St. Louis

Fate of language requirement unknown

An open hearing on the lan-
guage requirement will be held
Monday, Mar. 25, from 3:15 to
1:30 pm in Room 126 J.C.
Penney Building.

UMSL students and faculty
are invited to attend the hearing
and voice their opinions about
the requirement and any pro-
posed changes.

"A game. It's a little political
game that's being played," said
Joe Bie, describing the recent
series of actions taken regarding
UMSL's foreign language re-
quirement.

"It's a game that has high cost--to
the university and to myself. I believe I must resign
from the position of chancellor." Hartley will remain on campus as
a professor in the business
school and will hold the position of chancellor at UMSL since 1971.

Frank Parrish, administrative
assistant in the business school at
Indiana University in Bloom-
ington, will be the new require-
ment chancellor at UMSL. Jeff
in the business school at UMSL,
both Indiana University graduates,
were selected over a field of nine
candidates.

"He was a tremendous guy. I thought he was very ambitious with a lot of motiva-
tion and drive," Parrish said.

"It's a great opportunity for
young people to teach. It's a
rewarding position," Parrish said.

By the time this edition was
published, Parrish had been
Bloomington's new chancellor
posted on page 4. photos by Jim Birkenmeier

Proposed cutback may handicap KWMU

The University budget for 1973, which has passed the Missouri
House of Representatives and currently before the Senate, will
decide the fate of KWMU's staff.

The $70 million figure is an increase of $5 million over 1974 but
includes a $200,000 reduction from the original appropriation.

Governor Bond has recommended that the $200,000 be deducted from the four university operated FM radio stations.

However, the final decision rests with the Board of Curators for the University.

"For all the control that Jefferson City has, the Board of
Curators could conceivably cut more," said Treasurer Brook
Fair, said Richard Wallace of the State Office of Budget and
Management.

"The administration looked at the budget and arrived at a
device that was $300,000 less than the requested," said
Wallace via telephone from his
Jefferon City office Friday.

"Governor Bond has the final say. The board of
Curators will have the final say. The board of
Curators will not receive the budget until some time in late
April.

If the budget cuts come from the
FM stations, UMSL alone could lose $300,000. General Manager
Robert Thomas feels the station is already in a
sound state and will not be
affected significantly by the cuts.

"The station is currently in a
sound state and will not be
affected by the cuts," Thomas said.

"It's a small cut, it's easy to
absorb. Our major function is
to provide a high quality of
music, news and public service," Thomas said.

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Did you ever think of "renting" a book for a semester of study, and buying the textbooks you wished to keep for further reference instead of going through the hassle of purchasing new books every term?  

Recently looking into this question, it seemed feasible that there was a chance that such an operation could take place, and in turn benefit every student attending UMSL. In a current interview with the chairman of the Division of Business Administration, Mr. Vernon Bryan stated, "The Rental System would be the best system and most popular for the student's benefit if it would work properly."

Currently, UMSL students average a purchase of $70.00 per semester for books at the beginning of each term. When the school term ends, if another student does not buy the book, the Bookstore will buy it back from the student at 40 percent of its original cost, which results in a loss to the student. You might ask, "Does the Bookstore resell the book at a profit of maybe 60 percent?" Well, the answer is, "No!" Just as in truth, the bookstore only makes money when they sell every item they sell.

Dr. Donald H. Driemeier, Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration at UMSL, has been appointed acting dean of the school, it has been announced by Interim Chancellor Emery C. Turner. Driemeier, who has been associate dean of the business school since 1971, joined the UMSL faculty in 1965 as an instructor in finance. He currently holds the rank of associate professor.

A native of St. Louis, Driemeier earlier served as associate executive secretary of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, a professional accrediting body in collegiate business education. He earned his doctor of business administration degree in 1969 from Washington University in St. Louis, where he also received his master of business administration degree.

Dr. Driemeier has served on numerous campus and university committees, including the Graduate Council, the University Senate, and the university-wide Intercampus Faculty Council.

