Students vote ASUM off UMSL campus

Barb DePalma

The UMSL Senate and Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) referendum elections were held April 7 and 8.

The elections, previously held March 3-4, were ruled invalid by the Student Court because of illegal voting procedures.

The results of the referendum vote was 208 against keeping UMSL on campus and 202 votes keeping it at UMSL. Twenty-five student senators were also chosen in the election. Sharon Cox led the election with 202 votes.

"The turnout for this election was down from the last one," said Larry Wines, Administrative Committee chairman of the Student Association. "There were about 591 votes cast. This is about 65 votes less than last time. One reason for the decrease could be that people were tired of voting.

Poll workers for the election were hired by the administrative offices of the University Center. Interested students volunteered for the positions to Charlotte McCluer, assistant director of the University Center. From these applications, poll workers were chosen. Salaries for these workers were supplied from the Administrative Research line item of the Student Association Budget.

One problem occurred when a poll worker failed to show up at the Marillac campus polls for one hour. This was remedied immediately when Tony Sanders, Student Association president, went to Marillac to work at the polls.

Residents debate parking lot in master plan

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A special public hearing to review the proposed UMSL master plan was held April 14. The hearing was held for individuals persons within the neighborhood to review the plan and offer comments and suggestions.

Conway to teach here next fall

The Current has learned that James Conway, recently defeated in his re-election bid for mayor of St. Louis, will become the newest member of the UMSL faculty.

A formal announcement is expected to be made by the university April 20 when Conway leaves office. Conway is expected to teach an interdisciplinary course, "The City, beginning in the fall, 1981.

Conway was the guest lecturer for the course, Feb. 20 of this year. All four of the mayoral candidates addressed the class preceding the primary elections.

The course covers consideration of economic factors, urban institutions, historical developments in urbanization, problems of the inner city, suburban and the metropolitan area, ethnic groups, gang life, and psychological implications of urban living," according to the UMSL Bulletin. The course is primarily for freshmen and sophomores, but is open to juniors and seniors with the instructor's permission.

Joel Glassman, associate professor in political science.

(Courtesy, "The City"

DEJA VU: UMSL students vote in elections held April 7-8 in which ASUM was voted off the campus for the second time this year [photo by Wiley Price].

There is one advantage in hiring people to work at the polls. "We saved the expense of the people sign up for more than one hour."

In the first election volunteers were chosen from different groups and were paired with a member of another group so as to balance the two volunteers. According to Wines, the problem created was that people were selected to watch these volunteers and these people never showed up.

UMSL will no longer fund ASUM. "After June 30, funds will cease," Wines said. "We now have the option to monitor board activities in Columbia."

"From what I've heard, students felt they weren't getting enough for their money," said Dan Crone, Student Association vice president. "Some people felt that ASUM should stay on campus until it gets out from under Columbia."

Crone said that, in his opinion, ASUM would have to solve a completely different problem.

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Wesley Horner, vice president of planning and landscape architecture at Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum (HOK), presented a slide show picturing changes for UMSL that would extend past the year 2000. HOK is the architectural firm that developed the master plan.

The main change planned for the campus is the installation of a "loop road." This would be an uninterrupted road that would encircle the entire campus and allow people to reach any point on campus with ease.

According to Horner, everything would happen inside the road. It would also create smooth circulation which he said was important to a commuter campus such as UMSL.

This plan also includes the building of several parking facilities to increase the present parking capacity of 4,500 spaces to a total of 8,000 possible parking spaces.

A parking facility is planned adjacent to Stadler and Benton Halls. This would be a surface parking lot which could accommodate approximately 1,800 cars.

This proposal was met with intense opposition from members of the audience who live close to campus. Their arguments showed opposition to the tearing up of the grassy areas between Stadler and Benton Halls in order to build a parking area.

Other problems voiced were in concern over the looks of the campus as people approached from Natural Bridge Road. Several members of the audience said that this would be the first thing people would see.

In the city: Mayor James Conway will be teaching The City class beginning next fall [photo by Wiley Price].

Candidates running for president of the Student Association include John Leith, student association president, who is running for vice president.

Candice Tracy, candidate running for Student Association president and vice president spoke at a "Meet the Candidates" forum sponsored by the Current April 14.

The three candidates for president and three for vice president listed their platforms and answered questions put to them by members of the Current.

All six candidates are members of the 1981-82 Student Association, Tony O’Driscoll, Student Association chairperson is running for president. His running mate for vice president is Patricia Kinamore.

Yates Sanders, Student Association president and Dan Cron, Student Association vice president, are running for re-election.

Lawrence Wines, Administrative Chairperson of the
University predicts delays in student financial aid next year

Students applying for financial aid next year can expect to wait until mid-summer before learning if they qualify for assistance.

"Due to changes being made in the federal formula regarding eligibility for aid, there will be lengthy delays—perhaps into mid-summer—before students find out if they qualify for assistance," said Phillip Rokicki, UM director of student financial aids. "And there is much uncertainty on how much total aid will be available, from both the federal and state levels, with the final amount not to be known to individual students until maybe late summer or early fall."

Rokicki said that about 35,000 of UM's 54,000 students receive some type of financial aid through grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study programs. The aid totals about $70 million and comes through three sources—the federal government, the state and the University.

"Despite the uncertainties now existing," Rokicki said, "we want UM students and prospective UM students to understand that we are going to do everything possible to help those who need it."

"We may not be able to help as much as needed, but we'll do all we can to see that those who want to attend the university will be able to do so."

All students who file applications for financial aid fill out a standardized form which is processed under a formula devised by the federal government. About five million applications are received nationally.

The delay in Washington, D.C., is being caused, Rokicki said, by a change being made in the formula for students to qualify for Pell grants, formerly known as Basic Educational Opportunity Grants.

Rokicki said the new administration currently is revising the formula adopted last October and that a stop order has been placed on processing applications at the federal level until the new formula is finalized. Applications normally now are being processed at a steady flow.

"Even after the formula is in place and eligibility determined, it will take six weeks for forms to be mailed out by the federal government for and the students and university to learn the answer on eligibility," Rokicki said.

In addition, he said, the amount of funds available for aid from the state will not be finally known until the present session of the General Assembly ends in mid-June.

Until determinations are made on the amount of federal and state monies available, Rokicki said it will not be possible to put together an aid "package" for students applying at the university. Individual students will not be advised of the amount of aid they can expect until late summer or early fall.

