Salaries increased without cuts

Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman said that the first-year reductions may be unnecessary because of a possible increase in state funding and higher student aid. A Senate-House conference committee of the General Assembly has recommended a state appropriation of about $170.8 million in 1982-83 for the University. This year the university received about $153 million.

In addition, student fees will be increased by 17 percent beginning this summer. At UMSL next year, service and support staff will receive salary increases of 12.04 percent. Faculty and administration will receive salary increases of between 10.24 and 11.04. The first 8.5 percent of the increases will be paid for through state funding, with the additional amount to come from campus sources. Service and support staff are receiving larger increases because their salaries are farther from the market level.

The compensation increase granted to service and support staff was set by central administration in Columbia. The increase in faculty and administration salaries has been left up to the campus. The committee tabled a motion to accept 11.04 salary increases until after academic departments have presented their budget requests for next year. Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Blanche M. Toshbill said that some departments will be requesting additional funds to offset funds they no longer will be collecting because of the elimination of lab fees and some supplemental fees.

If the committee recommends a 10.24 salary increase for faculty and administration, $133,000 will be made available for other expenses.

Grobman approached the outlook on the CIP with guarded optimism. He said that there may be another state withhold because state revenues are not quite at the level required to balance the budget. Last year, the state withheld 10 percent of the allocation to the university.

In addition, Grobman said that the overall three-year plan does not look as positive. "I'm all in favor of the Compensation Improvement Program," Grobman said. "But I'm probably going to have some tough sledding in 1984-85." Preliminary indications are that UMSL may have to reallocate more than $900,000 to meet the third-year requirements of the CIP.

However, President Olson has emphasized that the needs of the program will be assessed annually and adjustments will be made as conditions dictate.

Danforth critical of aid reductions

A second round of reductions in student financial assistance as proposed by President Ronald Reagan should not be approved by Congress, according to U.S. Sen. Jack Danforth (R-Mo.).

"The proposed reductions are not acceptable because they threaten to bargain away the economic future," Danforth said. "We cannot afford any but the best-educated and best-trained new generation of Americans to grapple with the challenges of the 21st century. Nor can we afford with basic access to higher education in a world geared increasingly to specialized and technical knowledge."

"When the fiscal 1983 budget was submitted to Congress, I expressed particular concern about the effects of proposed reductions in those programs," Danforth said. "At a time when educational costs continue to rise, cuts of the magnitude proposed cannot be justified."

Danforth said budget authority for major student assistance programs would be reduced by over one third under the proposals, to $4.3 billion from $6.4 billion.

"The difficult and absolutely necessary review of all areas of federal spending should start with the recognition that student financial assistance is a long-term investment in human capital — the skills and talents vital to a healthy and competitive economy," Danforth said.

Danforth said the proposed 40 percent reduction in Pell grants is unacceptable. The need-based program, he said, already channels 75 percent of its resources to students from families with adjusted gross incomes of $15,000 or less annually. In Missouri, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities estimates the changes would reduce the number of Pell Grant recipients to 35,000 from 58,000.

The Guaranteed Student Loan Program, he noted, was revised in 1981 to include a means test and a loan origination fee. He said a major reduction proposed this year, the elimination of graduate and professional students, is unacceptable. First, Danforth said, the suggested alternatives to this would require payments within 60 days or 12 months interest, making

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CHANGE OF SEASONS: Mother Nature had a change of heart and delivered temperatures in the upper 70s Monday after blanketing the campus with snow last week.

Happy birthday

Comedian/Cartoonist Steve Gipson celebrated his birthday last week in the Summit by entertaining students...

In the fold

Mike Larson has signed three recruits for next year's basketball season...

The runner

Kirk Deeken, a future Olymic hopeful, broke the record for the mile and a half run in UMSL intramural competition this week....

Photos by Jim Hickman

inside
**Book drive to be held**

A drive is being sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Student Association, April 19-22, to collect books that will be sent to a university in mainland China.

Containers will be placed in the University Center lobby and in the Arts and Sciences office. Students are asked to donate any types of books except math and science.

For more information call Larry Wines at 553-5104 or Anita McDonald at 553-5195.

**Philosophers to hold annual meeting Friday**

The Department of Philosophy and the College of Arts and Sciences are hosting the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Political Philosophy. Papers will be presented, in 302 Lucas, from 2:50pm and Saturday, at the Ramada Inn Airport. At Friday evening’s banquet at University House, Professor Lucas, Professor of Philosophy, will deliver the presidential address.

Several of the feature presentations will center on the contributions of the Frankfurt School to contemporary political thought. Professor Ulrich Sonnemann, UMSL Distinguished Visiting Scholar, and Professor Steven Schwartz, Washington University, will be the featured speakers.

**Year-end funds available**

University of Missouri President James C. Olson announced that about $800.00 in year-end funds will be available.

“This has been a most difficult year in which to generate funds for year-end distributions,” Olson stated in an April 8 letter addressed to the four UM chancellors. “The uncertainty of the state appropriations, delays in the receipt of the appropriation and fluctuating interest rates have all contributed to the problem.

Olson said that he hoped that the funds would be applied to the "most pressing problems" and that special consideration should be given to proposals that provide for the following: support for library or equipment purchases that have been deferred or cancelled due to recent shortages of funds; one-time investments in technology or other measures that will save resources in future years; lessen the impact of current fiscal planning. Requests for funds are to be forwarded to Olson by April 23.

**Mental health issues to be discussed**

Martha Boston, an Austin, Texas attorney who was lead counsel in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, "Addington v. Texas," which established the minimum constitutional standard of proof for commitment to mental hospitals, will present a seminar at UMSL on legal issues in mental health practice. The seminar is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, from 9am-4:30pm in the J.C. Penney Building. The registration fee for the course is $105.

Boston has taught mental health law at the University of Texas and the University of Houston, and is currently on the faculty of the Galveston Family Institute, a family therapy training center. She is chief legal consultant to the Texas Senate Committee on Human Resources on revision of the state mental health code, and she serves on a federal court review panel which monitors compliance by Texas state psychiatric hospitals with the court's order for quality patient care.

The seminar will offer mental health practitioners an opportunity to examine legal aspects of mental health work including issues such as confidentiality, consent, the dangerous client, and standards of care for treatment. Participants should learn to recognize legal issues as they arise in practice, and to develop a practical synthesis between legal requirements and therapeutic goals. The program will also cover interacting with attorneys and testifying in court.

Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be offered for persons completing the program.

For additional information, or to register, contact Joe Williams of UMSL Continuing Education at 553-5961.

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**Las Vegas Day to be held on campus**

The first annual Las Vegas Day will be held Friday, April 23, from 9:00am-2:30pm in the University Center lobby.

