UMSL to leave UM system

Effective in the Fall semester of this year, UMSL will withdraw from the UM system, according to a surprise announcement from the Chancellor's office.

"We have taken a lot of shit, but the optimism school was the last straw," commented UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Grubman. Grubman said the formal announcement will be made Friday to the UM Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City.

"From the time we started, UMSL has been stepped on and treated unfairly by the system. We've had enough," Grubman said.

Starting the fall of 1980 the University of Missouri-St. Louis will cease to exist and the new Missouri University of St. Louis (MUSL) will open its doors.

"I think the new acronym, MUSL, will show that we're strong and we won't take being pushed around any longer," Grubman said.

Student Body President Mark Noman heartily agreed. "I think anytime we chance the name of something it is automatically improved."

The president of the UM system was not available for comment, but his assistant Clark Kent said the president was shocked at Grubman's tactic of taking the announcement to the Board at the last minute without there being adequate time to study the situation.

Curator C.B. Brownston said he wasn't aware that the UM system had expanded to St. Louis, but was disappointed to see UMSL go.

Grubman was asked if faculty members had been consulted on the change. "No, why, I wouldn't take their advice any way."

The chancellor said the MUSL will be funded through state funds and incidental fees just like it is presently but there won't be the Board of Curators to go through.

"Last year we only received 11.3 percent of the UM funds, but the UM system had expanded to St. Louis, but was disappointed to see UMSL go."

Kent replied, "So they get less funds than anyone else. They are the newest."

Grubman pointed to the University of New Orleans as a school that once was part of a statewide system. "They're doing very well," Grubman said.

"We were thinking of changing our name to the University of New Orleans, but decided it sounded too southern."

DEBATE: Mark Noman debates with himself over the campaign procedures for the 27 upcoming Council elections. Noman is the only member left after Council purged itself earlier this week.

Hundredth student killed

Another UMSL student was shot to death Monday by police officers.

"The student was wearing glasses," Police chief Ozzie Nelson explained. "We were looking for an UMSL student suspected of selling drugs on campus and the description stated that the suspect was wearing glasses."

The shooting is notable in that it marks the 100th UMSL student shot and killed this semester.

"The work is indicative of the tough policy that has been put into effect. Before this year, most of the suspects got away. Now we shoot first, just to make sure."

The 100th death was Mary Beth Chaste. The police report states that although they were looking for a male, they now believe that Chaste had actually disguised herself.

Chaste was president of No- man House. Her father, the Reverend Jonas Chaste, said that he had no idea his daughter was into drugs until informed by the UMSL police.

Council left with one member

Central Council expelled all but one member, Mark Noman, student body president, at their April 1 meeting.

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"Because of the motion, Council will hold 27 elections, one each day, for the rest of the semester," Noman announced. Noman will be at the U. Center from 10 am until noon.

Grubman noted that MUSL might be in for some tight budgets for the next few years while the school struggles to make a name for itself. "To start off, we're going to have to cut back on the hours of the cafeteria. Starting next semester the cafeteria will be open Mondays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays between 11 am and 11:15."

Other budget cuts were announced in faculty salaries, money for physical plant improvements and in each of the departments in Arts and Sciences.
UML baseball season comes to a tragic halt

Jeff Klotz

In a tragic development, the remainder of the 1980 UML baseball season has been cancelled due to the loss of the Rivermen’s only bat and their three baseballs.

The tragedy occurred last week when third baseman Kareless forgot to bring the bat and balls inside after practice. Unfortunately, it raised that night and the next day, the bat and balls were gone.

“I told the guys to be extra careful with the bat and balls, because they are the only ones we have,” said UML baseball coach, Jim Dilemma. “Our budget permits us only to buy one bat and four balls for each season. We lost one ball the first week of practice when one of our pitchers was throwing against a tree. You see, we are allowed only one catcher, because of the cost of equipment.”

The baseball coaching staff asked UML athletic director, Charles Snoozer, for additional baseballs and a bat, but Snoozer turned them down.

“Certainly not,” said Snoozer. “We can’t go out and buy new equipment everyday a team lines something. We would be broke.”

“It figures,” said Dilemma in response to Snoozer’s decision. “He wouldn’t even give us spare bicycle tires at the beginning of the season.”

Because of the cost of gasoline, UML has been riding bikes to its away games the last two years.

Until the baseballs and bat can be found, though, this season is over.

UML needs a new nickname

The most often asked question about UML baseball is usually pertains to the lack of fan and student support shown in the teams. Why doesn’t anybody go to the games? I’ll tell you why. It’s UML’s nickname. It stinks.

First of all, what is a Riverman? A man on the River? So what? What is so special about a man on the River anyway? Does he really have a 58-inch chest? If so, I hope I never meet him.

One of the biggest problems with “Rivermen” is that it is sexist. At the Current, we’ve done our best to restrain from calling a female UML team the Riverwomen. After all, there is no such thing as a Riverwoman. I know I’ve never seen one.

Another problem with UML’s nickname is that it is too long. This makes it extremely difficult for the talented UML cheerleaders to concoct any rhythmic cheers. For example, by the time UML’s cheering section yells, “Let’s go Rivermen,” the play is already over.

UML needs a nickname that is shorter and snapper. It needs something the crowds can identify with, and I just happen to have a few suggestions.

In order to alleviate the sexism problem, UML could change its nickname to, my favorite, the “boatspeople.” This nickname could be used for both men and women, and it would retain a close similarity to “Rivermen,” which is important because no one wants the old fogies to get too upset over radical changes.

If that’s not good enough, UML should find something else that has a connection with “Rivermen.” How about the name of a fish? The “carpish.” No wait. How about something tougher like the UML “channel cats.” Or maybe the best fish-related nickname would be “crappie.” This would make it easier to describe UML’s athletic program.

Wrestling to be discontinued

Jeff Klotz

The UML wrestling program has been discontinued due to an overwhelming increase in interest, UML athletic director, Charles Snoozer announced last Tuesday.

Ironically, UML wrestling has had a history of not being able to generate enough interest in its program. However, Thomas Lightning and Terril Thunder took over this past season as coaches and sparked a resurgence in the program with a bit too much spark.

“I thought we were doing a good job,” said Lightning. “We increased the participating in wrestling from eight a year ago to over 150 this year. And, we have about 300 high school seniors who say they are coming here next year, just so they can wrestle. I don’t understand it.”

In response to Lightning’s statement, Snoozer said, “with the increased interest, we would have been forced to give more money to the wrestling program. We knew we could either please everybody or nobody. So, we decided to please nobody.”

Snoozer announced that UML will replace wrestling with either variety football or white water kayaking.

Surprisingly, word of this spread to the Missouri-Columbia campus where athletic director Dave Spleen said Mizou would be threatened if UML started football. Spleen explained that Mizou wants to maintain its monopoly on big-time college football in the state, and that he would send Steve Spleanowich and Rickey Frazier to the UMLS basketball team if UML dropped its plan to start football.

However, Snoozer turned down the deal. “We will not be bought,” he said. “We have our pride.”