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Professor questions decision for tenure denial

Maggie Arbini

Lloyd Collins, associate professor of anthropology, is challenging his denial of tenure on the grounds of age discrimination, as well as breach of "due process."

Collins, 54, recently asked the Wage and Hour division of the Health, Education and Welfare Department to investigate the

After Chapman spoke, Harrell

Rodgers, chairman of the politi-

cal science department at

UMSL, gave a speech on "The

Impact of Integration." Rodgers

said integration, rather than just

desegregation, is the only sure

way to overcome racism. By

integration, Rodgers said, he

meant that blacks and whites are

not just thrown together, this

possibility of age discrimina-

Collins is one of two senior members in the four faculty Anthropology department.

Collins and his attorney, James Heile, are also considering filing a suit with the federal courts.

At the present time, Collins' case is moving through the tenure process again. It is currently at the Ad Hominem level in his department.

The Ad Hominem Committee is made up of department members and one person chosen as a representative by the person who is being considered for tenure.

Collins has chosen James Gavin, from the Anthropology Department at University of Missouri - Columbia to represent him

Collins sought the advice of a lawyer in the spring of 1974.

"Where any statement about or affecting my professional status is concerned," said Collins, "I felt I had every right to defend myself with an attorney."

According to Collins, he was denied a formal hearing by the westare and Grievance Committee last spring after being denied for tenure twice.

"We could not hold a hearing in which one of the parties had an attorney and the other did not," said Deborah Haimo, last year's chairperson of the Welfare and Grievance Committee.

"The university's position," she continued, "is that one does not have a right to tenure and therefore denial is not a right that has been denied to one. One's rights are not at stake."

Collins elected to be represented at the hearings with his lawyer. He questions the legal problem involving an attorney,

According to Haimo, the committee did not know how to respond when Collins brought in his lawyer, "We have no legal counsel, so we had to consult Jackson Wright, the university

lawyer. He advised us that we did not have to hear the case on the basis of a precedent set on the Columbia campus."

Collins also felt that he had been prevented from crossexamining the committee at the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences level, which made the initial decision not to recommend tenure.

After receiving unanimous support for tenure at the departmental and Ad Hominem levels in spring 1974, the teaching materials, recommendations and publications reports were forwarded to the Dean's advisory committee.

After being denied tenure in spring of 1974, Collins said, "I received a clear statement from Dean Bader with no difficulty. His reason for denial was insufficient publication."

The decision then passed through the Senate Tenure Committee to then chancellor Joseph Hartley, who upheld it and sent the paperwork to University President C. Brice Ratchford before Collins was officially notified.

According to the American Association of University Professors this was a violation of due process and prevented any form of appeal.

With regard to the procedural error, Everett Walters, Dean of Faculties said, "After Hartley had left and Interim Chancellor Turner had taken over, there were a number of appeals for promotion and tenure, so Turner had them called back."

'Hartley did not recommend Collins and when I got into office," said Turner, "I saw no reason to reverse the decision. It was felt in combination that Collins' teaching, research and service were not in compliance with UMSL standards."

Walters said also that the denial was not an economic

In his first attempts to gain

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Prison reform discussion highlights forum on racism

Mark Henderson

Frank Chapman, an inmate from the Moberly Training Center, was on campus to speak on ghetto schools and their relationship with crime, last week. His speech was just part of a forum presented by the Committee Against Racism and the Students for a Democratic Society in 222 J. C. Penney.

Chapman is a prisoner at Moberly on a transfer program. This is enabling him to pursue a Ph.D. in black history.

According to Chapman, the black student isn't taught "pride in ghetto schools." He said that while history is taught, it is white history, and, "nothing is taught about the black people." Chapman explained there are few black study programs in colleges, and "the textbooks used blame the victims (slaves) for their condition."

Chapman then turned his attention to the prison system.

Chapman said that many pople think prisoners are sick because they are not able to adjust. Chapman disagrees and opposes the tranquilizing and lobotomizing of prisoners on this pretense.

Chapman believes, "isolation does not deal with the problems of adjusting, only reforms in the prison system such as furloughs and transfer programs will help."

The forum opened with Mary Gomberg, a fourth year graduate student at UMSL in Psychology, speaking on "I.Q. Tests and Racial Implications."

