Money available for activities

The Student Activities Budget Committee is accepting budget requests for the 1980-81 Activities Budget. The Committee is allocated $5,000 of the $27,000 Student Activities Fee. Budget policies are as follows: monies are allocated only to recognized student organizations and departments within the Student Affairs Division who apply and meet specific deadlines; all expenditures must conform to State and University guidelines; organizations may not discriminate by sex or race; monies may not be spent for food except for certain designated exceptions; monies may not be spent for alcohol; no organization can use funds for capital improvements; the money may not be given away, e.g., personal gifts; money is allocated by line items; all expenditures must conform to State and meet specific deadlines; all monies are allocated only to the University, and any requests for the 1980-81 monies are allocated only to those organizations meeting the greatest number of July K. Miller, Dean, or a designee.

Budgeting: Members of the BUDGETING: Members of the Budget Committee discuss the requirements for funding student organizations. (Photo by Wiley Price).

Homecoming plans announced

This year's Homecoming activities will be jointly sponsored by Student Activities and Alumni Activities. The Alumni Homecoming Night basketball game, UMSL vs. Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, will be Friday, February 15 at 7:30 pm. According to Rick Blanton, director of student activities, seven women and five men will make up the final court, determined by student elections last November.

Weekday movies to begin by March 1

As we enter the fifth week of school, a decision has finally been made concerning the films to be shown this semester. The UMSL programming board decided yesterday to discontinue the Friday night films in favor of weekday films. The decision was made at a meeting that only four 'board members attended.

Lack of attendance was cited as the major reason for the change. The attendance figures have been very bad in the last year, according to board members, Terri Reilly. The new daytime films will be shown weekdays at noon and Thursdays at 12:30. They will be "The Best of the West." While the actual decision on the films has not yet been made, some films under consideration are: "Mary Jane," a film in which Fabian gets arrested for selling marijuana; "Bedtime for Bonzo," a Ronald Reagan classic; and the original "Dragnet."

"The films should be fun if no one takes them too seriously," Stephanie Kries, coordinator of programming and cultural events, said. The films will cost 50 cents for students.

"We're hoping to start pretty soon," Kries said, "certainly by the first of March."

The Monday/Tuesday night free movies will be a comedy series. "...But we have barely begun to work on them," Kries said.

The other two major campus events, Washington U. and St. Louis U., are having booming successes with their weekend films. Kries says that the lack of success here is mostly due to the commuter nature of the campus.

Oops... Wrong number

The telephone exchange for all UMSL phone numbers has been changed to 553 from 453. The base numbers are the same. The exchange is expected to make Bell switching operations for the university more efficient. Although the Bell spokesperson did not elaborate, more news concerning the new exchange and UMSL telecommunication is forthcoming.

The new number for UMSL Information is 553-5146.

COMMUNICATING Mary Schultz, president of the St. Louis Chapter of Women in Communications, talks to a group of 20 UMSL students. (Photo by Wiley Price).
BAP wants your blood

Beta Alpha Psi is sponsoring a Blood Drive to be held on February 19 and 20, from 9:00-2:00 pm in 126 J. C. Penney. Every student organization on campus is urged to get all of their friends (and at least 50 percent of their members) to donate. The group that has the most donors (and at least 50 percent of their members) will receive a free key of beer.

A sign-up list can be found through Professor Dave Ganz, 553-5411 or room 1202 of SSB Tower. The goal set for UMSL this year is 350 pints.

Conflict seminar here

"U.S. and U.S.S.R.; Conflict in the 1980's" will be discussed by Edwin Fedderer, director of the Center for International Studies and professor of political science, Monday, Feb. 11, 1980. The discussion will be held from 1:00-2:30 pm in the McDonnell Conference Room, 331 SSB. All interested members of the UMSL community are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

This talk is being sponsored by the Center for International Studies and the Political Science Academy.

Investments club formed

A group of UMSL students has organized a new club to explore the world of investments. Membership is open to any UMSL student with an interest in the securities market or an alternative source of income. Stocks, bonds, options, mutual funds, U.S. Treasury Bills and Bonds will be among the investment alternatives explored.

An investments game will also be a regular item on the agenda of each meeting. Individuals or groups may establish unique portfolios to suit their needs and observe the trend of their portfolios.

