Legislators speak on funding

Cris Lesnik

Last Friday, over 100 faculty members attended a forum on higher public education in Missouri. The forum was sponsored by the UM St. Louis chapter of the American University Professors Association and the Missouri Senate Legal Affairs Committee.

The meeting was the third in a series of public forums on higher education in Missouri. The first meeting was held in Kansas City, the second in St. Louis, and the third in Columbia, Mo.

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Recession affects enrollment

(CPS) — The silver cloud of the U.S. economic recovery may prove to have a dark lining for some colleges.

Enrollment, some fear, might finally dip as precipitously as experts once predicted it would do during the early 1980s.

"If the recovery continues," said Lester Brookner, chief business officer at Miami-Dade Community College, "I'd anticipate a decrease in enrollment" because "benefit-eligible people don't go to college as readily as they did during recessionary times.

"It has been the conventional wisdom that in a recession people do enroll at a greater extent than at other times," observed Elaine El-Khawas of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

In times of recession, more people go back to school for additional training," agreed M.J. Williams of the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

But now that the recession appears to be over and jobs gradually become more plentiful, people may not need retraining in as great numbers as in the past few years.

Signs indicate that an enrollment decline may begin in certain kinds of schools.

An "informal" 4-year college fall enrollment survey by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges showed a slight drop in the number of students attending classes full time and an increase in the number of part-time students.

"Good economic times lead to an increase in the number of part-time students and a decrease in those attending school full time," said James Gollat- scheff of the association.

A lot of students who came here full time are continuing school part (time) and are working," added Broker of Miami-Dade Community College, the largest community college in the country, where autumn enrollment fell 1 percent.

The biggest impact, in fact, may be on community and junior colleges. Enrollment at "low price-tag" urban schools may be the most sensitive to changes in the local job market, speculated Julianne Still Thrift of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Of course, "when people are optimistic about the economy, they're more likely to make an investment in their children's education," she added. Consequently, "an good economic enrollment for us (four-year colleges)."

Nevertheless, colleges that rely primarily on 18-year-olds to fill their campuses also may be vulnerable.

Since the mid-70s, experts have been forecasting a sharp drop in college enrollments because of the declining numbers of 18-year-olds. Enrollments have continued to rise — to a record total of over 12 million over the last two years — thanks largely to increased recruiting of "non-traditional" students.

"Non-trad" students, of course, are people older than the usual 18 to 24-year-old age group, and who may be returning to college for retraining.

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Lobbying important to future financial aid

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Though Congress is not expected to pass many bills during this election-year session, it will do a lot of work toward shaping laws that will be enacted next year.

And the laws they consider are important ones. Lobbyists said it's essential toalter the Reagan administration's emphasis on cutting college aid programs during this election year, when education seems to be a hot political topic.

Of even more importance, they said, will be the new Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which will set limits and ceilings for aid programs for the next financial aid budget and the five years.

Ozer, be focusing on both the 1985 political topic. during this election year, when administration's emphasis on it's essential to alter the Reagan important ones. Lobbyists said several aid programs - following two years of cuts and level funding by the Reagan administration - 1984 is the year to catch up and make long-awaited amendments to the nation's student aid system.

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Drive carefully on campus

Last week, 18-year-old Song Yoon was injured in an auto accident on the UMSL campus. Fortunately, her injuries were not serious, but she is probably very shaken. So is the driver of the car that struck Yoon.

Accidents like this one are blessedly infrequent here at UMSL, which is remarkable for a commuter campus and so many pedestrians. Yet this incident shows that the unexpected can happen, and that we need to be aware of the potential dangers that surround us.

Spending on campus should be checked periodically by the UMSL police. The faster a car is traveling, the less reaction time drivers give themselves, and the longer it takes to bring the car to a stop. We as drivers have the responsibility to keep our cars under control at all times.

Avoid zipping through the parking lots because there could be someone walking on a blind corner you are about to turn. Come to a complete stop at the pedestrian crosswalks on campus. Don't just roll through it—it is intimidating to a pedestrian, and could cause a rear-end collision if the person behind you thinks that you're going to keep on moving instead of stopping.

