Students to take protest to state capitol

Bus to run between campuses

A bus line has been extended which will connect the Marillac and main campuses, Bi-State and university officials announced last week.

The Normandy Orbit, which presently goes through the main campus, will be extended to stop in front of the Education Office building, effective March 19.

The line extension is in response to student requests for a bus so students would not have to walk between campus and Marillac.

The bus will run 10 times a day and from the campus, Monday through Friday. The Orbit will arrive at Marillac at 9:21am, 10:51am, 12:21pm, 1:51pm, and 3:21pm. The Orbit will leave from Marillac at 10:21am, 11:31am, and 1:01pm 2:31pm, and 4:01pm.

New English 160 requirement defeated

Jim Wallace

The UMSL Senate, in a meeting March 13, defeated a motion to make English 160 a required junior-level course for all students since 1976.

Everyone agreed, said Arthur MacKinney, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, with the goal of enhancing students' writing skills, but the problem lies in paying for it. The plan calls for, said vice-chancellor John Perry, "the sum of $80,000 phasing in over a three-year period." This money would be needed to pay for the expanded 88 sections needed to accommodate an estimated 2,000 student-enrollment over these three years.

The funds for this project, proposed to commence next fall, would have to be reallocated from another program's budget. One senator suggested the possibility of taking the initial $30,000 out of the $100,000 already assured for the administration.

MacKinney responded that such a reallocation was possible, but that other proposed programs also needed such funds. Another possibility was to wait for new money, but, though conceivable, such money would be wanted by many other departments.

The course selections for this summer have been cut by over 10 per cent.
Financial aid increased

The Middle Income Assistance Act passed last year by Congress means an additional 4,000 students attending UMSL this fall will be eligible for some form of financial aid, according to Phillip S. Rokicki.

The UMSL director of financial aid said the new legislation will have a "positive impact" on the university, because the majority of UMSL students come from middle-income families. Rokicki predicted that approximately $5,000 UMSL undergraduates would be eligible for financial aid under the new act, as opposed to the present 2,500 who receive aid.

The new legislation raises the family income ceiling for eligibility from $14,000 to $25,000 per year for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), the primary form of aid for college students, according to Rokicki. The bill also raises the maximum grant to $3,800 per year, he said.

UMSL will receive a record $3.5 million in financial aid for the 1979-80 academic year that begins July 1, according to Rokicki. That total includes $2.5 million to fund the BEOG program. In addition, the university also offers various other scholarships and grants, including the Missouri State Grant program. Rokicki said because eligibility rules have been relaxed, Rokicki said he would advise virtually all undergraduate students to investigate the opportunities for financial aid. "There is no longer a reason why students should have to delay attending college because of money problems," he said. The deadline for applications is April 30. For more information, call 453-5526.

Chemistry stipends offered

This summer 10 area college students majoring in chemistry will be selected to conduct research with experienced chemists and earn three hours of academic credit while receiving $1 an hour.

The program is made possible by a $19,510 National Science Foundation grant to UMSL to encourage undergraduate research participation. Under the program 10 students will be selected to work with UMSL faculty members in research projects in the areas of organic, inorganic and physical chemistry. Under terms of the grant, no more than four of the students selected can be from UMSL. The 11-week program runs from May 28-Aug. 10.

Selection will be based on scholarship and ability to benefit from involvement in chemical research, according to Rudolph Ernst K. Winter, director of the project. More information is available by contacting Winter in the UMSL chemistry department, 453-5526.

China conference here

Richard Scissors, foreign service officer of the U.S. State Department and auditor of St. Louis public studies education on U.S.—China Relations, March 16. Scissors is one of three speakers featured at the Invitational Conference on International Relations sponsored by the UMSL Center for International Studies and School of Education in cooperation with the Missouri China Council.

Other speakers addressing the conference's theme of modernization in the People's Republic of China include Erica Jen and Joel Glassman. Jen was the first American to attend Peking University, where she studied from 1916 to 1920. In September, 1979, Glassman, of UMSL's department of political science, served as scholar-escort for an official U.S. educational exchange delegation to the People's Republic.

Scissors will speak at 1:30pm in 229 J.C. Penney. He is presently on assignment with the Department of Commerce, where he is acting director of the Office of East-West Country Affairs. An expert in bilateral commercial affairs relating to all communist countries, Scissors has served in U.S. embassies and consulates in Bucharest, Copenhagen, Karachi and Lahore.

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Students must submit either Division Chance Forms or Intent to Complete Enrollment Cards at the Admissions Office, 101 Woods Hall, before March 23, 1979 in order to have registration packets prepared for them.