The club plans to host several guest speakers from the investment, banking and academic community to assist students in strengthening their knowledge of investments and investment related career opportunities.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 1:00 pm in SSB 334. If there are any questions, call Chuck Wise at 892-3593.

Anxiety workshop offered

Does the thought of having to do math scare you? Have you become a math avoider? If so, help is now available. The Center for Academic Development's Mathematics Unit and the UMSL Counseling Service are co-sponsoring a math anxiety workshop. It is aimed at helping students deal with math anxiety which may be inhibiting academic success.

There will be six 1½ hour sessions scheduled between Feb. 4 and Feb. 22, 1980. The time of the sessions will be arranged according to participants' schedules. The workshop is free of charge and is open to both male and female students.

Applications are available in 424 SSB (CAD Math Lab) or 427 SSB (Counseling Service). For more information call 553-5194 or 553-5711.

Correction

Some of the biographical information on Paul Kohl, an UMSL art teacher, was incorrect in last week's Current. Kohl graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute and taught at Washington University over the summer only. Last semester Kohl taught at Florissant Valley Community College and Maryville College.

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Hockey played computer style

Susan Guettner

"The puck goes to Federko; he shoots... he scores!" These familiar sounds of a hockey game can be heard on Sunday afternoons in room 46 of the Blue Metal Building, except the players are computer cards and a tabletop takes the place of ice. This unusual and exciting game is just one of many played by the Tablegamen, a small club here at UMSL. Tony Bell organized the Tablegamen in 1977 along with Dan Flanakin, Phil Boone and Alan Woods. Bell saw an ad in a magazine offering table games made by the Joseph W. Woodlock Corp. They manufacture baseball, basketball and hockey games, each with an initial cost of $25.

Each game includes computer cards on which are printed the names of real players, the team the player is on and statistics about his playing ability taken from the previous year. Two teams play at a time. Five player cards and one goalie card is laid out for each team and the game begins. The plays are called out as they come up on cards. There are faceoffs, penalties, goals attempted and held, and when a player scores, it's almost as exciting as the real thing. A hockey game lasts about 45 minutes and a baseball game can be played in 25, 32 hockey games are played during the course of a season along with all-star conferences to determine the best teams. "We try to parallel real life as much as possible," said Boone.

The Tablegamen receive a $100 stipend from UMSL, which they use to pay for office supplies, advertising and making copies of scorecards.

The Tablegamen's main members are Bell, Flanakin, Boone and Woods. They are usually the only four who play hockey, but have more members who play baseball.

"We have to turn people away for baseball which is played during the summer. Not many people play hockey because it's played during the school year and more people are interested in baseball anyway," said Flanakin. The group also plays games like monopoly and scrabble occasionally, but concentrate mainly on the sports games. There aren't many girls to be found around room 46. "We wouldn't turn them away. Not many of them are interested. None play hockey or baseball," said Flanakin.

The Tablegamen welcome all new players and can be found in 46 Blue Metal Building on Sunday afternoons about 1. "We need hockey and baseball managers, but mostly hockey managers," said Boone.

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Big sounds to fill
U. Center lobby

Many of the area’s finest musicians will be appearing this semester in the University Center Lounge. The free concerts will range in scope with disco, jazz, country and western, rock, ragtime and blues all being represented.

The concerts will be held Wednesdays from 11 am to 1 pm. "These are some of the best bands in their fields in the area," according to Ron Edwards, who is in charge of booking the concerts.

The series will begin with the disco sounds of the Steiker Feb. 13. Last year the Steiker performed weekly in the University Center.

Then on Feb. 27 the jazz-fusion group “From This Moment On” will appear. “This is one of the finest young bands around,” Edwards said. “They may just be the finest group to come to campus this semester.”

The March and April bookings have not yet been made, but they will begin right after spring break with a concert March 19. The series will then be weekly through the end of the semester.

Edwards is also hopeful of getting one band that is not in the series. J. B. Hutto and the New Hawks, who came to campus last semester, may return this semester. “I don’t know they’re in Europe recording an album; but if we can, we will get them to play an outdoor concert in early spring,” Edwards said.

“Hutto is the greatest urban blues slide player alive. It will be great if we can get him,” Edwards said.

