Colleges In Need Of Dramatic Overhaul

By Patricia M. Carr

Local reactions have varied in looking at the recommendations of a recent Carnegie Foundation report. "We are, on the whole, perhaps, a bit too close to the academic setting for a fresh look at ourselves," said Patricia C. Flagg, assistant dean for students at UMSL.

UMSL President Gregory A. Gennett, who is a member of the Carnegie Foundation's University Presidents' Council, said, "We have no time to waste. It's not a question of whether or not we want to improve. It's a question of whether we want to improve or not."

The report, "Improving America's Colleges: Education in a Time of Crisis," points out that the competition between public and private institutions is bringing pressure on colleges to change as rapidly as possible. The report says that while many colleges have been forced to cut programs, others have been able to maintain or increase their quality of instruction. According to the report, the percentage of courses required by each year of study has dropped from 70 percent in 1960 to 40 percent today. This has made it more difficult for students to complete their degrees.

The report also mentions the growth of part-time and non-traditional students, which has increased the need for flexibility in curricula. According to the report, the number of part-time students has grown from 10 percent in 1960 to 40 percent today. This has made it more difficult for colleges to provide the same level of support to these students as they do to traditional full-time students.

The report also notes that the cost of college has increased dramatically over the past few decades. According to the report, the average cost of tuition and fees at public institutions has increased from $1,000 in 1960 to $10,000 today. This has made it more difficult for students to afford college, and has also made it more difficult for colleges to raise funds.

The report calls for a more comprehensive approach to higher education, one that recognizes the need for flexibility and innovation. It suggests that colleges should be more open to change, and should be more willing to experiment with new ideas. It also calls for a greater focus on the needs of students, and for a greater emphasis on the importance of academic freedom.

The report has been praised by many in the academic community, but has also been criticized by some who feel that it goes too far in calling for change. "The report is a step in the right direction, but it is not a solution to all our problems," said John D. Fox, provost at the University of Illinois. "We need to be more careful in making changes, and we need to be more willing to listen to the concerns of our students and faculty."
Soccer Team Left Out

For the first time in 15 years, the Rivermen soccer team will not participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II playoffs.

Despite their 15-3 record, the best in the school’s history, soccer coach Don Dellant and his team were slotted by the NCAA selection committee.

Never mind that no other team in the 12-team NCAA field had more wins than the UMSL soccer team.

Never mind that the team was ranked over for five seasons that had five losses or fewer.

And never mind that UMSL was the only team invited to play in the playoffs every year since inception of the Division II tournament in 1991.

UMSL officials contend that three factors are always considered when teams are slotted for the Division II playoffs. These include won-loss record, overall strength of schedule, and if, and if possible, head-to-head competition.

The road block to the Rivermen’s bid, according to NCAA officials, was its schedule.

The strength of a team’s schedule is determined by historical formulas and the results are reviewed weekly.

At the end of the season, the rankings are totaled to yield a final power ranking.

It was said that UMSL’s schedule didn’t stack up as well as other scheduled.

The Central Region schools that made the playoffs were Georgia (Ga.), Knox (Tenn.), East Stroudsburg (Pa.) and Oakland (Mich.).

Certainly, UMSL’s schedule was overlooked over how a schedule’s strength could outweigh a team’s wins.

Apparently, the NCAA thought the schedule factor could decide a team’s playoff fate.

Before the final decision was made, the Central Region schools were considered for a spot in the NCAA Tourney.

Four in the Region II that recommends three teams to the NCAA’s Central committee to get consideration, picked Knox, Gannon, Lock Haven and Bucknell.

However, the national committee overlooked the regional committee and dropped UMSL and added Oakland.

This left UMSL in a position for a home or away playoff berth. However, the national committee granted East Stroudsburg a home playoff berth.

In the end, the Rivermen were left out in the cold by the NCAA’s central committee decision.

The one reason UMSL’s schedule may not have been considered when it was, and when it was, was the changes in regional zones made after the NCAA’s last zone change.

UMSL had been in a region that had two divisions. When the NCAA made the changes, UMSL was placed in a region of Midwest teams that included the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference.

The committee should have taken this change into consideration. If power rankings are being used, then the national committee should compare one school to the next.

To top it all off, other NCAA officials have argued that UMSL didn’t always deserve playoff consideration.

However, the committee must take a serious look at selection process criteria, such as UMSL, are going to be subjected to public scrutiny, and the NCAA will have to make the selection a popularity contest.

During the course of the appeal, it was revealed that UMSL included. It is unlikely an overruled the regional committee, but it might have changed the way the strength of its schedule was calculated.

