Olson abandons plan for cuts
Barb DePalma

A long, controversial battle to implement cuts in academic and professional programs has been abandoned by UM President Uehling.

The decision, announced by Olson June 8, ends the possibility of the four academic programs in order to increase salaries to make them comparable to other Big Eight and Big Ten universities.

"I do not intend to bring to you further recommendations for the reduction of enrollments in professional schools in connection with either the 1982-83 operating budget or the 1983-84 legislative appropriation," Olson said in a letter to the UM Board of Curators.

Olson's recommendation was to reallocate between $27 million and $34 million to increase salaries and provide money for existing programs. However, he had been under constant pressure from the board as well as the four UM chancellors, faculty and staff to make cuts, he said, in his recommendation for cuts on all campuses.

The only cut Olson retained was to reduce first-year pharmacy school enrollment at UMKC from 80 to 62 beginning in the fall.

UMC Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling told Olson a week prior to his decision that she would not seek any cuts from the Columbia campus at the present time. Instead she suggested that a statewide task force and intercampus committee be formed to study the university's role in higher education in Missouri.

Olson also told the board that the UM system must find more operating funds in order to maintain quality. He suggested several options:

--Have the Board of Curators request more money for the 1983-84 school year. The request would be for $193.9 million, which would be an increase from the $170.4 million approved by Gov. Christopher S. Bond and the legislature for 1982-83.

--Create a "development effort" to obtain private donations.

--Have selective reallocation on a smaller scale than the proposed guidelines.

--Have a "modest surcharge" on student fees for 1982-83. The fees already have been increased 17 percent from those paid in 1981-82.

Faculty and staff members on the four UM campuses are expected to receive raises of 7 to 8 percent in the coming year due to the 10 percent increase in state appropriations provided for the UM system. The appropriations will increase from $133.2 million to $170.4 million if a portion is not withheld by the governor. The 17 percent student fee increase also will provide money to support the salary hikes.

The reason for the low salaries presently being paid to faculty and staff is the withholding of portions of the university's state aid for two years due to low state revenues.

UM to receive $90 million from approved bond issue
Barb DePalma

A $600 million bond issue was approved by Missouri voters in a special election June 8. The issue is designed to obtain revenue necessary for capital improvements and economic developments around the state.

The bonds will be sold over five years and will be paid off through the bonding of a tax increase. Officials have estimated that approximately $1 billion in interest will come from the state over that period of time.

"We're going to launch this building program with the commitment to get the money from our money," said Gov. Christopher S. Bond, proponent of the bond issue. "We will meet our most pressing needs first.

Money from the sale of the bond will be allocated in the following areas:

--$300 million to build facilities for public safety, mental health, expanded health care, education and parks and recreation.

--$90 million for economic development projects such as soil conservation, local water and sewer systems, ports and airports.

--$170 million for repairs and renovations to state facilities. These include the four UM campuses, the St. Louis School for the Blind, Hubert Wheeler and Gateway State Schools, St. Louis State Hospital, Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center, and the St. Louis State School and Hospital.

--Of the $600 million, the UM system will receive $90 million with $20 million to be used for repairs and maintenance and $70 million for improvements and new building facilities.

From the $70 million, UMSL has put in a request for funds to build a science building on campus. An exact site has not been planned, but it is speculated to be built in the vicinity of Benton and Stadler halls and it may connect to one or both buildings.

"A science building has been our number one building priority for some time — probably since the early to mid-70's," said John Perry, vice chancellor of Administrative Services. "We have been requesting it for quite a few years. However, just because the bond issue passed, it does not necessarily mean we will get it. It still takes legislative action.

Perry said that UMSL hopes to get the building in the third or fourth year of the sale of bonds.

Of the $120 million set aside for repairs to state facilities, UMSL will receive money for general maintenance and repair to the buildings on campus.

Bond is expected to call a special session of the legislature around Sept. 8 to discuss the appropriation of some of the proceeds from the bond issue.