The concert series is paid for through Student Activity funds.

Sounds from last semester

Last semester the free concert series featured these performers. [upper left] J. B. Hutto appeared along with the New Hawks. The performance was held in the J. C. Penney auditorium. [middle left] the Geyer St. Sheiks, this band is named after a street in South St. Louis. [lower left] Leroy Ploton and the Rev. Spellmeyer. [lower center] Bernie McDonald. [right] Dave MacKenzie. All of the groups last semester had at least one UMSL alumnus in the band.

Photos courtesy of Ron Edwards and the University Center darkroom.
An informal survey in last week's Current indicated that at UMSL, like campuses across the nation, there is a great division on the question of draft revitalization. This division of student beliefs comes at a dangerous time. Seldom before have students had so much to lose. When, in the early '70s, the draft was ended and the volunteer army took over, the youth of our nation gained a great freedom. We gained the freedom to decide whether we believed that the way to support our country lies at the end of a rifle. A peace time draft must not be tolerated, especially if the only gain is re-election. Less than two months ago, President Jimmy Carter said that the volunteer army, in its present condition, was adequate to defend freedom. We gained the freedom to decide whether we believed that the way to support our country lies at the end of a rifle. The most recent symbols employed by the president will fair no better than the previous ones. The Soviets understand that the U.S., as well as most of the world, condemns their military actions in Afghanistan. Threatening millions of draft-age Americans with conscription will do nothing to make this point more clear.

It is ironic that the biggest threat of another cold war comes on the heels of the creation of a presidential committee to look into establishing a peace academy.

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MSSC president discusses UMSL activities

HUGH PHILLIPS is president of the Minority Students Service Coalition.

C.: What is the Minority Student Service Coalition (MSSC) and what is the function of the organization?
P.: The MSSC's basic purpose is to provide a service to minority students and make their way through college a little easier. A large majority of blacks come from city schools that aren't really preparing students for college, and also UMSL's curriculum is not designed for that type student. UMSL's curriculum is basically a fast-paced curriculum.

C.: Right now what are you doing for the students at UMSL?
P.: At present, we are setting up programs to bring high school students on campus to expose them to the college environment. We handle any student's grievance, any minority student's grievance concerning an instructor, policeman, class, or in any situation where there is a problem on this campus. We also attempt to go out into the community and help where we can. We don't have the resources to help as much as we'd like. We also try to arrange programs for students, all students in general, in which they would like to participate. The week we have "Black Week." We have "Black History Week" coming up, and later on, we hold various snack and rap. A snack and rap is when a student can just come in and ask questions, as the sign says, "snack and rap."

C.: How large is your organization?
P.: We operate basically with a core of about twenty people. As time and requirements go, various students will fill in from time to time. As you know, this is a commuter campus, and the majority of students here have jobs and handle school, too. So, it depends on what we're doing.

C.: I would like now to ask you about your feelings on the coverage that the Current has given to minority students.
P.: If you go through the pages of the Current over the last 15 years or when the Current was first started, you'll find that the Current has consistently managed to avoid covering black issues. I'm not going to say that this is prejudice on your part or on the Current's part. On this campus, the Current is indicative of the campus; that is, you come from all-white backgrounds and know all-white things, and so it's easy for you to cover all-white things. There is no real black representation on this campus other than the MSSC or other black organizations. Within recent years, there has been more attempts made to cover more things that are done by all students, and more activities done by minority students, but, like you said, it's a very slow process. I wish it would speed up. This campus needs a lot more things done for the minority students.

C.: What do you think about Mark Knollman and Yates Sanders?
P.: I've had an opportunity to work with both of them directly and indirectly, and I have no real opinion. I mean that they are like anyone else who comes from an all-white high school, or a majority-white high school, and have lived in the suburbs all their lives. They do not know how to talk with people. I'm sure, in time, as they grow older, they will learn.

C.: Do you think the policies of the University are discriminatory?
P.: No. Generally, before things get better, they get worse. One has to look at the history of the current. The majority of students and faculty are people who come from city schools; many of them have had to work with black students. Many of them have pre-conceived ideas about what a black person is supposed to do, to act or to talk.

C.: Do you have anything you want to add?
P.: As long as the students on this campus are open to assisting the MSSC when the need arises, then I am happy.