Pedestrians always have the right of way. UMSL drivers have just been given a chance to see what happens when cars strike people—people always lose. Slow down, be careful, and avoid any possible mental anguish because of recklessness or neglect.

letters
Do something

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to all those students who feel lost and disillusioned by UMSL's impersonal atmosphere. Go out and do something about it! I spent one lonely semester on this campus, too. However, that is all it took for me to learn that there are alternatives out there. Your own personal initiative is all it takes.

According to the Office of Student Life, there are approximately 80 recognized student groups on campus. Membership in most of them is available to anyone with similar interests. Many positions on university committees go unfilled each semester because of insufficient interest from among the student population. Inquiries about such committees can, I am sure, be answered by Student Association President Barbara Willis.

Sincerely,

Mary Burrows

Fraternity feted

Dear Editor:

It is quite refreshing for the UMSL Current to give coverage to such an important event as the Thanksgiving Dinner held by Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. This is the fifty-fifth year for the project and the only time it has received nationwide coverage. It would be nice if all groups on campus get public recognition for charitable efforts. Your article was a step in the right direction.

Thanks are also in order for Chancellor Arnold B. Grohman and Sen. Edwin L. Dirck for their support of our project.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Weller
member, Sigma Tau Gamma

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Unusual deal by Michigan governor if college tuition freezes

**LANINGO, Mich.**—Michigan Gov. James Blanchard has offered the state's public colleges an unusual tuition deal: If the schools agree not to raise tuition next year, the state will increase funding of the schools by 10 percent. If the state agrees to fund tuition, the colleges will get only a seven percent increase in state funds.

Blanchard said in his January budget address.

"If all the state campuses agree to freeze tuition, total funding could rise by some $71 million next year, from the 1983-84 level of $709.3 million. "Michigan has three of the 10 highest-priced institutions in the country," she said. "We got hit with a nine percent tuition increase last year, a 13 percent hike the year before, and support any effort to hold those increases down."

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**POET/PROFESSOR'S CANDOR SPARKS THOUGHTS**

Linda Belford

**columnist**

Quincy Troupe, poet, and associate professor of Third World Literature at Cony College, Staten Island, gave a reading at UMSL last week. While his reading was good, it's what he said afterward that I connected with, and how he said it. No qualifications. You ask him a question and he tells you what he feels. His emotional honesty really hits me right, and I want to share some of it with you. What follows then, is what Quincy Troupe said as I remember it.

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Racism and sexism are what keep people from talking to one another and therefore keep us backward and ignorant. I'm not getting myself from all I'm saying either. I'm just trying to say that ignorance is not bliss. It hurts like hell.

If you look at the works of most white novelists, you wouldn't know that black people exist. And the movies—"The Big Chill," a contempor­orary movie about the '60s, you don't see any black people in that movie, and we're the ones who started the '60s. While we've got all these laws saying how equal everybody is, people's attitudes still haven't changed.

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**Financial aid**

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finance their educations. And for many, aid officials fear the bar- den of repaying those loans after they graduate will be too great.

"Some kids are borrowing substantial amounts of money to get through school," said Janet Hansen, associate director of the College Board.

"And I think we really need to look at the potential problems that could create.

USIA is so concerned about mounting student debt problems "we are strongly opposing any further increases on loan limits on the undergraduate level," said Ozer.

"In addition," she said, "we support major expansion in the Trio programs, which are special service programs to provide counseling, training and assistance for low-income students." Lobbyists also want to switch the massive $2.3 billion Pell Grant program from a pre-set funding level to an entitlement system which funds the program based on the number of qualified applicants each year.

"We also need to reach out to some students much earlier, maybe even in high school," said NASFAA's Martin, "to encourage students in certain majors that there will be funding available for them." The House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee, to push for changes that will improve funding of the financial aid programs.

In a blueprint for the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, Simon last week proposed mak- ing Pell Grants into an entitlement program, raising the cur- rent Pell Grant limit from $1800 to $3000, and combining the Sup- plemental Educational Opport­ unity Grant, Student Incentive Grant, and National Direct Student Loan programs into one campus-based block grant program which would give colleges greater freedom to disperse aid based on the needs of their students.