Advance registration for the 1979 Summer Session and Fall Semester will be held April 12 through 26. During this time Day students—in the undergraduate divisions of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Business—may pre-register for both the summer session and the fall semester. Evening College students in this category may only register for the summer session at this time, as fall pre-enrollment for these students is scheduled for late June.

Pre-registration for graduate students will also be held April 12-26. All graduate students except those in Education may pre-enroll for both summer and fall at this time. Graduate education students may only register for summer session during this period, as fall pre-enrollment for these students has been scheduled for late June. Beginning Wednesday, April 11, registration packets will be available at the second floor of the Administration Building, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Packets will also be available in room 107 Woods Hall during evening hours of 4:30pm-8:30pm.

For students wishing to attend the first four-week session beginning May 15, request forms are available at the Admissions Office at 101 Woods Hall.

The enrollment proceedings for the first four-week session will be completely separate from the regular summer session registration completion. Completion of this separate process will constitute enrollment for the May session; verification of registration and billing for this session will be forwarded to students early in May. The regular registration procedure for the May session will be held on May 14.

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The friend who never forsakes is one who never forsakes the Admissions Office. A true friend can make all our cares pass away.
Dear Editor,

I am a graduate of UMSL, and am writing regarding ASUM's lobbying group, which is a key component of their lobbying operations. ASUM is a lobbying group currently operating on the Columbia campus. Students within the organization not only contribute to lobbying, but also participate in various ASUM events. Our Board of Directors is comprised of nine members of the university student organization which represents students at UMSL. This board has the power to make important decisions regarding the organization's activities. We are committed to ensuring that students at UMSL have a voice in the decisions made by the university administration. ASUM is a strong lobbying group that has been successful in representing the interests of students at UMSL. ASUM is a lobbying group that has focused its primary emphasis on the passage of legislation granting majority rights to 18-21-year-olds. The group says that it has been successful in obtaining the increase in the Missouri State Grant program for 1979, whether or not this claim is justified. ASUM has also lobbied for a bill which would require one of the nine members of the university system's governing board of curators to be a student. These issues may be significant to college students, but are they of such overriding importance as to outweigh some very reasonable arguments opposing UMSL's approval of ASUM? Probably not. The lobby against ASUM is that UMSL students will benefit from any positive results of the group's lobbying efforts, whether ASUM is approved or not. The focus of ASUM's attention is in the aforementioned area of majority rights. If ASUM is successful in lobbying, it will have a major lobbying campaign on a majority rights issue, the benefit will be state-wide—not simply for college campuses, whose campuses have approved a $1 per semester fee for ASUM. There is no evidence that the addition of financial support from UMSL would assist in the passage of majority rights legislation. ASUM already has interns and lobbyists applying pressure to legislators on behalf of these causes. The argument boils down to this: Why should UMSL students pay a fee to ASUM, which you would get for free if it occurs, especially if paying will not alter the eventual outcome of the event or action in question? From a self-interested perspective, ASUM makes an important consideration. Students should vote to approve UMSL students to choose to pay the $1 fee. It is an important consideration in making this decision must be the different interests of students at the different campuses. One recent example of an issue where the campuses did not charge a fee restructuring plan approved last fall by the Board of Curators. UMSL's student government supported the measure and the other campuses opposed it. The real question regarding ASUM is how such an inter-campus organization would react to a majority rights issue. ASUM resist the temptation to present the majority view of the voting directors of the "official position" of University of Missouri students, even though the position might directly contravene the interests of one or more campuses? The political reality of such an instance is that UMC* with its larger representation on the proposed ASUM Board of Directors could dominate any situation, even if students on the other campuses have the legitimate difference of opinion; but by inducing the other campuses to join ASUM one would be able to sway the voting directors into voting for the position of the university of Missouri students. The interests of UMSL students are not always the same as the interests of students on the other campuses. There is competition for capital improvements allocations, program curricula, and other scarce budgetary priorities. UMSL made tremendous political headway when the fee restructuring proposal was passed, and I would say that our equipment and prafail would be a serious renunciation of the St. Louis campus' newly gained position. ASUM has no redeeming qualities which would justify the cost of supporting it in the upcoming referendum. I urge UMSL students to vote no to ASUM in the March 26-27 election.