Rent-a-book system possible

Tom Pagano

The Marine Officer Selection Team will visit your campus on March 28 & 29. The Team will be located in the lounge.
The election of the 25 student. members of the University Students Congress is scheduled for March 13, 14 and 15. All students are eligible to vote for 25 of the 43 candidates on the ballot.

The student members elected this week will serve a term of one year on the Senate. Twenty-five students, 75 faculty members, and a small number of campus administrators made up the Senate, which is the governing body of UMSL, and advises the Chancellor on the university's academic and administrative policies.

Also on the University Senate ballot this week is a proposal that would replace UMSL's present student government, the Central Council, with a new organization, the University Students Congress. The new organization would include a revised student representation system and a new committee structure. A related editorial appears on page 6.

A voter's guide to the Senate candidates was printed last week. All students are encouraged to read the guide and to vote in the election this week.

Political participation possible
Applications for candidates planning to run for student government offices are available at the Dean of Student Affairs' office, 210 Administration Building. All UMSL students are eligible to run for office as President or Vice-President of the Student Body or as a student representative on the Central Council or a new organization, the University Students Congress, which has been proposed to replace the Central Council.

All candidacy applications must be turned into the University Center information desk no later than Thursday, March 28. Student government elections are scheduled for April 5, 5, and 6. Voting will be held at that time on the basis of one-year terms.

Fee probes problems
The UMSL Peer Counseling Service is offering a fee for use by students. Local in room 212 of the Administration Building, the service is staffed entirely by students who are equipped to handle a complete range of personnel, emotional, or academic problems in an informal and confidential atmosphere.

The service is open on Monday and Friday, 11:40-1:30; Monday, 6:45 and Tuesday and Thursday, 10-1:30 and 3-6.

Will pick replacement
A six-member committee has been elected to conduct the search for a new dean of the UMSL Graduate School. The group will select a replacement for Dr. Robert S. Sullivan, who resigned last August to accept a vice-president's post at the University of Toledo.

The committee was elected by the graduate faculty of the academic divisions of the campus, with each group electing only one representative. Nominations were made by the Graduate Council and the direction of the chancellor.

Faculty serving on the search committee are Dr. R. Bernard Cohen, professor of English (humanities); Dr. Deborah Topper, associate professor of English; Dr. Ethel Zucker, Academic Adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences, noted that "This should be done at least two full semesters before the expected graduation date."

Clarifies transfer of associate degrees
Confusion still exists as to the transfer of associate degrees from junior colleges. The advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences have clarified the following information:

Students transferring to UMSL with an associate degree are accepted into the university as juniors if they are eligible to take junior-level courses, and to enter directly into the schools of Education and Business.

However, acceptance of the associate degree does not mean automatic application of the entire four hours to the student's four-year degree. The student's respective school (Arts and Sciences, Business, Education or Evening) evaluates the credits to determine which will apply with the 120 hours required for the degree sought at UMSL. For instance, physical education courses, "D" grades, and career and developmental courses (those courses-numbered below 100 by the St. Louis junior colleges) are generally not accepted.

Once a student has completed 45 hours of acceptable college credit, hours from the junior college can no longer be applied to his degree.

Any student who is considering taking a course at a junior college should contact his respective school to determine whether the course will apply towards his degree.

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**Running bare-bottomed takes brains**

Take off your clothes and start running. That's what John Guppey did a few weeks back to promote a student event on the Edwardsville campus. The fact is, in light of recent developments, most scholars agree that Adam and Eve were the first streakers. And of course we may be seeing streakings as the Current went closer to home, but it’s unlikely that any will.

**Streaker ‘promotes school spirit’**

At approximately 1 pm on Friday, March 8, John Guppey removed his clothes before the large concrete wall in front of the south end of Clark Hall and streaked out into the middle of the Quadrangle. Weaving through the people, slapping and shaking hands as he went, he made his way down the steps at the north end of the square and disappeared into Lucas Hall where he met a friend who was waiting with his clothes.

In any other year Guppey breaking this record would have been considered that of a madman. But in 1974 streaking became almost a daily routine at colleges throughout the country.