"We are preparing for a massive paper onslaught in our campus financial aids offices," Rokicki said. "In fact, I have asked directors in those offices to have their employees take their vacations during the next few weeks so all hands will be available when the big summer crunch hits."

Rokicki says it will be the greatest paper processing project ever in the campus offices because a massive amount of work will be compressed into such a short time.

Rokicki advised students wanting to seek a Federal Guaranteed Student Loan also to apply now.

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Flashers reported in main library

Cheryl Keathley

Library security was discussed by Ronald Krash, director of the library, at a dean's meeting held Wednesday, April 15.

An incident involving a flasher was reported in the Thomas Jefferson Library last Sunday, April 5 near closing time. The alleged flasher ran down the main stairs as a woman yelled down for someone to stop him, according to Mushira Haddad, head of general services division in the library.

John Flynn, library assistant, 71, was injured in his attempt to stop the man. Flashers have been reported in the past, and some have been apprehended, but according to Krash, no one except Flynn has been hurt.

"We want to try and prevent that," Krash said. "If anybody's suspicious, they should give us a call," Nelson said.

Haddad said the Education Library on the Marillac campus has not had any problems. "They have weirdos, but not flashers," she said.

One resolution suggested by Grobman was for the residents around UMSL to submit letters of disapproval to the Board of Curators when the plan is submitted at their June 16 meeting.

"These plans only set a framework for everything else to happen," Horner said. "Some things in the long-range master plan are so long-range that we cannot apply what we perceive today to it."

"The road would require Natural Bridge to become sunken while the new road would run directly over it and connect the two campuses."

"There is a great need to link the two campuses," Horner said. "This would create a private connection between Marillac and UMSL."

Hornor stated three objectives were chosen when HOK was scheduled to draw up the master plan. One was to devise a process to bring the educator and planner together so that both thoughts and ideas could be tested when new plans came into being. Secondly, a master plan would show conceptual idea about the physical direction of growth for the campus and, third, to give the university the best recommendations as to what should be done first on campus.

One of the basic concepts for the master plan was to guide the growth of UMSL into a state metropolitan campus.

"It is an urban campus and will remain a commuter campus," said Horner, "these two are pretty tied together. A mass transit system is not a viable alternative because we can't depend on it. As UMSL grows, the campus must accommodate these additional cars and the campus must be prepared for the increase in commuters."

In his opening statement, Grobman stated that UMSL had been purchased from the Normandy School District for $60,000 in order to build a state university. UMSL acquired the Marillac campus several years later. He stated that 20,000 students have graduated in 17 years.

"These students have contributed considerably to the growth of the metropolitan area," he said.

Approximately two to three years ago an intensive planning group was initiated to determine the planning of additional programs at UMSL. The nursing and optometry schools were established and it was determined as necessary to initiate some physical planning on campus. The UMSL 2000 plan was begun to show long-range plans for what UMSL should look like.

"Our job in drawing up the master plan is to physically manifest the UMSL 2000 plan to show what the campus would be like in the future," said Horner.

Two residents of Normandy stated that the meeting was "just a lot of rehashing of old ideas" and that a "hostile mood" was created. They also agreed that the audience's feelings were "out in the open" and "that the people in the area around UMSL should have a say in what is done on campus."
Editorial

Sander's supported an increase in Student Activities fees last fall without referendum, and he supported the Associated Student的身体 of Missouri University and claims it is in the best interest of the student body not to do. Larry Wines, a chemistry major, is, like Sanders, a first-year member of the Student Assembly. Wines wasted little time in immersing himself in the workings of the organization, however, and has emerged as an outspoken and maverick member of the Assembly. Perhaps Wines's biggest credit is his management of time, for he proven himself tireless and dedicated to the Assembly while taking a heavy class load. He has also familiarized himself with members of the administration.

But, while these traits are admirable, he has little else to offer. Sanders, like many members report that he is exceedingly difficult to deal with. He has promised some of what he presented at Assembly. We are unable to make a strong endorsement for any one of the presidential candidates. All have serious drawbacks, that will prove difficult to overcome in future years.

Sanders is the best qualified for the job, and it is who I recommend for the position. This endorsement, however, must be taken with a grain of salt, for unlike qualified, this student is calling in, but on the whole must of us are getting the hang of it (no pun intended).

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Security

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difficult to evaluate. Since I am more familiar with the library, I will use it as an example.

One would, on first thought, assume that the library would be a low risk facility. There is only one entrance to the building, at which police presence is maintained. The front and back of the building have extensive windows permitting high visibility. And there a fairly constant traffic these suggestions, however, has not eradicated the problem, it is by a margin, and to do (but rarely see done), I sincerely,

The library staff is not as effective a deterrent as before. Therefore, building, as I was under the impression the police would make routine patrols of all levels of the library, it is becoming apparent that the number of staff is not as effective a deterrent as before. Therefore, one would be inclined to evaluate the library (or at least certain areas of it) as high risk.

Security is an all or nothing deal," Gerding stated that as a student, police, at a time when their public relations are already at low ebb, do not attempt to upgrade their standing with the UM­SL community by providing the service and protection that one would assume was their responsibility in the first place. He supposed that one could always hope.

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There will be four rounds of competition in each event. A­proximately 600 students, in­cluding some of the top speakers in the country, are expected to attend.

Jave Turrentine, team sponsor and an UMSL speech instructor, said "We're going to win some gold."

The forensics team travels all over the country to nationally recognized competitions. In the final competitions of the season, the team took two trophies at MUI Carbondale and four places at Rockval­ley College in Rock­ville, Illinois. On April 3 the team won third place sweepstakes and seven trophies at Illinois State University.

The team, organized last April by Turrentine, went to its first meet at Iowa State as novices and won a trophy. The team has grown from zero to ten members in the past year.

Marsha Littell, co-sponsor, and Turrentine will attend the finals as judges for other schools.

"Marsha has been a lot of help and the students have put a lot of work and dedication," Turrentine said. "The depart­ment and college have been very supportive as well as the dean of students and her office."

At the end of this year Turrentine will be leaving the speech department. "I love UMSL and I hate to leave," Turrentine said. After she leaves she expects the program to maintain its standards with a great deal of student interest.

Meetings are held every Mon­day and Wednesday, with meets on Friday and Saturday. "I've had to fish back to former students I've had for the team," Turrentine said. "But it looks like I've done a good job."

This year's awards banquet will be on May 1.

"I can't go into any detail," said Chief James J. Nelson. He would say only that the student was taken to a location that could not be considered a jail.