Leventhal honored for research
Jacob J. Leventhal, UMSL physics professor whose work in atomic and molecular physics has brought him acclaim from the international scientific community, has received the UM system's third annual $10,000 President's Award for outstanding support of his continuing research.

The award was presented by UM President Uehling June 9 in a ceremony following a unanimous recommendation from a review committee composed of faculty members from the four UM campuses.

Olson also announced that an additional $1,017,055 will be used for improvements throughout the UM system.

These projects and the president's award would be available through investment income on proceeds from the sale of UM's Weldon Spring property in St. Charles County in 1979. The investment income is being used to support scholarly, artistic and creative instruction-related activities of UM faculty. Of the $1 million, UMSL will receive $112,325.

"The Weldon Spring awards recognize the importance of the university's commitment to research, which affects the well-being of Missouri, directly or ultimately," Olson said. "In a very real sense, the university faculty is the state's most valuable intellectual capital. Putting dollars into furthering their research and creativity is an excellent way to maintain that capital."

Leventhal, now chairman of the physics department, joined the UMSL faculty in 1968. He specializes in the experimental study of fundamental processes involved in energy-exchanging interactions. His experimental work probes the microscopic nature of energy transfer, which scientists say is essential to the development of practical devices such as fusion reactors and modern lasers.

The award recognizes Leventhal's work over the last decade that combines low-energy ion beam techniques with emission spectroscopy, which involves the analysis of light emitted by energy-rich atoms or molecules, as in a neon sign.

Leventhal's work is on the frontier of atomic and molecular collision dynamics, said Richard Berns, dean of the Arts and Sciences. "He is a university professor of natural science and member of the National Academy of Sciences. There is only one other laboratory in the world that can compete at all with his brilliant work." Berns says, citing the Max Planck Institute in Gottingen.

In 1971, Leventhal designed a set of experiments that he felt could provide more precise information about energy transfer than previously was attainable. He was unable to get any outside funding because his peers thought the experiments were impossible. But Leventhal persisted, and, with limited financial and technical resources at UMSL, he started the experiments in 1974. He is now working towards completion.

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**Scholarship established**

University City High School has established a scholarship fund in the name of Ronnie Tyler, UMSL basketball star and former U. City athlete. Tyler collapsed and died during a pickup game at UMSL in early March.

Donations may be sent to The Ronnie Tyler Scholarship Fund, c/o University City High School, 7401 Balson, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.

**Spainhower to teach administration and politics**

Former state Treasurer James I. Spainhower will teach public administration and politics this fall at UMSL. His nine-month appointment will become effective Aug. 1.

Spainhower was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1980. He was removed as president of the School of the Ozarks in April 1982 following a dispute with the former president, Montague G. Clark.

**Assertiveness-training class to be held on campus**

An assertiveness-training class will be held at UMSL Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., July 1 through Aug. 5. The class will meet in the J.C. Penney Building and will be led by Sharon Maglous, co-director of Women’s Programs at UMSL.

The class is designed to help participants learn to express their feelings and opinions in a direct, honest and appropriate way without being aggressive or alienating others. By learning the skills of presenting themselves in an effective and assertive manner, participants should become more self-confident and fulfilled, and will find they have more effective communication skills, less anxiety, higher self-esteem and better relationships.

The fee is $45. For more information, or to register, call 553-5511.

**Writing course offered**

A course titled “Essentials of Quality Writing” will be held at UMSL Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6 through 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This course is designed to develop writing skills for use at home or at work. Participants will learn how to get started, revise and complete an effective piece of prose writing.

The fee for the course is $50. For more information call UMSL Continuing Education-Extension at 553-5961.

**Labor unions donate records to UMSL library**

The St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, has donated a microfilm copy of its minutes books to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection. This collection is part of the Missouri State Historical Society and is located on all four campuses.