In an exclusive interview with Guppey’s several minutes after his uninhibited dash, I asked him about philomath streaking and, in particular, what motivated him to streak.

“Well this particular streak was completely impromptu,” said Guppey. “The crowd was obviously waiting for a streak and, it looked like they were going to be disappointed. I wasn’t that happy about it, Guppey said that this was not his first streak. “Some friends and I went streaking last night at Missouri. The people there were all so happy when they realized that they were streaking. We did want to go somewhere where we had at least half the balls to do it.”

“Basically the UMSSL streak was to raise school spirit,” said Guppey.

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The overabundance of teachers is a problem that is rapidly increasing in the St. Louis area. KMOS Radio aired a three-part series on Feb. 18, 19, and 20 to update the seriousness of the problem. UMSL was used as a major illustration of this recent plight of future teachers.

Steve Trenkmann, anchorman for KMOS Radio, researched and moderated the series. In part one, he presented statistics from the University of Missouri and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville that did not look too promising for aspiring educators.

The show ended with two solutions that some educators had offered for the problem of "too many teachers." One was to make it harder in the colleges and universities for education majors to enter their field. The other was to encourage teachers to be prepared to seek employment in other fields.

In an interview after the series aired, Steve Trenkmann discussed a major point that he had often come across while researching the shows. "There are education departaments at colleges and universities that are still turning out large numbers of teachers to a market that is declining yearly." Yet, those teachers are making no effort to discourage students from entering the teaching field. The immediate future does not look too bright for teachers. Predictions for an upswing in job openings for teachers do not even begin until around 1980. Be prepared education majors; some of you might have to wait 6 years.

Tina Stabile

Education majors may face disappointment

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FEATURES

Plants take lie detector tests

Dee Gerding

Former CIA polygraph detector expert, Clee Backster is always careful about hooking up his apparatus to African violets—he does not want them to faint.

At the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium hosted by UMSL last Saturday, Backster talked about his "observations" to about two hundred high school students and teachers.

"A thousand observations don't make one experiment," Backster said.

Since his initial interest was stirred with the polygraph apparatus, his inquiries have multiplied. The three-pen polygraph measures breathing, abdominal and cardiac activity, and the galvanic skin response. The galvanic skin response is an electrical impulse given off from the plant or person onto a recording device.

"If cells can communicate outside the body over fifty or sixty feet, they can do so within the body," he said.

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"Because he is dealing with (as yet) imperceptible subject matter, Backster realizes the unacceptability of most of his opinions to the scientific community. His observations and experiments are designed with them in mind.

However, Backster also raised some unsolvable issues. That of "experimenter bias" is which is the personal opinion of the experimenter for an experiment to turn out a particular way. Researchers indicate that person's pre-conceived notions. Backster has minimized the amount of "experimenter bias" by automating his experiments.

"It's important to remove your consciousness from the environment," he said.

The idea of plants having sensations or feelings is not new. Much of Eastern philosophy and Eastern religions are full of communication with inanimate objects. Backster sees the material as being "uncovered" rather than "discovered." He does not distinguish between the two terms.

One of the questions asked was, "Have you ever suspected that an organism was lying to you?"

Backster replied that the GSR would indicate so on the polygraph.

Operating out of Manhattan in New York, Backster has published "Evidence of a Primary Perception in Plant Life," an article about his findings. He is presently serving a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Polygraph Association.

"Finishing up his lecture, Backster told of one plant saying to another, as a woman with a watering pail was leaving, "I thought she'd never shut up."
Resignation shows need for long-term chancellor

Chancellor Hartley's resignation was quite unexpected. It was for "inexplicable reasons" that he chose to start a new post he had assumed in September, 1973. Many questions remain unanswered concerning the reasons for the resignation, but with respect for personal reasons, they shall probably remain unanswered.

However, there is a broader and perhaps deeper question about the resignations history of UMSL. It has been in existence for only ten years, exactly the same amount of time that any institution can claim to be "well established." But, within that same span of time, five different men have headed the Chancellor's office.