If so, that would give the UMSL fans more cause an investigation into the NCAA and its selection committee.

In all, the campus should be proud that the Rivermen ended the season with a positive record, despite the negative outcome.

Rivermen end the season with a positive record. The result is an extra look at the season overall for Reggie Miller, who scored the team’s only goal of the season vs. St. Louis University at IU this weekend. Miller scored 4 of the team’s 6 goals for the season as the team ended with a 4-2-1 record.

Anne Richardson, sports writer

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There are times when the spouses could be considered unnecessary. When there are functions in which spouses are not invited, then the graduating class ventures into a realm of uncertainty.

And that is why national committees must consider the issue of whether spouses should be included or not.

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**Network Links UM Campuses**

The University of Missouri's new state-of-the-art telecommunications network links together all 14 of its campuses through voice, data and video communications. The project is scheduled to be completed in early December.

The network will allow the campus and the centrally administered units of the university to communicate using voice, a high-speed, two-wire system in a manner similar to telephone service. The system is an outgrowth of facilities that the campus uses to communicate with Kolman and University Health, the latter being a major source of support for the project.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Applications are now being accepted from high school students and mature teachers wishing to participate in the 36th annual Missouri Regional Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium at UMSL, March 12-14. About 300 high school students are expected to attend. Students will compete for scholarships and the opportunity to attend the national conference at midwestern universities. The symposium will feature student presentations in all areas of research, industrial field trips to area research facilities, and a tour of well-known scientists. The U.S. Army Research Office, which sponsors the symposium with UMSL, awarded a grant for the event. Interested students should contact their science teachers or call Nancy Stoep at 339-9282.

Steve Glooschen, editor of UMSL News for the past two years, has been promoted to Senior Information Specialist in the Chancellor’s Office.

Do You Like Sports?

If you are interested in writing about UMSL sports you can contact Dave or Diane 553-5174. Or, you can drop by the Current office located in room 1 of the Blue Metal Office Building.

SERVING AS INTERVIEW EDITOR

Jim Rypka, a former UMSL Public Information Specialist and reporter for the Globe-Democrat.

The University officials under the direction of Bruce Vattine will present their third annual Festival of Thanksgiving concerts at 6 p.m., November 23, at Christ Church Cathedral, 5th and Locust.

The concerts are entitled, “And crowns the Brotherhood.” They will feature narrators (by UMSL alumni Anne Keale and Metropolitan Opera baritone Robert McFerrin), musical interludes, and choral pieces on a Thanksgiving theme. Donations of theconcerts will again benefit the Interfaith Council of St. Louis.

Leslie B. Hookert, history, was elected 1986-87 president of the Midwest Council of Colleges at its annual meeting October 23-24 at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

David Gerig, chemistry, has received a grant from the Missouri Commission for the Humanities for a program, “Responsibility of the Scientist in a Technological Society.” The second part of a four-year grant of $80,000 is based on participating in the annual Missouri Regional Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium at UMSL.

A farewell reception will be held to Ben Brown, director of libraries, Friday at the lobby of the Towers Reference Library from 4-5 p.m. The reception is open to the general public. Mr. Braxton is retiring for health reasons.

REACTION

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tion for all students. Period. If it is doing the colleges become better known and more important. “We’re driven by arts. If we’re not driven by arts, we’re going to be adequately prepared to meet their responsibilities to not only students, but adults as well.”

After years of previous school reform reports from the Carnegie Foundation, the National Commission on Education in the 21st Century, and almost a dozen other bodies, “We’re not going to deal with a lot of surprises in this report,” Mr. Robert Edelson of Carnegie University of Pennsylvania.

“Nothing reinforces what we’re already doing,” he believes this report is going to have a very positive impact. Carnegie is a prestigious organization that everyone takes seriously, Edelson explains.

Carnegie report, he said, “We’re overhead, but I probably don’t find a lot of surprises in it. I think getting things done would be better than fighting,” he said. “We’re not going to deal with a lot of surprises in this report.”

Attention January 1987

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- **UMSL’s University Singers and Honors Choir will feature a Festival of Thanksgiving Concerts at 8 p.m. of the Christ Church Cathedral. For more information, call 533-5980.

- **The Accounting Club will hold a meeting to elect 1287 officials at 1:30 p.m. in room 126 J. C. Penney.

- **Forest Park: Its First 100 Years**. The topic of this week's Creative Aging will be aired from 7-8 p.m. on KWMU (90.7 FM).

- **Mond-O-pres will present Heartburn starring Maryl Streep and Jack Nicholson at noon in the U. Center Lounge.