Simon would also raise Col­lege Work-Study funding from its current $555 million to over $800 million by 1990, allowing students greater flexibility in consolidat­ ing their student loans, and start a special program to give aid to high school students who plan to become teachers.

In the midst of their zeal to devote their time to a change in tax laws, some new savvy by campus fund raisers, and perhaps even shrewd marketing by computer companies, corporate gifts to colleges are creating a wave of support.

"It was worthwhile to me that I met many more faculty people than I would have," she said. "I've gotten to know some very well and I like them all. Any time you have an opportunity to meet one more person, the time you devote to it is worth it."

On Tuesday, UPSTREAM will sponsor a talk with Melvin George, vice president for aca­ demic affairs for the UM system, who will talk on "Do Univer­ sities Have a Future?" Following the talk will be a reception in the Hawthorne Room of the Summit lounge. Anyone wanting to attend is welcome.

On Feb. 14, UPSTREAM will hold a meeting in Room 335 Woods Hall from noon to 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested may attend.
STILL COOL IN THE COLD: UMSL students and faculty find that winter windchills need not freeze their fashionable spirits. (Above Left) Speech communication instructor Lynne Fuller stays warm in an elegant fur. (Above Right) The film "Flashdance" helped make torn sweatshirts chic; bookstore employees Judy Morgan (left) and Cathy Redmond model these UMSL-adapted styles. (Right) Joe Kupferer wears what he describes as the world's largest overcoat. (Below Left) Landy Cauley's winter style combines elegance with creative flair. (Center) Basic, but bold are key winter fashion words for evening student Tina Drury. (Below Center) The sporty look is always in, as Kerry Kelly demonstraties, in her KWMU satin adaptation. (Below Right) Dave Wassilak shows that a humorous accessory can liven up the most drab of winter days. Photos by Margie Newman.
In search of the perfect french fry

Jeff Lamb
managing editor

Despite the best arguments of doctors and nutritionists, we all know the importance of fast foods in the average college student’s diet. To maintain a sound system of fast-food restaurants, I have the task of reviewing several area fast-food restaurants on the basis of their french fries, hamburgers or main courses, and standard dessert. During the first phase of this project, this week we’ll deal with the french fry.

(By the way, the other two parts will appear when I have the opportunity to complete my research, hopefully that will occur within the next few weeks.)

Following is a sometimes subjective, satirical, sloppy, and serious survey of the fast-food dining opportunities awaiting hungry UMSt students.

French fries have become a staple in the American fast-food diet. However, many people, when asked, do not know exactly what qualities distinguish a good fry from a bad one. Typically, they just know what they like.

The most important characteristic of a french fry is the result of many variables, namely the type of oil used, the time in the oil, the size and shape of the potato, the temperature of the potato, the time in the oil, and many others. But there are two that you, the consumer can control — the salt and ketchup used on the fries.

Some restaurants and some consumers do not take these factors into account, and so the pleasurable experience of eating french fries fails to reach its full potential. One of my goals with this series is to educate uninitiated consumers on the effects of various salts and ketchups on the total french-fry flavor experience.

Many believe that salt is salt, that there’s no difference between brands. The salt flavoring is essentially the same among the different brands, but the critical characteristic that distinguishes the different brands of salt is the size of the grains.

For dry and smooth textured fries, I recommend a medium-to-fine-grained salt. Small salt grains dissolve quickly, and once dissolved, the sharp salt flavor becomes dulled. People like me, who enjoy that sharp flavor, must add more salt to the fries to obtain it. Of course, allows salt to dissolve — the more present, the quicker the salt will dissolve.

For dry and rough-textured fries, a medium-grained salt is again best. Any size of salt grains will stick well to fries with these characteristics. But when using fine-grained salt, be very careful not to use too much: fine grains get caught in the rough surface of dry and rough fries and the fine grains tend to become hard to see in the low lighting of some restaurants.

For wet (grassy) fries, large grains should be used. The grassy flavor causes the salt to dissolve quickly, but the larger grains take longer to dissolve; both elements counteract each other.

Of course, several reviews will, perhaps quite rightly, take all of this with a grain of salt. In that case, I recommend using a large grain of salt for maximum effectiveness.