Since Chancellor Hartley resigned, there has been much media coverage of by-passers of UMSL. Why has this resignation been met with such melancholy? What is the impetus for such a high turnover rate? Some have implied, although without substantiation, that the problem lies with the Chancellor's office.

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Letter to the Editor

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A secret survey

Dear Editor:

Recently much attention has been drawn to this school for a campus day care center. Specifically, I refer to Chancellor Hartley's announcement that the University Senate voted to recommend a change in the present admissions policy for the University of Missouri. This is not the first change this academic community has undergone. It is therefore mandatory that all numbers of the UMSL community be informed of all new developments concerning this matter.

Beth Johnson

Resid adsmission test

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday Feb. 26 the Admissions committee of the Senate voted to recommend a change in the present admissions policy for the University of Missouri. This proposal (made by Dr. Mueller) the committee approved would make the top 2/3 eligible for admission regardless of their scores of admissions tests. For those in the bottom half the present admissions policy would apply.

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Response requested

Dear Editor:

The suggestion of using the present administration building as a parking lot is not altogether a bad idea. However, the proposal has merits of its own. Therefore, there is a reasonable basis of change. It is currently being discussed in the Senate. Questions of racial bias in the present university have been in existence for only ten years, exactly the same amount of time that any institution can claim to be "well established." But, within that same span of time, five different men have headed the Chancellor's office.

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Proposed constitution for University Students Congress
Constitutional referendum on University Senate ballot – election this Thursday and Friday. Passage would create new student government.
Spanish guitarists visit UMSL

Tickets are on sale now for The Romeros, four Spanish guitarists, who will appear in concert at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Also known as the Royal Family of Guitar, the group consists of Celadonia Romero and his three sons, Celio, Pepe and Angel. The Romeros have performed with practically every major symphony orchestra in this country, and gave concerts at Philharmonic Hall and Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, in New York this season.

In 12 seasons of touring, the group has given more than 100 concerts per season. They have released eight albums with Mercury Records. Tickets for the concert are $2 for UMSL students, $3 for faculty and staff, and $4 for the public. They may be purchased at the University Center Information desk or at the door. The concert is being sponsored by the University Program Board.

Neil Simon

Barefoot in The Park, Neil Simon's comedy, is playing the weekend of March 15, 16, 17 at the St. Charles Theatre and Opera House, 220 Second Street, St. Charles, Mo. The opera House is a most unique professional company, operated on a not-for-profit basis.

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The "Royal Dumpy" is not a garbage heap for the monarchy. Well, in many respects, that is what it is. It's the place for three billion years' worth of rubbish - Henry VIII and lots of food, fun, and song.

Once you step through the doorway which straddles the corner of 6th and Chestnut, you find yourself uncontrollably swept back into the time of friendly waltzes and roving troubadours singing "Green-sleeves." Of course, you can't refuse to hang your coat on the wooden tables (clapping hands was the sign of an unmentionable social disease) or sit close lipped during the choir or a folk ballad, but what the hell?

There is an atmosphere of conviviality here. There is a way to elbow, sharing pots of cheddar cheese, and practicing the king's favorite toast. Songs and skits, performed by the serving wenches, are interspersed among the drinking and eating. And the dining hall does look like a dump, with laundry strong and bawdy signs tacked to the walls, until the word comes that Henry VIII is paying a visit. The royal banners are quickly strewn, and the signs substituted with the king's arms.

The drinking was fine, especially after you lost count of the toasts, but the eating was a bit of a disappointment. A buffet meal, with roast beef and mashed potatoes, were served. What the hell?