Ken Whitaker

Wants ASUM approved

Dear Editor,

There have been several letters in the Current editorializing the distrusted students seeking to take some sort of action against "unfair" Teacher's Association cuts. I believe the answer to our problem is ASUM. ASUM is a student organization which lobbies the state legislature on issues which concern students. I would be the last person to say that ASUM is the most powerful lobbying group in Missouri. However, we were rated the third most effective student lobby in the nation by the California State University Board. ASUM is a very valid forum to the legislature. We have a voice that is recognized and given a lot of validity in Jeff City. We don't need to rely on the newspaper to tell us—up here—asking for information. We are the state-wide experts on majority rights, a student organization which lobbies the state legislature. Our Board of Directors are all Columbia students or non-students. So we're not arguing for ASUM's 'official position' of University of Missouri students, even though the position might directly contravene the interests of one or more campuses? The political reality of such an instance is that UMC* with its larger representation on the proposed ASUM Board of Directors could dominate any situation, even if students on the other campuses have the legitimate difference of opinion; but by inducing the other campuses to join ASUM one would be able to sway the voting directors into voting for the position of the university of Missouri students. The interests of UMSL students are not always the same as the interests of students on the other campuses. There is competition for capital improvements allocations, program curricula, and other scarce budgetary priorities. UMSL made tremendous political headway when the fee restructuring proposal was passed, and I would say that our equipment and prafail would be a serious renunciation of the St. Louis campus' newly gained position. ASUM has no redeeming qualities which would justify the cost of supporting it in the upcoming referendum. I urge UMSL students to vote no to ASUM in the March 26-27 election.
Associated Students of the University of Missouri

and publish that, so that students can make an intelligent, informed decision.

LAGERSE: It's really what it all about. On one hand, the students would have access to the legislators. It would be a direct channel, and established channel. At the same time, we would be pretty well guaranteed that the campus would have an ear to the ground. If it's happening or of what is doing. We would make sure that the campus newspaper covered more of the legislative issues, that reflects back only.

HOLLANDSWORTH: Like down in Rolla, several students called and wanted to know if we could decriminalize marijuana, and we said, well we're working on it, and this is the status of the bill, and this is what's been done, and they said, "Well, how do we know that?" Why didn't you tell us?" And we said, "Well, we're not on your campus. We’re sorry that we can't provide this service to you, but we'd have to provide it to every campus in the state. We'd like to, but we don't have the resources or the time or the money to do that." By joining ASUM, you'll be getting that type of information.

Q: If the referendum passes, will ASUM operate an office or on nearby the UMSL campus?

HOLLANDSWORTH: Yes. We're planning on setting up a satellite office—having petitioning to interview a student, preferably a half-time student on the UMSL campus, to staff an office, to be able to make a difference between the two offices, seeing that information get to the Current that flyers are distributed on campus, that surveys are taken. Like this- this internship doesn't make any sense to want to know about the university budget. That person could be the resource person on that campus, so students could go to the office and talk to the intern, and they could say, "This is our concern. This is what I think. This is what I want done." We also have a very extensive file system that is filled with information, from the J.P. Stevens boycott to abortion, to the university budget, to civil rights, Affirmative Action, faculty salaries—everything you can imagine, all current, political and student issues.

Q: Other than the directorship of the satellite office, what decisions are made within ASUM? Would UMSL students be eligible for?

HOLLANDSWORTH: The Board of Directors, and a legislative intern. Legislative interns implement any actual policy or legislative decision. Our legislative interns implement the policy and legislative program, and do all of our lobbying. And of course, there's a lot of room for interpretation as the actual lobbyist. Persons down there have to use a lot of their own integrity and intelligence to adjust to the life of the legislative program. If the Board says, "Yes, we actively support marijuana decrim," then the legislative interns go down to Jeff City, actively supporting marijuana decrim. But there's a lot of ambiguity—a lot of leeway—when you're dealing on a one-to-one basis with a legislator as to your approach to him, how to represent the association, and other things. That's really a tough job. A legislative intern is one of the most arduous positions within the ASUM. It's about 20-30 hour a week job, and you get three hours of academic credit.

Q: Would UMSL students be ineligible for the internship program because of the impracticalities involved?

HOLLANDSWORTH: They would be eligible, but they would have to transfer to Columbia for a semester. But if UMSL joined, we'd offer a nominal living and academic credit. And if UMSL joined, there's only a small window of time. It's asking a student to make quite a few sacrifices—to transfer to Columbia for a semester—and we recognize that, but our legislative interns here on this campus make a lot of sacrifices. They only take six hours in addition to our legislative internship. They work 30-40 hours a week. They're required to take a full week of school in late April, like two weeks before finals, and go to Washington to lobby on federal issues. There are a lot of sacrifices that they too make, but we feel that it's worth it, and necessary for the quality of lobbying and the internship that we want to have.

HOLLANDSWORTH: From what we can tell the money will be available to work out some sort of stipend. There may even be some sort of internship program that we can establish on the UMSL campus. As far as intern lobbying in Jefferson City—the main, hard core of what ASUM is all about—we feel very strongly at this point, although it's all completely up to the new Board and who's on the new Board—we feel very strongly that they would need to be in Columbia.