Conway

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Daniel Monti, assistant professor of sociology, will teach the class with Conway. "Well, I'm just delighted," commented Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman, in response to the appointment. He said that the university is fortunate to have a man of Conway's stature join the university.

"more emphasis on the service part," Gerding stated that as leaders, their job would be to "get things going," and that it is the "initiative on the part of leaders to get things done."

The Student Association elections for president, vice president, and 23 representative seats will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 20-21.

Elections

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KWMU's Fuller knows her news

Lacey Burnette

For most of us, 4:45am just means a couple of more hours of sleep. But, for Lorraine Fuller, news director of KWMU, the work day has already begun.

"I have to get here that early to prepare Morning Edition," she says. If "prepare" seems to be a slightly vague word, it is. It is vague so that it may contain some elements of all of her duties. She is a reporter, researcher, producer, and announcer.

One of the highlights of Fuller's career came when she was contacted by a talent scout for NBC. "When I was working for WKZL in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he heard one of my news broadcasts and sent me a letter. When he found out that I was doing everything and there was more of a demand for getting the work done, while at Jacksonville, the demand was less," Fuller said. Fuller says she may have sold herself short when going to Jacksonville. "They had just cleaned house and were bringing in a whole new stock of people from around the country. When they called me and asked what it would take to get me to come down to Florida, I said, 'not much.'" So, they offered her $165 a week and Fuller left the cold, snowy, Michigan winter for Florida. She found out they had a need for a black, female reporter and that probably could have made them pay her more if she would have given a higher figure.

Fuller has found that being a black female has helped her get her foot in the door a few times, however, with a network affiliate in Jacksonville, Florida, she said.

Fuller said working for the affiliate was like a breath of fresh air compared to working in Kalamazoo. "I was hired as a reporter and I could spend my time working on stories," she said. At WKZL, she felt like she was doing everything and there was more of a demand for getting the work done, while at Jacksonville, the demand was less.

Noel Alexander

The opera is a satirical comedy about the fidelity of women. The central character, an old bachelor, attempts, by means of incredible plots and outlandish disguises, to prove that women can't be trusted. The opera was presented earlier this semester.

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There really is no central figure in the play. "It's an ensemble-type show," Gwillim said. "One thing that the cast is doing well, and I'm pleased to see it, is that they're starting to work together. The show has grown out of the group. Because of the language the show has been suggested for

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Jeff Kuehne

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tric, Fred Kaune was rewarded with a chance to do something differ¬
ent with his life. Thanks to retir¬
eement, Kaune became a man of leisure who basically did whatever he wanted.

However, it took Kaune only a few weeks to realize that retire¬
ment wasn't quite what he expected it to be.

"I was bored," he said, recalling the first few months of his retirement days. "I was really getting tired of just sitting around the house and doing nothing."

Luckily, Kaune received a bit of advice from an old friend, who told him about an organization that alleviates the problem of boredom for senior citizens.

"I've never felt better," Kaune said. "I really think I was given the perfect tonic for bored senior citizens." Kaune joined the Active Adults program, known as the Active Adults for five years and discovered the perfect tonic for bored senior citizens.

Bruce Clark, a 1972 graduate from the University of Illinois, who is the originator and co¬
ordinator of the UMSL Active Adults, explained how and why the group got started.

"I've been involved in the Active Adults for five years and I love it," Kaune said. "It's one of the best things that ever happened to me. I've never felt as good in my life as I do now."

The UMSL Active Adults pro¬
gram, which was initiated in the mid-70's, has made a lot of senior citizens feel good about themselves, both mentally and physically. The group meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at UMSL's Market Twin Building and participates in such activities as square dancing, walking-jogging, swimming, yoga and volleyball.

It's primarily a physical fit¬
ness program," said Kaune, who has lost 35 pounds since becoming a member of the group. "But it's also a social group. We get to meet a lot of people our age and everybody enjoys it."

Another active participant, 67¬
year-old Ray Portilla, explained that the Active Adults helps motivate himself and his friends to get the most out of life.

"Older people have to have a reason to get up in the morn¬
ing," he said. "Once you get in this group, you can't wait to get up in the morning.

Portilla isn't the only one who feels this way about the group, either. More than 100 men and women belong to this group. To see the enthusiasm etched in their faces when they exercise, is proof that the Active Adults is the perfect tonic for bored senior citizens.

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"I really feel this way about the group," he said, "because I have friends who are interested in the same activities as I am."

The Saturday morning class, which is called "The Clinical Analysis of Lifetime Sports," also offers instruction in sports which are interesting to any age person who participates.

"They love to play volleyball, badminton, racquetball, tennis and golf," said Clark. "These are sports that some of them did not grow up with, and now that they have been exposed to them, they love them."

"Sport," however, is not the key word when analyzing the success of the UMSL Active Adults. "Activity" is.

For example, one of the most popular activities in this program is square dancing. The addition of a Gall Greenwald as co-coordinator and primary dance instructor is perhaps the main reason for such success.

"Gall got involved with this program in 1978, and her back¬
ground in dance really helped," said Clark. "We make a good team."

Greenwald explained that she gets a lot of self-satisfaction from working with the older adults, "to help them," she said. "These people are not ready to sit on the shelf, yet. Their self esteem really grows through exercise."

Of the 100-plus participants in the Active Adults, almost half of them are involved in the senior Olympics, which will be held May 26, 27 and 28 at the Jewish Community Centers Association. The Olympics are for all individ¬
uals 55 years of age and older. Among the events are swimming, running, racquetball, tennis and race-walking.

Fuller

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scout heard her, she was in the right place at the right time.

Fuller left Jacksonville two years ago to come back to St. Louis, her hometown. "It's hard to get a broadcasting job in St. Louis," she said. She went to work as a social worker until she became the KWMU news director last September.

"I like working here; there's a good atmosphere," she said. "For our audience, KWMU provides the most comprehensive coverage, but for someone listening for news, we don't provide the resources. But, the people listening to KWMU are listening for the classical music—not the news."

"I know that we don't do an adequate job of covering the news," Fuller said. "We really don't have the staff to cover the news fully. We'd need at least five reporters to cover the local news. That's limited by the station's philosophy."

Fuller says that she hopes to make it to the "major leagues" in a couple of years. "I think I'm ready now," she commented.
Letter campaign to fight aid cuts

More than 500,000 students will be forced out of college this fall if proposed budget cuts to financial aid are approved by Congress, according to the American Council on Education.

ASUM is coordinating a letter writing campaign to make federal legislators aware of students' views on the cuts. ASUM urges students to participate by writing their U.S. Representatives and Senators.