The records are from 1913 to 1960 and include the minutes of the Central Trades and Labor Union, AFL, which formed at the time of the Council merging with the St. Louis branch of the CIO in 1957.

The Council is an umbrella organization of local AFL-CIO unions and represents the national AFL-CIO.

The minutes detail the accomplishments, struggles, victories and growth of St. Louis labor. The books include the secretary's report, updates on labor legislation, attendance lists of the unions and representatives present at each meeting, announcements from individual unions, and lists of non-union stores, restaurants and hotels under the heading, "We Don't Patronize."

The Western Historical Manuscript Collection is part of the Joint Collection of the University of Missouri and the state Historical Society and is located on all four campuses. The collection contains primary source materials for research in many fields and is open to scholars, students and the public.

The collection is located on the second level of the library.

**Newspaper course offered**

A “Newspaper in Education” workshop for teachers will be held this summer at UMSL. This program is designed to give teachers at all levels an opportunity to learn the most effective ways of using the newspaper as a teaching tool for a variety of subjects. The course, which offers two hours of graduate or undergraduate credit, will be held July 29 through Aug. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building.

The workshop offers practical ideas for teaching students via the newspaper. Program topics include freedom of the press, economics for classroom usage, editorial cartoons, use of the newspaper in social studies, and the role and responsibility of the medium.

Current newspapers are used in the workshop, along with teaching guide books and other reference materials relating to the general newspaper.

Registration fee for the course is $93.50 for persons enrolled in the UMSL Graduate School and $85 for all others, plus parking.

For more information call Sandra Diamond at 622-7787, or Renee Damron of UMSL Continuing Education-Extension at 553-5961.

**Good teachers**

Marcia A. Dalbey, associate professor of English, and Donald E. Grogan, associate professor of biology at UMSL, have been awarded the Amoco Good Teaching Awards for 1981-82. The award carries a $1,000 stipend.

A committee of UMSL students and faculty selected the winners for their teaching excellence and accessibility to students outside the classroom.

Dalbey, who earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1968, has taught at UMSL since 1973. Besides teaching courses on Chaucer and Middle English literature, Dalbey also has been a coordinator of the Women’s Studies Certificate program. Recently she taught courses which examined contemporary women’s perceptions of their roles.

Grogan earned his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Missouri in 1965. He has taught at UMSL since 1968. His main area of interest is biochemistry but he has taught physiology and cell physiology courses. For the past ten years he has performed cancer research and research on social insects such as bumblebees and wasps.

**UMSL police to engrave car windows**

The UMSL Police Department will be engraving identification numbers on vehicle windows as part of an anti-theft program in Missouri. The engraving will be done Thursday, July 8 and Monday, July 12 from 9 a.m. until noon and from 5 to 8 p.m. in front of the General Services Building.

The engraving procedure includes four steps: (1) A thin layer of black lacquer-based paint is used to create a screen on the window approximately one-half inch high and 6 inches wide. (2) The vehicle identification number is copied from the vehicle owner and filed in a common household cleaner.

By having identification numbers etched on vehicle windows, the cars become too much of a risk for a car thief because the number is registered to the vehicle owner and filed in Jefferson City. Also, thieves who steal cars for parts would have to dispose of the engraved windows which are some of the most valuable parts of the vehicle. Most thieves would not think it is worth the trouble.

**Leventhal**

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Ted interest among scientists worldwide and helped attract funding from the federal Department of Energy and the Office of Naval Research, which have supported his research consistently since 1975. Leventhal has applied his basic research findings especially in the fields of laser development, the understanding of atmospheric phenomena and the interpretation of plasma physics experiments necessary for electrical power generation by fusion reaction.

"I undertook these experiments purely for basic research reasons," says Leventhal, "but it's another illustration of how basic research ultimately can be applied. The fact that we've found such applications is the gravy."
Nemerov, Symington highlight graduation

Sue Reil

Howard Nemerov and Stuart Symington Jr. were honored guests at the 15th annual spring commencement exercises at UMSL May 16 in the Mark Twain Building.