Henry VIII hosts
unusual evening
at 'Royal Dumpy'

Eileen Cohen

The "Royal Dumpy" is an unusual and unique way to spend an evening. Doors open at 6:30 and 9:30 on Sat. evening, 7:30 on Wed. and Thurs., and 8:30 on Fri. for the dinner and show. Once you step out into the fog again and stare around at the stadium and parking garages, you know you've left the Henry and his court behind. Unless, of course, Henry takes a liking to you and adds you to his list of wives.
Baseball Rivermen open in Texas
Jim Shaban

The Rivermen baseball team opens its season next week, March 21, against Texas Western in the West Texas Invitational Tournament. The team will play six games in three days. They will open their home season March 26 against Southwest Missouri. Texas Western, already .5-2, will have played 18 games, and the time they meet the Rivermen.

Earlier in the week coach Fred Nelson expressed confidence in a first starting line-up. The competition for a starting position was narrowed to 10 or 12 players, with at least three spots still up for grabs. Only four of the eight starting fielders have returned from last year. Gone are two All-Americans, first baseman Frank Tusinski and third baseman Jim Mundon. Gone also are the pitchers who accounted for 19 of the 24 victories last year.

Nelson expects to use a lot of new players. In the outfield he is looking for help from Chuck Dieing and Tommy Tegmeyer, both from Pharrsville, and transfer Bill Graves, from Scottsdale Community College, Scottsdale, Arizona. Competition for the third base position vacated by Tusinski has centered around Mike Weiss, from Flo Valley, and Jimmy Frick, a transfer player from last year's College World Series champs.

Offensively Nelson expects the team to look different. "I have to look for big guys and pitching will still have some problems, and pitching is the important part of the game," he said.

Overall, the pitching staff looks strong. Last year the team suffered from a lack of depth as well as a lack of experience. This year they have 11 nos or nine guys as strong as last year, "depth is a lack of depth. This year we have eight or nine guys as strong as last year," Nelson said.

"We should have no problem getting 'em out," Nelson said. "The schedule is much improved over last year, by far the toughest so far. Included on the schedule are two games against Missouri-Columbia, the first ever between the two schools, Illinois, from the Big Ten, Eastern Illinois, a perennial power and a post season regional, regular, and Southwest Missouri."

Nelson expects the schedule to be even tougher, because everyone wants to beat us. Other teams will be able to adjust their pitching rotation in order to send their ace against the Rivermen. Everyone wants to beat a winner. "In order to have the same type of record as last year we really have to play well. It's tough to get to the top, and tougher to stay on top.

The Rivermen Baseball team prepare for season opener against Texas Western.

Jim Birkenmeier

Gymnastics at UMSL becoming a reality
Tom Wolf

Joe Lowder wound his way through the corridors of the Multi-Purpose Building Saturday afternoon in March. Rubbing his head and out of doors checking up on some of his students, Lowder finally came to rest on one of the mats in the wrestling room ready to talk about his new gymnastics program. Lowder, as instructor in the Multisports Education Department, plans to field a gymnastics demonstration team for next fall.

"The program presently is in the forming stage," said the soft spoken Lowder. "We're looking around for persons interested in working out in gymnastics."

Lowder hopes that the team will be ready to put on demonstrations in area schools and other public places in the fall. The group will be performing in four different aspects of gymnastics. Besides participating in floor exercises, vaulting and on the balance beam and uneven parallel bars, the team will be doing specialty numbers with music and costumes to enhance the entertainment factor.

Interest in the program came about when a number of girls expressed a desire to use the equipment and facilities. Another girl, who took up the job of coaching the girls, "states the there are three objectives the program is trying to realize. First of all, "explained Lowder. "We're trying to familiarize the student with gymnastics and give the individual student personal experience. Secondly, this will stem a interest for gymnastics among the student body and in the future for those want to become involved in this sport."

At the moment Nelson said that the group can provide help in a sector of gymnastics. "I have a lot of credit for the teams success," he said. "I think we had a lot of help from the Atlanta Falcons and the Superbowl ticket holder."

In the CLACCA conference UMSL was 1st place and 2nd place against Washington U., St. Louis U., and St. Mary's. After finishing the Division I baseball title the Rivermen opened play two conference games against each of the three teams.

