Land use group conducts hearing

Paul Swift

The Weldon Spring land-use committee held an open hearing to obtain public feedback on its proposal to establish a four-faceted educational facility on the property, February 14.

Representatives from several St. Louis organizations were among those who questioned the committee on its proposal.

The proposal calls for the institution of a cultural environmental center, an animal behavior center, an ecological research center and a youth agency training center.

"How much of the money will be used for closed research?" asked a representative from the Coalition for the Environment. "But all of your proposals are facilities-oriented. One of our major concerns since the beginning has been the land management of the property."

"The proposal is not for closed research," said David Bedan, a representative from the Coalition for the Environment. "It is our hope that the university will not leave the land open for commercial timber operations and commercial grazing operations."

Fred Klippenstein, president of the University of Missouri's vice-president for research and chairperson of the land-use committee, said that the site of 80 acres was best suited for the type of program outlined in the proposal, but that until a biological assessment of the land is made, the committee could not comment on any portion of the property for particular functions.

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The evening newspaper, "Evening Tide," was not published last semester, because of a lack of student interest in working on it. Westermeyer said, however, it may be revived this semester since one evening student expressed an interest.
Students may get tax cuts

Some students may be eligible to get tax cuts for the cost of education on their 1977 income tax forms.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, you can deduct the cost of ordinary education expenses if they are related to your current employment.

A student may deduct education expenses providing the expenses: (1) meet the express requirements concerning the nature of the course, or the requirements of law or regulations, for keeping your requirements of your employer, (2) maintain or improve skills required in performing the duties of your present employment, trade or business. The education expenses required, however, to have a definite business purpose. Education expenses which may not be deducted include those needed to "master the minimum educational requirements for qualification in your employment, trade or business."

Also included, is "part of a program of study that will lead to qualification in some new vocation in a new trade or business."

Educational expenses that may be deducted for eligible students include amounts spent for tuition, books, supplies, lab fees and certain travel and transportation costs.

The expenses can be deducted as miscellaneous itemized deductions or they may qualify as adjustments to income.

For further information about such deductions contact the IRS at 342-1040 or request a copy of publication 508, "Tax Information on Educational Expenses."

THE SCALeS: Scores on the grading scale help determine whether or not pre-law students make it into law school. UMSL offers several pre-professional programs, pre-law among them (graphic by Steve Finlepaugh).

New assistant dean sought

Mary Bagley

The Student Affairs office has been without an assistant dean for about five months. Several people holding temporary positions reluctant to the position, but a decision has not yet been reached, according to Conney Kimbo, dean of Student Affairs.

Dennis Donham announced his resignation as assistant dean last September, and the office has been vacant since. Donham left his position at UMSL to become vice-president of student affairs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Janet Sanders, assistant professor of speech, was selected to be Donham's interim replacement until a suitable, permanent replacement was found.

The Search Committee for assistant dean was appointed by Kimbo in November. The seven-member committee conducted a nation-wide search and recommended eight people who they felt were best qualified for the job, according to Richard Dunlap, chairman of the committee.

Representatives from the Senate Committee of Student Affairs, Central Council and the

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Students lose in increase

A recent article in the Columbia school paper, the Maneater, says that the central University of Missouri administration is considering charging regular student fee increases into the University budget.

The rationale behind this automatic increase is that students should pay 20 per cent of the cost of education.

On the surface a 20 per cent share for students does not seem unfair. However, many administrators, regardless of cost is counter to one of the major goals of the university system. The goal of providing low cost education has been basic since the establishment of the university.

Many students find scraping together enough money for tuition difficult even at the relatively low levels of "incidental fees" presently being charged. More and more students are being forced to work financial aid of one type or another. Those who do not qualify for aid may make up the difference in part-time jobs. It is not uncommon at UMSL for a full-time student to work a part-time job in excess of 20 hours a week.

Students should not be expected to carry such a heavy work load. Unfortunately to decision-makers both in the Missouri legislature and in the central university administration a 5000 yearly "incidental fee" does not sound like a great deal of money.

To a student, on the other hand, that same amount seems quite large. The prospect of seeing it increase indefinitely is frustrating.

Faced with these increases a student has few options, none very appealing.