In what was the longest of the speeches, Gomberg mentioned the Arthur Jensen studies on I.Q. tests, Jensen's studies have brought about the theory that blacks are genetically inferior to whites. Gomberg said that, because of Jensen's so-called validation, funds for the Head Start Program have been cut off. applications have been denied to blacks by employers, and the St. Louis Globe Democrat, in an editorial, cited Jensen in its argument against further county integration busing.

Gomberg concluded with the suggestion that the tests be adjusted. She said that, in 1939, the I.Q. tests were changed so that women would score just as well as men. She said, "We should see to it that the test be adjusted so that the black person can do as well as the white."

Paul Gomberg followed his wife, speaking for the S.D.S., in a speech continuing his fight to change the admissions policy of UMSL. The policy requires a test score, and Gomberg thinks it is discriminatory to require a student to submit a test score on a racist test.



SUPPORTS REFORMS: Frank Chapman discusses his prison experiences at forum. [Photo by Larry LaBrier]

Teaching, child care certificate under

study

Carolyn Carter

The Missouri State Board of Education has decided that the present teacher certification document and educational programs of this state should be consiously studied.

Education is constantly changing and to keep up with the change a Total Ad Hoc Advisory Committee has been appointed by state commissioner, Arthur Mallory.

It is the concern of this committee to look deeply into present teaching programs, standards and qualifications affecting Missouri education.

On this committee are various professional people in the field of education from all over the state.

Among them is UMSL's Dean of Education, William Franzen.

In November of last year the

In November of last year the committee divided into two sub-committees, one to study the Missouri teacher certification and one to study the elementary teaching program.

The results of the two subcommittees just recently came out in a document to be discussed among all of the committee members as a whole.

In an urgent effort to provide the dean with more concrete recommendations, Prof. Dorris Trojack, chairman of the childhood education faculty, called a meeting Sept. 26.

As discussion of teacher certification evolved the main need for change seemed to lie in the lifetime aspect of the Bachelor of Science degree.

In Missouri, as it states now, once a person is certified to teach he holds that certification throughout his teaching life. He is not required, as teachers in some states are, to renew his certificate.

As Huber Walsh, professor of Education said, "Teacher ed is a long range project. It starts as a pre-service and continues in service, which is great, but that is not made manifest."

Walsh went further, to suggest that any teacher education continued past the B.S. certificate should be "tailor made" to fit the individual so that his greatest area of interest could be emphasized.

A proposed change, pointed out by Franzen, would be to require renewal of the certificate every so many years, increasing the gap between renewals as the teacher grows older. "This policy has already been adopted in several states," said Franzen. "Missouri is just behind."

The faculty had more difficulty in coming to a conclusion on how a program for childhood education should be constructed.

Just the fact that the term "elementary education" has been changed to "childhood education," to include preschool children, is evidence that primary education is broadening.

After lengthy discussion the faculty finally came to a general conclusion that perhaps early childhood should be a program separate from elementary education, rather than just tacked on to it.

Prof. Lloyd Richardson felt very strongly in favor of a separate program. "Early childhood does not get specific enough training," he said.

"Three and four year olds' education is radically different from elementary education," he emphasized.

Trojack felt that the faculty meeting was typical, nation wide, of any meeting concerning pre-school education. "Because everywhere no one knows anything about early childhood," she said.

Trojack pointed out that, right now in the state of Missouri, to become director of a day care center you need only a college degree. And that degree does not necessarily have to be related to childhood education. To be a day care worker you need only a high school diploma.

Dean Franzen made another trip to Jefferson City Oct. 8 'He feels that permanent decisions will come out of the Advisory Committee within a few short months.

CURRENT EVENTS Professor questions decision

Election radio series

A special series of preelection programs, featuring candidates for state auditor and U.S. senator, will be broadcast on KWMU (90.7 FM), the UMSL public radio station.

The one-hour programs, to be aired at 10 pm Oct. 28 through 31, will be broadcast live and statewide by a network of Missouri's eight public stations. Listeners will have the chance to speak directly to the candidates by placing collect telephone calls to KWMU at (314) 453-5965.