- **Hodges will offer a workshop on Career Exploration at 7 p.m. in room 427 BB.

- **UMSL and 816 St. Louis Locksmith sponsor a performance by the Opera Society as part of the Metropolitan Festival tonight and tomorrow. The performance will take place at 8 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. For ticket information, call 988-3770 or 421-1704.

- **Saturday**

- **Thomas Jefferson Library** and the Marillac Health Science Library will be closed during the holiday.

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- **U.S. Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.**

- **Wednesday**

- **The Underground and Blurred Lines will present a holiday meal today and tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

- **Bach to Rock will be the featured band in the Summit Lounge from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

- **Sunday**

- **There will be a gingerbread house on display in the Undergraduate Union from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. With every purchase made in the cafeteria, you may enter your name into a drawing to win the house. The drawing will take place on December 15.**

- **Holiday Fest at 2 p.m. in the Summit Lounge.**

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Madrigals Create Festive Spirit

by Christopher A. Duggan

MADRIGAL

A recent garden retirement for the madrigal ensemble in the spring of 1974, for the first time in four years, the University of Missouri-St. Louis Madrigal Ensemble held its annual Christmas concert featuring soloists John Hylton, professor of music. The event was held at the university's Rec Center on December 5th, and was recorded by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Radio Station.

The Madrigal Ensemble was featured in the December 6, 1974 issue of the Missouri-St. Louis Campus Life, a weekly newspaper published by the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The article describes the event in detail, including interviews with the ensemble's director, Gregory Fox, and the university's music department.

The concert took place in the Rec Center's auditorium, and was attended by a large audience of university students and members of the St. Louis community. The program included a wide variety of madrigal music, ranging from Renaissance to Baroque periods, and featured several soloists, including John Hylton, professor of music.

The audience was treated to a range of musical styles, from the smooth and melodic sound of the Renaissance period to the vibrant, dynamic music of the Baroque period. The ensemble's performance was well received, with many attendees commenting on the high level of skill and technical mastery displayed by the performers.

The Madrigal Ensemble continues to be a popular attraction at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, with concerts and other events held throughout the year. The ensemble is committed to bringing the joy of music to the St. Louis community, and continues to perform a wide variety of genres, from classical to contemporary.

Due to space limitations, we are unable to include all the details of the concert in this report. For more information, please visit the University of Missouri-St. Louis' website or contact the music department directly.

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University Singers Present ‘Festival of Thanksgiving’

The third annual ‘Festival of Thanksgiving’ concert presented by the University Singers, will be held at Chethi Church, Cathedral, St. Louis, at 8 o'clock on Sunday, November 22 and 8:15 p.m. Saturday, November 21. Written and conducted by Dr. Bruce Vantine, the program consists of narrators, and musical interludes as well as choral and instrumental pieces by Bach, Handel, Copland, Jolivet and others woven together to center on the

NARRATOR: Robert McFerrin will narrate portions of the Festival of Thanksgiving concert. McFerrin, who is a baritone with the Metropolitan Opera, will also sing solo and with the University Singers.

Thanksgiving themes "and Greens, Tins, Toys, Wild Brotherhood" Vantine has selected texts from statements, educators, philosophers and religious leaders to emphasize the messages of Thanksgiving and the interest in a democratic society. Metropolitan Opera baritone Robert McFerrin will also be a narrator of all the program. In addition to his role in the spiritual "Sow's Will Be Done," McFerrin provided the voice for Sidney Poitier in the movie version of "Porgy and Bess.

In addition the the University Singers, the festival evening performances will feature the Landstuhl Singing Quartet, the New Castle Chorus of St. Louis, the St. Louis Children's Choir, and the UMSL High School Honor Choir, which includes over 50 high school students selected by their choral directors to represent 20 area high schools.

Also appearing will be the Children's Community Choir sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, the choir of Canonsdale Lutheran Church of Kirkwood, Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church, and St. Riev Suey Troop 292.

The University Singers have appeared in concert halls and on television in the country. Representing broad tastes, a wide range of text, beginning with "Sow's Will Be Done," the festival Friday night concert will perform a variety of sacred and choral music as well as carols, spirituals and folk melodies.

Tickets will be available at the door for a five-dollar suggested donation. Proceeds will be gifted to help the many activities in the Interfaith Partnership of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Interfaith Partnership is a broad-based volunteer organization that helps communities in areas of hunger, housing, health care, youth, family, and the elderly.