Nemerov, who received the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for poetry, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters at the ceremony.

Nemerov was born in New York and graduated from Harvard University in 1941. His first book, "The Image and the Law," was published in 1947. For the next 20 years he taught at several universities and served as consultant in poetry at the Library of Congress. He came to St. Louis in 1969 as Hurst Visiting Professor of English at Washington University. In 1976, Nemerov was appointed Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of English. His 20th book, "Sentences," was published in 1980.

Symington, an active civic leader, delivered the commencement address, titled "Help."

"I would like to discuss with you today three kinds of help," Symington said, "the help which this university has given you, and the help which you can now give to your community and to this university itself."

Symington is founding partner in the law firm Gouldf, Symington, Petzall and Shoemake in St. Louis. He is a graduate of Yale University and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1933. He serves as chairman of the UMSL Chancellor's Council and as president of the board of directors of the Kammergild, UMSL's orchestra-in-residence.

Symington, with many civic responsibilities himself, said in his address, "I rejoice that the mayor of St. Louis, Vincent C. Schoemehl, is a graduate of this institution. . . . I know that among you are the trained skills which the St. Louis community badly needs to help it in the future."

"I suggest that as alumni. . . you devote some part of the rest of your life. . . to making it possible for future generations of UMSL students to help themselves and their community."

"I submit to you," he concluded, "that the true worth of that (college) experience will depend in significant measure on the degree to which you now go forward, to help make St. Louis a better place to live, and to make this the campus of a better university."

Symington was awarded the UMSL Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to the University by a Community Leader. Awarded at the ceremony were 696 undergraduates, 167 graduate and two doctoral degrees.

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Grobman asks for support in annual report

**Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman**

"The challenge now is to . . . promote a higher-educational advance. A decline in higher education will push the state irretrievably into that group of poor, backward, limited states . . ."

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**Jeff Kushno**

UMSL Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman issued a challenge to Missourians in his annual Report to the Community at the A. J. Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis May 13.

Grobman’s speech before an audience of 400 business and institutional leaders was focused on the role of public higher education in the age of high technology.

Grobman asked for support from the community to help promote higher education.

"The challenge now is to . . . promote a major higher-educational advance, comparable to the movement that helped transform America from a agricultural society to an industrial society," he said. "We must now materially assist our universities as they contribute to the coming transformation from an industrial society to a high-technology society."

Grobman said that if the United States is to maintain its dominant position in high technology, the majority of its population must be educated and sophisticated.

Budget cuts, though, have had an adverse effect on higher education. The economic situation has caused proposed reductions in financial aid for college students, with a possible elimination of loans and grants.

"Traditional leaders on the college and university campuses are receiving some form of federal student financial aid," Grobman said. "Should the proposed cuts prevail and not be replaced, America’s pool of highly educated brain power would decline substantially. I find that prospect alarming and frightening because, bluntly stated, education is the principle engine of public progress."

Grobman cited the fact that Missouri is a low-tax state as one of the major reasons for this state’s insufficient funds for higher education. Missouri ranks 26th among the 50 states in per capita income, but is 50th in taxes collected per capita.

"If Missouri were to collect taxes annually at the national average," he said, "the state would have $1.3 billion more to spend on services for its citizens than it now has."

The university has received declining support from the state the past few years. The operating budget of the University of Missouri was $170 million in 1980, $165 in 1981, and $153 million in 1982.

Because of declining support, Grobman said UMSL has had to borrow money from its invested funds and has raised student fees 17 percent for next year. In addition, UMSL has eliminated many programs and classes, has lost numerous faculty and staff members because of a low-salary situation the past few years.

Grobman said UMSL has maintained a high-quality level of education, though, because of dedicated faculty members.