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Community service: The other side of Greek life

Barbara Langhorst

Imagine that you are playing a word association game and fraternity or sorority is mentioned. What is the first word that pops into your mind? Most likely it is parties, beer, or rushes. Least likely would be community service.

While most do not link civic activities with the chapters, community service is one of the cornerstones most sought in the fifteen chapters, ten dedicate themselves to service for the community. However, the projects are underplayed and pass unnoticed.

Many members agree that negative coverage by the media shapes the public's attitudes towards greek life. David Beckel, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon, thinks that "negative press" is the major problem. "A lot of the philanthropy projects would not make the front page," he said.

Bob of Pi Kappa Alpha agrees that media creates a poor image of the greeks. "The press labels incidents back to the frat," he said.

Cindy Packard, president of Alpha Xi Delta said that these parts attract a lot of attention. "The media doesn't hurt much," she said. "They blow things out of proportion."

Despite the negative publicity, the fraternities and sororities continue to render service and plan new projects. Some have special service or philanthropy committees to organize activities, while others make suggestions as new business during the meetings.

Problems do not lie in a shortage of activity suggestions or volunteers, but in a lack of time. Cox said that there are difficulties because this is a commuter campus and most girls hold down jobs. "However, most come when they can," she said.

"We always have a good turnout," Packard said.

"Once a project is organized, we don't have much trouble getting help," said Patrice Douglas of Epsilon Beta Gamma.

The activities the greeks plan range from Christmas caroling to Old Newsboys to removing a woman's hedge. Other projects are planned as fund raisers for the chapter's national philanthropy, a cause endorsed nationwide by the chapters of a fraternity.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a coed fraternity, sponsors the APO Bookpa and a blood drive for Red Cross. Muscular Dystrophy is the fraternity's national "pet project" according to Joe Tator, a member. As part of the philanthropy, APO members manned telephones at the Jerry Lewis Telethon for MD. They also donated the proceeds from a booth at the Fete de Normandie to research for Hutchinson's disease. Currently, APO is UMSL's contact group for "Super Dance," a dance marathon for MD which will be held at Meramec Community College.

Alpha Xi Delta, a 35-member sorority, raises funds for the American Lung Association for its national philanthropy. At Thanksgiving and again in April they donate money to the national chapter which distributes educational grants to fraternities and undergraduate students. Part of the donation also funds the Grace Ferris Memorial Awards. Named in honor of a national officer who died of tuberculosis, $500 grants are made annually to hospitals across the country for use in TB research.

Alpha Xi Delta, which has always placed in the top 20 of its Delta chapter, is spooling a food drive for all greeks to form a canned food drive. "The cans would be distributed by a collection of churches," Packard said. The sorority also works the phones at the Variety Telethon every February and makes donations to St. Joseph's vocational schools.

Delta Zeta, a national sorority, focuses on deaf children as their national philanthropy. They send money to the national chapter which makes donations to the Gallaudet College for deaf students in Washington, D.C. In connection with the national project, the 30-member sorority plans activities for the autistic children at the Judevine Center. They threw a Halloween party and an Easter egg hunt, hiding popcorn-filled eggs in the center's gym. "We try to get the kids to talk," Cox said. She said that they were hoping to make felt gloves as toys to work up a few skits and songs to perform.

Delta Zeta also rented a house across from UMSL and threw a Christmas party for the children in the area, complete with a magic show and pictures with Santa.

Epsilon Beta Gamma, a two-chapter fraternity, sponsors food and clothing drives at Thanksgiving. They raise money to donate to different causes like the United Negro College fund and research on sickle cell anemia. The 90 members plan holiday parties and field trips for the elderly and orphans.

Omega Psi Phi is "basically civic-minded" according to Darryl Parker, a member. The members give performances, throw parties and carnivals, and plan field trips for different orphan's homes, like Annie House. "We also work with ABC Clowns at different orphanages," Parker said.

The members have a canned food drives the year 'round, and raise money for the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) and the United Negro College fund.

Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE), a 45-member fraternity holds a pumpkin-in-pie eating contest every Thanksgiving to raise money for St. Vincent's Children's Home. "We collected about $300 to $400 last time," Zak said. They also bid Easter eggs for the children of St. Vincent's. The PIEKes held a winter spades tournament for multiple sclerosis and participated in the Superstars 700 for Big Brothers.