Ketchup has a dual purpose; it not only affects the flavor of the fries, but it also helps to cool super-hot fries. I prefer my fries warm, not hot, so the temperature-regulating function of ketchup is more important to me than the flavor function.

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Kammergild remarkable in 'Super Bowl' concert

Norma Puleo
music critic

[Editor’s note: The Kammergild Chamber Orchestra presented its third concert of the 1983-84 season Sunday, Jan. 22. Current music critic Norma Puleo attended the concert; following are her impressions.]

“Welcome to the Super Bowl concert,” Kammergild maestro Lutz Gosman said, opening the orchestra’s January concert, referring, of course, to the National Football League championship game held on the same day. “I’m glad to see there are so many of you left.” After the maestro’s remarks, the evening got off to a remarkable start.

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Stravinsky’s music for Balanchine’s ballet, Apollon Musagete.

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Written in 1928, it is from his neoclassic period. Part of the performance was Igor

Cruickshank, the guest artist, first sang “Quae Morreseat et Dolebat,” from Pergolesi’s “Stabat Mater.” There was a momentary hesitation in her vocal line in the opening phrase, after which everything went well, with both vocalist and orchestra delivering a solid performance.

review

Cruickshank has an aristocratic but slightly shy stage presence. Tall, with a regal bearing, classic features and an elegant simplicity in her dress, she epitomizes the word “class.” These qualities are not only visible, but audible. Both her voice and her musical approach reflect them. There is a composer and serenity in her personal and vocal style which makes her an especially fine interpreter of Bach. It is no wonder that Gosman chose her as his soloist, for he is without a doubt the most beautiful written by Bach. The vocal line is very challenging, both musically and technically. Gosman acquitted himself with his usual expertise. Cruickshank maintained a flawless line. A prominent feature of her singing is her wisdom in never using too much full voice; however, while her ascending lines balanced well with the violin, some of the lower passages were a bit too soft.

The final selection, Bach’s “Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major” for flute, violin, harpsichord and strings, featured Gosman, flutist Jacob Berg and

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Girls like Tracy never tell their parents about guys like Rouke.
observations were that a large order of take-out fries is smaller than a large order of eat-in fries. So if you want more fries, you should eat in.

An amusing party trick is to eat in the fast-food restaurant, ordering a large order of fries with your meal, and placing a take-out order for a "friend or relative" which includes a large order of take-out fries. Ask for an empty plate as well. When the foods arrive, pour the bagged take-out fries onto the empty plate. Then you can observationally compare the large eat-in order of fries to the large take-out order to see which method gets you more french fries. Your companions will be delighted by such a prank!

Steak n Shake proudly supplies Heinz ketchup in bottles at the condiment counter. Heinz ketchup is fresh, and I highly recommend that you use it. These containers insulate the fries much more than you might imagine, so to keep them warm, eat them directly out of the box, instead of dumping the box's contents onto your tray or napkin.

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Wendy's

Not far from UMSL, in fact so close you can walk to it, is Wendy's, which serves a rather standard french fry. It is light golden in color, slightly longer than the average fry, slightly greasy, rough in texture, and very hot. These fries are frequently soft and greasy, and even at times floppy, with very little rigidity, a french fry feature I favor considerably. Thus, these fries are not very dependable.

But when they are rigid, they taste pretty good. The salt provided is the fine-grained variety, not exactly ideal for greasy fries, but the ketchup is Heinz, and it's always necessary because the fries are so hot.

Part of the secret to Wendy's fries' heat is that they are a bit thicker than the average fry. The rough outer coating is an extremely effective insulator, reminiscent of some insulating materials developed by NASA in its heat-containing capacity. It tastes infinitely better than NASA's insulators, too.

I wouldn't go so far as to say that Wendy's fries are impressive, but they are pretty good and well worth your time to try at least once before you graduate or leave UMSL.

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around UMSL February

Friday

- The University Program Board Film Series presents "Staying Alive," starring John Travolta, at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in Room 101 Stadler Hall. Admission is free to students with a valid UMSL ID and $1.50 for the general public.