The first option would be to attempt to work more. Anyone who has tried realizes that one quickly reaches a point where something must suffer. If one works enough to afford school then school work will eventually suffer. The second option would entail becoming a part-time student. Financially this option is counterproductive. Part-time students must pay more for a degree because of disproportionate fee structures. Also, part-time students must often wait longer before they can use their degree as a step into their chosen field of work.

A third option would mean reevaluating student fees. Many students will take this option and find after graduation that they are starting their careers in debt. If one finds a well paying job immediately upon graduation, the debt may not be a problem, but jobs are not always easily found.

The only other option available to most students would be to put off school until such time as it is affordable.

None of these options are appealing and in the long run increased prices will freeze people out of the university and both students and the school will suffer.

The administration should re-think its policy and establish a maximum cost for students. The finances of the college-age generation are precarious and the university should establish fees with that reality in mind.

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Wants to know why holiday rescheduled

Dear Editor:

We were paging through last week's Current and came to page three which caught my eye. The headline read, "Festive realization of Monday is the result of UMSL's decision to reschedule an end of year holiday on a day we already have off."

I'm not sure what the Board is trying to put over on UMSL students, but they surely realize that the majority of people who read the "Current" are literate college students. After hearing of this change, can put two and two together to come up with the conclusion that students of UMSL are getting screwed over by another holiday. I would like to know why.

The though crossed my mind that the reason for this change might be to make up for one of the other snow days and the university was closed for earlier in the semester, but that thought quickly left my mind. After all, we weren't informed of this information when the "snow days" were called and indeed have never been.

The Board surely didn't try to pass this off to students with such a flimsy excuse as re-scheduling a holiday on a day we already have off.

Another point was brought to my attention by an equally irate student about the matter. Seeing that Rolla and Columbia don't have spring break until a week after UMSL, they don't lose a holiday. Of course, I'm not trying to imply that the Board of Curators purposely did this to rob UMSL from a holiday and not other University of Missouri schools. To do so would be a totally unfounded assumption.

I would like to think instead, that it was an oversight on part of the Board and that as soon as this slight error is brought to their attention they will remedy the situation immediately. I'm sure they don't expect us to call their attention to the matter.

On the other hand, this decision was not an oversight, I hope that the Board will reconsider this decision and give the students of UMSL, as well as all the other university employees, a well-deserved holiday. It would also help stop the rumor that heavy snow will be predicted for February 20.

Don Gatheman

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Reconstruction and race relations conference here

UMSL will host a conference February 15 - 17 to relate new historical interpretations of the First Reconstruction (1865-76) to today's public policy on race relations.

"The First and Second Reconstructions: The Historical Setting and Contemporary Black-White Relations, 1860-1978" is the first of a two-part series devoted to analyzing post-Civil War public policies and relating themes from that era to issues of the Second Reconstruction (1955 - present), such as education, housing and employment.

The reconstruction conference will be followed February 23 and 25 by a one-day workshop, "Race Relations: Historical Roots and Present Realities." The workshop is intended to promote detailed public discussion of race relations.

Three members of UMSL's history faculty, Louis Gererts, George Rawick and James Roark, will present papers at the conference.

A number of nationally-known historians will also participate in the three-day reconstruction conference, including C. Vann Woodward of Yale University, the acknowledged dean of historians of the South; Herbert G. Gutman of the City University of New York, author of the recently published book "The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom;" and Nathan L. Huggins of Columbia University, author of the critically acclaimed book "Black Odyssey."

"We have succeeded in bringing most of the nation's finest scholars in the reconstruction field to UMSL to discuss their work and its implications for changing values and social policies in the area of race relations," said Gerertis, who along with Rawick and Roark is directing the conference.

The conference will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 15-17, in the J. C. Penney Building. In addition, an evening session has been scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m., Feb. 16, at the Urban League Community Services Center, 1408 N. Kingshighway. The evening session is free and open to the public.

Cost for the conference is $4.50. For further information or to register call Joe Williams of Continuing Education-Extension at (453)5961.

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Minority Student Service Coalition also interviewed and helped select the eight applicants. "Both students and faculty were involved in selecting applicants for the position," said Dunlap. The final decision is now up to Kimbo, and there is no set deadline for him to reach a decision.