"The education of our students is, in effect, being increasingly subsidized by our faculty members," he said, "and I must emphasize that we have reached the point where we are asking for too great a sacrifice on the part of our faculty."

"Our faculty members, who have a passionate commitment to high-quality education, are the lowest paid of the faculties of comparable Midwestern universities. Their salaries rank 17th among 17 comparable institutions."

Grobman explained that in order to preserve UMSL’s quality education, some programs probably will have to be reduced or eliminated. But he also pointed out that St. Louis already "has so few academic programs available through its local public university." He cited 15 comparable cities in the U.S. which offer many more programs to their citizens through their local universities.

As for the future, Grobman said, "All of us must realize that we cannot afford to not improve educational programs and institutions. Improvements in education serve the self-interest of our citizens as well as the interests of the state and nation."

"The economic well-being of Missouri depends directly on the quality and quantity of the educated manpower available to create, build, drive and staff our state’s businesses, industries, farms and institutions."

"Fewer educational opportunities, managed by minimally qualified people, funded at bare-bone levels, will not improve the quality of life for the citizens of Missouri. A decline in higher education will push the state irretrievably into that group of poor, backward, limited states where few people live or work by choice."
Jazz Ensemble excels under guidance of Matzke

Sharon Kobash

"The UMSL Jazz Ensemble is building a strong reputation as one of the finest college ensembles in the Midwest." This statement, taken from the1977 UMSL Jazz Festival program booklet, was true then, but in view of the supportive facts it may actually be called an understatement of the growing popularity of this group.

In 1977 the UMSL Combo, a smaller group composed of Jazz Ensemble members, performed with the North Texas State One O'Clock Band and the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra at the Tulsa (Okla.) Jazz Festival. They were named the best combo at that festival. In 1978 the ensemble and combo were invited to compete in the Wichita (Kan.) Jazz Festival, the largest jazz festival of the Midwest. That year the combo was the rated second best combo competing and the Jazz Ensemble was rated as the best Big Band at the festival, receiving a perfect score from one of the judges. In 1981 they finished second in the Big Band category at Wichita, Texas.

The ensemble has a special award which it presents to the graduating senior who has given the most to the Jazz program called the Ridenhour Award. The award was named in honor of its first recipient, Keith Ridenhour. Each year since then the Ridenhour family has donated money to keep the award going. Some of the past winners have been Dan Smith and Joe Paule. This year's winner was David Baker, the lead trumpeter in the ensemble.

What makes the ensemble this good? A lot of hard work, dedication and practicing on the part of the students, but it takes more than that. It takes the vision or concept to pull together the resources available, to connect the individual talent into a smooth, harmonious machine. The bonding glue for the UMSL Jazz Ensemble is its personnel and its conductor, Bill Matzke, assistant professor of music.

Matzke received his bachelor's degree and his master's of performance from the University of Nebraska and has had additional study at Iowa State University, Chicago, Ohio State, and North Texas State University. He has studied with noted Jazz educators Jamey Aebersold, David Baker, Jerry W. Coffin and Roger Breeden and Richard Matteson.

After teaching in the Omaha, Neb., public schools, Matzke was named assistant director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse where he started its first Jazz Festival in 1976. He came to UMSL in the fall of 1976 as director of the Jazz Ensemble and instructor of saxophone.

Under his guidance, courses in Jazz History, Jazz improvisation, and the pedagogy of improvisation were added to the program. Many of the students have since become a clinician and both for saxophone and Jazz education.

He organized a classical chamber group, the Ars Nova Trio, in 1978 and is the leader of his own Jazz quartet, Jazz Format. He also performs professionally with the Jack Aebersold Orchestra, the Mighty Mississippi Concert Band, and with Stan Fornashewski's Big Band Machine. For the past four years he has been a conductor of the UMSL Jazz Ensemble and many of the ensemble's members performed with the Ars Nova Trio.