Sigma Gamma Rho, a national sorority, "tries to bring a little joy into someone's life" according to Valerie Cannon, an inactive member. The 35 members are required by the national chapter to do at least one project per month. Sigma Gamma Rho's projects revolve around the elderly and the orphans. They give Christmas and Valentine parties, Easter egg hunts and field trips to the parks. At Christmas, they sponsored a dance, charging canned goods as admission. The canned goods were donated to the St. Louis Post Dispatch's "100 Neediest Cases."

Sigma Pi, a national fraternity, asked for our donation of canned goods. In return, they sold the students the first hot house which burned down.

Sigma Pi members hope to have a snow removal service this winter and paint house numbers on curbs this spring said Bill Wings, a member.

Sigma Tau Gamma, a 25-member sorority discusses it over after a function last year. (Current staff photo)

Special thanks to:

Barbara Langhorst, a staff writer at the University of Missouri-St. Louis who wrote this article.

The Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) is looking for students to serve on their Board of Directors. Interested students should fill out a petition form available in Central Council.

For further information, please call Terri Reilly at 533-5919 or 533-5104.
member fraternity raises money for activities by collecting tolls at Natural Bridge and Hanley Road. Recently, they gave a dinner for senior citizens at the Bell-Ridge Community Center. They also volunteered to paint a house in Arrowhead Park with paint supplied by the city. Sig Tau holds a bike-a-thon annually for activities by selling candy.

Talent shows are a popular activity on many campuses, and Six Flags is known for its entertaining shows. The Six Flags Talent Auditions are a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents and potentially gain exposure. Attendees can expect to see a variety of acts, from singers and dancers to comedians and magicians. The auditions are open to anyone, with a limit of 25 percent of students from each university. The year 1980 has been designated as the Year of the Immoral Student, and this is reflected in the selection of acts for the auditions. The criteria for selection include a combination of musicality, humor, and the ability to captivate the audience. The judges are likely to be searching for acts that will entertain and engage the audience, while also providing a platform for students to showcase their talents. The Six Flags Talent Auditions are open to all students, and participation is encouraged for those interested in performing or observing the shows. The auditions are held at various locations, including Six Flags, and interested students can find more information by contacting their Student Placement Officers.
FRIDAY
DEADLINE: Last day to put a course on pass/fail.
DEADLINE: Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade.
UMSL WOMEN ATHLETIC PROGRAM will sponsor a fund raising newspaper drive Feb. 4-15. For more information call 453-5564.
KWMU Fusion 91: birthday celebration. Winners of the Fusion Artist of the Decade will be announced from 11pm-7am.
SPORTS: Lincoln University will play UMSL Riverwomen at 7:30 here.
ART EXHIBIT: Faculty Exhibit in 210 Lucas Hall from 9-9 M-Th and 9-5 Fri.
SATURDAY
SPORTS: Culver-Stockton will play UMSL Riverwomen at 7:30 here.
SUNDAY
KWMU SUNDAY MAGAZINE: More and more women are doing work previously thought of as "for men only." The Sunday Magazine talks to two women construction workers about their careers from 11-midnight.

MONDAY
KOFFEE KLOTCH: The Evening College is sponsoring a Koffee Klotch from 5:30-8:30 in the Lucas Hall lobby.
DEADLINE: Last day to buy Current Valentine Day ads. The cost is $1 per column inch. For more information call 553-5961.
INTRAMURAL: Women's Basketball Tournament at Mark Twain at 2:00.
DISPLAY: Alpha Kalpa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha will have a display in the University Center lobby from 9-5.
SPORTS: Last day to sign up for the Coed Volleyball League.

TUESDAY
WORKSHOP: Robert Killoren will instruct a workshop on grant proposal writing skills on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 Feb. 5- March 11 as a part of UMSL's Continuing Education Program. Registration fee is $50. For more information call Chuck Wiese at 892-3593.
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INTRAMURAL: Last day to sign up for the Men's Racquetball Tournament.
SPORTS: SIU-Edwardsville will play UMSL Riverwomen at 7:30.
INTRAMURAL: Women's Basketball Tournament at Mark Twain at 2:00.
DISPLAY: Sigma Gamma Rho and Kappa Alpha Phi will have a display in the University Center lobby from 9-5.
MEETING: The Investment Club will meet in 334 SSB at 1:00. Membership is open to any UMSL student with an interest in the securities markets as an alternative source of income. For more information call Chuck Wiese at 892-3593.