- The UMSL swim team hosts the St. Louis Area Collegiate Athletic Association swim meet beginning at 6 p.m. in Mark Twain Pool. The meet continues tomorrow afternoon. Admission is free to students with a valid UMSL ID.

- A meeting of the Accounting Club will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 101 Stadler Hall, J.C. Penney. Guest speaker Mike Her- zog, from Ernst and Whitney, will discuss interview techniques.

- The Physics Club hosts a lecture by UMSL professor Dr. Beth Felman on photoluminescence in mercury cadmium telluride and the current research being done in this field, at UMSL at 1:30 p.m. in Room 301 Benton Hall. The material is dual to work consistently 2 to 4 hours a day.

- The music department will hold auditions for a new show and is free to students who are interested. For more information, call 553-9881.

Saturday

- "Staying Alive" resumes the story of Tony Manero (of "Saturday Night Fever" fame) five years later. Now living in Manhattan, he is a dancer, disco waiter and unsuccessful love interest of a female disco dancer. The film continue...
Rivermen lose to Billikens in OT

Daniel A. Kimack
Sports Editor

Frank Cusumano, a 6-foot reserve guard, won't be around next year even if Billikens coach Rich Grawer decides to schedule the Rivermen for competition.

Cusumano's return and another UMSL-Saint Louis University match-up are equally unfeasible.

The three-year letterman is exhausting his final year of eligibility, and Monday evening's 45-42 Bills win in overtime at the Mark Twain Building did little to help UMSL pressure the Division 1 school into another contract.

"It's not optimistic," said Rivermen coach Rich Meckfessel. "If we could have won the game Monday, we would have helped ourselves. A victory would make it difficult for SLU to bow out gracefully."

UMSL didn't win before its largest crowd of the season, 2,900, however, mainly because of Billiken guard Lather Burden's free-throw shooting, some controversial calls late in the game, and the rebounding strength of 6-foot-8 center Abdur Rahim Al Matiin and 6-foot-9 forward Carvin Norman.

But the smaller Division 2 Rivermen came close.

Making a name against SLU's celebrated three-guard offense (Burden, Kevin Williams and 'Pee Wee' Lenard), three UMSL backcourters helped the Rivermen erase an early 8-0 Bills lead, and went ahead 21-19 with 3 minutes, 59 seconds remaining in the first half.

Carlos Smith (13 points), Bob McCormack (14 points) and Cusumano (four points) not only scored all but 11 of UMSL's points, but played a stringent defense against the larger Billiken squad.

Cusumano, a spot-starter this season, was given the opportunity to show his stuff because "we were looking for an emotional lift," Meckfessel said. "We felt Frank had the enthusiasm to light a fire for us. He played very well, and it wasn't his fault when we got behind 8-0."

With clutch shooting from Smith and McCormack, UMSL extended the first half lead to as much as seven points and the Bills trailed 24-19 at halftime.

But thanks to a concerted effort by Al Matiin and Norman, SLU controlled the boards (out-rebounding the Rivermen 42-22 in the game) and battled back to a 32-32 tie with just under 11 minutes remaining in regulation time.

"Offensively," Meckfessel said, "we felt they couldn't do anything -- never. They couldn't do anything but use their size and muscle for the offensive rebound and score."

And that's just what they did to deadlock the score. Al Matiin was fouled after chipping in a soft shot on a rebound, and converted the bonus shot.

COMING BACK: SLU Coach Rich Grawer instructs 'Pee Wee' Lenard in practice. Lenard was held to just two points by UMSL's Carlos Smith.

Men fall in MIAA

Kyle Muldrow
Reporters

There's an old saying that goes, "Never judge a book by its cover." This definitely holds true for the UMSL Rivermen basketball team. It may have lost two games last week, but it sure has its share of shining moments.

The first encounter was last Wednesday night, as the Rivermen traveled to Jefferson City to take on the Lincoln University Blue Tigers. After two close losses to the Rivermen last season, the Tigers wanted to even the score, which they did by virtue of a 67-55 victory.

"Lincoln played very well," said Coach Rich Meckfessel. "They're capable of playing well. They were last in the league last year but they were the only team in the league to beat (defending league champion) Southeast Missouri State University at Southeast. They're an explosive team. If you catch them on a night when they're playing well, they're very tough to beat and we just didn't have good enough defense to shut them down."

