Purchasing director lifts $8 million

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UML's Director of Purchasing Herman J. Weeble, Jr. has been indicted by a federal grand jury for embezzlement over $8 million in general operating funds of the university, according to his former boss, John P. Pokey, vice chancellor for Planned Projects.

The grand jury's investigation took less than a week. Weeble, along with four other Big Eight school purchasing directors, was found guilty of channelling the funds and supplies of equal value into foreign banks and warehouse accounts on the East Coast of the United States.

"It's inconceivable to me how anyone could buy $1.3 million in pencils and paper clips, trash the stuff somewhere in New Jersey, and then fence it off to the highest bidder," Pokey said. "Frankly, the university is stumped as to what to do next. Retaining the lawyers for a big legal battle could be a long, expensive route to go. Anything over $8 million we're supposed to bid out for two weeks. But who knows what they've been doing down there."

Weeble is on the run from American police. International police agents have spotted him in Mexico City, Tegucigalpa, Bogota, and he appears to be heading for Brazil. Extradition proceedings would be impossible if Weeble crosses the Brazilian border, because of international law.

The Purchasing Office at UML received a phone call from one of its former directors yesterday. Becky Wallstrom, a senior buyer, said that Weeble called collect around 2 p.m., and began taunting the staff he abandoned.

"The university completes its investigation. Browser is finding more and more evidence of Weeble's wrongdoings and turning them over to authorities. Here's hoping we catch a nice guy," Brushes said. "His wife called him at least three times a day and made sure he was at work."

Gloria Petchy, Weeble's secretary expressed surprise over the university's discovery. "I worked with the man for 3 years. I find it hard to believe that the man was a mastermind behind anything."

The UML campus' student escort program will be back again next year according to William Kareless, chief of police.

"You'll see some newly trained student escorts next fall. This summer they will be attending the FBI academy up east," said Kareless.

The escort program has been in operation for the past two years at UML. It was not until this year that we actually started escorting. This, according to Student Association President Larry Whines, has brought about the increased training program for next year's staff. "If we are going to actually escort students we want them to know how to do it correctly," Welles said.

The funding for the 10-week training at the FBI academy will come from the Student Activities Budget Committee. The total cost is expected to run $150,000 for five student escorts. "By sending five, the university will be getting the group rate with the FBI," Kareless said. "At $30,000 for each student, it's a real bargain. I just wish we could send some of the campus' police officers," he said.

Student Association vice president David Misslington was the designer of the training program. "I was trying to think of ways to spend all the money we had to get rid of next year," said Misslington.

"The time is now for all good students to come to the aid of women on this campus. Fear not - we men will protect you," said Larry Whines, Student Association president and all-around BMOC. According to Whines, this is the best and only work that Missingfoot has done all year. As vice president he was glad to hear from him. The last time I saw him was after the elections last April," said Whines. John Pokey, vice chancellor for Planned Projects, said, "I'm glad to see the student government take on projects like this. Hopefully we'll have the bids in on time for the escorts to attend this summer. These things take time you know. Kareless stated that the escorts will be selected on merit and that only John Whines, Larry's brother, has been selected to go so far.

"Newly trained escorts would be used to beef up the Secret Service when the Far academy comes to campus. "When President Carter came to campus in 1980, the Secret Service had to fly in extra agents. With the trained escorts they won't have to do it. That's IP the President comes here again then we'll be ready," said Kareless.
Problem calls for tough solution

The Stagnant editorial staff prides itself on being able to accept a tough problem, wrestle with it, and come up with a constructive, concrete solution. Unfortunately, our pride is showing with this particular problem. We're sure that all the students of UMSL are, like us, terribly concerned about it. It's been going on for so long that we've given up hope. What is it, you ask? Everyone who reads the Stagnant, or in a student, UMSL staff member, faculty member, administrator or local resident knows what we're talking about. The question is not what is it, but what do we do about it?

The editorial staff here at the Stagnant has been giving this matter a lot of thought for quite some time, and to be perfectly honest, we have no magic solutions. We're sure that the faculty and administration of UMSL have been considering the matter as well.

So why has no one come up with a viable solution to this problem?

We can think of several reasons:

1. Time. Solving this problem is going to take longer than anyone is going to be at UMSL, and few of us are willing to take on a task which we will never see completed.