The Sept. 22 issue of the "Current" stated Kimbo felt the position for assistant dean would be filled by January, 1978.

Considering the situation as it is now, however, Dunlap commented, "I have a feeling that regardless of who is offered the job, he probably would not be able to come until after this semester."
**UMSL attempts to meet government regulations**

Carol Specking

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States, solely because of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." Clarified, this key passage of the act means eventually any institution which relies on any type of funding from Washington must be made totally accessible to handicapped people.

Although this law was passed five years ago, it was not until June 3, 1977 that it actually went into effect. At that time the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, one of several agencies required to make regulations for the act, issued their regulations spelling out what institutions are required to do by 1980. With the deadline approaching, UMSL, a federally-funded institution, is now attempting to meet these regulations.

UMSL's Affirmative Action, headed by Lois VanderWaerdt, is in charge of completing this task for UMSL. Although UMSL still has some problems, many building regulations have also been met; academic programs and facilities at UMSL are elevators and parking.

VanderWaerdt said another indication that UMSL is in good condition to meet regulations is the results of a survey among UMSL handicapped students and employees that Affirmative Action took over the summer. The survey showed the major problems with the physical facilities at UMSL are elevators and parking.

However, Larry Baker, assistant professor of Management and Organizational Behavior at UMSL, feels the university has done little or nothing to meet regulations. Baker who has worked extensively with the Rehabilitation Act and many other handicapped programs doesn't think "the university is going to take much action" to comply with regulations.

Baker believes most modifications around campus now were badly planned. He pointed out that there is a curb cut the walkway from the J.C. Penny Building, however there is no curb cut on the other side leading to Woods Hall. "There is a definite lack of coordination to meet these non-discrimination requirements," Baker commented. "The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Act of 1968 required any buildings built with federal funds after 1968 to be totally accessible for the handicapped. Since then there have been many buildings built here which do not meet the requirement. Clark Hall which was built after 1968 is totally inaccessible to the handicapped. Whatever modifications UMSL has already made, there are still many things needed to meet HEW regulations. One of the main things is a comprehensive survey of the campus to determine definitely what needs to be modified.

This survey, however, and any other action of compliance are being delayed for financial reasons. With no special funds from Washington to meet the requirements and with only a certain amount of money appropriated to run Affirmative Action alone, cost is keeping the project at a standstill.

VanderWaerdt said Affirmative Action requested $3,000 initially to come into compliance. This money was then struck from the budget. In the 1979-80 general operating budget UMSL requested $225,000 to meet handicapped regulations. This request was also denied by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

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Education-Extension Service offers programs to community

Diane Goodman

This article is part one in a series of four articles dealing with the Continuing Education-Extension Service at UMSL.

Continuing Education-Extension is an integral part of the philosophy and mission of UMSL. As a land grant institution, UMSL has three basic functions - resident instruction, extension and research.

The three functions of the university are hence a concern of each school, college, department, and in turn, a concern of every faculty member," stated Wendell Smith, dean of UMSL Continuing Education-Extension.

Extension consists of three divisions - School of Business Administration, School of Education and College of Arts and Sciences.

Smith, along with associate deans and directors handles non-credit courses, off-campus credit courses and grants and contracts.

"Extension coordinates over 500 workshops, seminars and short courses with approximately 27,000 participants, half whom come to UMSL, with the remaining half in the community," said Smith.

Non-credit programs are developed to meet specific needs of the community, Smith presented one such program in existence designed to comply with those needs.

Off-campus credit is, "smaller in scope, yet is vital to the program," said Smith. "We send faculty members to them (clients) as a conversion measure." There were over 2,000 people served last year in this program, with most of the available courses conducted at the Lindbergh High School location.

Several of these courses eventually evolved into accredited course activities at the graduate level.

There are currently over 200 evening students pursuing graduate degrees from UMSL through this program.

Extension received approximately $300,000 from the 1976-77 annual fee income, which constitutes 41 per cent of their total funds. An additional 30 per cent are extracted from state appropriations, with a remaining 29 per cent coming from grants and contracts which involves instructional programs, problem solving and applied research.

Currently there are three ongoing grants in business administration, one of which allocates $150,000 for the handicapped to provide area employment.