"Letter writing is an effective tool for getting your opinion considered in governmental decision making," said Kelly Stalker, ASUM legislative advocate. "Officials pay attention to personal letters because each one speaks for a hundred or so people who never bother to write."

"Representatives' staffs count how the mail is running for and against an issue and inform the representatives," she added. "No representative who wants to be re-elected can afford to ignore his or her mail."

If Congress agrees, President Reagan's proposals will phase out student social security benefits, limit Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL), eliminate the federal government in-school interest subsidy, and raise new parental loan program interest from nine percent to the current market rate.

Congress may be asked to legislate programs which would require interest on GSLs to be compounded while the student is still in school. Presently, this begins after a student leaves school. The Pell Grant program is also in danger of being cut substantially.

These cuts could cause 280 colleges and universities across the nation to close their doors.

"Congress needs to know how students feel about these cuts. That's why we're organizing this campaign," said Ms. Stalker.

"We need students' help in making our letter writing campaign a success," said ASUM Advocate Kathy Patrick. "Letters should be brief and to the point. Give your own reasons for opposing the student financial aid cuts."

A one-page letter, asking for a response, is effective according to Ms. Patrick.

Here is a list of Missouri Congressmen and their addresses:

**Missouri's U.S. Senators**
- Senator John C. Danforth
- Senator Thomas F. Eagleton

**Missouri's U.S. Representatives**
- Dist. 1 William "Bill" Clay
- Dist. 2 Robert A. Young
- Dist. 3 Richard A. Gephardt
- Dist. 4 Ike Skelton
- Dist. 5 Richard Bolling
- Dist. 6 Thomas Coleman
- Dist. 7 Gene Taylor
- Dist. 8 Wendell Bailey
- Dist. 9 Harold Volkmer
- Dist. 10 Bill Emerson

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  - House of Representatives
  - Washington, D.C. 20515

*Senators-*
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  - United States Senate
  - Washington, D.C. 20510

**Students lobby Washington**

ASUM interns and staff members traveled to Washington, D.C., April 10-14 to attend the 12th Annual National Student Lobbying Conference.

The conference, sponsored by the United States Student Association, aims to make student lobbies more effective by discussing issues as they affect students.

In Washington, interns lobbied Congress, the Department of Education and the White House. They also met with eight of Missouri's 10 U.S. Representatives.

Actual lobbying was supplemented by discussions on lobbying techniques, background research, proposed legislation, delivery of testimony and introduction of legislation.

Attending the conference were: Lee Ann Miller, program director, Margrace Parchman, legislative director, and the ASUM interns. This year's interns are Kathy Patrick, Pam Schweder, Brent Franzel, Kurt Hellmann, Kelly Stalker, Kerri Barsh and Bob Thompson.

**Issue**

**Marijuana Decriminalization:**
- HB 43
  - Drug Education Act. For possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, or 5 grams or less of hashish or 1 gram or less of hash oil, the following penalty: A fine of no more than $100 or an order to participate in a drug education program. No criminal record would be established.

**University Capital Improvements Budget:**
- HB 3
  - Provides appropriations for higher education and repairs, maintenance, replacement, and installation of buildings or equipment.

**Financial Aid:**
- HB 326
  - Creates a Higher Education Loan Authority as a last resort lender for students and/or parents who cannot otherwise qualify for a loan elsewhere. Would sell bonds for revenue.
- SB 171
  - Establishes a financial aid program for nursing students.

**Student Curator:**
- HB 686
  - A compromise bill calling for a non-voting student member with executive privilege for a two-year term and at large membership.

**Student Loan Defaulters:**
- HB 453
  - Would deny employment by the state of Missouri or any political subdivisions of Missouri, to any person who defaults on a student loan.
ASUM scores legislative victories

ASUM has been confronted with many problems this year including a General Assembly suffering from post election disappointments and surprises. Apparently no one bothered to tell the seven novice ASUM interns. The student lobby has had its most successful year in the organization's six-year history.

In the past, ASUM has voiced opinions on non-student issues like nuclear power or collective bargaining. This year, ASUM has chosen to concentrate on issues affecting students more directly as consumers of education and citizens. This approach allows student interns to become experts where educational interests are concerned. ASUM's expertise is well-respected in Missouri's General Assembly. Lt. Gov. Kenneth Rothman congratulated ASUM for its "outstanding representation of student interests before the General Assembly" in a recent letter to the Board of Directors.

Those student interests are based on student surveys and the representative voices of the members of the ASUM Board of Directors. It is not surprising to learn that financial aid is one of the top concerns for UMC and UMSL students.

**FINANCIAL AID**

ASUM believes that every person should have the opportunity to receive a college education. Taking this philosophy to both the state and federal levels of government, ASUM has lobbied for low-cost student loans and continued support of the financial aid program.

In the Missouri General Assembly, ASUM has had major success with the Student Loan Authority Bill. The bill creates a loan authority to issue revenue bonds to purchase more student loans. The legislation was approved by the House and is now awaiting committee assignment in the Senate. Legislation which sets guidelines for financial aid to nursing students has also received attention from ASUM. The bill is currently in the Public Health and Safety Committee.

ASUM shares the fear of extensive budget cuts in the financial aid program with every student and parent in the county. The lobby is working to promote a letter writing campaign and petition drive to stop the cuts before the cuts keep 500,000 students nationally from receiving a college education. Lobbyists from ASUM will travel to Washington, D.C. this month to discuss those cuts with Missouri's Congressmen.

**STUDENT CURATOR**

The creation of a seat for a University of Missouri student on the Board of Curators has always been a top priority for ASUM. This year, the student curator bill received an early hearing in the House Higher Education Committee.

Unfortunately, the strict quota system for passing bills out of committee has left the student curator bill low on the list of priorities.

**DEGREE MILL BILL**

ASUM has recognized the threat of fraudulent degrees. Student lobbyists have actively lobbied for legislation giving the Coordinating Board of Higher Education the authority to approve all degrees awarded by non-accredited and non-accredited schools in the state of Missouri. The bill was one of the first passed out by the Higher Education Committee and will receive attention from the full floor in the House this week.

**MAJORITY RIGHTS**

ASUM's effectiveness as a lobbying organization has been proven with the success of House Joint Resolution 29 and 22. Advocates from ASUM were given full responsibility for the resolution's progress. The resolution has gotten as far as it has and didn't die in committee because of the efforts of ASUM lobbyists," claimed Representative Richard Hamilton from the 131st District. The legislation would lower the age requirement to serve in the Missouri House and Senate to 21 years.