2. The time constraint also means that whoever attempts to solve the problem must have an unbelievable amount of patience. Few of us can claim to be patient when working on a project that may be halted for months or even years at a time with no possibility of continuing in sight.

3. And of course the most obvious barrier to a solution is money. The nature of the problem itself necessitates a very long and very expensive plan for solving it. The problem is of such immense proportions that making the solution plan is itself an activity that could take years, and possibly millions of dollars.

Facing these barriers, it is clear why no one has made any serious attempt to solve the problem. What we find disturbing is that no one has made even a not-so-serious attempt.

The severity of this matter seems to fluctuate over time. It appears to be cyclical, going through the full cycle from being most severe to least severe and back to most severe every four to 10 years or so. Perhaps we are at the stage of greatest severity — and that means that things won't be getting much worse.

For lack of a better solution, maybe we should just wait for things to get better. After all, if it can't get any worse, it must get better, right?

Papa Gander looks at world today

Every time I think about what this world is coming to, my blood boils! The just and upright are being threatened by many outside forces. The most ominous and obvious menace comes from that godless nation on the other side of the world: the USSR.

Ever since they took Czechoslovakia and Hungary, those Commies have tried to extend their power and dominance throughout the world. Even today, these power-mad invaders exert their military superiority over weaker nations such as Afghanistan and Poland. (What the hell do they want with Poland, anyway?) Surely the Russians have enough people back in that mother country to change their own light bulbs! But the worst part of the global situation is this country's sorry response to the aforementioned menace.

Personally, I think we ought to get our Marines out of Lebanon and send 'em over to Afghanistan to blow the heads off of every one of those Bolshevik bastards. But will those idiots in Congress allow that? Of course not. They'd rather have our boys fighting against those Hindus over in Lebanon. Why the hell do we want to save those Syrians, anyway? The only thing they're good for is the natural oil their bodies produce from fighting all day.

I've heard from a reliable source that we're more likely to see Afghanistan into a Vietnam-like war for the Russians. If that's true, I don't think we're doing a very good job of it. After all, we never heard of any long-haired Russian youth protesting and singing "Where Have All the Ubekoks Gone?" or "Blowin' in the Betsy." No siree. Peter, Paul and Olga would get a one-way ticket to Siberia if they did.

What our country needs is more unity and less division. According to an insider, Jane Fonda and numerous others (I have a list of them somewhere), are Communist sympathizers planted here to degrade our wonderful nation. These pinkos ought to be deported to Cleveland where America sends the rest of its garbage. We all know that Jane Fonda and the Moscow Daily News have at least this in common: Both are communist rags! It's good to live in a country where I can speak my mind. Yessirree, in spite of the liberals and fanatics, this is still the greatest country in the world. My fellow Americans (excluding liberals, pinkos, scum, and all you other degenerates), I love you all.
De Grobmille to start film company

The University Imitators and Members of the 1983-84 Stagnant staff have been chosen to star in the remake of Alan Aladdin's 1954 film "This Pen for Hire," according to Arnold B. De Grobmille, UMSL chancellor and film producer.

De Grobmille, who is also president of University-Intramural Pictures, the University of Missouri system's new film company, said the film will give students a chance to do something important for themselves, their school and their city. "By participating in this film," he said, "our students can do something really exciting that will draw attention to themselves, their school and their city instead of just sitting in class every day taking notes."

De Grobmille said he hopes the film will get people to recognize St. Louis as "a jolly good place to make films."

"I got the idea for a film one afternoon while having a spot of tea with Jamie O. (James C. De Olmille, UMSL president and UI executive producer and vice president), one afternoon," he said. "We were talking about the days when we used to go to the flicks (movies) with our dates while the other kids were eating popcorn like every- one else. It was a bit nearer, but anyway, we were reminiscing about nickelodeons, westerns and vaudeville when it struck me that St. Louis could be famous for something again," he said. "Jamie and I batted about a few possibilities and came up with flicks. We both thought it was a smashing good idea and decided to get cracking on it right away."

De Grobmille said that he and De Olmille decided the best way to achieve their goal of getting notoriety for the city would be to form their own film company.

"We had no trouble getting our idea past the Board of Curators," De Olmille said. "They thought it was pretty smashing themselves and gave us funds to get rolling."

