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The new lounge in the University Center seldom has so few occupants.

UMSL's new

look



Students, Faculty, and Staff gather for meals and conversation in the new Snacketeria.



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The spacious new subterranean Bookstore is often jammed with customers.

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Student government -- council or senate?

by Ann Tolmest

Last spring's election of 25 students to serve on the University Senate was accompanied by speculation as to whether the reconstituted Senate (three-quarters faculty and staff, one-quarter students) might come to usurp the functions of the all-student Central Council.

While this question has by no means been decided at this early date, a recent sampling of students involved in the University Senate or Central Council or both has elicited a general opinion regarding the Council's chances of survival as a viable student government.

"I don't think the Senate will replace the Council, since they're two different things," Pam Scheibelen, Senate member and student vice-president, stated.

"The Senate is new and will have growing pains and problems," she added. "It won't be there until it reaches some kind of maturity—hopefully in a semester."

Ken Hlavens, elected to both Council and Senate, felt that the Senate could supplant the Council but added that it would be better if the two worked towards a common goal.

Another view, advanced by Mike Brower, president of the Council on International Relations and United Nations Affairs (CIRUNA), maintained that the new body might snatch the focus from the Council if not actually usurp its power.

"Neither the Senate nor the Council have any power," student president Bill Lambert stated. "A discussion of the relationship between the two groups evoked several opinions.

Senate member Tom Kuehne maintained that "the Council is a vehicle to represent the student opinion, which is the only one in more of a policy-making body."

"They're on an equal basis," according to Sue Willmore, another student with dual membership. "I'd compare them in the House of Representatives and the Senate. You can't have one without the other."

Peter Hiltzhaus, elected to both bodies, said, "Really, it's too early to establish any kind of relationship between the two."

In an attempt to define the roles of Senate and Council, Lambert stated, "The University is not just that, a university-wide organization. It's divided into different committees to recommend policy for the campus.

"For example, there's a long range planning committee which asks such questions as 'Should we try to get a law school on campus? What kind of grading system should we use?'"

"The Council on the other hand brings together elected students and representatives of recognized organizations on campus to be constituted." "The Council is a service organization which is in a continual state of flux. Presently we're working on paid tutoring programs."

Council mixer

The Central Council will sponsor a dance in the Ballroom 112 of the University Center from 9 p.m. to midnight September 2.

The proceeds will go towards the establishment of an undergraduate tutoring program.

Admission is \$1 per person, with a \$1 identification fee required.

Music will be provided by Magna Crunch.

Hlavens maintained, "The Senate seems like just a means to keep the student quiet. There are 75 faculty members compared to 25 students."

Views regarding the Council's future chances differed.

"The Council changed for the better in December of 1970 when it really got down to business," Miss Scheibelen contended.

"The absence of one group of dissenters helped. We've had a good committee meetings this summer and we're going into the fall fully prepared."

Hiltzhaus disagreed and stated that the Council can only be judged when it's working with the student body.

"You can't make any kind of analysis of community work," he said. "The Council is working too fast and it is harassing the administrators off."

"The C.C. is going to have to slow down and take its time." It's got a year to accomplish everything so why not spread it out over a year?"

Kuehne maintained that, "The C.C. is good if the student uses it. It's going to be the job of the Council to go out to students and get them to use it."

So the campus currently has two "student governments." The inevitable question, whether they

can both succeed, will be put to the vote of the New Student Elections in early October.

The proposition reads as follows:

"Recognizing that an incorporation of the University Senate and the development of new facilities and resources may cause confusion and duplication among the agencies and bodies of government the student body directs the establishment of a Commission on Student Government, whose purpose shall be to review the requirements and responsibilities upon student government, and if deemed necessary, submitting for referendum of the Student Body not later than the first of February, 1972, a proposal for the reorganization and integration of the agencies and bodies of the student government.

"The Commission shall consist of the President and Vice-President of the student body and one representative selected by each of the following: The Central Council, the Student Court, the Evening College Council, the University Program Board, a consensus of the student members of the University Senate. Members that the above propositions shall be submitted for referendum of the student body at the time of the New Student Elections.



The APO Book Pool each semester provides an outlet for used books. Current photo by Carl Doty

Grant chosen to direct Project UNITED

Wilmer Grant Jr. has been appointed as Project UNITED, a remedial and tutorial program aimed at providing high school graduates from disadvantaged backgrounds with a better chance of success at UMSL.

Grant, a former counselor for the Indiana University Upward Bound Program, will assume immediate control of Project UNITED (University Needs in the Education of the Disadvantaged) as the program continues its second year of aid to disadvantaged St. Louis area students.