The day, sponsored by Peer Counseling, will include casino games such as Chuck-A-Luck, Wheel of Fortune, Roulette, Blackjack and more. A portable color television will also be raffled. The event is free to UMSL students.

Volunteers are needed to run games and register participants.

For more information call Claire at 553-5711.

**EYE-TO-EYE: UMSL optometry student Andrew Sase tests intraocular pressure at the Governor's Helath Fair in Jefferson City. UMSL optometric students traveled to the state capital on March 24 to promote "Save Your Vision Week," a week of national concern for vision health care. The UMSL Student Optometric Association provided the vision screening portion of the fair.**

**Committee applications available**

Applications are now being accepted from students for membership on University Senate committees. The Senate is the principle governing body of the university. Much of the Senate's business is carried out by committees.

Students can serve on such committees as Curriculum and Instruction, Admission and Student Aid, Library, Welfare and Grievance, Student Affairs, Student Publications, and Physical Facilities and General Services.

Applications are available at the Information Desk in the University Center. The deadline for returning applications is April 27. Additional information about the committees can be obtained by calling the Student Association office at 5104.

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Are you tired of ever increasing fees? If so, read on.

If not, stop reading. Are you upset with the continual decline in the quality of our library system? If so, read on.

Are you concerned with the diminishing conditions of the parking and lighting facilities the University has?

Are you disturbed about the unavailability for evening appointments with you assigned advisors? Are you tired of taking off work early in order to get to a campus office that closes at 5 pm and finding out they closed 10 minutes early?

These are but a few of the ever increasing problems encountered by the evening student.

The Evening College Council is a 15-member organization. The purpose of this group is to act as a liaison between the administration and students. The questions above are but a few of the problems the Evening Council is working on.

It is up to you. If you are really concerned and want to work on this council, please submit an application that is available in the Evening College Office, 334 Lucas Hall, or contact Randi Davis, president, Evening College Council, concerning your interest in becoming a member.

This year's elections will be held May 3 and 4. Polls will be located in Lucas Hall. Please support us with your vote.
Some parking fines increased

Beginning in the summer session, the parking fine for non-registered vehicles on campus will increase to $10 from $3.

"The rationale behind this is that we have a number of students here that do not register their vehicles," said Dan Wallace, assistant dean of Student Affairs. "By raising the fine, we hope to cut down on the number of tickets being issued. It would also be more fair for students who own stickers."

The UMSL police will continue to work directly with the Missouri Division of Motor Vehicles to check license plate numbers for all cars that do not display a parking sticker. If the car belongs to an UMSL student, a $10 fine will be issued. All violations for registered cars will remain at three dollars.

Parking stickers for the Fall 1982 semester will cost $24, one dollar less than the previous fee. Students are also pre-rated throughout the semester and are half-price at mid-semester.

"This should give students an incentive to buy a parking sticker," Wallace said.

Rolla professor wins award

Douglas C. Wixon, Jr., UMR associate professor of English, has been selected as the 1982 recipient of the University of Missouri's Thomas Jefferson Award. Wixon will receive a monetary award, derived from a gift by the Robert Earl McConnell Foundation, and a citation which will be presented in a ceremony later this spring.

Wixon received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955 and a M.S. in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Stanford University in 1960. He received a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of North Carolina in 1971.

During his six years on the faculty at UMR, Wixon has helped develop two English courses, one on the engineer as a writer and another on the literature and folklore of technology. He has studied and taught in Germany, France, Spain and Switzerland. He has been a Fulbright Professor in American history, a Danforth Foundation Associate, and is now a member of the National Humanities Faculty.

Wixon recently accepted a yearlong National Endowment for the Humanities grant to complete a book on the radical writers of the 1930s.
Student apathy here hits all-time record low

Student involvement on this campus has always been a longstanding joke. Students are known for being student apathy here as well. The Student Assembly has faced low turn-out to these events even among Assembly members. Hopefully the student body will have a choice this year.

But this year interest in the Student Association has drastically declined. Surely from a student body of 12,000 there would be more students interested in taking an active role in next year's student government.

Student Association president and vice president are salaried positions. Their salaries are paid from Student Activity fees we pay. Granted a student would not strike it rich as president or vice president, but it does cover the cost of incidental fees for a year and then some. Although this should not be a candidate’s sole purpose for putting in his or her name, it does help provide some incentive and compensation for time spent in working with Student Association.

On Monday, April 19 is the last day to file for either Student Association president, vice president or as a representative. Hopefully the student body will have a choice.

Letters

‘Our Thanks’

To UMSL Staff and Student Body

People everywhere in life
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Intangible and dear.

We couldn’t begin to count them all
Or even make them clear.
I only know we owe so much
To people everywhere.

And when we put our thoughts in verse
The musings of a thankful heart,
A heart much like your own,
For nothing that we think or write
Is ours and ours alone.

So if you found some beauty
In any word or line
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In proximity with mine.

Thank You Again,
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tyler Sr. and Lewis Jr.

Says aid cuts are justified

Dear Editor:

At the March 21 Student Assembly meeting, attended by Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman and Dean of Student Affairs Sandy Maclean, a motion was passed condemning President Ronald Reagan’s proposed “cuts” in student financial aid, stating in part “... if signed into law, this will mark the return of the days when only the privileged and wealthy few can afford to send their children to college.”

It has been argued that the cuts will not affect those who are already eligible for aid, but will instead reduce the amount of aid available to those who are not. Furthermore, those who are not eligible for aid will not be able to afford to attend college at all.

It is the role of the Student Association to advocate for the needs of our community, and to ensure that all students have the opportunity to receive the education they deserve. We cannot allow the Reagan administration to continue to cut funding for student aid programs.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Editorial

A call for involvement

The editorials in this issue are a call to action for all students to get involved in the University of Missouri. Student involvement is crucial to the success of the university and its programs.

The student body will have a choice in the upcoming Student Association elections, and it is important that students take advantage of this opportunity. Whether you choose to run for office or support a candidate, your voice will be heard.

Editorials in this issue include discussions on student involvement, budget cuts, and the role of the Student Association. These editorials are intended to inspire and motivate students to become more active in their university community.

The editorials in this issue are written by members of the Student Association and are intended to reflect the views of the student body. We encourage all students to read these editorials and to consider how they can become more involved in their university community.
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they can get them," Jones said.

Graduate students and students at professional schools no longer would be eligible for subsidized (low-interest) loans. However, graduate students at any income level would be eligible to get guaranteed loans of up to $8,000 per year at market interest rates, and they would not have to begin paying back the principal on such loans until after finishing school.