THURSDAY
DISPLAY: Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta will have a display in the University Center lobby from 9-5.
WORKSHOP: How to Read a Textbook sponsored by CAD in 409 SSB from 12-1.
DISPLAY: The birthday gifts are for you! There will be album giveaways all night long.
Mike Hempes

Southeast Missouri State defeated UMSL for the second straight year Saturday night at the Mark Twain Building. The Indians had won the first game, and this time they emerged victorious by a score of 70-67.

The Indians were forced to play without the services of their leading scorer, senior guard Rick Kirby, who was suspended for behavior in practice Friday. Picking up the slack for SEMO was William Harris, a 6-3 sophomore guard, who led all scorers with 28 points.

"We didn't have much time to prepare for Kirby's absence," said Rivermen coach Tom Bartow. After considering this unexpected setback, Bartow was pleased with his team's performance. "We played fairly well," he said. "I don't feel badly about our effort. I feel we played with intensity."

The game was close throughout. In the first half the lead continually changed hands, and when it ended, SEMO led by three, 35-32. The second half was no different. Again the lead changed hands, with SEMO's biggest lead seven points, and UMSL's three.

UMSL tied the game, 65-65, with 1:10 left on 20-foot jump shot by Harris. But nine seconds later SEMO's Ray Barle scored a jumper with 10.9 seconds remaining. John Sanchez dropped in two free throws to put the Indians up by four. The game came back and bit on another jump shot to cut the lead, but a SEMO free throw pushed the final margin to three.

The areas that might have decided the game were UMSL's total number of turnovers and its three-point shooting. SEMO made 15 turnovers, including two that led to SEMO baskets late in the second half. As for free throw shooting, the Rivermen were only five for 11 from the line.

"We have a young team," said Bartow. "Young teams tend to make mistakes at the wrong time. Tonight the turnovers we made when we had the lead were critical and crucial. If we had won a few more games, we would have won this game."

Following Harris in the scoring was teammate Tony Houston with 14 points and Donald Brown with 12. No one else was in double figures.

Otto Porter, who Bartow calls "possibly the best forward in the MIAA," led the winners in scoring with 25 points.

The loss dropped UMSL's season record to 6-11. The Rivermen played at home Wednesday night against Southwest Missouri State.

Jeff Kuchno

UMSL's hopes of finishing the season with a respectable record has been considerably diminished by the loss of star guard Rick Kirby, who injured his ankle in practice last Friday.

The injury occurred during a defensive fundamental drill as the Rivermen were preparing for last Saturday night's game against Southeast Missouri State, which UMSL lost, 70-67.

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TOUGH GOING: William Harris finds his path to the basket a little crowded in the game against SEMO. (Photo by Wiley Price)

Matmen look solid

Rick Capell

Well, one might not think a sixth place finish in an eight team tourney very satisfying, but coach Tom Loughery was extremely optimistic about the showing of his matmen in the 10th Annual Chicago State invitational last weekend. And with good reason.

The young grapplers, wrestling without standout Roger Toben, turned in a solid performance in a tough tournament.

"We certainly showed that we are not a one man team," said Loughery. Helping the coach prove his point were Steve Jansen and Henry Petty. Jansen, wrestling at his own weight class for a change, thoroughly dominated the 158-pound bracket and took first place. Junior College transfer Petty came on to take third place at 150 lbs.

"Henry had some nagging injuries in the early going this year but lately he's been showing just what kind of wrestler he can be," said Loughery.

John Vahey, at 167, made it to the semifinals but then lost his chance to place in a tough match with the second-seeded wrestler in the tourney. Heavyweight Len Debert also narrowly missed placing as he won one match and lost two.

Roger Toben sat out the match with a knee injury and it might have been a little different story for the Rivermen if he had wrestled. As Loughery pointed out, "The man who won Roger's weight class was beaten rather easily by Toben last year. It would have been interesting to see if Toben could have wrestled in the tournament."