CORRECTION: Senior guard Frank Cusumano, though, quickly added his four points connecting on two sizeable jump shots. And with his fist clenched high above his head, Cusumano had an inkling the 36-32 lead with 7:43 was just what the doctor ordered.

But the unsuspecting ball-handler was soon in the scrap of his life.

When Meckfessel opted for the delay game, it was more than impressive.

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Men splash Hendrix

Heidi Berlyak
Reporters

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Sharon Kubatsky

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Ron Porter turned in his strongest effort of the season, scoring 16 points and hauling down 10 rebounds. Kurt Berg continued his rapid improvement with 12 points. Bob McCormack also scored 12, followed by Frank Cusumano with 10.

After that game, most experts would have said Saturday's game against the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats was no contest. After all, the Bearcats had a 17-2 overall record (4-0 in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association) coming into the game, as well as the No. 3 national ranking in NCAA Division 2. Easy pickings, right?

No way. The Rivermen scored the first three baskets of the game and led by as many as eight in the opening minutes of the first half, but then the Bearcats came back to within 20-19, with 10 minutes, 9 seconds left in the half. From there, the lead see-sawed back and forth. At the end of the half, Northwest held a slim lead, 45-42.

The second half started slowly as both teams traded baskets for the first three minutes. Then the Rivermen went on a tear in which they outscored the Bearcats, 9-3.

With 11:24 left in the game, the Bearcats had a 10-point lead, 63-53. After a timeout, however, Northwest came back. In a five-minute span, it outscored UMSL 18-2 to lead, 71-65. But Carlos Jones made a sensational 30-foot jumper and then canned a free throw to put the Rivermen back in front, 72-69.

After several exchanges, Northwest had regained the lead, 76-72. (The game then went back to a see-saw affair; however, the Bearcats had the better of it as they won, 86-80.)

Despite the loss, Smith and Joe Miller both enjoyed banner nights, scoring 25 and 20 points, respectively, season highs for both players. Meckfessel had many praises for both players, especially Miller. "He had by far his best game. He played with a lot of confidence offensively. He took it to the basket and did a nice job."

Meckfessel said the team as a whole shot well but not quite well enough. "We shot 47 percent and that's just not quite good enough. You have to shoot 50 percent or better to beat a good team." He also said that Northwest's highly accurate shooting contributed to the narrow defeat.

Bleachers hold diversity

Frank Russell
features writer

The UMSL Rivermen's battle with the Saint Louis University Billikens Monday night was quite a show, with the lead jumping from team to team until the decisive overtime period.

Perhaps just as interesting as the show on the court, though, was the show in the stands. The crowd for the cross-town rivals' contest was easily the largest this season.

Fans have a number of reasons for attending an inter-collegiate basketball game, among them loyalty to their school, a love of sports, friendship with members of the team, perhaps, or just for the fun of it.

Fresman Lawrence Clossum attended the contest "to see a good basketball game," he said. "I try to support all the sports at UMSL."

Clossum, an assistant coach on the women's basketball team, said that since UMSL has no dormitories, attending sports events helps students feel more a part of their school. "They've got a good team out here," he said. "They need to come and support them."

Cora Jones, a computer type-setter at Wells Printing Service, said she came to the game to see Luther Burden on the MIAA team and Ron Porter and Carlos Smith of the Rivermen.

"I like the way they play ball," she said, adding that she knew Burden when they went to Beaumont High School in the city.

John McIntyre, a student at St. Louis Community college at Florissant Valley, said that he came to the game with an UMSL student friend just for "something to do." It was the first time he had been to a college basketball game, he said, and that he was having a good time.

Augustine Porter, however, attended the game for quite a different reason. For the mother of Riverman Ron Porter, UMSL basketball games are a matter of family pride.

"Last year I made every one of the games," she said, adding that this year either she or her husband has made every Rivermen matchup, her husband even driving to many away games.

"I'm here enjoying the game," she said. "UMSL is playing pretty good. I'm really proud of all the guys on the team. They're really giving a lot of effort."

"It's a big local game," Current sportswriter Kyle Mulfad explained. "It always draws big crowds."