The resolution was passed out of the Miscellaneous Resolutions Committee with top priority. It was debated by the House and passed with a large majority. The resolution was heard by the Senate Constitutional Amendments Committee April 8. ASUM advocate Pam Schwerd said she expects the bill to be amended to lower the age requirement in both chambers by three years, making the Senate age requirement 27 and the House 21. "This is a more realistic approach. The full Senate will be more likely to pass the resolution," added Ms. Schwerd. By the end of this session of the Missouri General Assembly, the issue of lower age requirements for representatives and senators should be left up to a vote of the people.

**LANDLORD/TENANT LEGISLATION**

The needs of 14,000 students who live off-campus have not been ignored by ASUM. Lobbyists worked for the House bill which would outline the responsibilities of both landlords and tenants. The legislation was recommended for passage by the House Civil and Criminal Justice Committee, and is now on the perfection calendar waiting for debate in the House.

ASUM has worked on these issues and others to provide legislators the chance to hear and understand student concerns. Gov. Christopher Bond has recognized the organization's role in decision making as an important one over the years in representing student views to the General Assembly and others in the government. For more information, contact the ASUM office.

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**Issue**

**Degree Mill:**

HCS 482 and 482 would grant the coordinating Board of Higher Education the authority to approve all degrees awarded by non-accredited state postsecondary schools, and by all out-of-state institutions granting degrees in Missouri.

**Majority rights:**

HB 351 repeals "Billiard Law" and thus removes all age restrictions for anyone entering a billiard hall.

HB 354 lowers age to 18 for these county offices: County Clerk and Auditor for Class II Counties.

HB 448 lowers age to 18 for school bus drivers.

SB 128 allows 18-year-olds to accept payment for beer where 50% of sales are food.

HB 649 lowers age of adult from 21 to 18 in the Uniform Gift to Minors Act. This act regulates gifts to minors.

HJR 22 and 29 set age requirements for both House and Senate members at 21. Current requirements are 24 and 30, respectively.

**Landlord/Tenant Code:**

HB 299 establishes standards for returning security deposits, protecting the rights of both the landlord and tenant.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

HB 111 would allow CBHE to pay readers for blind college students.
Sharon Kobosh

If you're a music major here at UMSL, you probably already know Herb Drury. He is responsible for teaching all of you non-piano majors the finer points of the 88-key instrument. For those of you who do not know Drury first-hand, you may have heard his jazz trio playing the various night clubs somewhere around town.

The Herb Drury Trio plays at different lounges and functions throughout the bi-state region. It also appears at high school and college concerts. The trio has done radio and television work. It has twice performed with the St. Louis Symphony, during two of the Symphony's pop concerts. Drury has also performed as a soloist with the Symphony.

Drury and bassist John Cherry started the trio about 23 years ago. "We were tired of playing that and that and whatever came," Drury said. "We wanted a more secure schedule and we also wanted to specialize in jazz." When the trio started, Phil Huley was the drummer. [See "Drury," page 12]

Drury teaches non-piano majors

PLAY ME A SONG: Herb Drury, who teaches piano proficiency here at UMSL, can be seen playing around town with his Jazz trio [photo by Wiley Price].
UMR Graduate Engineering located in MOB

The Blue Metal Office Building. The most mysterious address on the UMSL campus. Most people cannot find it, let alone tell you what is in it. The Blue Metal Office Building has been mistaken for a giant lawn mower shed, a garage, the UMSL employment office, the police department, physical plant, and the Mark Twain Building.

What the Blue Metal Building actually does is house the UMSL Graduate Engineering Center, located at 35 Blue Metal Building, has been on the UMSL campus since 1965. Dr. Edward Bertolli is the coordinator of the center.

"The Center was brought here in 1965 at the request of the various industries in the St. Louis area," said Bertolli. "They felt that something of this sort was necessary in the area. Washington University has an engineering school, but I guess it just wasn't enough."

The something of this sort that Bertolli is referring to is graduate education in engineering. The UMR Center offers graduate courses at night in the areas of computer science, engineering management, and several other fields of engineering. At this time there are about 400 students enrolled in the UMR Center's program.

"We serve the St. Louis business community. Most of our people enrolled are from companies like Monsanto, McDonnell Douglas, and many others," Bertolli said.

The UMR Center, along with graduate courses, also offers UMR non-credit work in the St. Louis area, and acts as an information service for the UMR campus.

"We act as a liaison for the Rolla campus," Bertolli said. "We talk to people about Rolla and connect them with the right people. We get a lot of calls for information about UMR."

Bertolli received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Kansas State University. He started teaching at UMR in 1965, and came to UMSL in 1979.

"I think we're doing the job here," Bertolli said. "We haven't had any complaints."

But the question that immediately comes to mind is "why? Why would someone with a position in one of the major St. Louis industries go to graduate school?"

"Personal satisfaction," Bertolli replied. "along with an advanced knowledge and increased capability in one's job. It's very satisfying to come back and get that degree."

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Art Heagle replaced Hulsey when he moved to California about eight years ago. Drury's trio plays solid jazz from the 50's and 60's. "We haven't got into any fusion yet," Drury chuckled. Drury has been playing piano for 40 years. He has played professionally for the past 35 of them. He received his Bachelor and Masters degrees from the St. Louis Institute of Music, where he taught for 10 years following graduation. Drury is a part-time member of the Music Department faculty. He has taught piano proficiency for the past nine years. At home, he teaches privately in his studio. "Teaching is a real kick," Drury commented. "I love to help people learn about music."

When asked about interesting experiences, Drury replied, "Every experience is great." The one he felt was most musically satisfying was when George Shearing, a great jazz pianist and one of Drury's favorites, was at one of the trio's gigs. At the end of the set, Shearing told Drury that he enjoyed his music very much. The next night Shearing came back, accompanied by his wife. Drury teaches at UMSL during the day and at home in the afternoon. His piano music often continues late into the night. His future plans are "to keep doing what I'm doing now."
Rick Capell

With freshman chucker Nancy Hatler pitching up a storm, the UMSL softball team breezed through four straight victories last week.

After taking a pair from MacMurray College of Jacksonville, Ill., 11-3 and 10-7, UMSL was set to defend its crown in the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Tournament last weekend. (The Riverwomen had taken the title last year.)