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"Students In Support Of Children" Organize Group Here

"Students In Support Of Children," is a new organization which offers students a forum to express their concern for the needs and welfare of young children. The organization is the result of a proposal made at the recent Student Senate meeting.

Phyllis Allen features editor

A new organization "Students In Support Of Children," being formed on campus in cooperation with the University Child Development Center.

The organization is open to all UMSt. Louis students interested in young children. The main focus of Students In Support of Children is to serve child advocates by arranging seminars, workshops and other activities which provide information and services to parents of young children, students interested in the needs and welfare of young children, and children in the University Child Development Center.

The organization sponsored an event called "Elders And Appropriate Toys For Children" on Wednesday, November 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Rivermen Ready for 1986-87 Season Tip-off

The Outlook

Under several circumstances leaving your top two seniors gone, a college coach feels a bit nervous, but head coach Rich Meckfessel believes the Rivermen will be better this year's team, despite the loss of Ron Porter and Dellondo Fou.

"He was the leader of our team, and his presence will be missed," Meckfessel said. "But we have a lot of talent returning and the clubhouse is where we'll make a move this year."

Kevin Brock's, 6-5, Junior Forward

Transfer from Crewey (Kan.) Community College, averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds per game a year ago...Joplin High School guard who averaged 10 points and 13 rebounds per game. He is expected to be a leading scorer this year...transferred from Arizona State...Runion High School graduate.

Terry Dodd, 6-5, Freshman Forward

Walk on to 1986-87 team...Pattonville High School graduate.

Jim Gregory, 6-10, Junior Center

Redshirt last season...expected to provide rebounding power at the center spot this year...transferred from Arkansas...DeSmet College graduate.

Kevin Morganfield, 6-5, Sophomore Forward

One of three returning sophomores...averaged 4.5 points and 2.4 rebounds per game last year...averaged 10 points and 12 rebounds per game during exhibition game with Yugoslavian team.

Eric Love, 6-1, Junior Guard

Transfer from Pratt (Kan.) Community College, averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds per game a year ago...Joplin High School guard who averaged 12 points and 13 rebounds per game. He is expected to be a leading scorer this year...transferred from Arizona State...Runion High School graduate.

Von Scales, 5-10, Freshman Forward

All-Metro player last year...shot 65 percent from the field while averaging 15 points per game...transfer from Luthern North High School at Pattonville High School...produced most of the offense for the Rivermen last year...averaged 6.5 points a game in 1986-87...third in both career rebounding and scoring...He is a student assistant on the basketball team.

The Coaches

Coach Rich Meckfessel returns for his fifth season at UMSL, in four years he has compiled a record of 46-56 and six seasons he has a career record of 192-133.

A native of St. Louis, Meckfessel played basketball and earned his bachelor's degree at Washington University. He then served as an assistant coach there for five years before being appointed as athletic director at Heritage Christian Academy in Southfield, Mich. He moved to Virginia, where he led the team to the NCAA national tournament three times in six years and compiled a 100-23 record in his first season. In 1985, Meckfessel received MCAA and NCAA South Central Region..."Coach of the Year" honors.

Meckfessel will again assume this season by Chris Jones, Paul Ellis and player-turned-coach Ron Porter. This will be Jones's eighth year as assistant coach at UMSL, 16 years as head coach at Lynn Christian Academy (Cape Girardeau, Mo.) in five years as a player at Lynn Christian Academy...He is the head coach at Lynn Christian Academy and was the head coach at Lynn Christian Academy...He is the head coach at Lynn Christian Academy. He is the head coach at Lynn Christian Academy. He is the head coach at Lynn Christian Academy.

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The Outlook

The Riverwomen should be more optimistic going into the 1986-87 season after last year’s 15-13 record and a 9-8 conference mark. Since leading winning season since 1980-81, Coach Mike Larson returns eight letter-writers, including all five starters, before the Riverwomen that is picked to finish third in the MIAA in the preseason coaches poll.

Leading the team again this year will be the UMSL all-time leading scorer and rebounder, Kaye Klotzer of St. Louis, Mo. Klotzer is a four-year varsity player who has been a key cog in the Riverwomen’s success. She is the only recruited freshman on the team and averaged 16.9 points and 5.6 rebounds per game last season. Larson returned All-American candidate Gina Gregory (Clinton, Ill.) for her senior year.

Kaye Klotzer, a two-time All-MIAA selection, will be the top scorer for UMSL again this season. She ranks third in UMSL history with 1,299 career points, 7.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game average. The Riverwomen finished 11-10 and all three starters return (except for Taylor and Walker). The team also has a new assistant coach in Steve Paulsen.