(Thus, if a graduate student at UMSL received a $2,000 loan at 16 percent for one year, annual interest payments required while in school would be $320, less than one semester's incidental fees for undergraduate students.) By stating the proposed elimination of the subsidized loans for these students while failing to mention the available alternatives, Mr. Calandro has needlessly led many graduate students to believe they wouldn't be able to complete their education.

Another key change would reduce funding for Pell Grants — direct gifts which never have to be paid back — from $2.2 billion in fiscal 1982 to $1.4 billion in 1983. Critics charge that cuts in this area would hit hardest at blacks and the poor. But, in fact, these groups would be the least adversely affected. While some of the savings could come from reducing the maximum Pell Grant from the current $700 to $1,000, the bulk of the savings would result from targeting such grants in favor of those at the lowest income levels. Under present law, families with AGIs of up to $27,000 may qualify for such grants. The administration would put the upper limit at $18,000 and would target 80 percent of such grant money to families with AGIs below $12,000. Students from higher-income families would be expected to rely more heavily on guaranteed loans.

In total, the Reagan administration will have a federal commitment next fall to student higher education of nearly $14 billion — a 2 percent increase over the current year's commitment; and this at a time when Ford Motor Co. has laid off 44 percent of its upper-level management, and numerous labor unions have accepted wage freezes. The purpose of the proposed changes is to assure that the poor will continue to have access to higher education while reversing the erosion of traditional family support for college costs in recent years at the middle-income level. Considering that Mr. Calandro also made such deceptive charges at the Student Day of Concern, as well as organized students to attend a recent rally protecting Reagan administration student aid changes, I suggest that he read the full text of these changes, rather than relying on the selective quoting of organizations as the U.S. Student Association (a group which throws objectivity to the wind for his facts and figures. After all, it's persons sharing Mr. Calandro's political ideology who frequently charge President Reagan with "shoot­ ing from the hip."

Robert J. Wittmann
Student Assembly Member

Dear Editor:

I am a student at the Rolla extension on the UMSL campus and my fiancé is a student in the Evening Division. I am writing to voice my outrage at the unsafe condition of the parking garage near Clark Hall on the evening of Monday, April 5, 1982.

On the date in question, the garage lights did not come on until after 8pm. It was pitch black on the upper levels, yet not a maintenance man or campus police officer was in sight! The crime problem, particularly rape, is bad enough at UMSL without setting up the women in the evening college who had to venture alone into that garage!

Sincerely,

James Horaowski

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- Last day to purchase tickets for the Greek Bandstand, which will wrap up Greek week next Saturday evening. Tickets are $6.50 and are available at the University Center Information Desk.
- Last day a student may drop a class or withdraw from school.
- Disabled Awareness Week sponsors the Muppet show "Kid on the Block" from 11am-noon in the Summit Lounge. A panel discussion, "Facts and Fallacies or Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Disabled Persons but Were Afraid to Ask," will wrap up the week's festivities at 1pm in 222 J.C. Penney.
- The University Players present "Bus Stop" at 8pm in the Benton Hall Theatre through April 16. Admission is $1 for UMSL students and $2 for the public.
- "Only When I Laugh," a film by Neil Simon, will light up the screen at UMSL's Friday and Saturday Nights at the Movies with two shows at 7 and 10pm in 101 Stadler. One guest may accompany the UMSL student at a reduced rate of $1 each. General admission is $1.50. Advance tickets are available at the University Center Information Desk.
- The UMSL Band will feature the music of Pat Martino from midnight-Dawn on FM 91.

Saturday 17

- Last chance to see "Only When I Laugh" at 7 and 10pm in 101 Stadler. An UMSL student may bring one guest for the reduced rate of $1 each. General admission is $1.50. Tickets are available at the door.
- Gateway Jazz, a KVMMU Student Staff Production, will air locally recorded jazz. The four jazz artists most requested by their listeners all month will be featured. Gateway Jazz can be heard from 11pm-midnight on FM 91.
- Miles Beyond will present the music of Willies Jackson from midnight-6am. This KVMMU Student Staff Production can be heard on FM 91.

Sunday 18

- Creative Aging, a KVMMU production by retired persons, will feature "Diggng Up the Past: How You Can Help" and "The 25th Birthday Party of the Friends of the St. Louis Art Museum (April 30-May 7)" from 7pm on FM 91.
- Greek Week '82 begins its festivities with the annual Greek Sing in the J. C. Penney Auditorium at 7pm.
- Playhouse 91, a KVMMU Student Staff Production, will continue with the Adventures of Sherlock Holmes in "The Engineer's Thumb" from 10-10:30pm on FM 91.
- Sunday Magazine, a KVMMU public affairs program, will feature Jim Barfar, former news director of KVMMU and former Sunday Magazine producer, in "Barfar Is Back" from 10:30-11:00pm on FM 91.
- Sports Spectrum, a KVMMU Student Staff Production, will feature this month a St. Louis Blues Special, a weekly Update of the NBA scene, a visit with a St. Louis Baseball Cardinal and more from 11:30pm-midnight on FM 91.
- Pipeline will air the music of "Human Sexual Response" from midnight-6am on KVMMU. This Student Staff Production can be found on FM 91.

Monday 19

- The women's tennis team will play against Southeast Missouri State in a game beginning at 3:30pm at UMSL.
- Greek T-shirt Day will be held in celebration of Greek Week '82.
- Video programs for the coming week include "Chick Corea" and "Alcohol: Drug of Choice" weekdays except Wednesday from 9am-33mp and 5pm-7pm Monday and Tuesday in the University Center Student Lounge.
- The Women's Center will show the film "Pope" at 10am and 2pm in 101A Benton. Three rape victims will discuss their experience with each other and the filmmaker.
- The softball Riverwomen will play a doubleheader against University Mis­ souri-Folina on 3pm on the UMSL field.

Tuesday 20

- Gallery 210 will open a new exhibit titled "Senior Art Students' Show: Painting and Drawings," from 11:30am-3:30pm weekdays through April 26 in 210 Lucas.
- TNT-11's dynamite will hold the annual Greek Week trivia contest at 7pm in the Summit Lounge.
- The opening reception for the Senior Art Students' Show will be held in Gallery 210 located on 210 Lucas from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Wednesday 21

- Greek Week '82 will hold a Greek God Competition with times and places to be announced.
- Pennies for Peace" a fund raising program for the UMSL Scholarship Fund will be held from 8am-12:30pm in the University Center Lobby through Thursday. As part of Greek Week, the professor with the most pennies will be the winner.
- The softball Riverwomen will play a doubleheader against University Mis­ souri-Folina on 3pm on the UMSL field.