De Olmille said they also got money from the deans of student affairs on all four campuses. That way, he said, they would not have to raise tuition because money was taken from student activity fees. "This project is our baby and I say, old boy, we're going to raise it ourselves, won't we?" De Olmille said.

"This film will be the greatest thing that's happened to St. Louis since 'Escape from New York, Say Amen Somebody, the Miss Universe Pageant and St. Louis R&B," he said. "This Pen for Hire," the two said, is an upcoming U-I film about a Soviet spy who mas- querades as a college food critic at small Midwestern university in order to brainwash the student population by writing bad food reviews (and reviews about bad food), of what is being served in the school's cafeteria.

The film will be shot entirely on location in the Suburbanian cafeteria and other parts of the UMSL campus in June," De Grobmille said.

"We chose the U. Imitators and the Stagnant people for the film," he said, "because it was obvious we needed actors and also we wanted to add a bit of realism by using genuine newspaper blokes, and those two groups are the closest things we have to either. They're also used to working for cheap, so that works out OK."

A 25 cent disposable ball-point pen will be cast in the title role, he said.

De Grobmille said that all UIM students will have a chance to participate in upcoming films regardless of whether they belong to a campus organization or have any writing or acting ability.

Check out this story, mate

UMSL student Reginald Bishop's life can be summed up in one word — chess.

"Chess is my life," said Bishop. "I live, eat, sleep and breathe chess."

Bishop is a junior here at UMSL majoring in an interdisciplinary program of chess studies. He is also the newly elected president of the UMSL Chess League.

"I particularly enjoy the chess opportunities here," Bishop said. "UMSL is perhaps one of the strongest chess studies schools in the nation."

Bishop said that there are a number of interesting and challenging chess courses, once you get past the Elementary Chess 101 course.

"There's Psychology of Chess and Chess in Modern Society. And then, of course, there's Statistical Methods of Chess and the Anthropology of Chess. I hear the English department is think- ing about offering a 106-level course, Chess in the Age of Dryden and Pope."

Bishop said he became inter- ested in the game soon after he was born in Queens, New York. "I loaned him the game even then," he said, "but some of the moves were a bit complicated for my one-week old mind."

Bishop learned quickly though, developing such skill to reach the Grand Master ranking at the precocious age of three.

"Chess was always in my home," he said. "My parents encouraged me perhaps too much. While all the other kids on the block were playing baseball or football, I was practicing my chess."

Bishop discounted other sports games like checkers, Risk, or Master-Mind as being inferior to chess. "It's the difference be- tween day and Knight," he said.

He has no particular plans for the future, but said he hopes for a position with independence and authority. "I wouldn't want to be a pawn in the corporate machine," he said.

Marriage, though, is definitely in his future, although he said he spends too much time playing chess to have any prospects now. "But someday," he said, "my queen will come."

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The UMSL Stagnant has been sold to Australian publishing magnate Rupert Murdoch by the dean of student affairs at UMSL, Ilhoe S. (Loony) MacBean.

Nurdoch reportedly paid very little for the paper's publishing rights, and he had other bid speculators in submitting his sealed bid by using information he bought from former Purchasing Director Herman J. Weebie, Jr. "I've really talked about this," MacBean said. "Mr. Nurdoch has promised that we'll get at least two issues of the Stagnant every week, which is something that I've been after for a long time...."

Dan Waffleshihler, MacBean's assistant, said that the sale has been approved by John P. Pokey, vice-chancellor for phased projects, and that Nurdoch is assum-ing operations in the fall.

"Basically, Nurdoch's going to run the show for UMSL," Waf-weshihler said. "It's sort of a protective agreement. I'm glad. For once, there may be something to read in the student newspaper. Usually, it's as dry as chalk. I'm looking forward to a change."

Nurdoch owns more than 90 newspaper operations around the globe. His acquisition, the Stagnant, is significant in that it is the first college newspaper that he has been able to purchase with financial ease.

Haten Slander, the director of business affairs/advertising for the student paper, said that he is optimistic that the stu-dent staff will retain most of the control over the paper.

"I'm sure that Nurdoch will be much too busy to stay up late on Tuesday nights, our night of pro-duction," Slander said. "And with all that money, we'll be able to project our loss leaders early in the year. Plus we'll have the ability to expand our software at will. It should be exciting." Nurdoch himself was unavailable for comment.

The Departments of Economics and Political Science present the second annual "Evening of Macroeconomic Dinner Theatre"

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