Those appearing on the programs, which are believed to be the first of their kind aired on a live statewide basis, are: Thomas Curtis, candidate for the U.S. Senate, Monday, Oct. 28; Barbara Mutnick, candidate for the U.S. Senate, Thursday, Oct. 31; George Lehr, candidate for state auditor, Wednesday, Oct. 30; and John Ashcroft, candidate for state auditor, Tuesday, Oct. 29. The incumbent U.S. senator, Thomas Eagleton, was contacted by the producers but was unable to schedule an appearance.

Services handbook

The Center for Community and Metropolitan Studies is seeking out people involved in University -- whether students, faculty, administration or staff -who have outside skills and talents.

The Center is interested in compiling a booklet of services and talents Repairs, artwork, business services, lessons and other skills are welcome.

For more information concerning the booklet, contact Jean Tucker at 453-5273.

Speaker on 'time'

Noted theoretical physicist and discoverer of the electron spin, George Uhlenbeck, will speak on "The Nature of Time" in a general lecture Friday, Oct. 25, at UMSL.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, begins at 2 pm in room 132 of the Social Science, Business and Education Building.

Uhlenbeck, a professor of physics at Rockefeller University in New York, will discuss the discrepancy between a person's innate sense that time flows on and the lack of a physical law to prove it.

Pre-law guest

Dean Jack O. Edwards, Assistant Dean of Columbia Law School, will be on campus Oct. 29 for his annual informal visit with senior pre-legal students and any others who care to meet.

Meetings are scheduled for 3:30 - 5:00 in 78 J. C. Penney and 7:00 - 8:30 in 202 Benton. No formal speeches are involved.

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reconsideration, Collins wrote a 9 page defense to the Dean's Advisory Committee. The committee met with George McCall, then chairman of Collins' department.

The decision again to delly tenure was sent to the Senate Tenure Committee, which met with Solomon Sutker, professor of Sociology, who represented

Integration discussed at forum

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conditions in which the two meet must also be improved, equal if possible.

Rodgers said, "Violence based on racism is highly predictable. Violence occurs in those areas where white officials say that it will not come, and if it does come it will be bad."

To have integration, according to Rodgers, conditions must be equal. The best time to desegregate is early in childhood, he said, "before the child picks up prejudice, hates and fears."

BOB ABRAMS

Collins. The committee upheld the Dean's decision and forwarded it to Turner. It was after that decision that Collins made an appeal to the Welfare and Grievance Committee and was denied a formal hearing.

This fall Bader and Walters supported the reopening of the tenure case. "This demonstrates that there was no personal prejudice on the part of the administration," said Walters.

Prior to teaching at UMSL,

Collins was at Eastern Illinois University, where, he said, "research, or publication, was deemphasized and the stress was on teaching and community service."

Collins also worked at McDonnell Aircraft as an applied anthropologist in the aerospace sector. He worked on the Phantom II, designing emergency equipment.

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Black choir joins Clay

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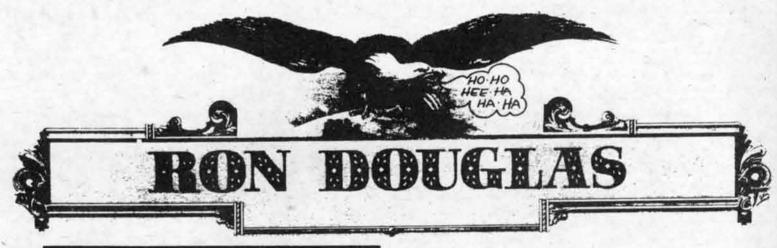
Congressman Bill Clay spoke before a small crowd at Washington University with the UMSL Black Student Choir as special guests last Friday night. The event was sponsored by the Black Studies Dept., Association of Black Students, the Black Caucus, and the School of Social Work.

The UMSL Black Student Choir started the program off by singing several spirituals. The Graham Chapel was filled with beautiful melodic music.

Congressman Bill Clay, after the introduction, began talking about his old neighborhood which was 11th and Carr in the downtown area of St. Louis. He mentioned how a great many people of that area didn't know who he was.

One person in the neighborhood accosted him and asked him, didn't he used to live in that neighborhood. Upon telling the man, "Yes," the man then asked what was he doing for a living now. The congressman replied modestly, "I work for the government." The man then said, "You work for the post office now, that's good."

The congressman then moved on to more important matters in his speech. Congressman Clay told his black audience that it is essential for them to become involved in politics in the city. He said that the "leadership in St. Louis is poor. This is why legislation is poor." Clay told the crowd that they were the hope of the black community and must face up to their responsibility instead of allowing less qualified persons to fill the administrative jobs as elected officials.