Thursday 22

- "The Red Rockers" with special guests "The Nukes" will present a concert beginning at 8pm in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. Tickets are $3.50 for UMSL students and $6 for the general public. Advance tickets are available at the University Center Information Desk.
- The Staff Staff will present a mini-concert featuring Bob Cheese from 11am-1pm in the Summit Lounge.
- The Women's Center will present a lecture "Sexual Harassment: What Is It and What To Do About It" by Karl Schott, personnel representative of Monsanto, at 12:30pm in 101A Benton.
- Benjamin Spock will present a lecture titled "Nuclear Arms Race in Contest of Human Needs" beginning at 1-30pm in 126 SSB.
- "River Rock, Psychedelphy and the City 1830-1911" will be the subject of a lecture by Michael Rose from 2-4pm in the 107A Student Union Room, 331 SSB. Students are welcome and refreshments will be served.
- Parlor games, an annual event of Greek Week, will be held at 7pm in the Harris Turner Community Center in Bel-Ridge.

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Friendly visitors brighten the lives of others

Deborah Suchart

You are 80 years old. You don't see your family as often as you would like, and many of your friends have either died or moved away. You don't have enough money to live on, but your rent and utility payments keep going up. You are feeling lonely and sad, and suddenly the telephone rings.

"Hello," the caller says, "this is your friendly visitor." For a moment you feel a little better. Someone cares.

The Friendly Visitor Program, a field placement course offered at UMSL by the Department of Sociology, has been helping to provide services and companionship to the home-bound, isolated elderly.

"We were interested in that group because we saw ourselves as helping to keep people out of nursing homes and other more restrictive settings by provid­ing them with companionship and support," said Robert Calsyn, chairman of the psychology department.

Referrals to the program come from several sources. Among these are Meals on Wheels and the St. Louis County Older Residents' Program. Clients range in age from their mid-80s to about 100. Most of the clients are women. Clients live with a variety of limitations that make getting out difficult. Many suffer from arthritis, blindness, heart problems, depression, or a combination of problems. Others may have no family around or have strained family relations.

For some, social isolation is due to a fear of crime. For others, it is because they have remained in old neighborhoods while their friends have moved away. Others are forced to adjust to a new home them­selves.

"We have a very wide range of types of people," said Keith Shaw, coordinator of the program, "but there is also a lot of diversity in terms of their circum­stances. In some cases, their social isolation is not due to poverty. In other cases, if they had a good financial situation, they wouldn't need a visitor so badly."

"I can think of some situations where the family is so strapped because of financial resources that they can't give very much to the older person," Calsyn said.

The program has helped clients in a number of ways. "We had one woman who had lost a substantial portion of her income and was having a very difficult time with making the rent payments. It took our vol­unteer the whole semester, but he was able to get her a rent subsidy that lowered her rent by about 300 percent. If he hadn't been there, she wouldn't have known about the help that was available to her," Calsyn said.

While some volunteers serve such an advocacy role, others serve a more therapeutic one. "We had one woman who was referred to the program after her husband's death," Calsyn said. "She was so upset that she couldn't talk to anyone for more than five minutes without crying.

"At the same time, she had a tremendous fear that she was losing her memory," Calsyn said. "She wouldn't go out and wouldn't do anything. Our vol­unteer just sat there with her while she was crying for five or six weeks. By the end of the visiting period, the woman had enrolled in an art class, was going to a dining center on a regular basis, and chose not to have a visitor the next semes­ter," Calsyn said.

"We had helped her through the grieving process."

Another situation in which the program was able to provide a service that no one else could provide was when a student went to see a man with Alzheimer's Disease. The visits gave the man's wife a small amount of time alone—the only time during the week that she had all to herself.

"One of the advantages of the experience for students is that they can learn how people deal with issues such as death and dying—or learning to say goodbye," Calsyn said.

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Red Rockers to perform new wave concert

The Red Rockers, a four-member New Wave group from New Orleans, will perform at 8pm, April 19 in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. One member of the group, Darren Hill, is from St. Louis. The other members of the group are James Singletary, John Griffin, and Patrick Jones.

The Red Rockers was started in March of 1980 and has acquired a broad audience since that time. They have been invited to perform in Cuna this summer.

"Some friends of mine in Boston saw them and said they were great," said Cedric R. Anderson, chairman of the Concert Committee of the Program Board. "They do very well on the coast."

In the March 28, 1982 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, writer Michael Snyder said that their youthful idealism is similar to that expressed in the folk-rock protest songs of the 1960s. "Compared to other New Wave groups," Anderson said, "their style is similar to The Clash."

Tickets are $3.50 for UMSL students and $4.50 to the public, and may be purchased at the Information Desk in the University Center Lobby.

Pre-registration schedule

Pre-registration for the UMSL Health Fair is available to the Student Health Center, 127 Woods Hall, Monday through Friday from 1-4pm or at the following locations and times:

—Friday, April 16—8:30am and 12:30-3pm
—Saturday, April 17—8:30am, Summit; 12:30-3pm, Lucas Hall
—Monday, April 19—8:30-10:30am, Underground; 12:30-2pm, Marillac; and 3-7pm, Lucas Hall

The Health Fair is an all-volunteer project and at the UMSL site the vision and glaucoma screening will be provided by the faculty and students of the UMSL School of Optometry and the School of Nursing faculty. Students will serve as medical volunteers. Phyllis Lee, R.N., coordinator of Student Health Center, stresses the importance of these campus volunteers and emphasizes that without these people the Health Fair would not be possible.

"Health Fair '82 is available to anyone 18 years of age and over — UMSL students and the rest of the community as well," said Lee.

Lee said pre-registration is not mandatory but helps cut down on paperwork that must be completed at the actual time of testing. She added, "Although the health screening tests do not in any way replace a thorough medical exam by a physician or health care provider, it will provide an opportunity for you to learn about your own health or health problems and help you to better understand how daily choices in lifestyle and health habits affect your health. Your health in your responsibility and periodic checkups will help you to maintain good health."

Another focus of Health Fair is to provide information about health and community resources. Various health-related agencies will be represented and their literature will be available to anyone interested.

Lee offered these instructions for Health Fair participants:

• Wear sleeves which can be pushed up for a blood pressure test.
• Take regular medication at regular times.
• If you are having the optional blood chemistry test you must fast for 6 to 8 hours but you may drink water, plain coffee or plain unsweetened tea and take all prescribed medication.
• Do not drink fruit juice or milk before the test.

Lee is highly enthusiastic about this year's Health Fair and is encouraged by its success in the past three years. She hopes that much of the community, and, in particular, many UMSL students, will participate in at least some. If not all aspects of the fair — from the blood tests to simply gaining a little more knowledge about area health agencies.