Q: When is the new Board chosen?

HOLLANDSWORTH: In March or April.

Q: When does your term expire?

HOLLANDSWORTH: My term expires the first of August. Oh, and also, anybody from UMSL could interview for staff positions. Staff positions are about half-time, full-time staff positions. We're all students, but we're staff first, and we're just taking a class to maintain student consciousness. This is the first time ever in ASUM's history that we've had a paid staff position on this campus. Last year the executive director was from New York. He interviewed for the position and was hired. The communications director last year, which is a part-time position now, was 30 years old and had been living in Vermont, or somewhere, and just wanted to come back to Columbia and interview for the job. So it's not so much of a student-type position.

LAGERSE: Right. They interview around the state. They used to interview nationally, like in the Chronicle (Higher Education). Last year they chose to just interview and publicize within the state.

Q: Would we be paying $1 per person per semester?

HOLLANDSWORTH: Yes.

Q: And will we be getting everything—setting interns aside for the moment—that Columbia's students get?

HOLLANDSWORTH: Absolutely. Absolutely.

LAGERSE: And you will be getting the intern program. We just have to set up some sort of adjustment...

Q: So you will be conducting voters' registration drives on campus.

HOLLANDSWORTH: Oh, yes.

LAGERSE: All our publications would go to campus. We've always operated on campus to make sure that the student newspaper knew what was going on in the legislature.

HOLLANDSWORTH: And I'm sure that they would get things that this campus wouldn't, and vice versa. Issues of particular concern in St. Louis—like Steve Gardner or Wayne Goods or other representatives from the St. Louis area may be key to specific issues. We would publish flyers, and send them to St. Louis, and they would sign on the line. It's really our line. Well those wouldn't really do that much good on this campus—well, they might to a degree, because we have a lot of St. Louis students here, anyway, who have connections or programs.

LAGERSE: There would be some differentiation, but only in terms of getting the job done for the entire student body.

Q: And UMSL students would have the opportunity to vote once every two years on whether or not to continue funding ASUM, correct?

HOLLANDSWORTH: That's by the constitution. If they wanted to, they could call for a special referendum. If UMSL passes ASUM on March 26, then we're not due for a referendum 'til 1981. However, if next year a group of students felt very adamantly that they were getting the shaft, they could petition for a referendum. A referendum can be conducted at any time, but the constitution does provide that it be at least once every two years.

Q: How would you describe the average UMSL student?

HOLLANDSWORTH: How would I?

Q: How do you feel he or she differs from students at Columbia?

HOLLANDSWORTH: Older. The median age, as I understand it, is older on the St. Louis campus. You have more non-traditional students. More part-time students.

HOLLANDSWORTH: Older. Students aren't able to devote as much time solely to academics, as their time is split between academics and work and university budget, to civil rights, to affirmative action, to student government, to professional lobbying. There aren't any in the state legislature. There's been some kind of internship program that we've been able to get to a lot of students who were able to able to more fully devote themselves to academics. Although like 75 percent of the students on this campus have some work-study job, they have some sort of internship that takes up to the new Board and who's on the new Board—we feel very strongly that they would need to be in Columbia. Of the 75 percent, the students have some internship that takes up to two years. They only average something like 12 hours a week a year.

LAGERSE: The basic difference between a commuter and residential campus is most of them live here right near the campus, and the campus atmosphere here is much more pervasiveness. At UMSL, they're there to go to class, and that's pretty much it.

HOLLANDSWORTH: As far as the attitudes and the needs of UMSL and Columbia students, ASUM, there's very little difference. In student government there's a big difference. Totally different needs, totally different philosophy, direction, approach. But in student government, we are a political lobbying organization. UMSL students are people with the special interests of being students, and Columbia students are people with the special interest in being students. Politically, those needs are the same. There's very little difference. Really, the only differences would be in the administrative needs of what St. Louis needs or what Columbia needs as far as the university budget, university board, and university government. We are a political lobbying organization. UMSL students are people with the special interests of being students, and Columbia students are people with the special interest in being students. Politically, those needs are the same. There's very little difference. Really, the only differences would be in the administrative needs of what St. Louis needs or what Columbia needs as far as the university budget, university board, and university government.

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Support ASUM Adoption

Dear Editor,

On March 26 and 27 UMSL students will have the opportunity to vote on whether we should join the Associated Students of the University of St. Louis (ASUM). ASUM is an effective student lobby which has been at the hearts of all university student interests for years. ASUM will cost each student just one dollar per semester, and if we make sure that the leadership of ASUM will only deal on issues that benefit all students.