Nelson expects SIU to be the strongest contender for the conference title. "They are one of the toughest, if not the toughest team on the schedule," he said. Overall the schedule is much improved over last year, by far the chance for girls to be actively involved. "It's a chance for them to be somebody," says Lowder. "And it doesn't distract her feminity."

The team works out regularly on Tuesday nights in the north balcony of the Multi-Purpose Bldg. A training period to get in shape is required, but Lowder emphasizes that no previous experience is needed to participate in the program. The trim looking Lowder expressed the desire to enter into competition in the future, but states that the physical education education aspect is by far greater. Anyone interested in the program can contact the Physical Education Department for further information.

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Monday's are bad enough. But when you're a head coach and your basketball team has just completed a 10-15 season the previous Saturday, a Monday morning can be very bad. "Frustrating," said UMSL head coach Chuck Smith. "I thought we would be alright this year, but some bad things happened."

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"I thought we would be alright this year, but some bad things happened." Smith added. The Rivermen head coach is openly disappointed: "We're proud of our basketball program at UMSL. But the past two seasons have really hurt. We've been in a state as a national contender to being an also-ran." he said. Smith traced back-to-back losing seasons, the only two in the university's eight-year basketball history to poor recruiting. "We really got burned after the 1971-72 season. We had won the NCAA regional, gone to the national finals, but we also lost seven seniors from that team. We had to recruit a starting five and make some mistakes and it has cost us for two years," he explained.

"The seniors had to provide the bulk of our power and leadership this season and they did not. We had to rely on freshmen for over 50 per cent of our offense and you can't do that at this level and be a big winner," Smith added. Leading the Riverman offense was freshman Bob Bone, who produced one of the most spectacular seasons ever recorded by an UMSL player. "Bone was just superb. He's a great competitor and he hated to lose more than anybody. He gave us more than we could have ever hoped for," complimented Smith. Bone scored 533 points, averaging 21.3 per game. The 533 points in the second best single season total in UMSL history and puts the 6-foot guard ninth on the Riverman all-time scoring list. His average is the fourth best season average for an UMSL player, as his .410 percentage from the free throw line. The former Collinsville High School standout set a single-game record with 16 free throws made against Missouri Baptist College and his 141 free throws made this year is also a new Rivermen mark.

Another Collinsville High product, Kevin Brennan, is the only senior who produced as Smith hoped. Brennan led the UMSL rebounders with 201 boards, averaging 8.1 per game. He was second to Bone in scoring with 48 points, averaging 17.9 per game. The 6-6 forward, a transfer from Loyola-New Orleans two years ago, finished his career as the 11th leading scorer in Riverman history with 736 points and the fifth best rebounder with 354 boards.

Smith will lose three other seniors from his 1973-74 Rivermen, a team which won nine of 14 games at home and lost ten of 11 on the road. Gone will be guards Kevin Barthule and Jim Woods. Barthule, a starter as a junior when he scored 17 points per game and was named the team's top defensive player, scored 1.8 points per game this year, while Woods scored 5.2 points each outing. Also graduating is center Rick Schmidli, who scored seven points per game and was UMSL's second best rebounder with a 6.6 board average.

As a team, the Rivermen averaged 82.2 points per game, allowing 81.7 points per game. Team rebounding, a deficiency for the Rivermen throughout 73-74, shows a 50.4 to 41.8 rebound advantage for the opponents. A shot spot was created by the 12 men, Smith's cagers was the team's .704 percentage from the charity stripe.

For Smith and his staff the immediate chore is recruiting. "We have already worked hard at recruiting and we're hoping to secure some excellent players. We're hoping to get some very good positive recruiting this year," said Smith. "If we were a year behind, we were a very poor defensive and rebounding team and we were looking for players with good defensive skills and leaping ability," he added. Smith stated no preference for senior college or prep talent. "We'll try to get the best. We have no quotas of so many jucos or high school players. We want at least three players who would be able to start immediately and we want St. Louis area talent if possible," the head coach said.

Riverman Kevin Brennan is one of the four seniors being lost to Coach Chuck Smith. Brennan, who is seen taking a jump shot, led the Rivermen in rebounds.

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