Lee said, "I want everybody to take the opportunity to get involved in everything."
From the opening soliloquy to the closing scene, audience members at this weekend's production of "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" were treated to three hours of slapstick comedy and fun. But little did they realize that underneath all the fun was a lesson to be learned about life and death.

The Theatre Project Company presented the historical comedy by Kurt Vonnegut in the J.C. Penney Auditorium Thursday through Sunday. The play is set in New York City in 1969. The action takes place in a contemporary apartment that could easily be a taxidermist's haven with animal heads on the three walls and several bear rugs on the floor. The back and front doorbells were easily recognizable as roars from lions and tigers.

These animals are the memen­tons of an egotistical self-centered hunter who has left his wife and son eight years ago to pursue action and adventure in the African jungle. In the meantime, his wife and son have begun a new life in the apartment that bears many memories of the hunter and his bounty. His wife is being pursued by a mentally unstable vacuum cleaner salesman who makes every line of dialogue into a sales pitch and a doctor whose worst fears are safely in the peace movement and playing his violin.

The young man's birthday party comes and he is memorialized by a cake which reads "Happy Birthday Wanda June". The cake has been decorated for a little girl who was to celebrate her tenth birthday but was hit by an ice cream truck. She is taken to heaven where she plays shuffleboard with a Nazi soldier and one of the hunter's former wives.

Later that night, the hunter returns home with his raniy pil­e much to the surprise of his son who has not seen him for eight years.

The play begins to move quickly from this point with the egotistical hunter trying to win back the love of the family he walked out on. But this time his wife is no longer the naive, subservient woman he left. She has gone to college and gotten her master's degree in English literature and refuses to have unwanted thoughts put into her head by her overhearing hus­band. A fight ensues and she moves out leaving her son, husband and his pilot friend alone in the apartment.

One of the most truly enjoy­able parts of the play is when the pilot, Col. Looseleaf Harper, tells of his homecoming. Harper arrives at his doorstep only to be greeted by his mother-in-law. The shock is too much for her and she dies of a heart attack.

Joe Hanrahan, who plays Har­per, along with his character's passion, with his haggard suit, long hair and unlit cigar clenched in his teeth. From then on, the audi­ence was enamed by every­thing Harper said and waited impatiently for the next lines he would utter. Hanrahan was strong in the character of Harper and captured the hearts and laughter of every member of the audience.

John Contini who portrayed the hunter, was also a strong character. His thundering voice and monoton­ous delivery on the fooling and honor helped to keep the action moving at a steady pace. In the final scene Ryan is arguing with the doctor his wife is about to see what has happened.

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The relationship between two young female athletes is what Towne, who also wrote and produced "Personal Best," has chosen to explore. Chris Cahill (Mariel Hemingway) meets Tony Skinner (Patrice Donnelly) at the 1976 Olympic Trials. They soon become lovers and the competitive nature that exists in both of them becomes the ultimate hurdle each must overcome. Both girls are aiming towards the 1980 Moscow Games and the women's pentath­lon (100 meter hurdle, shotput, high jump, long jump, and 800 meter race)—probably the most physically challenging women's event of the decade.

Chris, the protagonist, is confused about her sexuality. She likes to consider Tony just a friend but realizes that there is more involved. Her relationship to Tony is not a simple one. Towne successfully manages to convey this complexity in concise terms. We know Chris is confused and we know why. We, as the audience, have the distinct advantage of witnessing the story unfold through the camera's eye: a perspective that Towne, and director of photography, Michael Chapman, utilize fully. "I intended to do as much about character as I could through movement," remarked Towne in a recent interview. "It was very impor­tant that we the audience, have the distinct advantage of seeing the character as I could through the camera's eye: a perspective that Towne, and director of photography, Michael Chapman, utilize fully. "I intended to do as much about character as I could through movement," remarked Towne in a recent interview. "It was very impor­tant that we"

Enlisting the acting talents of real athletes in "Personal Best" was probably the most interesting casting decision in quite some time. Sports fanatics will be interested to know that competitors participating in the film include: Jane Frederick, American pentathlon record holder; Deby LaPlante, American record holder in the 100 meter hurdles; Maren Seidler, U.S. shot put record holder, and Pam Spencer, American record holder in the high jump.

Hemingway's cast includes Patrice Donnelly, former Olympic hurdler; Jodi Anderson, record breaking long jumper, and Olympic Marathoner (finishing fourth place in the 1972 Munich Games), Kenny Moore. States Towne: "I felt that if you put someone in the position of doing what they do everyday of their lives and let them do it, they'll do it better than any actor."

And indeed they do. Some even get high once in a while. They work out religiously, though, and hold great respect for their fellow competitors. They account for a certain absence of sexual inhibition. When one is pleased with the way one looks and feels, one is generally less sexually inhibited.

For the brutally realistic director, Robert Towne, "Personal Best" is a personal achieve­ment. It is not for everyone, but those who enjoy a little slice of life on the screen will not be disappointed.

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tornado that had come through the area earlier in the day and much laughter and applause from the audience and was well received.

Lee Paton Hassegawa, portraying Dwayne Ryan, was perfectly cast as Ryan's wife. She is a flighty character but has many solid thoughts and is not afraid to express them even in front of her enraged husband. She should have been given the opportunity to show herself in standing up to her egocentric, self-centered husband and for welcoming him home with love and tenderness after eight years absence. Hassegawa played the part perfectly and helped to strengthen and weaken her husband's character whenever called for in the plot. The play, although it was a comedy overall, depicted the difficulty of death. At one point Harper says, "I have sent people to heaven and I don't even think there is one." He also says, "War would be so much better if men would say something I am not gonna do—that's too much."

When the doctor confronts Ryan in the last scene and mentally breaks down his character, the doctor says, "We could either talk man to man or healer to killer."

Vonnegut's style of writing and interjection of bizarre dialogue and actions could possibly have made this a difficult play to perform. But the Theatre Project Company shunned all this and made a go of it as a whole. The acting was strong overall and the characters kept the audience laughing constantly. The sound effects and directing by Courtesy Flanigan made "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" a truly enjoyable experience.
A reference and resource center, a place to participate in informal support groups, a place to study and relax—the UMSL Women’s Center is all of this and more. It is, said Cathy Burack, director of the Women’s Center, “a room of one’s own . . . I think that’s probably one of the most important things the Women’s Center provides.”