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Meet the candidates

Sharon Angel
"I’m a member of the Central Committee, and a greater sense of community is one of the achievements that can be made. I am strongly against any moves to change and I am here on the UMSL campus and will work hard in this area.
Lloyd A. Bolinger
"I am a member of the UMSL Senate, and have also served on the Chancellor’s KWMU Advisory Committee, the Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Committee, editor of the yearbook, editor of the Central News, Student Government Association, and Publicity, and Committee.

Mary Bagley
"This past year I have supported and become involved in issues such as the ASUN referendum, a four-year yearbook, a student government. I have also served on the Chancellor’s KWMU Committee, the Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Committee, editor of the yearbook, and Publicity, and Committee.

George Breyer
"Having served as a student senator during my sophomore year and studying, and as a junior, I would like the opportunity to serve the student body for the second year. I would like to support attempts to strengthen the athletic department, student organization, and to find any measures that could organize the present twenty-five senators into an effective voting body and to develop a closer relationship between the Central Council and student senators.

Alan Frank
"In light of Theodore's recent clash of the UM budget, next year the Senate may be faced with crucial decisions that will greatly effect the student body. I would like very much to have a voice in the policy-making. If elected, I will propose an elimination of the foreign language requirement because it is burdensome and is a skill that will be lost a short time after its completion. It is more beneficial to take courses in your major than classes that aren’t applicable to your future.

Kathryn T. Kelly
"I am deeply committed to the maintenance of this university’s status as an academic excellence. All members of the university community must unite in a cogent effort to counter the tendencies working against compact scheduling in order to preserve with students the time of necessary to the working, tuition paying student. UMSL has a unique role as the only accessible institution of higher learning for middle-class working students, and must not be compromised.

T. Lambeth
"Far from being a merely academic institution, the nature of our university carries with it remarkable social significance for the people of the metropolitan Saint Louis area. The loss of UM as a genuine university to the public education for traditional St. Louis elitism in all important local professions, the fact that access to superior education would once again be limited solely to the rich, who have at their disposal a disproportionate number of dollars to invest in secure futures at private schools. I am a member of Campus Alliance.

Debbie Fuller
"I am interested in getting involved with the Senate to understand more about some of the problems that have gone on in the last couple of years, and I can help to remedy some of the situations. I become president of the Senate; I am a member of the 3 sororities on campus and I want to get more involved in campus activities to know what’s going on.

Dale Nelson
"Presently member of Pi Sigma Epsilon (professional business fraternity) who is not representing PSE officially in this position. Also, I am Business Advertising Manager at the Current. (Formerly: Ass’t Photo Director, Production, Advertising (now Work in Information Desk & am in constant contact with the students complaints and problems.

Jim Niemann
"I have had experience in student government and feel I have the capabilities to respond to the needs of the student body.

Karen Olesen
"I have a say in how my school is run. I think it’s important to be involved. Olesen is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Jeff Prince

Gail Robinson
"I am a member of the current UMSL Senate. I find my membership to be a rich, fulfilling asset to my college career. Robinson is a member of Minority Student Service Coalition (MSSC).

Jim Rooney
"I want to transfer to UMSL, I was appalled to see the inefficacy of student government. I feel that student government should be more responsive to the needs of the students. Rooney, I chose to run in order to change this inefficacy in the present student government.

Steve Roemer
"A Student Senator should be responsive to suggestions which would give them a voice to give UMSL greater sense of community. Academically, the school is very good. It seems that more could be accomplished beyond the class room. Just look at the traffic every day at about 12:00 o’clock. Even as a commuter school, UMSL can be and should be more than just a place to go before work. Roemer is a member of the Democratic party.

Don Schuller

Elizabeth Schmidt
"Even before my involvement with UMSL, I was concerned with UMSL budget. It's a reality that this university desperately needs students who are committed to defending the academic integrity.
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The school I feel that my membership in the Senate will insure the academic standards that UMSL has established over the past 15 years. I ask for your vote to help maintain the high quality of education offered at UMSL now and in the years to come. Schmidt is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee Concerned with UMSL Budget Problems.

John Walker

"The fiscal crisis now facing the university has only served to amplify many of the problems that have been facing UMSL for some time, as it has consistently taken a back seat to the other campuses of the University system. In spite of this, UMSL has still been able to offer a high quality program. I will fight to keep it that way, from the Senate. For that reason, I seek your vote on March 28 or 29." Walker is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee Concerned with UMSL Budget Problems.

Joel Weissman

"I would like to become more involved in the Senate. I have already served on the Programming Board and Curriculum Committee of Central Council. A few changes and goals I would like see implemented: 1) Extension of time allowed to put courses on Pass-Fail from the present 4 to 8 weeks; 2) more effective voice for the St. Louis campus in University of Missouri affairs; 3) stronger lobbying effort against Teasdale's proposed budget cuts; and 4) more cooperation between the Senate and Central Council and the Senate and the Administration."