Grant had been involved in the Upward Bound Program since 1968 as a mathematics instructor and counselor.

He was also a faculty advisor for freshmen students and a mem-

ber of the Afro-American Tutorial Staff at Indiana University.

Project UNITED recently completed a six-week summer remedial training session, at which participants received instruction in mathematics, English and reading, as well as guidance from counselors and advisors, in preparation for the fall semester.

Students, who are accepted on the basis of need, receive a waiver of fees for their first two years under the condition that they maintain at least a C-average. During the second year, participants meet regularly with volunteer tutors and counselors and advisors to iron out educational difficulties and gauge progress.

Some 50 students are currently enrolled here under the program.



Students listen to a Newman-sponsored band concert on the hill Monday afternoon. Current photo by Carl Doty

Blanton enjoys duties; cites student response

By Susie Marilee Brinker

With the University Center come many new and interesting personalities. The Office of Student Activities, located on the top floor of the Center, houses one such personality—Rick Blanton, the new Director of Student Activities.

Formerly a counselor working with 17 and 18 year olds for the Ferguson-Ferguson School District, Rick (as he likes to be called), commented that he has found UMSL to be an interesting campus.

"The people I work with are more than great; they just bend over backwards to be helpful," stated Blanton.

The students with which Blanton has come into contact have been those involved in campus organizations. Blanton commented that he found those students to be "responsible, adult type individuals—without the irresponsible characters depicted in so many publications."

When asked his impression of the UMSL student, Blanton stated that the "UMSL student may be a pretty dedicated sort of person with all of their outside responsibilities. They are involved with living at home and with supporting their own education, they manage to maintain a good academic standing overall."

Asked what major things he would like to see changed in student activities, Blanton replied, "I'd like to see more students involved in school functions."

"Rather than just coming and going, I'd hope that students gain

more experience by getting involved, otherwise college can be just a four-year continuation of high school."

Questioned about what contributes most to the success of an organization, Blanton stated, "Not only the leaders, but their ability to extract the greatest amount of energy from the members will determine the greatest success. It is important for an organization to do more than just exist. A periodic evaluation of organizations should be able to determine the needs and values of all organizations."

Finally Blanton stated that his greatest ambition for student activities was to promote more interest among students in general.

Appointment

Bart Devost has been appointed assistant director of admissions and financial aids officer for the campus.

A native St. Louisian, Devost was previously a high school teacher and an assistant principal at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

He holds a B.S. degree in Commerce and Finance and a M.A. degree in History from St. Louis University.

His prime responsibility will be to assist students in need of financial aid, which is available at UMSL in the form of scholarships, waiver of fees, grants, loans and part-time employment.

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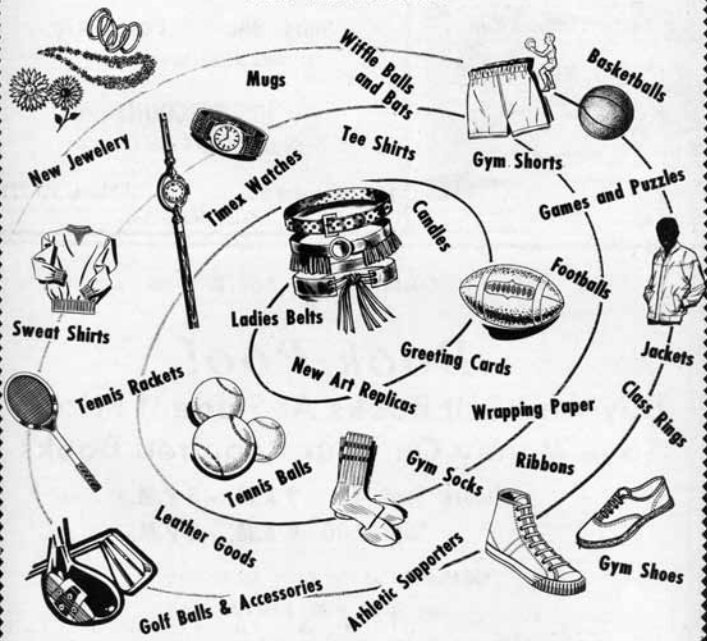
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Fieldhouse provides needed diversion

By **DARRELL SHIELDS**
Associate Sports Editor

Of all the buildings that opened on campus this fall, perhaps the most interesting is the new Multi-Purpose Building, the new fieldhouse.

This structure is interesting in that a fieldhouse provides the much needed diversion from the classroom aspects of university life. With the facilities in the new building by the Florissant Road entrance, it should provide that diversion in smashing fashion.

These facilities include handball courts, wrestling and re-

creation rooms, exercise and conditioning rooms, and a computer operated laundry room -- and that is just on the lower level.