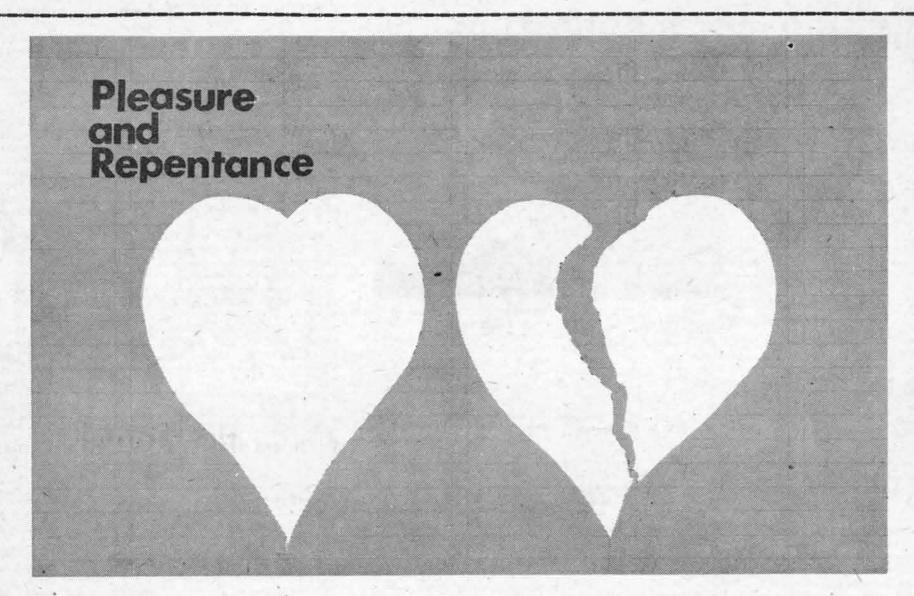




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U Center Advisory Board picking up momentum

Terry Mahoney

University Center director Bill Edwards arrived on campus four years ago. The building he was to administer had not yet opened. The prospectus issued prior to its construction had said that it was to be:

"Providing food services as well as space for student activities, lounges, bookstore and administration offices for the student center and program directors."

But just how it was to do this, especially after the total floorspace had to be reduced on account of rising construction costs, was somewhat in question.

To aid him in establishing policies and allocating space for the two million dollar building, Edwards requested that an advisory board made up of students be started.

In response, the Executive Council advised Edwards in that first year. But it was not until two years later that a special group was created.

The University Center Advisory Board has not done much in the meantime, but appears to be picking up in momentum.

Recently the board managed to have the lower level of the cafeteria reopened in the mornings for study. Just when this goes into effect and what time daily is as yet unknown. Edwards says that one principle determiner is how soon the board gets a sign made announcing the change.

Another matter that has come under is the selling of food as a fund raising method by various campus groups. Most recently the APO service fraternity put in a request to be able to sell bagels and cream cheese.

Policy is generally against allowing such activities. Edwards opposes them as his food service would be liable for any health violation even if it were not its own food being sold.

The majority of the board -which consists presently of Bob Engelken, Mike Dace, Ellen Cohen, Bob Betker, Jim ShanaFOCUS



han, Windy Watkins', Mark Wilhelm and Curt Watts -favored granting permission to APO however.

As a result of this difference of opinion a compromise was struck. APO has been given a set of requirements that must be met to maintain health standards, most particularly to guard against cheese spoilage. Word is still being awaited from APO if they agree to supervision.

As a second feature of the compromise, all future requests shall be henceforth considered on about the same basis. The board's judgement will be relied on in determining whether or not to allow an individual organization's sale.

But while the board has now started to be accorded some duties Edwards feels that it could be doing a lot more. "The opportunity is always there and has always been there if the students wish to take it," he

The fault he feels lies in the circumstances those involved find themselves in. "The people interested in participating have not had the time to participate and student leaders have had so many things that are actually more important that they haven't had sufficient time to be involved.

Edwards claims that having sufficient time to be involved means "doing research and finding out what's really possible." On other college campuses he estimates that the average advisory board of this type might consist of twenty to twenty-five people broken up into various committees, working three or four hours a week at a minimum. So far the UMSL board has acted as a whole for a handful of meetings of which various members may not have been aware in time.