Cliff Wilke

"It is important that we the students care enough to keep a close watch on our university, because if we don't it will not be our university anymore—if elected I will do my best to keep the standards of our university high."

Helen Yiastis

"Everyone should show some type of involvement. This is my freshman year and I want to get involved and help out. I will attend all the meetings and do as much as I can."

Elections

BEFUDDLED
Express yourself with a letter to the Editor.

ASUM
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ASUM represents commuter, urban students in a state, especially in the St. Louis and Kansas City areas. One of the major differences between directing ourselves to a non-traditional student and a Columbia student is that it is just more difficult to reach them, because they're not on campus as much. They're not in such a close, consolidated area. That's what I see as the major obstacle—really finding out what their needs are—because they are diffused, they do come and go a lot, more so than students on this campus do. But it's the responsibility of the students of the student body to elect directors that adequately represent the students at UMSL. If the majority of UMSL students are non-traditional, then I feel that a non-traditional student should run and, hopefully, be elected.

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Student joins Martin mania

Cheryl Keathley

Who would have guessed that a man in a white three-piece vested suit with an arrow through his head, claiming to be a "wild and crazy guy," would have so many people trying to act just like him.

"It's like an affiliation," said Ed Alter, an UMSL freshman, "It's terrible. It's the Steve Martin mania and Alter and hundreds of other "wild and crazy guys" wanted to try their luck at imitating the famous comedian with hopes of going all the way to Los Angeles.

Streetside Records in Web­ster Groves recently held a Steve Martin Act-Alike Contest. Ap­parently the judges saw Alter as the wildest and craziest guy there because they awarded him first place and a trip to Chicago for some more competition.

"It went like a dream," Alter commented about the contest at Street Side Records. "I was unbelievably happy.

To enter, Alter sent in 20 postcards hoping one of his was selected. He sent in an application for some more competition. He was selected by a tuxedo and tailcoat and, of course, like Steve Martin he acts like I-Mart."

Unfortunately, Chicago did not prove to be too prosperous for Alter as far as the contest itself went. His performance that got him to Chicago was beaten by another contestant who captured the first place award by doing Martin's "King Tut" song accompanied by a five-piece band. However, this did not keep Alter from making the most of the weekend and proving himself once again as one of the wildest and craziest.

As it turns out, "it was a great experience" for Alter. His ability to act like Steve Martin won him and a friend a trip to Chicago for two days and one night complete with free air fare, hotel accommodation of course, and chartered limousine service. "They didn't pay for our food though," Alter was quick to point out, but they survived better than on toece and hamburgers.

Placed on the 19th floor of the Holiday Inn, Alter and his complice unscrewed all the lightbulbs on their floor. (Pro­bably to lighten things up!) They also refused to take the elevator and instead chose to use the stairs—up and down 19 flights.

Nothing they did, however, could probably top the delight they preferred to be seen in their performance dressed like that," said Alter.

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Tee-tee-tee! What about me?

You can be the ball!

What?

Hey, that doesn't mean anything. You're only the referee.

 Fight!

Foul! What do you mean, foul? I'm never foul!

Break it up!

Let me hit him! This is the best part of the game!

**Collegiality**

Did you hear that the Justice Department may require Billy Carter to register as a foreign agent?

He should have to register as a domestic twirp.

Well, maybe he ought to enroll in the Woody Hayes School of Diplomacy.

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Amichai reads translated poetry

Celeste Markovich

Yehuda Amichai looked like just another poet, but when he read to UMSL poetry students Monday morning he demonstrated just how powerful the poetic language could be.

Considered by some to be one of the most famous living poets, Amichai, who writes only in Hebrew, seemed to be completely in touch with his American audience while reading his poems. His poems spoke for themselves as he intended when he said, "Poems should be what they are and not try to tell us what they are."

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It was not Amichai the man no Amichai the poet who spoke to the audience. Rather, it was the universal appeal of the poetry of Yehuda Amichai. His dominant themes of war and love were easily related to by those outside of his own state of origin. When asked if he was inspired by the current political occurrences concerning his country he replied, "I am inspired by war and love, not statements. I would rather have statements inspired by poems. Statements are sometimes much more remote from reality than poets."

By reading a poem based on a psalm, he related an issue that he has had to deal with. "Who am I to compete with King David and God himself?"

Despite this, the band's intonation during various elongated unisons was good and they consciously avoided any banal falls into the numerous musical "poothole" along the way.