AWARD WINNING: Members of the UMSL Jazz Ensemble recently received a No. 1 Big Band rating at the Wichita Jazz Festival.

Matzke, a woodwind player whose major instrument is the alto sax, prefers Jazz music because "you can incorporate all other styles of music into Jazz: Latin, rock, ballad, even pop. Matzke is proud of the ensemble's success but says, "You can't say that the ensemble as good as is as good as it will be next year." The judges last year were looking for a different sort of band. Matzke feels that next year will be good. He and the ensemble will return to Wichita and are hoping for another No. 1 rating.

Activity highlight: summer

Sharon Copeland

Tennis, racquetball, basketball and volleyball all can be enjoyed in the Mark Twain Building. Of course, games can't be played alone. So if you need a partner, come in and sign up on intra-mural department Larry and jump right in on the next game.III.

Some rare days of June are almost over, but there is still plenty of time to shape up, share live theater with a young family can come on the Under- ground is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Food Service workers make the sandwiches and salads which are put into vending machines in the Summit, Fresh fruit, snacks and yogurts are also available in this area which is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2 to 10 p.m. Students studying late at the library or attending meetings on Sunday will appreciate the new service. If you are addicted to video games, there are some in this area.

And, weather permitting, a barbecue will be held on the patio of the University Center June 30 and July 21 and 28. Watch for flyers telling which meat is being cooked for the $3 dinners served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UMSL is the place to be this summer. Come on over and you may take home a Trim Healthy, a movie memory or a bag full of cookies.
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Sunday 4

• "Playhouse 91" will present the adventures of Sherlock Holmes. In this week's adventure, "The Solbit Cyclist," Holmes is called in to solve the case of a lone bicyclist who disappears without a trace. The show airs at 10:30 p.m. on KWMU. The story is about how Holmes is forced to do business with Millverton in exchange for some in-discrete letters. The show can be heard on KWMU.

• Fear, Hope and Cancers. Dr. Bill Little, a psychologist, will discuss his work with cancer patients and their fears, hopes and aspirations on "Sunday Magazine." The show airs at 10:30 p.m. on KWMU.

Tuesday 6

• Out of Shape? The physical education and athletic staff will assist and guide you towards a better physical fitness every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. For more information call 553-5124 or 553-5641.

Friday 9

• "An American Werewolf in London" will be the featured movie at Friday Night at The Movies. Admission is $1 for UMSL students and $1.50 for the general public. Showings are at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in 101 Stadler Hall.

Saturday 10

• Sinfonia de Camera, a series of chamber orchestra concerts, will premiere with its first concert. The music of Mozart, Haydn and Mendelssohn will be performed with Anne Fegerburg as the featured soloist on the oboe. The concert is and is under the direction of James E. Richards. The performance starts at 8 p.m. in the Education Auditorium on the Marillac campus.

Friday 16

• Tee Time. The UMSL Intramural department will sponsor a gold tournament from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Belk Park in Wood River. Ill. Greens fees are $6.50.

Sunday 18

• Sherlock Holmes and the case of "Charles Augustus Millverton" will be the featured story on "Playhouse 91." At 10 p.m. the story is about how Holmes is forced to do business with Millverton in exchange for some in-discrete letters. The show can be heard on KWMU.

Sunday 22

• The University Players will present their annual children's show, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," at 2:30 p.m. in the Benton Hall Theatre. The show is free and performed daily through Sunday. See story insert.

Friday 23

• "New York, New York," the highly acclaimed musical hit of the silver screen with Liza Minnelli, will be shown Friday Night at The Movies. Show times are at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is $1 for UMSL students and $1.50 for the public. This is the last chance to catch the summer edition of Friday Night at The Movies. Scheduling will resume next fall.

Sunday 25

• "Playhouse 91" will present Sherlock Holmes and the case of "Black Peter" at 10 p.m. on KWMU. In this case, Holmes' deductive reasoning is called upon when a captain is found dead, harpooned to a wall.