One project that Edwards would like to see the board devote more time and research into is the building of an extension onto the present University Center building. While work was done during the summer regarding a draft of a referendum that could be put before the students in order to determine how willing they are to support an expansion financially, no follow-up has taken place.

The matter of willingness is what Edwards claims is the only real consideration in deciding whether construction takes place or not; "It (the extension) is absolutely certain if the students want it. The administrative green light has always been there. It depends on how much they're willing to spend."

The expansion of the University Center would serve to replace space lost when the Fun Palace and the present administration building are eventually demolished. That, Edwards says, should happen in two years or so if things go according to current schedules. That's less time than replacement space could most probably be built in

LETTERS

Directory fee viewed unfair, unnecessary

Dear Editor

You knew it, I knew it, we all knew it. Still it contains some shock value when you find out you actually have to pay for your directory.

The University contends that there was an insufficient amount of advertisement for support of the directory.

While it may seem to many to be a valid statement, I find reason to question their contention

Firstly, whose fault is it that there is not enough advertisement to support the directory? Surely, Great University, you will not blame this on my person or some other, or will you? No, wait. After reconsideration of the question I think it indeed possible that you will pass the fault along to the student -- after all we are easy scapegoats aren't we?

Secondly, just where does that

so called activity fee go that a portion (1/100) of it cannot be recovered to ease the financial burden of the directory?

Thirdly, does this directory actually cost this university \$.25 a copy or are we the scapegoats again being dragged across the coals by the bookstore? Considering the bookstore's past record I find it hard to believe that they would sell anything without at least a 100 per cent profit.

Look at the bright side, perhaps we will be allowed to pay for the directory with 25 assorted pieces of semi-legal tender (otherwise known as taffy). Then again, that is doubtful.

Lest anyone find fault in my powers of logic I contend that we are again being taken over the coals.

Carl Grant

Politicians seen as responsible examples

Dear Editor:

While I found myself agreeing with Kevin Pallardy for the first half or so of his article on Wilbur Mills ("Commentary," Oct. 17), I slipped into great disagreement with some of his thoughts farther on.

I believe that politicians do, indeed, have a responsibility to live a fairly uncorrupt personal life as well as an uncorrupt business or professional life. These aren't the people that are delivering milk or washing windows. Politicians make decisions that drastically affect our lifestyle--how we spend money, where we can and cannot go,

what we can and cannot do. Our circles of activities and personal interaction is related to how we are governed.

And if our politicians are leading a life that is scandalous -- in whatever sense we wish to interpret that word -- then we are being warped and cheated. If a man has no qualms about a weak and deceiving marriage and a romantically warbled affair, as well as drunken driving, etc., then can we continue to take his professional credibility intact?

No, Mr. Pallardy. You can't have it both ways.

Ralph Simonson

Bus riders seek equal consideration

Dear Editor,

Since parking is such a problem on campus, and car pools are encouraged, how about doing something for those of us who ride the buses. I am an employee, take the bus to and from UMSL but sometimes during bad weather have to stand a long time waiting for a late bus. Couldn't we have a When the snow plows clean the streets, they pile up snow waist deep at bus stops. Sidewalks are cleaned off, but no path from the sidewalk to the bus. Each time you step from the walk to the bus, you sink into the snow bank.

Can't we have a little more consideration?

Name withheld upon request

In memoriam: Sandy Leible

Sandy Leible, a second year student at UMSL, died this past weekend in an automobile accident at age 19.

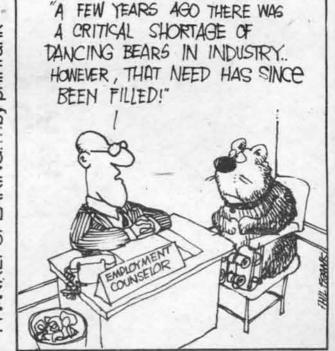
Sandy was an active member

of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and was a member of the Central Council last year.

Although she will be much missed by her sorority sisters, so will the other UMSL students who met her and knew her. Sandy will remember the friend-liness she showed them. The warmth of her smile will be remembered by all.

LETTERS POLICY: Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be typed, double-spaced. No unsigned letters will be accepted but names will be withheld upon request.