Closing the concert with the Chance Symphony was seemingly a rare flaw in Bellis' usually impeccable programming.

The piece is not a typical ballad, but then, Gould is not a typical composer. The last section of the tune was really nice. The remaining number was a James Wilcox arrangement of Haydn's "St. Anthony Divertimento."

Before the piece, Bellis explained that although the group was rather large for a Haydn piece, he wanted to give all of the students a chance to play Haydn's style. This points up his sensitivity to student needs - perhaps the finest thing to ever happen to the UMSL music department.

Wilcox's excellent arrangement was only enhanced by Bellis' artful interpretation. While these concerts are mainly an outlet for student performance, Bellis and the band supplied the small crowd with an evening of worthwhile entertainment.

Recital to feature Ward, Gordon, and Buckley

A faculty recital, featuring Christine Ward on clarinet, Marc Gordon on oboe, and Bradford Buckley on bassoon, will be held March 16 at 8pm in 100 Clark Hall. Featured works include W.A. Mozart's "Divertimento Number Three" and "Number Four," Igor Stravinsky's "Three Pieces for Clarinet Solo," Jacques Ibert's "Cinq Pieces in Trio," and Darus Milhaud's "Suite." Admission is free.

Doktor to guest conduct 'Weekend in Strings'

The first annual "Weekend in Strings" will be held March 24 and 25 on the UMSL campus. Open to all string players in grades 10–12, the clinic will include a workshop for teachers and students on March 24 and a concert on March 25. Paul Doktor, a violist, will serve as the guest conductor. Doktor will work directly with the students, conduct the orchestra, and solo with them. No auditions are required. For more information contact Paul Tarabek at 453-5001.

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pects of writing poetry, Amichai compared revision to falling in love. "If I have a feeling a poem isn't completed, I just leave it. It is the same process of falling in love. You can't press it. Poetry is the art of pleasure."

Although he was not reading in his original language, Amichai said he is happy with the translations of his poems. Since he supervises much of the translations and many of them are done by his friends, he is not worried about loss of meaning.

The last poem Amichai gave his audience seemed to sum up his entire work and philosophy. As he said the last lines of "King Saul and I," "He is a dead king. I am a tired man."

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Improved softball squad looks exciting for UMSL

Jeff Kuchino

UMSL returns eight players from last season’s 12-8 squad, and heading the list of returnees is Michelle Siemer, a senior. Siemer has been voted UMSL’s Most Valuable Player in the last two seasons. She batted .359 last year and led the team in stolen bases with three.

However, Siemer’s main contribution to UMSL’s cause came on the mound. She pitched in 19 of UMSL’s 20 games, 14 of which she started. She compiled a record of 8-8 with a 3.06 ERA. She struck out 34 and walked 27 in 106 innings pitched.

Also returning for UMSL is last year’s leading hitter, Cathy Lewis. Lewis, a senior catcher, batted .314, led the team in home runs and driven in runs with 8-8. Lewis compiled a record of 8-8 with a 3.06 ERA. However, she is optimistic about our hitting, too.’

Liz Helvey, a sophomore, returns to UMSL’s outfield after an excellent freshman year. She hit .300 and led the team in runs scored with 23.

Other returning players are Collette Shuler (.345), Mary Schallhorn (.314), Pat Conley (.238), Linda Jackson (.375), and Nancy Cadenhead (.240).

The women will depend on two newcomers, Sherry Cook and Patti Crowe, to help lead the way.

Cook, a junior college transfer from Meramec, brings impressive credentials with her. Along with Siemer, Cook will take care of the pitching duties for UMSL.

Last year at Meramec, Cook, who has an excellent fastball, led her team to a second-place national finish among junior colleges.

Crowe is one of the more versatile players on the team. She will be counted on to pitch, play on the infield, and she can also play in the outfield, if necessary. She is a freshman.

[Photos of Helvey, Crowe, and Lewis by Chuck Higdon]
Intramural B-ball is a success

Gary Essayan

It's been seven long years since the UMSL golf team has qualified for a postseason NCAA championship tournament. The UMSL linkmen will begin play in the 72-hole Gulf Coast Intercollegiate at the Padre Isle and Country Club in Padre Isle, and Texas on March 20. This will be the first opportunity for the golfers to take a giant step forward towards a Division II championship tournament bid.

Third-year coach Andy Smith might be boasting the best UMSL team since 1976, and if the first week of practice is indicative of things to come, then UMSL has a promising season ahead of them.

Expected to lead the team and fill last season's MVP role, vacated by graduate Jeff Brotow, is senior John Haynes. Haynes, a three-year starter and team captain, took second place in the inaugural Michelob Match.