The Center is located in 107A Benton Hall and provides a lounge for student use. This is important, says Burack, because “it gives women students on campus a chance to discover their common threads. For instance,” she continued, “there a returning woman student in her 40s with a couple of kids, and a woman of eighteen can come together and start a2rousing discussion.” She added, “That may be one of the few times women of different generations are able to discuss issues in that sense—on a peer level, rather than as mother to daughter or some other familial relationship. I don’t have socially that kind of access to women in their 40s and 50s—the chance for informal socializing with older women that I do have here.”

For those who have questions about women’s issues, whether of a professional, scholastic or personal nature, the Women’s Center is a good place to get an answer or get steered in the right direction toward an answer.

The Women’s Center maintains a reference file which students may use on a drop-in basis during the Center’s regular hours, which are 8:30am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, it has a women’s studies library of over 400 volumes which students, faculty and staff may check out for two weeks.

The reference files, which deal with women’s issues or changing men’s roles and which are topically arranged, cover such issues as rape, abortion, ERA and child abuse. “For people doing papers on women’s issues,” said Burack, “these files can save students footwork and they can give them an overview of the issue they are working on.”

But students do not just use the files for scholastic/academic needs, said Burack. Those with personal concerns may also find help from the files. As an example, Burack said, “we had a man come in who was a single parent; his daughter had just started menstruating and he didn’t know what to say to her. We steered him toward the files and said to go it to.”

The files also provide a good starting point for women exploring scholastic and/or professional possibilities and for those wishing to make contact with women professionals because the Center maintains a list of women professionals in St. Louis.

The Center, said Burack, is particularly cognizant of the special needs of returning women students. One way it speaks to these concerns is through the reference files on financial aid resources available to returning women students. She said these files are particularly suited to returning women students because a number of them have age stipulations, such as that a woman be over 30 or 40.

“We are continually updating them and trying to find out about new sources - as Federal money disappears I think it helps to know about private foundations.”

Beyond these informational services which students may use on an informal, drop-in basis, Center offers a variety of one afternoon workshops and programs throughout the semester. Included in these are work shops on sexual harassment, self defense and automobile maintenance and films such as “Like a Rose,” which explores the lives of several women incarcerated at a Missouri correctional facility.

“Women don’t have to pre-register for these,” said Burack, “and we want them to know they can drop in anytime they feel like it and/or leave halfway through if they need to.”

These workshops and programs are given by professional women from the outside community rather than the UMSL faculty or Women’s Center staff and these women generally volunteer their time.

“For example,” Burack said, “the sexual harassment work shop is being done by Kay Scott, who is a personnel representa tive from Monsanto—she is part of that professional network I mentioned earlier. It’s nice they’re willing to do it—people have been willing to donate that kind of time.”

For women who are in changing situations or who want to explore options or alternative lifestyles on an ongoing, long-term basis, the Center organizes various informal support groups to deal with/meet these concerns. These groups are organized at the beginning of the semester, run from six to eight weeks and meet once a week and do require preregistration.

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Big week planned by Greeks

Greeks Week 1982, coordinated by UMSL's Office of Student Life and co-sponsored by 7-Up Bottling Company of St. Louis, will be held on the UMSL campus April 18-24. Greek Week is an annual tradition at universities and colleges across the country and is designed to promote unity and exposure for the members of campus fraternities and sororities.

A new addition to the schedule this year is the "Pennies for Professors" sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. Its purpose is to raise funds for the UMSL Scholarship Fund, and will feature "voting" by the entire UMSL community for favorite UMSL faculty members.

"Votes" will be cast by making monetary donations to the scholarship at polls set up in the University Center Lobby, April 21-22, 9am-12:30pm. All Greek-letter organizations (including honorary, social, curriculum and service groups) have been asked to sponsor candidates with the winning faculty member and organization receiving special recognition at the Greek Week Awards Banquet and Dance on April 24.

Greek Week will begin at 7pm, April 18 with a Greek Sing/Talent Show in the Marillac Auditorium. Greek trivia day is scheduled for April 19, and a Greek Trivia Contest will be held at 1pm, April 20 in the Summit Lounge.

From 9:00-12:30 on April 21 and at the same time on April 22, Pennies for Professors will be held in the University Center Lobby.

A Greek God Competition is scheduled for April 21, in the Mark Twain Complex. The week's activities will conclude on April 24 with Greek Games—relay races, pyramid building, tug-of-war, and a marathon run—at 8am in the Mark Twain Complex.

University Singers will give a concert on April 18, at 8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood. Admission is free.

The 40-voice choir, under the direction of Bruce Vance, assistant professor of music at UMSL, will sing both sacred choral and secular works. The choir will be returning to St. Louis after a midwestern tour that took them to Poplar Bluff, Mo., Forest City, Ark., and Fairfield Bay, Ark.

Mitchell to perform

Pianist Evelyn Mitchell will perform works of Chopin, Mozart, Bach, and Haydn at UMSL, April 26 at 8pm in the Education Auditorium of the Marillac campus. Admission is free.

Mitchell, coordinator of piano studies at UMSL, will perform Chopin's impromptus in A-flat major, Opus 29; the scherzo in B-flat minor, Opus 31; his "Berceuse," Opus 57; and the frequently performed ballade in F-minor, Opus 52.

The first half of the program will feature Mozart's sonata in D-major, K. 311; Bach's partita in B-flat, BWV 825; and Haydn's sonata in E-flat major, Hob. XVI:34, "The Great."

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DIGINNG HARD: UMSL's aggressive baserunning has helped put disappointing fourth inning.

Bill Fleischman

The UMSL Women's softball team was torpedosed in the Southeast Missouri State Riverboat Tournament last weekend by losing to SEMO 4-2, North East Missouri 3-6, Lincoln 5-4 and Nichols State 5-0.

"The problem is in one word—incconsistency. The inconsistency is in our pitching and hitting," said UMSL coach Mike Larson, adding, "we give up a lot of walks and our hitting is sporadic."

With SEMO on top 1-0, UMSL loaded the bases with none out but scored only once in a disappointing fourth inning. SEMO bounced back in the fifth to score three runs on two hits as seven batters went to the plate. UMSL tallied it other run in the sixth as freshman first baseman Cindy Krall singled home designated hitter Sue Vetter, who reached base on a fielder's choice.

Right-hander Mary Dorsey was charged with the loss as she gave up all four runs in four and two-thirds innings. Dorsey walked four—two of them in the three-run SEMO fifth—and struck out only one.

NEMO blasted UMSL pitching as it scored five runs on three hits and two walks in the first inning off hurler Nancy Hatler. After sending two runners across the platter in the third, NEMO put the game out of UMSL's reach in the seventh when it sent 11 batters to the plate scoring six times. UMSL's three pitchers (Hatler, Dorsey and Lisa Studnicki) yielded six walks and three hits in the NEMO assault. Five of the NEMO walks were given after two outs.