Tag up one flight of stairs and you'll find yourself face-to-face with perhaps the finest collegiate basketball arena in all of St. Louis. The gymnasium contains not only an NCAA regulation sized basketball court for inter-collegiate play, but also a total of eight glass backboards to serve the eager novice.

The gym has a seating capacity of 4,000 when all the bleachers are unfolded away -- by motors, no less -- to give playing room on both the ground and upper

levels. In addition, the upper level also contains room for volleyball, badminton, gymnastics and mumbletyeg.

All facilities are open for use except one, the swimming pool. Located on the lower level, the pool will remain closed indefinitely due to some leaks that have been discovered.

Athletic Director Chuck Smith said that the construction company will have to trace down and repair the leaks before the pool can be opened.

Just like a kid with a new toy, Smith is justifiably proud of the Rivermen's new home. "We think it's a great facility," he said. "We have a real size pool and a real good basketball area."

"We're real excited. We think the gym will increase attendance now that the students know they've got a place of their own," he added.

From the standpoint of a basketball coach, Smith found it hard to evaluate the gym. "We haven't played on it yet, really, so it's hard to say. The (arsity) boys

that have played on it say the floor plays real well. They like the lighting and they like the scoreboards at both ends. Without having played in front of a crowd, we like it very well."

Smith went on to explain that having a fieldhouse should help in recruiting. He explained that it is easier to get recruits if you've got a new, modern facility to show them.

"It's definitely a plus factor. Our most recent recruits were very pleased," he said.



Rivermen home games will finally be held on a home court, in the new Multipurpose Building.

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Out of Bounds

with Mike Olds
Current Sports Editor

With the completion of the new fieldhouse, as yet unnamed, UMSL's "New Era" has arrived. The facility may very well open the door to a taste of college life which has been non-existent since the inception of this institution.

It must be kept in mind, however, that UMSL is rather young to be entering a "new era." That expression sounds rather pompous for a school, and an athletic program, which can boast only a five year history.

But, pompous or no, the expression fits. Having spent their half decade huddled up at Concordia Fieldhouse, Florissant Valley Community College and the Normandy High School Viking Hall, the Rivermen have every right to find residency in a fine structure of their very own a rather ready experience.

And the student body, as well, cannot be denied the satisfaction of competing in intramural basketball with no threat of snow or rainouts. That is, that part of the student body which braved such perils for the opportunity to compete in recreational athletics.

The idea of "new era", therefore, is fine unless the students on campus continue to maintain an "old era" attitude toward things.

By way of explanation, let me point out that, due to the lack of facilities for other types of activity, the primary participation sport on this campus, contrary to popular belief, has always been griping.

Our students have become exceedingly polished in the exercise of this activity, bemoaning the minor-league status of both the university in general and its athletic program in particular.

Those who insist on continuing with this line of thought may find it hard to believe that the fieldhouse is more than a tremendous boon in the intercollegiate athletic program. They may insist that were it not for this intercollegiate activity, there would never have been a facility at all. They may feel that the Athletic Department plans a selfish monopolization of the building.

And, to make matters worse, if such an attitude persists, they may be right. The facility will be scheduled for use only as long as there is a demand for it, but that should pose no problem. This university, in short, faces the difficult task of making the best use of facilities which have the potential of making UMSL, like incredibly more pleasant.

The addition of the fieldhouse and the university center give our students more outlet for positive diversion than had ever been remotely possible in the past.

"New Era" is a term which can be applied far beyond the field of athletics. It can, and should, be brought to light on university life as a whole.

It is a rather well accepted fact that development of the physical is every bit as important as development of the mental.

And, carrying that line of thought a bit further, it is the feeling here that development of the social is every bit as important as either of these.

And it is in each development that this university has lagged substantially in comparison with other colleges and universities, and even some high schools.

Total education is made up of many factors, not the least of which is camaraderie. The Rivermen might very well win the title of the NCAA this season as a result of increased facilities and, to boot, increased athletic prowess.

However, the true value of the additions of the fieldhouse and, in its turn, the university center, will not be measured by Red and Gold won-loss records or any intentional improvement which might be linked to a release from machine poisoning.

The value of these facilities may only be judged, in fairness, in the amount in which they help improve the quality of campus life. And there is, as the poet said, room for improvement.

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ment at St. Charles Golf Course and competition handball.

Women's activities include field hockey, soccer, a singles tennis tournament, intramural swimming and diving competition, handball and volleyball.

Most intramural activity will

begin Sept. 13. Schedules of these activities will be published as they are finalized.

For further information, contact Larry Herres or Judy Whitney, UMSL intramural directors, at 453-3641.

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