By "interesting," Loughery meant that a first place finish by Toben at 142 would have vaulted the Rivermen into fourth place overall.

But returning to reality, the outlook in this tournament next year is bright. "We'll have Toben, Jansen and Petty all stacked in there together at 142, 150, and 158 plus everybody else already. It's going to be a trip down there next year," said Loughery.

"We more than doubled our point total from last year here and I think everybody did a very fine job. We're improving every facet of our team."

Hopefully, the grapplers will continue that improvement this week, too. It certainly is a busy one. Tonight the Rivermen will see the "Wrestling" page 11

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Women cagers defeat SEMO as key district games approach

"Toni Moore

For those who decided to journey through the snow to the Mark Twain Building last Wednesday, the decision proved to have been correct.

Not only did they see UMSL's women's basketball team play an excellent game, but they saw one of basketball's more unusual endings.

With 10:04 remaining in the game, UMSL held a 62-35 lead over one of Southeast Missouri State's players pulled down a rebound and began swinging her effective left arm with a wild-card foul.

SEMO coach Amy Spence, who had been questioning the officials calls all evening, began to protest and also received a technical. She then pulled her team off the court, and left the building.

"We were ready to play, we knew what we had to do and we executed well," Sanchez said. "We shot down their offense, which was the key."

The victory, UMSL's 12th of the season, assured the team of a third place finish in the division, and left them with a possibility of a wild card spot to the Missouri State playoffs. A victory in the game against Lincoln Friday at UMSL will tie the women for second, giving them an outside chance for first. If William Woods should lose to Lincoln, SEMO and UMSL, there would be a three way tie for first.

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In 1978-79, UMSL basketball was an all-around success for the men and women's squads. The respective records were 7-19 for the men, the worst season in UMSL history, and 5-19 for the women. Simply put, it was pitiful.

At the beginning of this basketball season, though, a bright glimmer of hope and optimism shone upon the cagers. This was the case because both teams entered the season with new coaches and key returning mono-men. In addition, both coaches were successful in recruiting promising freshmen, which made the prospects for the future even better.

Looking at the records of these two teams with approximately three weeks remaining in the season, one can plainly see that neither is exactly setting the world on fire. In fact, both have been struggling below the .500 mark, but that is somewhat deceiving. Improvement has been made.

Entering last night's game against Southwest Missouri State with a record of 6-13, the Rivermen find themselves one game better off than a year ago at this time. This team doesn't look like much improvement, but consider this...

UMSL's first 13 losses last year, nine of them were decided by 14 points or more, and, through the first five have been lost by more than 14 points. UMSL has also lost four games this year by only four points or less. Had the Rivermen won those games, they would be over the .500 mark for the season.

Another factor to be considered is the schedule. UMSL undoubtedly has the toughest Division II slate in the nation. Last year, the Rivermen played such teams as Drake, Harris, St. Louis U., George Williams and Missouri Baptist, but this year, those teams were replaced by Arkansas, Wisconsin-Green Bay, Illinois, Northwestern Missouri and Murray State—all of whom defeated the Rivermen. UMSL was 3-2 against the former. So, if the Rivermen had won just one of these contests, they probably would have a few more games racked up in the win column.

On the other side of the court, the women cagers have enjoyed their best season ever. They have yet to reach the .500 mark, but in the past, such a thought was unthinkable. The women have won more games this year, 12, than in the last two years combined.

A lot of the credit for this success should be given to first-year coach Joe "must win this game" Sanchez. An engineer of winning programs, Sanchez has taken the Lady Men to the .500 mark after two years at William Woods where his team won 52 and lost 49.

Sanchez, who approaches every game as if it's his last, is committed to building UMSL women's basketball into a national power. And even though the team has a losing record, Sanchez and his cagers are moving in the right direction.

Sanchez has benefited from the return of four starters from last season, but the key has been the excellent depth. Almost of student player has made a contribution in one way or another this season. Veterans Myra Bailey and Pat Conley have been two of the most consistent scorers, while fine performances have been given by newcomers Connie Lisch, Lori Smith, Kim Ayers, Karen Lauth and Lori Davidson.

The men and women have proven one point: success is not an overnight occurrence. It takes time to build a winner and nobody likes a loser. But take heart. The best is yet to come.