The only bright spot for UMSL was shortstop Sandy Moriarty's two-out RBI triple, which was the big hit in the four-run third.

In the Lincoln game, UMSL went about 2-0, but four Lincoln runners scored on only one hit as UMSL pitching faltered again by surrendering five walks.

UMSL's two runs, which came on a sacrifice and an error in the bottom of the seventh, were not enough as it dropped the contest 2-0.

Nichols State continued to drop the Riverwomen reeled as it blanked them on a five-hitter for its third straight win. Nichols scored four runs on a walk and four consecutive hits.

UMSL's offense continued to have its troubles as two runners were nailed trying to score. In the first, centerfielder Deb Johnson was thrown out trying to score on a Studnicki fly out to left field, and in the second lefthander Lori Davidson was thrown out at home on a ground ball to the shortstop.

Pitching continues to be the biggest headache for Larson. "We've got to get stronger pitching," he said, "our walks have come at the wrong time."

In addition to Studnicki, Moriarty pitched for the first time this season, allowing a home run and two walks in one inning against Nichols. "They didn't do too badly for being thrown in there without warning," said Larson.

Hurlers Dorsey and Hatler believe a combination of only two pitchers and cold weather are the foundation of the staff's weakness.

Normally March is known for its odd weather, but this year April should be the winner of that award. This unpredictable weather has messed up all of UMSL's sports, but baseball has been one of the hardest hit. Coach Jim Dix commented that the team couldn't get much done because "we couldn't get any field time in which to practice."

"We can't work out on any of the harder skills because we can't get together and have a normal practice. Playing inside wouldn't have helped us either because a team starts practicing outside, it interrupts their practice routine. Practicing indoors was fine at the beginning of the season, but now it won't do us any good at all," Dix said.

So instead of holding regular practices last week, Dix had to work on the things that couldn't be affected by the weather. "It was up to the guys to make sure that they ran and stretched and stayed in shape as well as they could," he said.

Dix added that pitching ace Steve Alibrand has a sore arm but that it isn't too serious and he isn't worrying because his freshman pitchers have got their feet on the ground now.

Women drop six in a row; ready for Mizzou tourney

Bill Fleischman

U. S. East Coast, 1st place; Larry Beekman, 2nd place; and U. S. Midwest, 1st place, Kayla Fricker. The only other medalist was Chris Warren, 3rd place, for the U. S. Midwest. The rest of the awards were won by Missouri players.

Three UMSL orienteers won winners in the National Intercollegiate Championship Orienteering Festivities held at Rockwood and Babler Parks on April 3 and 4. From left to right: Chris Christian, 1st place; Mark O'Brien, 2nd place; and Jim Medeba, 3rd place, for the National Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships to be held in Czechoslovakia in August.

Orienteering involves cross-country running. With the aid of a topographic map and compass, individuals find their way across the countryside from checkpoint to checkpoint. Runners use their imagination and skill to select the best route to locations designated on the topographic map.

The meet, hosted by the St. Louis Orienteering Club, included more than 500 competitors. Christiansen is the membership chairman of the St. Louis Club. For more information on orienteering, contact him at 553-576 or 576-5836.
Larson signs three recruits for basketball women

Jim Schurrbusch

Mike Larson, head coach for the basketball and softball Riverwomen squads, has announced the signings of three women for the 1982-83 Riverwomen basketball team.

Larson landed junior college performer Gina Gregory at the school. Hinson, in his senior year at Missouri, Moberly Junior College.

Hinson is a 5-foot-11 forward who saw limited action in her freshman year at Moberly. Her high school statistics, however, indicate a solid performer, in score and play defense. Playing in the northwest section of Missouri at Carrollton High School, Hinson, in her senior year, led the team in scoring average (24.0), field goal percentage (58 percent) and rebounding, bringing down 250 for the year.

She was named to the All-Conference team three years, the All-District squad and second-team All-State in her senior year at Carrolls.

Gina Gregory comes to UMSL from the Montgomery College, Mo. Gregory is a 5-foot-9 all-purpose player, having action at the post, guard and forward positions.

In high school, Gregory led the team in scoring with a 28.8 average. In her junior year, the young forward put points through the hoop at a 25.2 per-game clip.

Gregory gained first-team All-Conference and All-District honors in her junior year while in her senior year, she repeated the All-Conference performance and placed on the second-team All-District squad.

Ben Mach, Gregory's high school coach, said his player is a sound ball handler with a good shot. He also noted Gregory's rebounding and aggressive style of play as strengths.

Finally, Larson, with the help of women's Volleyball Coach Cindy Rech, brought in local standout Lisa Plamp. Plamp played four years of varsity basketball and volleyball for the Hazelwood West Wildcats. She averaged 13 points per game.

Women netters suffer winter blahs; head west for tourney

Jim Schurrbusch

The UMSL women's tennis team joined the other co-ed Spring sports last week that suffered through the Winter blues. The Riverwomen, scheduled to host the always tough Missouri Western squad, saw the opponents.

The 1-5 Riverwomen have been working hard to get second doubles team, the squad for the Missouri Western women's opponents offer to their players. A lot of times, we know we don't stand a chance against some of those teams. Geers has been explaining that they give their best regardless of opponents. She cites William Woods College as a moderately tough team that the Riverwomen could have beaten.

"We should have done better against William Woods," Geers said. As far as her individual play, Geers is happy with her progression, "I am fairly pleased with it. I've been doing better than when I started. Everybody is hitting solid." Geers has been one of the stronger performers for the Riverwomen this year. She sports a 3-3 record at her second singles spot and in the top doubles team with Lindsey Meyers, they are 2-4.

This weekend will be a tough one for the Riverwomen. Having not played competitively since April 3, the team travels to St. Joseph to face the touring team. steps in Warrensburg to face Central Missouri State University Sunday, and then finally, comes home for an 8:30am match against Southeast Missouri State University.

Revised Baseball Schedule

Thurs., April 15 Harris-Stowe (1) St. Louis University (2) UMSL
Sat., April 17 Lincoln University (2) Jefferson City (1) UMSL
Tues., April 20 Mckendree College (1) Washington University (1) Francis Field (2) Edwardsville Ill.
Sat., April 24 Southeast Missouri State (2) Cape Girardeau UMSL
Tues., April 27 Western Illinois University (2) Macomb, Ill.
Wed., April 28 St. Louis University (2) Musial Field UMSL
Mon., May 3 SIU-Edwardsville UMSL
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State is still on. Burkhat explained the format of the tournament as a stepping stone for the team.