FRANKLY SPEAKING....by phil frank



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COLLECTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS: Spanish instructor Luis Clay and the UMSL student organization People's Coalition, organized the school's collection for Honduran victims of Hurricane Fifi. [Photo by Larry LaBrier]

Johnson defense to speak here

semble for a specific role, then

reassume their role as a part of

the group. The lead voices are

exceptionally talented, and the

J. B. Johnson, will speak on her son's case at UMSL on Oct. 31 at 12:00 in J. C. Penney Auditorium. The talk, sponsored by the University Program Board, will explore the history of the case which has been described by Johnson's lawyer, William Kunstler, as a "horrible miscarriage of justice and a police conspiracy.

At UMSL a broad range of

sus Christ Superstar" Saturday,

October 26, 8 pm in the J. C.

Penney Auditorium. It is di-

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student groups is circulating a statement which states, "We the

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Coalition aids victims

There is a difference!!!

Francis Doll, the Consul-General of Honduras came to UMSL last Wednesday, sponsored by the People's Coalition. The Coalition has organized the school's collection for Honduran disaster victims, along with Luis Clay, instructor of Spanish.

Hurricane "Fifi" struck that country on Sept. 20., killing over 8,000 people and leaving more than 100,000 homeless.

St. Louis has already donated nearly 200,000 pounds of clothing, foodstuffs and medical supplies, with an approximate value of \$500 to \$750 thousand.

The Consulate expressed their "highest appreciation for the wonderful help in this hour of need."

The response has, in fact, been so overwhelming that a donated 1 million square foot warehouse has already been filled in St. Louis.

While many have donated goods or aided in the shipping of them, it is more important at this time that Honduras receives donations to cover minor clerical expenses and selectively purchased medical supplies and

Checks should be made payable to Honduras Relief and posted to the 1st National Bank in St. Louis.

MCAT 5-3 75 T D 1 11 75 ATGSB 1 - 25 - 75 Mary Watkins, the mother of the death of University City policeman, James Boevingloh. undersigned demand a new trial He is presently serving a life Spring and Summer MCAT Compact Classes for J. B. Johnson and urge all sentence in the Jefferson City Excellent Test Preparation student, faculty, and staff mem-Penitentiary. Voluminous Homework Material bers to attend this presentation On Sept. 19, 1974, J. B. Limited Class Size of the facts of his case." Johnson's appeal for a new trial Taped Lessons for Review or Missed Classes was argued before the Missouri The case began four and one Course Material Constantly Updated Supreme Court by the noted civil half years ago when J. B. Instructors Experienced in Your Test Johnson was arrested in Unilibertarian, William Kunstler. Most courses begin 8 weeks prior During the hearing Asst. Atty. versity City. He was accused of Gen. David Robards was forced to test date - REGISTER EARLY being an accomplice in a jewelry to admit when questioned by store robbery which rsulted in STANLEY H. KAPLAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER the judge that the State withheid 2050 W. Devon, Chicago evidence from the defense prior Modernaires, Pasadena Players (312) 764-5151 to the first trial. Anyone interested in joining FOR ST. LOUIS sponsor live ensemble Saturday Classes Call the effort of getting more in-Chicago Collect formation can contact the committee by writing the Committee to Defend J. B. (312) 764-5151 ored, not to present the opera as The Modernaires of UMSL and Pasadena Players of originally produced, but to ren-Normandy are co-sponsoring a "live ensemble," hour and fifder their own interpretation of Johnson, 5868 1/2 Delmar, St. the message. Therefore, the Louis, Missouri, or by calling teen minute production of "Jeperformers come from the en-





ets have a friend on campus

Sincerity and concern are key words in the UMSL Veterans Affairs Office, 213c Administration building. The VAO was established August, 1973 by veterans, to serve all veterans in the UMSL community, and does just that.

Under the astute leadership of Mike Martin, Coordinator, and John Sehnert, Assistant Coordinator, the VAO has become one of the most viable offices on campus. "We are here to help the vet and we try to do just that. We try to be as informal as possible while we are at it," John Sehnert said.

The staff consists of six peercounselors, all Vietnam era vets, and Mrs. Linda Reese, secretary, whose sincerity and concern never wanes. The VAO works hand in hand with Bryan Ryan, recently established Veterans Representative, coordinating numerous kinds of services for UMSL veterans their dependents.