The Outlook: Returning starters include Marla Matters (Parkway South, Mo.), who will be the top rebounder; Nina Wilmes of East St. Louis, Ill., who is expected to improve last year’s average of 15.7 points; and lump Merritt of Rolla, Mo., who should provide some defensive spark to the team.

Grace Gain, a starting forward a year ago, will begin this season as the backup center, but should see a lot of time at both positions. The 6-10 junior averaged 2.5 points and 3.6 rebounds per game last season. As the team is look to replace the scoring ability of All-MIAA guard Kelly Rubach, the 5-10 junior posted 10.5 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest in her sophomore season.

Grace Gain and Rubach will receive inside help when 6-2 transfer Sandy Hill becomes eligible at the end of the season. Buss played for two seasons at Parkview Central Valley Community College and her size and experience should benefit the squad.

Head coach Mike Larson sees the inside game as a determining factor for the Riverwomen.

"If we can improve our inside game, then we can get better," he said. "We have to have our big people out of foul trouble and we need to improve our rebounding.""Larsen expects big things from his guard this season. "Our guards should be our strong point," he said. "Kathy Rubach, Kris Wilkerson, Deb Moreno and Ali Pierro are all good ballhandlers. In addition, Ali Pierro is a 5-5 senior guard who ranks 12 in the nation in three points. She is a walk-on."

Larsen is also optimistic about the team's ability to "offensive style this season," he said. "Bill will give us the go to make the points and other defenses will improve our fast break capabilities."

The Outlook for the UMSL women’s basketball team is positive. The team has a new assistant coach in Steve Paulsen and hopes to improve on rebounding and defense. The Riverwomen could make a run at the top of the MIAA.
RIVERMEN RECEIVE ALL-MIAA HONORS

Although the Rivermen were overlooked for a playoff bid, they were not overlooked when it came time for Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association all-conference picks. UMSL had six players from their 15-3 squad selected for first team honors and three more picked for the All-MIAA second team.

Terry Brown and Mark Reiter were selected as first-team midfielders and Jerry Berenson was selected to the second team.

Mike Mcknzie wrapped up his career as a first-team forward. Boyd Buchek was a second-team pick. UMSL's defense was led by Jeff Robben, who was named first-team goalie. Joy Doolittle and Rich Walter were named second-team defenders.

UMSL head coach Don Dallas selected six players from his 15-3 squad for first team honors and three for the second team. Terry Wilson, who played in a record 74 matches as a Riverman, finished his career by being picked for the All-MIAA second team.

The Rivermen reached a number of milestones this season. Terry Brown scored in seven consecutive games tying the old mark. Walter set a new mark for the most goals played by a Riverman. Mcknzie closed out his career as the bench marking point in the all-time UMSL record book. Robben set a school record and had the second lowest goals against average with a mark of .70.

Dallas will lose four seniors from this year's team: Mcknzie, Reiter, Brown, and Berenson. An appeal of Terry Wilson's eligibility is still pending.

Along with the rest of the squad, midfielder Paul Bielicki is scheduled to return after sitting out this season with a knee injury.

The Rivermen finished the season ranked No. 13 in the final NCAA Division II poll.

SHIMMERING IMPROVING EVERY MEET

The UMSL swimmers have made a roller coaster ride but weekend as they fell to Missouri-Salina in a dual meet, but came back and gone in excellent performance at the Washington University Relays, beating Stanford for the first time in 26 years, and then losing to a tough Washington University team.

Tom Adams continued to dominate at Rolla as he won the 50 yard freestyle and finished second in the 100 freestyle.

"The performance of Tom Adams continues to improve," coach Mary Liston said. "I am looking for a major time drop in January.

Many of the swimmers competed in events other than their own, as the team could try out some different line-ups and individual strokes.

The women on the team got their first chance to compete against other women and did it in fine fashion. They won the 50 and 100 freestyles and placed second in the 50, 200 and 500 freestyles, the 100 fly, the 100 back and the 100 breaststroke.

Adams won the 50 and 100 freestyles, while Greg Menke scored double wins in the 100 fly and 200 individual medley. Tom Lombardo, in a switch from distance swimming, was the 100 free and was part of the second place relay team, along with Chris Banas, Steve Pummer, Steve Hoover.

The squad also finished second in the 100 free and the 100 fly.

"The number of first and second place finishes indicates how strong our team is this year," Liston said.

The squad travels to Grinnell College in Iowa for a meet Nov. 30 and 21, before returning for their next home match against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The tough Arkansas-Little Rock team features several foreign swimmers, including a member of the 1984 Turkish Olympic team.