Ring's action. They finally decided to march through the room once, chanting and carrying placards. Later they filed back into the room, with some members beginning debate with the six SRAAOC members that were present. The protest slowly disbanded around 1:30 p.m.

Later, Ring told reporters that if the Air Force colonel had come on campus, the disruptions that would have occurred would have interfered with the objectives of the organization, i.e., to disseminate information. "I therefore asked him not to come," Ring said.

National testing To be investigated

Missouri Public Action Council (MPAC), in cooperation with the Center for Student Action (CSA), is organizing a task force of students to compile and investigate complaints against national testing service agencies. These agencies, that for example, provide the SAT, GRE, LSAT, LSDAS, MCAT, etc. tests, will be investigated, and the complaints studied in order to obtain possible remedies.

Complaints presented have included: being forced to take an examination when sick; being forced to go to a test center at excessive distance from home, necessitating extra time and monetary expenditure; receiving the admission ticket after the test had taken place; and being refused admission to a testing center for various reasons; having the application for admission to a school denied because test scores were not received or were received too late; forced to spend time and money to correct Educational Testing Service errors or negligence.

Students with complaints or those interested in working on the task force are asked to write MPAC, Box 1128, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 63130, or Center for Student Action, Box 8201, St. Louis Mo. 63108, or phone MPAC 863-0408 ext. 9171; CSA 361-5127; Ed Grossman, 725-1548 in the evenings. Mike Goeke, 351-4631 in the evenings.

Some people know how to do these things...
Viewpoint:

Invalid decisions?

There are admissions exams which may be racist. There are demonstrations. There are claims that admissions exams do not predict students’ success. Shouldn’t they have been answered before the admissions policy was adopted? The students don’t know where we stand, the faculty is confused, and some are already to accept the finished proposal of “Role and Scope?” when it comes out without these answers. What gives these people the right to make these decisions without knowing the answers. It would be just as bad as instituting the admissions policy without knowing the company and the figures that they came up with concerning the possibility of racist testing. If the answers are known, what gives certain people the right to withhold them if the students need these answers to decide whether or not they are going to continue their education at UMSL. What gives the right to certain people to withhold these answers when the faculty must meet certain standards that the university sets up. How can they meet these standards if no one knows what they are?

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Judy Klamon-Editor

Letters

Doubts professor

Dear Editor,

In last week’s Current, Professor Norton Long added his voice to the growing criticism of America’s liberal education. Doubts professor

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Alcohol commision Recomends no penalties!

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other implements of intoxicants not be given crim-
inal penalties. Moonlighting and bootlegging however
would still incur felony charges. The five-year stop-
ning short of legalization, might have cleared
the road for social drinking. The Commission stated
that alcohol was far less dangerous than the Ameri-
can public thought. It found little or no evidence to
support the beliefs that alcohol could kill,
create birth defects or result in the spreading of
fraternities or VD.

Possession of more than an ounce would bring pen-
alties of up to fifteen years and a $10,000 fine. The
President stated, after taking an unusually long toke
on his cigarette, that he couldn't see--"legalization,
never coming to America." He supported the belief
that although places to get the now illegal spirits
companies termed ridiculous, rumors that lands in
Oregon and Kansas---where the finest hops and barley
grow---were being bought up to supply America with
alcohol should it be legalized.

A spokesman for the companies, a Mr. August A.
Bush, stated that specific places have not been bought
so that when legalization comes one can go to these
places and stay to lay one on (drinkers' term meaning
to get stoned).

Novelist to speak

Iris Murdock, an English nov-
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Traffic—The Low Spark of High-Heeled Boys

Kaylock Sellers
Guest Writer

Traffic's new offering, The Low Spark of High-Heeled Boys, nearly picks up where John Barleycorn leaves off. The LP contains six cuts.

"Hidden Treasure" is a very simple, gentle song. Stevie Winwood, on the acoustic guitar, sings a relaxed vocal to the background of an interweaving flute. The first half of "Rainmaker", another cut, contains six stanzas of lyrics. The lyrics, which are about a drug addict, encompass two very impressive solos. The first is a very gloomy and remote piano piece, and the second one is a very long and weird acoustical sax solo. A heavy background and a slick vocal round out this outstanding track.

This album is not as good as their previous offering John Barleycorn Must Die. The reason can be traced to the two rock cuts, but especially to "Rock and Roll Stew". This is simply not up to Traffic standards of high quality.

The personnel on this album makes this group one of the best in England. Stevie produces the album along with playing piano, electric piano, organ, acoustic guitar, and lead guitar. He also wrote 4 songs with Jim Capaldi.

Capaldi contributed the vocals he sings and the 5 tracks he wrote or co-wrote. Along with Chris Wood, who plays magnificent saxophones and flutes throughout, these three account for the core of Traffic. The other three members account for the fantastic vibes the music stands on. The bass is played by Ric Grech; remember Blind Faith and Air Force? A mean drummer, Reebop Kwaku has on the congos plus Jim Gordon on drums. Jim was formerly with Derek and the Dominos.

Traffic's album represents the three major interests of the band. Acoustical music, jazz, and rock, played with only Traffic's great style and musical ability, are what this LP is all about.

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PREVIEW SHOWING

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SLU falls to Netmen-twice

After a slow start, the tennis team has run up three consecutive victories in the past week, thus compiling a 4-3 record.