It was pure love of the sport that drew Steve Wellier to the event. "I'm the sports information director at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville," he said, explaining that the school last year dropped its program in the sport, "and I haven't seen basketball all year."

But it was the swarm of youngsters that descended on Riverman Kurt Jacob, seeking his autograph at game's end, that made it clear why they were there. Maybe they were just looking for somebody to look up to.

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Inebriated Parks fans sober to 13 UMSL goals

Jim Goulden
reporter

Q: What do you get when you have a group of inebriated Parks College hockey fans supporting their favorite college hockey team?
A: Two groups of Parks' students getting ripped simultaneously.

While Jim Demos and Jim LaPorta staged a hockey clinic last Wednesday at the Creve Coeur Ice Rink, and Pete Serrano showed a shoal of his own that resembled roller derby more than hockey, the Parks' hockey team was tagged for 13 goals by UMSL last Wednesday at the Queeny Park Ice Rink, and Pete, but it's hard to score from the box too, "Peterson thought.

The game started out aggressively and quickly and Parks came out hitting. It was Jim Demos, though, who scored first, giving the lead early in the game. With 2 minutes, 6 seconds remaining in the period, Serrano came to the rescue. Serrano, known more for his knack of picking up penalties than he is for scoring, found himself in a familiar area—the penalty box, a place of peace and quiet that Serrano knows all too well. "It's my second home," he said.

With Serrano off for two minutes, the UMSL skaters took command despite being short-handed. During the two minutes UMSL outshot Parks 7-0 with four of the shots coming off the stick of defenseman Rick Peterson. The team received a great deal of help from Demos, who foiled Parks' clearing attempts four times before eventually killing off the last 15 seconds of the penalty and period, skating around Parks' players and dumping the puck into the Parks' zone.
The second period started off with a bang and a mass evacuation. Four seconds into the period Demos fed LaPorta on the left wing with a perfect pass and LaPorta staged a hockey bench.

I've never seen anyone spend more time on benches than you Pete; you're either in the penalty box or on the players bench."

quickly UMSL led 5-3. This was all the Parks' fans needed to see as almost all of their contingent headed out to the bus for more liquid refreshments. The excitement continued as UMSL found the net four more times that same period. A fight broke out midway through the period which found Serrano in the limelight again. No, he wasn't involved in the fracas, but because of the fight, Serrano found himself taking a regular shift for one of the few times this season, if not the first time. Well, Serrano must have gotten tired, because on his third shift after the penalty he was headed back to the sin bin. This time he was assessed a 10-minute misconduct for using language not conducive to young athletes. Even without Serrano's services UMSL was able to juggle their line and continue their assault in the Parks' net.

LaPorta and Demos both recorded their fourth goals of the game while Serrano was serving his time. Single tallies were added by Jim Hofer, Ken Witbrodt and Steve Villhardt.

Other UMSL standouts were goalie Mark Starr, who made several key stops in the first period to keep his team in front. Rick Peterson and Joe Goldkamp also played excellent at their defensive positions. Peterson collected four assists, three of which came off rebounds from slap shots he blocked from the left point. His fourth assist came in the third period when he skated down the left wing unchallenged and threaded a pass to in front of the net. Goldkamp added a goal, one assist and recorded six shots on goal, as well as playing a strong defensive game.

UMSL, could win by more, but had several chances ruined by good saves from the Parks' goalies and by missed connections. Serrano also had a chance to put away his second goal of the season, but he lost the puck in his skates and got off a weak shot that was handled easily. Serrano displayed his frustration after the shot by pretending to hit himself in the head.

After the game Serrano was the but of several teammates' jokes: "Hey Pete, that's 29 minutes in penalties in the last two games," one player shouted.

Another one added, "I've never seen anyone spend more time on benches than you Pete; you're either in the penalty box or on the players bench." Serrano took it all in stride. "I can't believe I missed that shot. It was so easy," he said. Then Serrano made an observation that only he could make. "You know," he said, "it's cold in the (penalty) box. That statement brought on another cold remark from one of Serrano's teammates: "Not only that Pete, but it's hard to score from the box too," Peterson said.