UMSL to play at Kiel

Thursday, February 14, will be UMSL NIGHT at Kiel Auditorium as the Rivermen play SIU-Edwardsville at 5:45 pm in a preliminary matchup, to the St. Louis Streetmen. The outcome of this game will determine if the Milwaukee Does in the women's professional basketball league. The second game starts at 7:30 pm.

UMSL students, staff and faculty can buy $.50 tickets for $.20 if the tickets are purchased in advance. Tickets are on sale at the University Center information desk.

Tennis players needed

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Women's basketball

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We can't hope for this, we must go out and win the next two games. We've got to beat Lincoln. It's a must game," Sanchez said.

UMSL came out cold in its game on Saturday against William Woods. The women shot 24 percent from the field in the first half and fell behind 28-18 by halftime. The women got hot in the second half and shot 47 percent, making a close game of it, losing 64-52.

"If we had played anywhere decent in the first half, we could have won the game," Coach Sanchez said. "The game was lost at the free throw line. They shot two of eleven free throws, and that's the difference in the ball game."

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host Forest Park Community College along with the powerful Indians of Southeast Mo. State. After a dual meet in Kirksville Friday night with Northeast Mo. State they will have their final home match of the year Saturday at 1 pm against Missouri-Rolla and Lincoln.

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Dedicated UMSL showgirls are worth waiting for

Jeff Kuchno

If you ever go to an UMSL basketball game and dislike what you see in the early going, please, don’t leave. At least stay until halftime. That’s when the players leave for intermission and the UMSL showgirls take center stage.

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When Bartow took over as head basketball coach after last year’s dismal 7-19 season, the women who perform numerous promotions (i.e., the UMSL showgirls) were one of the many products of coach Tom Bartow’s school of promotions. And, thus far, Bartow’s brainchild has been a heartily success.

Fallon, a junior at UMSL, is the daughter of UMSL physical education professor, Dennis Fallon, who has written three books on dancing. She has been teaching a disco dance class, along with her father, in nearby Florissant, and enjoys that very much. But, she has always aspired to be a pom-pom girl.

"I've been going to UMSL basketball games for eight years, and it was interesting in someday being a pom-pom girl for UMSL," (UMSL discontinued its pom-pom squad four years ago), said Fallon. "I wanted to start a squad last year, but it never came about."

Thanks to Coach Bartow, though, Fallon’s dream of being apart of a pom-pom squad has become a reality. Bartow and the basketball team have funded the showgirls while Fallon and Berres make all the other decisions.

How did the UMSL showgirls get its start? Well, Bartow inquired about the possibilities of a pom-pom squad and that led him to Debbie Fallon and Laurie Berres. Bartow then asked these two UMSL students to formulate the squad. And he couldn’t have picked two more qualified people to do so.

Fallon organized the practice sessions and engineered dance routines. Tryouts for the squad began in October and approximately 25 or 30 girls tried out. After a few weeks, the squad was whittled to 14.

Once the squad was down to that final number, Fallon and the other showgirls began serious work. Practice sessions took place three times a week and consisted of two to two and one-half hours of dance routines.

"Laurie and I introduced the dance steps we already knew but the other girls offered suggestions for some steps they liked," said Fallon. "So, it's really been a combined effort. I think it's exciting to be a part of it. I love it."

Not everything has gone smoothly, however. Problems have surfaced, especially when practice sessions interfere with work commitments. But, according to Fallon, the 100 percent cooperation of the squad members has alleviated some of these problems.

Another point of concern is the small crowds at UMSL home games, which have been a disappointing factor for both the team and the showgirls. After all, a performance becomes more meaningful when it is witnessed by many.

"It would be nice to have bigger crowds," said Fallon. "It gives the team a lift and makes us want to perform that much better."

But don't get Fallon wrong. She’s very pleased with the way things have gone so far this year. "Since this is only our first year, we've worked extra hard," she explained. "Next year, it's going to be a lot better."

So, next time you go to an UMSL basketball game, make sure you don’t wander off at halftime. Instead, stay in the stands and shift your attention to the court where the showgirls with the maroon outfits and little white boots will entertain you.

You’ll be glad you did.

Debbie Fallon

UMSL showgirls perform at halftime

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