The opening rounds of the tournament were held Friday afternoon and evening and UMSL faced Greenville College in its first game. Hatler went five innings before being relieved by junior Mary Dorsey. Hatler had given up two runs, one earned, but was still creditable with the win. The Riverwomen broke out on top in the second when Pat Malott connected for a bases-loaded single that was good for two RBI. In the fifth, Judy Passoni singled and scampered home on Karla Sauerwein's sacrifice fly. Lisa Studnicki added a single tally in the next frame with a solo home run. The Riverwomen recorded their final run in the seventh on a bases-loaded walk to Debbie Johnson.

The second game was all UMSL, a 4-0 whitewashing of the Bradley Braves. Kim Niccum, starting her first game after a week's layoff with a back injury, was in top form. The senior righthander sculled the Braves by going the distance and giving up just three hits.

Offensively, the Riverwomen proved opportunistic, scoring two runs in the first inning after a throwing error by Bradley. UMSL added another pair of runs in the fourth on RBI singles by Sauerwein and Johnson.

But disappointment was to follow as the weekend rains washed away the remainder of the tournament and a scheduled pair of games at UMSL Sunday with Bradley.

"Yes, it was disappointing to have the tournament rained out," said UMSL coach Joe Sanchez. "We had won the tournament last year and were naturally looking forward to defending our crown. But that's the way it goes. You've just got to expect those things."

The four victories increased UMSL's winning streak to six games. The women, after playing St. Louis U. in a doubleheader yesterday at home, will travel to St. Joseph, Mo., to compete in the Missouri Western Tournament this weekend.

Men's Tennis loses four in a row to drop to a dismal 2-7

Jeff Kuchos

All is not well for coach Randy Burkhardt and the UMSL Men's tennis team. After a one-week schedule that included four consecutive losses, the Rivermen were shut out, 6-0, by Indiana State-St. Evansville.

"I wish I had the answer to our problems," said Burkhardt, "but it seems like we just can't get everybody to win on the same day.

In a match against Northeast Missouri State, not one UMSL player was able to taste victory as the Rivermen were shut out, 9-0. Since then, however, UMSL has lost three games in a row by identical scores of 5-4.

The Rivermen lost a heartbreaker to Washington U. when number five singles player Jim DeLucia pulled ligaments in his knee and was forced to forfeit the match. That loss turned out to be the deciding factor in the final score of 4-3.

"Jim's injury made it tough on us," said Burkhardt, "because we had to move our doubles teams around. We've really been struggling."

One of the few bright spots has been the play of seniors Al Wolk and Gty Knapp. Wolk, who pairs with Tim Buerk in doubles competition, has not lost a match since the Washington U. debacle.

Fortunately, UMSL has the week off and will try to regroup before meeting Washington U. April 23. In all, there are only six matches remaining and Burkhardt is not optimistic.

"If we reach the .500 mark it would be a small miracle," he said. "I would be pleased if we win three out of our last three matches."

Stud bats stats

Jeff Kuchos

It was only a few weeks ago that UMSL softball player Lisa Studnicki was raising a few eyebrows with her astonishing .511 batting average.

Since then that mark has gone down to .380, but it is still the top figure on the team. Studnicki admits the reason for her "slump" was her frequent statistics, though, somebody sensed a hit somewhere. She got frustrated when I went hitless or got just one hit, because I knew the average would go down. Now, I don't look at them anymore.

If Studnicki refuses to notice her statistics, though, somebody should. After all, she leads the team in such offensive categories as runs scored (35), hits (35), home runs (7) and RBI (27). Her offensive thump has been a major reason for UMSL's outstanding 23-6 record going into yesterday's doubleheader against St. Louis U.．

As the season draws to a close, coach Joe Sanchez said, "We're really valuable to us, because she can play any position on the field. She has also produced many key hits for us."

Indeed, Studnicki leads the team in game-winning safeties. Perhaps her most dramatic hit came in the opening game of the UMSL Softball Tournament against Indiana St.-Evansville.

With one out and a runner on first and UMSL trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh, Studnicki came to the plate and drove one through the gap and scored the winning run on a close play at the plate.

"I sensed a hit," said Sanchez. "I felt in my bones that if someone was going to get the big hit, it was going to be her."

Studnicki, however, wasn't quite as confident. "I was intimidated by the pitcher, because she always pitches two or three inches earlier in the game," she said. "All I wanted to do was hit the ball."

And hit the ball she did. All the way past the outfielders for another game-winning blow.

Although she has emerged as the team's best hitter through-out the season, Studnicki pointed out that she doesn't feel the pressure to come through in the clutch.

"I don't think about the situation," she said. "I just want to get a hit."

"I think the big reason I've been able to get the big hit is because I know that if I don't, someone else will," the talented sophomore added. "I don't consider myself the person who wins the games for us. With the talent we have on this team, I don't feel any pressure.

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Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the eligibility of Richard "Bird" Hamilton should be the key to a great campaign. Hamilton, a former high school All-Americans at St. Louis Central, who transferred to UMSL a year ago after two years at the University of Missouri, is a tremendous player. Or as Al McGuire says, "he's a real thoroughbred."

The "Bird" stands a bit over 6-foot-5 and is built solidly. He can play guard, forward and even center. But even more valuable than his versatility is Hamilton's defense and his ability to pass. He is a very unselfish player and could be the one ingredient in UMSL's success this season.

It should be pointed out that the schedule will once again not be back-to-back. UMSL will not play a team next year that it can't beat, and this has to be a confidence builder for the Rivermen.

In the conference, look for Lincoln to have an outstanding team, but with the graduation of standout Robert Woodland, the Blue Tigers may not have the horses to survive off a strong UMSL squad.

Central Missouri State and Northeast Missouri State should also field formidable teams, but both are losing key performers.

This is where UMSL will have the advantage.

There's no doubt that UMSL has the more experienced team in the conference when the opening whistle blows next November.

So please, coach Dix, make the summer count. We would have to beat them in a second. UMSL will have the advantage.

The coach also pointed to lack of leadership as a problem for the Rivermen in the Rivermen's sub-par showing. The coach said this is basically a young club and that maybe it will take time for that leadership quality to emerge.

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1000 squad. Central Missouri and Northeast Missouri State should also field formidable teams, but both are losing key performers.

The coach also pointed to lack of leadership as a problem for the Rivermen in the Rivermen's sub-par showing. The coach said this is basically a young club and that maybe it will take time for that leadership quality to emerge.

"If I don't see any leadership indicators in the next three weeks, I'm going to go out and find some players with hair," Dix said. "Abilities isn't the final line. There is much more to winning than that."