"Right now we're just trying to catch up to the other teams we have to play..." - Randy Burkhat

National tournament. "This is a new idea, that I hope will become an annual event. What we do is to put all of the first team singles players against themselves, all of the second team singles players against themselves, and on like that. The purpose of this is to give the players something that looks good on their application for the National Tournament. It is a really good opportunity to give individual players shots at going to the Nationals." After the Midwest Division II tournament, the Rivermen will take on Westminster Wednesday at Westminster. The netters also have a match today against Washington University. It is a home match and will start at 3:00. That match was originally dated for April 6, but like the first match against Wash. U., it had to be rescheduled because of the weather.

Now that the mix-up seems to be cleared, the only thing coach Burkhat is hoping for is that the team "start playing better tennis".

- Randy Burkhat

Rookie Larson survives perils; aims for future success

The coaching profession has more than its share of perils. Accepting the challenge of moving up to a higher level of competition and falling flat on your face—is one of the biggest.

Mike Larson, first-year head women's basketball and softball coach at UMSL, has been fortunate enough to avoid disaster so far this year. But, at the same time, Larson's exploits in his initial year here won't exactly qualify him for Coach of the Year honors.

The women cagers, who won 22 games last year under the direction of Joe Sanchez, struggled to a 14-19 mark with Larson at the helm this past winter. In softball, Sanchez led the Riverwomen to a 33-win season last spring, while Larson's squad is presently 6-12 and in the midst of a six-game losing streak.

Before concluding that Sanchez is a better coach than Larson, consider the following:

Sanchez came to UMSL from William Woods, where he developed one of the premier women's athletic programs in the state. His basketball and softball teams won about 75 percent of their games against teams such as UMSL. Southeast Missouri State, Southwest Missouri State and other state schools.

Larson, on the other hand, arrived at UMSL from Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa. Although Larson compiled some decent marks in three years at Southeastern, he didn't have the advantage of facing tough competition like Sanchez did before he took over at UMSL.

The loss of 6-1 center Karen Lauth late in the season didn't help. Lauth, UMSL's tallest player, injured her hand against Harris Stowe and missed the last few weeks. At the time of her departure, UMSL was 11-6.

As for the softball team, there is plenty of time to turn things around and garner a winning season. Like the cagers, the softball squad has dropped several close games in heartbreaking fashion. A few breaks here and there, and the record could be reversed.

Larson admits that he has made some emistakes this season, but infallibility is not expected from a first year coach. Larson calls his first season at UMSL a "learning experience" and that education should be valuable in the future. Therein lies the most positive aspect of his presence here.

With the signing of three outstanding basketball recruits, Larson is undeniably optimistic about the next cage season. Starting forward Sandy Moriarty is the only player who will be lost due to graduation, which should leave the Riverwomen with an experienced squad next year. And the coach will have that valuable year's experience, too.

The bottom line is that Larson's performance as coach at UMSL should not be judged until he is given the chance to build the program to his liking. Next year could be the year we find out just how good a coach Mike Larson really is.
Deeken legs to victory; intramural softball begins

Renn Tipton

Now that the temperature is actually warming up and there is no snow on the ground, intramural action has begun to sprout all around the Mark Twain building. The Hoc-Soc playoffs are steadily approaching, softball intramurals just started this week, and an intramural fun run was held Tuesday.

Several teams have already qualified for the playoffs. In Division I, the Dozers and the Sig Taus have both clinched playoff spots with identical 4-0 records. They will play the championship game next Monday night. The Dozers improved their record Monday with a 9-1 win over the listless Pikes, who are in last place at 0-4. Sig Tau got to 4-0 by beating Police Squad 4-1 Monday night. Police Squad is in third place with a 2-2 record.

In the other Division I game, ROTC beat Beta Alpha Psi 5-4. ROTC is now 1-3 and is the fourth place team. They will go to the playoffs because of their win over Beta Alpha Psi if the two teams end up tied at the regular season end. Beta Alpha Psi is also 1-3.

As for the Division II action, last Wednesday the Deans slipped by Phi Zappa Krappa 3-2 in overtime. That win moved the Deans to 3-0 and clinched a playoff berth for them. Phi Zappa Krappa is currently tied for second place with TKE and the Probates. All three teams have identical 2-1 records. Tied for last place in Division II are the Sig PIs and the NADS, both sporting 0-3 records. Phi Zappa Krappa, TKE, and the Probates have all clinched playoff spots unless one of the teams loses their next two games, one of which was last night. One of those losses would have to be to one of the last place teams and the last place team they lost to would also have to win their next two games.

The playoff picture for the Women’s Division is much simpler. Phi Zappa Krappa will play the Sig Tau Roses in the first round and the winner of that game will face V.B. and Others. Speaking of Women’s action, V.B. and Others defeated the Phi Zappa Krappa 5-2 last Wednesday.

For softball action, three games were played Tuesday afternoon with the following results: the River Rats won by forfeit over ROTC, the Deans trounced the Pikes 13-1 in a five inning game, and the Psychos played the Could Have Been "Greats" in the late game that afternoon. Yesterday’s games saw the Odd Squad play the Pikes, ROTC play the Giligan, the Phi Zappa Krappa take on the Cat and Datentes. Games for today were: the Long Shots versus the Could Have Been "Greats," the River Rats versus the Butchers, and the Deans versus the Gizzlers.

Tuesday marked the day of the Spring Intramural Fun Run in which 22 students, faculty members, and University staff members competed in two races and seven divisions. Several course records were set that afternoon. Kirk Deeken set the record for the 1½ mile course with a time of 8:02, 28 seconds under his predicted time of 8:30. Deeken said, "I wanted to break eight minutes, but I didn’t have anybody to push me." Bruce Clark broke the Faculty/Staff male Division record by turning in a time of 8:59, 16 seconds under his predicted time of 9:15. Gall Greenwald set the record in the Faculty/Staff female Division with a time of 9:37, 13 seconds under her predicted time of 9:50.

There were no new records set in the three mile race in any division, but there were some outstanding performances nevertheless. Jerry O’Brien won the Student Male Division with a time of 17:15, just seven seconds ahead of the runner-up, Mike Cooke. Both had predicted times of 16:30. Patty Means won the Student Female Division with a time of 23:25, nearly three and a half minutes ahead of her only challenger, Beth Skelton. Mar­ jory Johnson won the Facul­ ty/Staff Female Division by be­ ing the only one in the category. She had a time of 25:31.

Judy Rosener won the Student Female Division by 16 second over Pat Malens, 11:27-11:43. Clark and Deeken were the only competitors in their individual divisions while Greenwald beat Joyce Espiritu and Kathy Hay­ wood in her division.

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