Tennis squad is warming up

Greg Kanouras

Despite the fact that UMSL's 10-man team was drubbed twice, 9-0 against Tennessee Martin on Friday and 6-3 versus Southwestern Memphis on Saturday, coach Randy Burhart was not overly discouraged. "Yes, the scores do indicate that we got beat pretty bad, but we look a couple matches as spring training," he said last week. "We've been practicing for about six weeks, and we needed some competition to get our adrenalin flowing." "They (Tenn. Martin and Mem­phis) have tarter turf courts, which play much faster than we are used to. We have been practicing at the Dorsett Racquet Club," he said.

In the other quarterfinal games, Mauers, the defending champions, downed the Pikes, 46-32. The Bouncing Balls cold­bered Sigma Tau, 64-34, and Santana kept its unbroken streak alive with a 50-36 win over the Killers.

In the semi-finals, Power of Gold earned its place in the finals by virtue of its 29-31 victory over the Mauers, while the Bouncing Balls upset San­tana 45-36 to earn the other spot.

The championship game

Golf opens in Texas

Play Championship this past summer. Hayes, well received strong support from Sophomore Dave Manes, who prepped at Parkway West and was instru­mental in the second-place finish by the Longhorns in 1977 state tournament. Pat Murphy has been improving his game stead­ily for the past three years and with improvements targeted at his putting game, the senior out of CBC could contribute greatly.

Other players who will be heard from this season are Gay Smith, Michael Hartman, Gary Essayan, Dave Smith, Barry Yehling, Joe Peterson, and Tom hammett.

Smith feels that this season's team, provided they get off to a reasonable start, has a fine chance of going to the nationals. "The first couple of tournaments seem to set the tone for the rest of the season, and that's what makes our opening event in Texas an important one."
Recruiting season begins as basketball season ends

Jeff Kushn

Now that the high school basketball season in Missouri has been completed, the focus of attention shifts to where the top prep school seniors will continue their basketball careers.

Although many coaches believe that this is a down year for college-bound prospects in the basketball season in Missouri, prep eagerlies are making their presence felt. They believe that this is a down year for Columbia.

The victory by DeSmet improved the Mules into the title game of the Independence's William Chris­terfull tournament held last weekend at Columbia. The victory by DeSmet was made possible by the play of 6-foot-4-inch Bruce Tipton. Tipton who has outstanding offensive ability, led all scorers with 37 points against Kirkwood.

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Another outstanding cager for Kirkwood was Scott Wiekopp, a 5-foot-11-inch playmaking guard. He is also an excellent shooter, but his size may hinder his chances in college.

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In Class 2A, Crystal City finished second in state with a 31-1 record thanks to the fire­power of Tony Kindley and Maurice Mosby. Kindley, an outstanding 6-foot playmaking guard, was among the area leaders in points and assists. Mosby, a 6-foot-7-inch forward, has outstanding re­bounding ability.

There are many others who didn't participate in the state tournaments, but are nevertheless college material.

Among the more prominent players is Joe Washington, 6-foot-4-inch forward from CBC. Washington averaged 23 points and 11 rebounds this season for the Cadets. He has great leaping and shot blocking ability.

Here's a look at some of the other college prospects in the area.

Barry Curll, a 5-foot-7-inch forward from Lutheran North, is a powerfully-built athlete who is rugged on the boards. Lee Stringfellow, a 6-foot-7-inch forward from University of Wiscon­sin-Milwaukee, is tall and thin, but aggressive on the boards. He averaged 13 rebounds per game this season.

Derrick Phillips, a 6-foot-8-inch center from Summer, is a very strong athlete who averaged 20 points this season for the Bulldogs.

Dennis Lubner, a 6-foot-5-inch forward from St. Paul, is per­haps the most prolific scorer in the area. He led the area in scoring with a 20-point average.

He also averaged 14 rebounds, and is an excellent free throw shooter.

Others who have a chance to play college ball include: Stanley Jenkins (Jennings), George Hawkins (McClelland North), Gary Smokin (Coffinsville), Greg Bissell (Goldman), and John Groce (St. Mary's).

We'll take a look at UMSL's needs as soon as a new head coach is named. The first day to sign prospective cagers is April 15.

Baseball opens season

Sophomore Keith Kimbell was named UMSL's opening day pitcher as the Rivermen faced Missouri Baptist at 3:30pm March 14 on the Spartans' field.

"Keith has a good curveball this year to go along with his already established fastball," said UMSL coach Jim Dix.

UMSL's season was to have opened last Sunday but a dou­bleheader against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville was can­cellled due to the weather.

UMSL leaves Friday for a 10-game road trip through Ten­nessee, Louisiana and Mississippi.

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