Against Greenville the Rivermen won by scores of 13-2 and 5-2. Dix said his team was plenty of hitting. Dan Rankin had four hits, a home run and four RBIs. Keith Kimball had three hits, two home runs and five RBIs. Wayne Clement had three hits and a home run.

Against Edwardsville, the Rivermen lost the first game 9-8 as the Cougars rallied with eight runs in the sixth inning to pull out the victory. In the second game UMSL won 6-4 behind the complete game, give-hit pitching performance of William Shanks.

And against the Miners Rolla the Rivermen lost by scores of 4-6 and 6-2.

UMSL travelled to Columbia yesterday to play the Missouri Tigers and will be on the road again this weekend when they travel to Cape Girardeau on Saturday to play Southeast Missouri State. The Rivermen will return home next Tuesday for a single game against Webster University. The game will be played at 3:30pm. That night they will go to Cabokha Fielder to play McKendree College.

Rivermen notes: Going into yesterday's game against the Missouri Tigers, Dan Rankin, whom coach Dix described as "another one of those fearless predictions that mark this past season, and is only the second player to accomplish that feat as a junior.

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Hatler makes the grade as a freshman hurler

Jeff Kuchino

If you've ever seen a fast-pitch softball game, you've probably noticed something about the pitchers.

You know, the muscular ones who stand on the mound looking confidently at all their catcher before blowing a tremendous fastball past the nervous hitter for a strike. It seems they have to be brutes in order to get the job done.

This, however, is not always the case. Some softball pitchers are average in stature and others are even diminutive. But that doesn't mean they can't pitch.

Take Nancy Hatler, for example. This 5-foot-3 freshman hurler on the UMSL softball squad is about as frightening as Bagel, but when she strolls to the hill, opposing batters are wise to take notice.

After all, Hatler leads UMSL's pitching staff in appearances with 17, innings pitched with 17, strikeouts with 48.

In her first year of college action, Hatler, who has a sneaky fastball past the nervous hitter and Hatler believes that she and her pitch softball game, you've probably noticed something about the pitchers.

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Hatler admitted that because of her size she has to pitch with more finesse than power.

"I don't have the strength to overpower the hitters," she said. "I have to mix speeds because sooner or later, the hitters are going to time the fastball. That's why I need to have a good curve, a good drop ball and a good change up."

Although Hatler isn't lightning-quick with her fastball, she still throws perhaps harder than either of the two remaining UMSL pitchers, Kim Niccum and Mary Dorney. The latter, though, has improved the velocity on her fastball and Hatler believes that she and Dorney throw about the same.

"Mary throws the ball pretty hard and I can't really tell who throws harder," said Hatler.

Niccum, who is the dean of the pitching staff, is more of an off-speed pitcher. In fact, the change-up is her best pitch.

"Kim has the best change-up on the team," said Hatler. "That's the pitch I would like to be able to control more."

Hatler began pitching about nine years ago, and with the able guidance of her father, Terry Hatler, has improved steadily over the years.

"I've learned everything from my dad," said Hatler, whose father has been a pitching instructor for several years. "He gave me the basics to work with."

Of course, Hatler's climb to the stature of a top-notch college pitcher hasn't been easy. Actually, it has been a real struggle.

"There were a few times when I felt like I wasn't good enough to make it," she said. "I didn't have the desire I felt it took to become good."

But Hatler persevered and gradually improved.

"My size has kept me back and that's why I've had to work harder," she said. "I've had to do everything right in order to thrive, like keeping the ball arm in arm position, and perfect straight, bending the back, not releasing the ball too low and developing curve balls."

Hatler attended Lindbergh High School in South St. Louis County and started for three years. In her senior year, she registered an impressive 8-1 mark and an ERA that hovered around 1.5.

In her senior year, though, Hatler decided she didn't want to play softball. Instead, she ran track. "At the time, I felt I would be more fun at track," she said.

However, later that summer, Hatler was back on the softball diamonds doing what she does best-pitching. Since she did not play high school softball her senior year, very few college recruiters knew about her. In fact, she had made up her mind to attend Northeastern because once the fall season was over UMSL's Sanchez showed up one day to watch her pitch for the Kirkwood Flames.

"Nancy Cadenhead (a former UMSL softball player) was on our team for a game against coach Sanchez to come out and watch me pitch," explained Hatler. "If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have received the scholarship."

Sanchez also appreciated the tip. "When I saw her play, she showed me potential to be a good college pitcher than anyone else," she said. "I was impressed the most by her composure. She is a very smart pitcher who has the desire to do well."

And so far, that desire has paid off in victories. Eleven wins with a few weeks still remaining in the season are a tremendous accomplishment for any pitcher, much less a freshman.

Hatler admits she has surprised herself by her rapid success. "I didn't even think I would get to pitch this much," she said. "But I love it. The more I get to pitch and the more pressure placed on me makes me, the harder I try."

With her outstanding freshman accomplishments, Hatler is certain to be a pitcher Sanchez will be counting on for the future. "A touch of enthusiasm crosses his lips when he talks about it."

"She may be one of the top-notch pitchers in college ball by the time the season is over," said Sanchez. "Right now, I don't want to push her too much because she still has a lot to learn, but I'm confident she will."

To be sure. As long as Hatler continues to improve, so will UMSL softball.

Softball intramurals underway

Frank Cusumano

Intramural softball had its grand opening last week. Ronald Reagan was in the hospital, so he could not throw out the opening ball. Mary Chappel did the honors nicely.

The most exciting game involved The Husks, a team composed of Curved writers, and The Mafia, names withheld upon request. The game was a near-saver affair. In the top of the seventh, The Mafia managed to score a run to take a 7-6 lead.

In the bottom of the seventh, The Husks rallied to tie the score. Pitcher Dan Flanakin had the hit single. Flanakin then blanked The Mafia in the top of the eighth.

Dave Knight of The Husks did his Reggie Jackson imitation in the bottom of the eighth. He blasted a 2-1 pitch to left-field for a dramatic game winning home run.

The Husks continued their excellent play this week as they crushed Beta Alpha Psi, 9-0. It was filled with good individual performances. Jeff Kuchino banged out two hits, one of them a home run. The Husks had five RBIs. Pitcher Dan Flanakin, the Mickey Lolich of UMSL batted a picture perfect slouty. Lacey Burnette had two hits and scored three runs.

In an upset, the Bulldogs downed The Gigolos' 16-14. Brian Mann of the Bulldogs enjoyed a great afternoon at the plate. Jerry Murphy had some big hits for The Gigolos. The Gigolos did not help themselves much as they allowed seven runs to be scored because of walks.