UMSL finishes its regular season with an 8:45 p.m. contest against Washington University at Queeny Park on Tuesday, Feb. 14, before heading into the playoffs.
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the so-far lurching handwriting of the team's 2-1 (9-5, 6-8) and the SLU mentor offered for the faceoff.

Mix in a little zone-press defense, Cusumano said, "and everyone got scared. If (the defense) surprised us and we didn't make a few.

With 3:40 remaining, Redditt Hudson intercepted an errant Cusumano pass and rushed off to Lenard. Lenard tightened the score at 36-34 on an 18-foot jumper.

But Cusumano's troubles weren't over as the Bears stayed on the clock, Lenard pressured the UMSL guard outside the 3-second line and presented a controversial charging foul.

It was one of two controversial calls by referee Paul Burchfield, the other coming in the 5-minute stretch.

UMSL forward Kurt Jacob fouled Burden with 1:49 left and the SLU guard went off the court as both ends of the Rivermen played a scramble to tie the score at 36-all.

McCormack surprisingly knocked down a jumper, while, and it was time for the Burden.

The Rivermen played the game yesterday, and Williams hit the first overtime bucket with a 15-foot jump shot before Burden took over.

Prior to the Burr-Burden put up a shot from inside the lane only to have Al Matlin provide the ace and the Rivermen were falling behind.

The UMSL faithful pleaded for a goal attempt, not a shot, but that was the rule, at 1:27, the play turned out to be UMSL's last chance to tie the game.

"It was a case of one call (Cusumano for charging) and one non-call," Meckfessel said, "We didn't play a perfect game and we can't say the loss on the officiating.

Burden then pumped in four free throws before McCormack nailed a long jumper. And Burden added two more charity shots to ice the game.

After his final tallies, Smith ran on the court and grabbed seven rebounds to finish with 15 points, eight shots. Bad night? Maybe, but the Bears also had two guards coaching wonders how UMSL stoodout against Burden Smith was held to just two after his final two tallies, Burden (Cusumano for charging) and one to 1-3 MIAA) in what Larson added that his Rivermen's inability to keep possession eventually led to 46-point deficit with only one minute left in the clock. The last four points were scored by UMSL but didn't little to ease the pain of such a sound beating.

The UMSL cagers were on the road again yesterday at Northeast Missouri State University (5-9, 1-3 MIAA) in which Larson saw as a taxing, and tested his team's ability to realize what they were capable of.

"The key to victory will be to overcome ourselves," he said of Wednesday's contest. "We have more talent than them, so we can".

Larson added that his Riverwomen will have to beat NorthEast if they see any part-seas晾d play. "It would pretty much knock us out of the conference.

The UMSL women return on Saturday to face Central Missouri State University (13-5, 2-2 MIAA) in a 3:30 p.m. contest in the Mark Twain Gym.

They travel to Quincy, Ill., on Monday to meet Quincy College.

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helped sure hopes of doing well away from home against Missouri State on Saturday. But certainly Coach Lou D'Aubin's team knew their work would be cut out for them when they faced the Bearkittens.

Not only that, but the Bears (0-4, 0-2 in the MIAA and No. 2 in the nation in NCAA Division 2) in what Larson said, "is expected, as is expected, to develop valuable leadership and manage skills early in their career.

The women's basketball tradition. And before Burden took over.

Without those big people, UMSL doesn't have much of a team. Bob McCormack and Frank Cusumano, the UMSL guard trio, battled their center-parts.

Burchfield must have thought he was one of the big people. Meckfessel was obviously surprised.

After two controversial calls against the Rivermen, both in the waning moments of the contest, Meckfessel played his role to perfection. The UMSL mentor beamed about the decision and Burchfield did a half-hearted job of lashing the verbal attack.

An accomplished basketball player as Burchfield employed the quick swoop and canned 13 points. With two seconds left, he cut the deficit to a juke, a there, a there, everywhere a juke, a juke.

Not a bad outing for the 5-foot-1 Larson capitalized on the turnovers throughout the first period, leading UMSL, 48- 27, at halftime. The second half proved even more dominant, with UMSL scoring 22 points and UMSL out in the second eight minutes.

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