During the Summer 1975 semester, the VAO dispatched a team of student peer counselors out into the surrounding urban community to inform veterans of services available to them. The outreach project was 100 per

cent successful. Radio stations KSLQ-FM, KSHE-FM and KXOK-AM kicked in some free public service announcements. Information stations were set up at Crestwood Plaza and Northwest Plaza. The student peercounselors manned the stations, dispensed information and

classes. These services were made available because of the tremendous concern and sincerity of the VAO staff.

"Just being in the service myself, even though I didn't go to 'Nam' I understand the needs of Vietnam era vets. Many are

can give them some better alternatives," said Leon Dogan, a soft-spoken student peercounselor. When asked about how he felt

working with the VAO, Gary Mack, student peer-counselor said, "Leon pretty well summed up my feelings. Unlike the federal bureaucracy, our position is to go out into the community, whether the streets or the bars, where ever the veteran happens to be, to spread the message and let them know someone is interested and that assistance is available." Gary recently helped his wife give natural birth to twin sons at home and was the subject of KTVI-TV news feature. His wife and sons are

services available for them. I dig

making them aware. Many don't

know where they are going, I

Besides coordinating services for vets and dispensing information the VAO offers work-study programs, tutorial services, and a Vets Club. All veterans are encouraged to join, membership fee is \$3.00. Information can be obtained by calling 453-5315 or by dropping by the office. Remember UMSL vets, everyone in the VAO is sincerely concerned.



LETTER WRITING HOBBY: Elm writing letters to newspapers prominent people on his mailing li Richard Nixon...and sometimes he Stuetzer claims that from experience those letters which were actually sig and those which have the names si by Steve Piper.]

Increase in benefits possible for GIs

Larry LaBrier

After one full year of legislative shuffling, the House and Senate reached a compromise on the G.I. benefits bill. The bill as passed provides for a 23 per cent increase in G.I. education benefits, retroactive to September 1, 1974.

Also included in the compromise package are provisions for 1) a \$660-a-year loan program for veterans which would begin next January, 2) an increase in the time period covered by educational benefits from 36 to 45 months, provided that this is used toward an undergraduate degree program, and 3) an 18.2 per cent limit on increases for apprenticeship, vocational rehabilitation and on-the-job

Under the new law, veterans attending school on a full time basis will receive a payment of \$270/month as opposed to \$220/month and a veteran with one dependent will receive an increase of \$60 from \$261 to \$321/month. The payment for each dependent over 2 jumped from \$18 to \$22.

The bill, in its compromise form, is currently awaiting a White House decision. President Ford has previously declared the 23 per cent increase unacceptable because it is not in line with administration economic policies.

Firesign flicks run for first time

Joseph Lopiparo

The Armadillo Protection League, recovering from a long legal debate with the University, abandonment by dear friends, and general lack of response by the community, once again exerts itself to provide the people an alternative form of entertainment in five acts.

The evening of Cosmic Cinema features the films, "Martian Space Party," "T.V. or Not T.V.," and "Love Is Hard To Get." The last two have never been withessed before in Anytown, U.S.A. All three are in Reality Color and project the Firesigns mastery of Light and Sound.

The first occurrence shall be Oct. 31, Halloween Night, at 8:00 pm in the J. C. Penney Auditorium, including an Astral Costume Gathering before, during, and after the presentation. Flashbacks are scheduled Nov. 6 in J.C.P. and Nov. 9 in Stadler

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Letter writer causes controversy

Terry Mahoney

Maude's use of S.O.B. on a recent show was an expletive that should have been deleted, according to Elmer Stuetzer.

Who is Elmer Stuetzer? Periodically a letter arrives at the Current office that gives an outspoken view on current happenings from this writer, that always cause reactions.

Stuetzer, a 63 year old accountant for Union Electric, lives in south St. Louis with his wife of twenty five years and one grown daughter. He has been called by an acquaintence "the letter writer there eyer was."

While that last statement might be an exaggeration, Stuetzer has written a lot of letters.

"I spend a lot of time writing about keeping Bi-State going," he said, "on people voting, even on burning leaves and just about everything else."

Stuetzer wrote his first letter to the Post-Dispatch. That was sometime in the early 1930's -- he no longer remembers exactly when. That letter was about "paths across the 12th to 14th streets plaza," he said, "people were not supposed to cut across it but they did, making unsightly cross paths. Sometime later the City put concrete in there."