The Gigolos took out their frustrations on the plate for the Psycho II. They pounded the Psycho 17-4 in five innings. Scott Turner had two home runs. Rick Kirby, Brad Schretter, Bill Boehning, Ron Tyler, Jim Taft, and Bob Neuman all had grand days at the plate.

The Beta's blanked the Deans 5-0. The Dean's Don Moore is still optimistic about his team. "Our defense is good, we just could not get any hits. We can still win." they said.

In the coed league, the Hud­ sons and Others look like the cream of the crop. Onfelter Bill Brackenfield is a driving force. "We'll take the league because the girls make the difference. They are all good athletes." he said.

The team is loaded with current or ex-UMSL athletes. Larry South, Andy Wosick, and Jerred Bush just might be the best left-fielder in the league. Manager Chris Meier has her team playing fundamental softball.

The squad trounced the Slip­ shods, 12-6. Schretter was awe­ some at the plate for the Hudsons. He hit a ball to deep-center that might have railed one of Mike Schmidt's balls.

In other coed action, the Papals Bells sank the Headkickers 16-6, despite a three-run homer by Frank Cusumano and a three­ bit performance by Jeff Kuchino. Larry Washington is the catalyst of the Bulldogs. With him he gets on, things just happen.

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Rankin stays consistent despite team's problems

Frank Clements

At the beginning of the 1981 baseball campaign, the UMSL Rivermen expected to have one of their best seasons ever. However, the expectations have not been realized.

"At the beginning of the year I figured we'd easily make the playoffs, possibly the nationals, but now it doesn't look that way," said UMSL infielder Dan Rankin.

But Rankin himself cannot be faulted for the team's mid-season record of 11-19. At present, Rankin is hitting at a team-leading .400 clip, with 30 RBIs, 11 extra base hits, and 40 total hits in 30 games. Rankin is also doing the job in the field, turning in a .933 fielding average.

"I feel I'm doing well, but there is always room for improvement," said Rankin about his performance so far.

Rankin, a junior this year, has started all three years. Rankin attended high school at Hazelwood West. In his senior year, he finished with a .295 batting average and the Wildcats finish fourth in the state.

Rankin was recruited by both UMSL and a junior college in Joplin, Missouri. UMSL offered Rankin two semesters of scholarship, and the Joplin school offered a different position from game to game, "I wanted to play at UMSL all along," said Rankin, "but was going to Joplin because they offered me a full ride. I called coach Dix and told him about my plans and reasons, and UMSL increased it's offer to four semesters, the most you can give a baseball player. I'm glad they increased their offer. I liked the idea of playing at UMSL, and the idea of staying in town."

Rankin wasted no time breaking into the starting lineup, and finished the year with a .365 average.

"College baseball is a big change from high school ball," said Rankin. "In fact, I would say that it's a harder transition from high school to college than it is from college to pro."

Following his freshman season, Rankin worked with Dix on his hitting.

"Coach Dix really helped me at the plate and helped me make the transition from high school to college," he said, "but most of all he helped me build my confidence."

"I always knew that Danny could do the job," said UMSL Baseball Coach Jim Dix. "It just took him a little time to adjust and gain the necessary experience."

Obviously Dix was right, say in his sophomore year, Rankin hit .365, and played practically flawless defense.

"My strength increased, and my confidence increased with it," said Rankin.

The progress has continued as Rankin is hitting .355 percentage points above last year's mark, and he's leading the team in extra-base hits. But besides leading the Rivermen at the plate, Rankin has also been performing a difficult task in the field by dividing time between second base and shortstop.

"At Hazelwood West I played second base, and I still feel it's my best position," Rankin said, "but I feel comfortable and I can do the job at either position."

"It's hard for a player to play a different position from game to game," Dix said, "and Danny would probably be better off just sticking with one. But we've got a couple of guys at short, and neither one has won the position yet, so we need Danny to be versatile, and besides, his performance has been super."

Currently, the Rivermen are well under the .500 mark, and have 14 games remaining on the schedule. How does Rankin feel he and his teammates will finish the season?

"I look for us to finish right around .500," he said. "What messed us up at the beginning of the year was that Southern Trip where we came back home with 4-12 record. We played 16 division I games in eight days. None of the other teams had schedules like that, I think that if we had played only nine or ten games in that same period, we'd have done much better."

And what about next year for the Rivermen?

"Next year I expect to be a lot stronger," rankin said. "I work with weights in the off season. My hand and eye coordination is also good, so I look for myself to improve. As far as the team next year, it looks like we are going to have a real good defense, good hitters, and we'll need some more pitchers, but we'll definitely improve."

So far, Rankin's experience with UMSL has been an enjoyable one.

"I'm really glad I came here," he said. "So far I've liked everything, with the exception of the budget fundraising drives. But over all, it's been really enjoyable."

It's also been enjoyable for two other parties—Coach Dix, and the baseball team.

"There is no question about it," said Dix. "Danny is the most consistent player on the team, along with a couple of other players. Danny is playing up to his potential, and we can always depend on him to do so. He's averaging one run a game and he makes every play. He's super. What more can I say?"

Baseball

outstanding continued to be the team's top offensive performer. He leads in all bats (100), hits (40), doubles (7), RBI (30) and batting average (.400). He is second to Rob White in second in triples to Wayne Clermont (.400), hits (.30)

The Rivermen's team batting average before yesterday was .314 while the opponents was .314. UMSL has been out-honored by the opposition 12 to 18. Lenny Klaus and Dave Fagan are tied for the lead in victories with four each. Klaus leads in the ERA race with a mark of 4.49 while Fagan is second in 4.59. The staff's composite ERA is 7.52 and the opposition's is 5.42. The team's top offensive player. I'm glad they offered me a full ride. I called coach Dix and told him about my plans and reasons, and UMSL increased its offer to four semesters, the most you can give a baseball player. I'm glad they increased their offer. I liked the idea of playing at UMSL, and the idea of staying in town."

Dan Rankin

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STUD: Lisa Stundicki is leading the UMSL softball team in nearly every offensive category [photo by Wiley Price].

Stundicki

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With the season nearing its end, UMSL is aiming for the state championship, an accomplishment that eluded the women a year ago. Stundicki, a former prep star at Riverview, believes the team will attain its goal.

"We have a winning attitude on this team, and I don't think we're going to lose in state," she predicted. "I know if we lose a bad game, that will make us try that much harder."

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