Instructors have been extremely cooperative in the extension of their services for the handicapped.

Faculty members at UMSL participated on 434 occasions, with a total of 4,548 clock hours of instruction last year which is evidence of their selective commitment to present professional knowledge to their non-traditional students.

During the last academic year, 22 full-time professional staff employees and 18 full-time support staff employees were reported as having extension responsibilities.

The total number of extension students reached last year was 67,814. There was a substantial increase in the number of graduate students enrolled in the program, while the number of undergraduates dropped.

Participants received information about courses through sources of the various media (and also through the many educational publications assembled by the Office of Public Information. Over one million brochures and flyers were distributed by this office promoting UMSL's Continuing Education offerings.

"Lifelong learning and continuing education programs are becoming a more vital part of the universities across the nation," said Smith.

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Education and Missouri Governor Joseph P. Teasdale.

The $250,000 requested was an estimate made from a quick survey by Perry. His survey concluded that UMSL needed two elevators, one in the Office Center and one in the Education Library, for a cost of $31,000; modification of existing elevators, $28,000; modifications of existing restrooms, $18,000; ramps, walks and curbs, $23,000.

VanderWerd was hoping for federal funds and hopes the money will come from special grants. The library, for example, received funds for the Bureau for Education and Training and the United States Department of Education for the handicapped.

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Orchestra, wind ensemble together in concert

Daniel C. Flanadin

The UMSL music department presented the University Chamber Orchestra and the University Wind Ensemble in concert in the Marillac Auditorium, February 7.

The program opened with the Chamber Orchestra’s rendition of Arcangelo Corelli’s Concerto V, Opus 6. Although the orchestra played fairly well, their performance was not too polished. The main problem seemed to be one of balance.

In the second movement, there were some for very nice moving lines for the cellist. These were, more often than not, covered by the ten-piece violin section. The sixth, and last, movement was very well played. It was intensely climactic, which is very typical of the Baroque Period.

The second selection the orchestra performed was Boccherini’s “Symphonie in B, Opus 22, No. 1.” This piece was performed with the very same string sections and the addition of two flutes and two French horns. The entire piece was well-played, with the combination of strings and horns creating some especially nice colors in the second movement.

Paul Tarabek, conductor of the group, said he was pleased with the orchestra’s performance. Tarabek, who is not an extremely dynamic conductor, communicated very well with his musicians, and their response to this helped to make their performance what it was.

The second half of the program was played by the University Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Warren Bellis.

They opened with Patrick Gilmore’s “The Norwich Cadets.” This piece was performed with enthusiasm and excitement, even though it was not a typical street march. Also included on the program was Sol Berkowitz’s “Suite of Miniatures,” which was the most exciting piece of the night.

Although there are several interesting solos interspersed throughout the seven movements, the band was at its best in the full sections. The balance between the brass and the woodwinds was extremely good, perhaps due to the excellent acoustics of the hall.

The Wind Ensemble closed its program with “President Garfield’s Inaugural March,” by John Philip Sousa. Though not a typical Sousa march, the band performed the piece with the flair and dignity that is due “the king of marches.”

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The viewing is open to the public, located in room 362 SSB, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Symphony seeks extra musicians**

Carl Schiebler, Personnel Manager of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, has announced that auditions will be held to select extra players, to perform with the orchestra as needed. These auditions will be held on February 28 at the Saint Louis Symphony Hall.

Candidates will be eligible to audition after they have filed an application with the Office of the Orchestra's Personnel Manager.

Applications and a list of the requite equipment can be obtained by writing to the Office of the Personnel Manager, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, 7th North Grand, or by phoning 533-3500.

Applications must be filed by February 25.

**Conservatory offers master vocal class**

A vocal master class, conducted by mezzo-soprano Carol Kirkpatrick and tenor Rico Serbo, will be presented February 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Saint Louis Conservatory of Music, 560 Trinity Avenue.

This class is a new addition to the series of master classes presented by the conservatory through the spring semester. Miss Kirkpatrick made her debut with the San Francisco Opera Company in the title role of Rossini's "La Cenerentola." Subsequently, she has appeared with the Western Opera Theater and has performed in oratorias, symphonies, and recital appearances in the United States. Her European debut was at the Theater der Stadt Koblenz, West Germany.