Their streak started with a surprising 7-2 victory over St. Louis University on April 12. Tom January, Ron Williams, Dave Laudel, and Marvin Shelton all won their singles matches, while Bill Barker and Williams, Don McKinney and Shelton, and January and Laudel won their doubles matches.

"I've been coaching at UMSL three years now, but I think this is the first time that UMSL beat SLU," commented Coach Gene Williams.

If that wasn't enough, UMSL wiped SLU again, 8-1, in the Washington U. Tournament held on April 14 and 15. Marvin Shelton, who had been playing rather "spastically" in the words of Coach Williams, came from behind to win in both matches. In his first encounter with SLU he was down 1-6, but roared back to win the final two sets 6-0 and 6-3. In the Tournament he did the same thing falling behind 3-6 in the first set and then winning with scores of 6-3 and 6-2.

Beating SLU seems to come easier the second time around, especially when it is in the same week. Besides Shelton's come-from-behind victory against SLU in the Tournament, Dave Laudel won his match without even lifting his racket, through default, and captain Ron Williams displayed his court supremacy by beating his opponent 6-1, 6-1. Tom January, Bill Barker and Doug McKinney also won their matches to sweep the singles play.

January and Laudel, and Williams and Ted Simpson, won their doubles play with the only blemish occurring when McKinney and Shelton lost their doubles match.

SIU-Edwardsville, UMSL's next opponent in the Tournament was handled with even more finesse. Each player won his first match, three of them in the singles play by winning his first set with scores like 6-0 and 6-1. The exception however was Ron Williams who lost his match. The three doubles teams swept to victory just before the rains came and washed out the rest of the tournament.

Washington U., the last team the Netmen were to face will be played in a double or nothing contest on day one of the Tournament. The teams have a regularly scheduled match. The team that wins that contest will win both the Tournament and the regularly scheduled match.

Accumulating 16 of a possible 18 points, the Netmen are safely in second place in the Tournament, and they can't be bumped from the second place if they should lose to Washington U. on May 1.

Coach Williams commented on the fine play of his team.

"Three players are improving quickly, and there's no comparison between them now and a month ago."

"The team has to keep striving for discipline, consistency, and steadiness," emphasized Williams. "I'm still looking for those qualities from some of my players."

Rivermen down Washington U. & Principia

By BRAD BECKWITH
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Last Tuesday, April 13, the UMSL baseball Rivermen met the always tough Washington U. Bears at their home field. It was the end of a perfect baseball day for the Bears and the beginning of a perfect day for UMSL.

The Rivermen wasted little time in extinguishing Bear hopes of an upset as they erupted for five runs in the first two innings. Things started haphazard enough with Doug Hubert reaching base first on an error. Ron Edgar then promptly riled a single to right field that sent Hubert on a losing race to third. After Frank Tusinski flew out, Jim Munden kept things alive by drawing a pass from starter-loser Greg Scaraio. Joe Mulch capitalized on a leaky Bear defense which enabled him to reach second and score Ron Edgar. Bill Hubberger then approached the plate and once again proved himself a clutch hitter by delivering a 1-2 pitch to deep left field for a double, 2 RBI's, and a 3-0 first inning Rivermen lead.

From there on UMSL breezed through the game as they kept scoring again and again. Ron Edgar, Frank Tusinski, Jim Munden, and Tom Tusinski all collected two hits apiece in the UMSL romp.

After the first two innings, fans and Rivermen bench-jockeys sat back and began counting Dennis Spitzer's strike-outs. When the counting was over, the number was eleven, and Spitzer tied his own UMSL record that he set two years ago against Central Methodist. The day being a long one, Coach Arnold Copeland decided to let Spitzer rest awhile and sent Lenny Reinherz to the mound. As he has done in 7 of UMSL's 12 games this year, Reinherz set down the Bears without allowing them to score thus keeping his E.R.A. at 0.00.

The diamondmen have been plagued with many miscues in the field this season, however, this wasn't the case with Washington U. as hard work and diligence paid off for the Rivermen who completed the game without committing an error.

Last Saturday, UMSL was rained out of a scheduled meeting with Southeast Mo. State. It was an unfortunate circumstance for the Rivermen because if they could have won two from SE MO it would have put the team in second place in the Tourney, but as it is they are now in second place if they should lose to Washington U. ago against 'Central."

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Ron Brewer places 10th in tourney

Ron Brewer, the 14th ranked amateur in the state, finished in 10th place in the Missouri Southern Tourney last weekend. In a tournament that had teams from all over the Midwest, including several Big Eight teams, UMSL finished a respectable thirteenth in a field of thirty.

"We played bad. We finished in the middle of the field but we should have done a lot better," said Brewer of UMSL's finish. In tournament play, the four golfers with the lowest scores on a five man team determine the team's final score. UMSL had a 648 score for 36 holes, 49 strokes behind the tournament winner, Wichita State University. Ron Brewer had a 36 hole total of 152, while Mike Prendergast finished with a 162, and Gene Dodson and Gary Wilcutt had an 164 and 170 respectively. Gary Walshauser, the fifth man on the team shot a 182.

The tournament doesn't figure into their record, but it will be looked at when the team tries to get a post-season bid.

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