• Best of "Sunday Magazine." Jim Dryden, producer of "Sunday Magazine" will present excerpts of the very best of "Sunday Magazine" at 10:30 p.m. on KWMU.
**Stellern's dream comes true in baseball draft**

Pet Connors

Mike Stellern completed Phase 1 of his three- phase, life-long dream when the former UMSL right fielder was drafted by Houston Astros in the fifth round of the major league draft June 6.

Now playing Class A ball in the Penn League of Auburn, N.Y., Stellern has just two more levels of minor league ball to master in order to reach his goal of becoming a major league baseball player. By being drafted by the Houston Astros in the fifth round not only surprised Stellern, but others as well. Rivermen coach Jim DIX hadn't expected Stellern to do so well in the draft.

"I was 100 percent sure Mike would be drafted," he said, "but I felt it wouldn't be until the later rounds, such as the eighth through the fifteenth." 

Stellern himself was amazed. He went so high, and surprised by the team that drafted him.

"I didn't even know the Astros were looking at me," he said. "I figured I would go in the tenth round, but I wasn't sure which club I would be drafted by."

Eight teams had contacted Stellern during his last season at UMSL. Three teams that showed an interest were the Cincinnati Reds, the New York Mets, and the Chicago Cubs.

"I'm tickled I went so high in the draft," added Stellern. "The plan was always for the first couple of rounds are middle infielders and ace pitchers. I was the fourth one on which teams need outfielders."

Stellern now is playing minor league ball in New York, but won't be forgotten by anyone at UMSL, who has access to the 1982 record books. The Hazelwood Central High School grad led the team with a 442 batting average, with five home runs and 49 RBI in just 42 games. He shatlered the slugging percentage mark by some 300 points, formerly set by Dave Strickfaden, assistant coach John Karazasz.

He also showed speed on the bases, stealing 28 bases in 29 attempts, and sparking in the right field, where he committed just one error all season with a .966 fielding percentage.

These records stand even taler considering Stellern didn't play baseball the year before. However, he did play baseball the 1981 season because of grades.

"I was trying to do too many things, trying to do one thing well too many people happy," explained Stellern. "Sitting out was a shock — like somebody was taking something away from me."

During his year of ineligibility, Stellern pulled his grades back up and improved in the weight room.

"I couldn't just watch my teammates play and not go to the weight room."

His hard work is paying off, as he is expected to be able to step up to a higher level and do well," he claimed.

Since hitting .290 his senior year of high school, Stellern has raised his batting mark a considerable amount every year since. He pulled season average of .359 and .371 before his recent comeback year of .422 at UMSL.

After facing minor-league pitcher Mark Smith, Stellern can say he's adjusted smoothly to yet another level. In his first game of Class A ball at Auburn, he has rapped out three singles and a double, and has played flawlessly in right field.

Stellern admits there is a big difference between college ball and minor-league ball. "In college, one of every four or five pitchers you faced were good. But up here, every pitcher you go against has real good stuff. I've only been up here a week, but I've seen some awesome stuff."

"I do like the competition. It's kind of scary at first when you walk onto a new scene, but it makes you shoot harder and push yourself that much farther."

**Larson lands former UCCO cage star**

UMSL women's basketball coach Mike Larson will be reuniued with one of his former players at Southeastern Community College in Burlington, Iowa, when the Riverwomen take the court for the 1982-83 season.

Deb Sherik, a 5-foot-8 guard who was the team leader at SCC the past two years, signed a letter of intent to attend UMSL last month. She is the second junior college women's basketball player, and the fourth overall, to sign with UMSL this year.

"Deb is a refreshing addition to our team," Larson said. "We need to strengthen our guard play, and I know the type of player Deb is. She hustles consistently and has a terrific attitude about her play."

Sherik holds eight individual records at SCC, including most points in a game (41), most assists in one season (154) and best field goal percentage for a season (50.8). She is the all-time career leader at SCC with 872 points, 262 assists and 181 steals.