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Riverwomen fall in tourney
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For EIU, led by Junior Cindy Shontz, and Sophomore Jo Hubber, Shontz, led with 14 points. In the Oakshosh game, the score was 77-30. For UMSL, Karen Warner and Ann Randle worked well together and stopped the attack with ten points following Randle with eight. Randle led in rebounding with nine, while Warner had six.

For Oakshosh, Junior Girly Vanlieth led the attack with 16 points. Teammate Candy Roth scored an impressive 13 points. Gomes commented that against Oakshosh, Conley panicked. "She seemed loyey to go inside because of their big girls. She just wouldn't drive like she did against Eastern Illinois," said Gomes. The Riverwomen's final opponent was Western Kentucky. The strong Kentucky team slapped UMSL with a 91-42 loss, making them the biggest surprise of the tournament. In this game, UMSL tried a new defense. Gomes said, "We tried a 1-2-2 defense. The girls seemed to like it. It was a challenge for them. At times, it worked very effectively." Against Kentucky, Conley rebounded from a poor performance against Oshkosh by scoring 18 points. Randle continued her good play with seven points. The girls set up plays much better," remarked Gomes. "They worked on positioning, drove inside, and shot outside more effectively."
Women swimmers raise record to 3-0

Paul Adams

This past Saturday the women’s swim team defeated the University of Chicago, 78-52. The win boosted the women’s team’s record to 3-0 since becoming a varsity team at midseason.

Coach Monte Strub said, “I have been very pleased with the women’s performance. Everyone on the team has qualified for the MAIAW (Missouri Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) meet.”

Against Chicago there were three triple winners. Alice Anne Sander won the 50-yard freestyle and the 50 and 100-yard backstrokes. Julie Mank helped the team by capturing the 100-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Philipp Westin won the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyles. Carol Weisheiler won the required diving with 136.85 points.

Some women have qualified for the regionals to be held at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. Strub said, “The women will not be able to go to regionals unless there are some variances given to us.”

He continued, “The student athletic budget committee was kind enough to give us the funds to create a women’s team and send them to the MAIAW. There are no funds left in the Athletic Department that we could receive to go to regionals. Our only hope is to hope the chancellor gives us a reserve fund from somewhere.”

The men’s swim team suffered a double defeat as they lost to Chicago, 63-50 and to Illinois College, 58-55. The double loss lowered the team’s record to 7-6.

Strub commented, “We should have won the meet but the starter failed to call back a false start and as a result, Conrad Philipp was left standing on the blocks about four seconds longer than anyone else. Conrad knew that there had been a false start and he was waiting for it to be called back.

“Everyone was a little dejected after this and it was tough for the guys to swim hard. The official apologized at the end of the meet, but I can’t protest the meet because it was my official at my pool,” he said.

There were a few consolations as John Althoff broke the 100-yard backstroke record and Conrad Philipp tied the 200-yard butterfly record. Althoff broke Rob West’s record of 1:02 with a time of 1:05.3 seconds. Philipp then tied Strub’s record of 2:12.

Strub said, “I have been trying to get Conrad to break my record all year; I think he can break it this week in the SLACAA championships.”

Strub said, “None of the men have qualified for nationals and their best chance will be at the SLACAA (St. Louis Area College Athletic Association) championships this coming Saturday.”

The SLACAA meet will be at UMSL’s Mark Twain (Multi-Purpose) Building on Feb. 18 at noon.

The women’s next meet is the SLACAA meet at Northeast Missouri State University. The meet extends over three days and is Feb. 23, 24 and 25.

Booster Club to hold dance

The UMSL Soccer Booster Club will sponsor their second Annual Booster Dance on Feb. 25, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at ABC Hall St. Ann, Missouri. Music will be provided by “Family Reunion.” The prices is $5 per person in advance or $6 at the door. This price includes beer, snacks and set-ups. ABC Hall is located at Wright Avenue and Livingstone off St. Charles Rock Road.

All proceeds from the dance will benefit the UMSL Soccer Team. For reserved table information, please call Bob (Bob) 752-9757, or Rosemary Both, 876-6760.

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