Sherik also compiled many impressive honors at SCC. She was selected on the Eastern Iowa All-Conference first team and All-Region Junior College team both years. In addition, Sherik started for the South All-Stars in the annual Region 6 All-Star game this year.

Other players already in the fold this year are 6-foot-4 inch Lisa Plammp from Hazelwood West High School, 5-foot-9 guard Gina Gregory from Montgomery City, Mo., and Georgia Hudson, a 5-foot-11 forward from national champion Moberly Junior College.

Hinson will join returning UMSL veterans Sandy Moore, Renee Shaggs as former Moberly players on UMSL's roster for next season.

**Cross country team eliminated**

Jeff Kuchn

The ever-growing financial crunch that has beset various athletic programs across the country has made its mark on UMSL once more.

Cross country, one of the first sports to be offered at UMSL, was eliminated many years to be eliminated from the athletic program by the committee on athletic committee and athletic director, Al Marres.

The decision was made after a meeting early in June.

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Smith explained. "We just weren't getting the good athletes for cross country."

Cross country had been a favorite in the UMSL athletic program since 1967. It was added to the program after baseball and softball addition.

Frank Neal, coach of UMSL's cross country team for a total of six seasons (including one with a different coach), didn't agree with the recommendation for the elimination of the sport.

"It's just not true that we had a lack of interest," Neal said. "We had people who were fund-raising efforts. We decided to drop cross country because of a lack of interest in the sport."

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Bartow hopes to fill holes with Porter, three others

With a relatively small number of players expecting to return next year, UMSL men's basketball coach Tom Bartow approached his recruiting campaign with special interest. His recent harvest produced four players who should help fill some of the holes next season.

Spearheading the list of recruits is Ron Porter, a 6-foot-5 forward-center from University City High School. Porter averaged 16 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots a game for the 22-4 Indians this year, and should be a prime candidate for a starting position as a freshman.

"Porter is the most complete forward in the St. Louis area this year," said Bartow. "He can play in the lane, the perimeter, pass the ball and play good defense. We expect him to immediately make an impression on our basketball team."

Porter was named to the first-team Suburban South, Post-Dispatch North County All-District, Globe-Democrat All-District and All-Metro teams. He also played in the City-County and Missouri-Illinois All-Star games this year.

With only 6-foot-5 Richard "Bird" Hamilton and 6-foot-5 Kurt Jacob the only returning players who saw action at forward last season, Bartow recruited a few more forward prospects. He came up with two good ones in Joe Edwards, a 6-foot-5 standout from Iowa Central Community College, and Thurman Denton, a 6-foot-3 frontliner from Memphis Central High School.

Edwards, who played his high school basketball at Diresburg (Tenn.) High School, averaged 16.3 points and 7.6 rebounds this past season at Iowa Central. He also shot 53.6 percent from the field and 72.5 percent from the free-throw line.

Denton was named to the Iowa All-State and All-Region honors the past two years. In the last two years, Denton has played an integral part in leading his team to consecutive state championships.

The most recent player added to Bartow's recruiting crop is Carlos Smith, a 5-foot-10 guard from Southeastern Community College in Burlington, Iowa. Smith played his high school ball in Memphis, and is regarded as an excellent ballhandler.

Cross country

The elimination of cross country leaves UMSL with the minimum of six varsity men's sports to be eligible for competition in the MIAA. UMSL already has six varsity women's sports, which will be required by the league by 1985.

Smith, who has been UMSL's only athletic director since 1966, said he was saddened by the elimination of cross country at UMSL. "It was one of our old sports," he said. "I hate to see us give it up."

However, the sport may not be gone forever. "Any time we drop a sport, if the interest is rekindled, we'll consider bringing it back," Smith said.

An optimistic Neal added, "I expect to see cross country back at UMSL fairly soon."