Even though that letter was printed on the editorial page, Stuetzer did not write again until March 15th, 1965.

Stuetzer started making photocopies of his handwritten letters and sent them to many publications. He says, "I would be a poor man if I subscribed to everyone I write to." Among the places where his letters have appeared are the Globe-Democrat, the rost dispatch, Businessweek, the Florissant Valley Reporter, Time, the Columbia Man-Eater and the UMSL Current.

Just how many letters Stuetzer -- who estimates about 50 per cent get printed -- has written is uncertain. While he has saved the original of all those letters he has written since 1965 (when he commented on the civil rights marches in Selma) they are piled in various places about his two story brick home and he considers them too numerous to count, saying only that they are "numbered

somewhere in the "hundreds."

Among his replies have been four signed by Richard Nixon and one from his daughter Julie Eisenhower, which he keeps in his safety deposit box. He has also received "countless letters from Leonore K. Sullivan and Eagleton" and has gotten letters from Christopher Bond, whom he thinks might have stopped hand signing when he became-governor.

In addition, he has just recently recieved a reply from Gerald Ford—Stuetzer says that he can tell the paper used is the President's personal stationary as opposed to his assistants'. He has also gotten a card recently acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Nelson Rockefeller, but he says he is suspicious of the validity of the signature.

As a stockholder in Anheuser-Busch, Stuetzer has spoken out against employee lay-offs. He has also written to August Busch's competitor Bill Coors. Reading about Coors in an article in Time magazine, Steutzer took something of a liking to him. He wrote a letter suggesting that he "use John Denver's song 'Rocky Mountain High' as a slogan, since that's what you get from drinking his beer."

He says, "I generally resolve not to write anymore but then I have to respond to something I see in the paper," and that "sometimes I worry if this letter writing is some kind of kooky thing in my head."

In contrast to his own doubts, County Supervisor Laurence K. Roos once told him, "I thought anybody who writes this many letters has got to be some kind of a kook, but I'm glad to say that you're not."

Both the Editorial Editor of the Globe-Democrat, Martin Duggan, and of the Post-Dispatch, William Woo, recognize Elmer N. Stuetzer's name as that of a regular correspondent to their paper. It is not unusual for either to receive two or three letters from him in the same week.

When asked if he thought Steutzer excessive, Woo responded, "I'm really indifferent to how many letters we get from people." Duggan has said, "I don't regard him as a crank or a pest...Mr. Stuetzer writes very intelligent letters but the very frequency with

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When asked if he thought he would ever really retire from writing, Stuetzer recalled his earlier failures to quit and said, "No, I don't think I ever will. . . I may curb it a bit, but I guess I will always keep on writing."

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Concert: Tachi \$2,3,4 8:30 pm JCP Aud.

Theatre: "The Visit" U. Players \$1,2 8:30 pm Marillac Aud.

Hockey: Women's Field Hockey UMSL vs. Greenville 3:30 Greenville.

· Discussion: Baha'i Club 11:00 am 156 UC.

Lunch'n Chat: Hillel 11:00 am 58 UC.

Discussion: "Out of Bondage" Theodore Bikel 11:45 or 12:45 Hillel and St. Louis Jewish Federation.

Lecture: George Uhlenbeck, Rockefeller Univ. "The Nature of Time" 2:00 pm 132 SSBE.

Concert: UPB 11:45 Lounge UC.

Sat., Oct. 26--

Soccer: UMSL vs. Northern III. 7:30 DeKalb, III.

Cross Country: Westminster Invitational 11:00 am Fulton, Mo.

Film: "Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams" 8:00 pm 101 SH. Theatre: "The Visit" U. Play-

ers \$1,2 8:30 Marillac College. Theatre: "Jesus Christ Superstar" Pasadena Players, Free

8:00 pm JCP Aud. Meeting: Pi Sigma Epsilon 5:00 pm 225 & 229 JCP.

Sun., Oct. 27--Meeting: Philosophy Club 7:00

pm 155 UC.

Faith Sharing: Newman House, Belief Sharing 9:00 am Newman House. Mon., Oct. 28--

Film: "The Gang's All Here" 8:00 pm JCP Aud.

Seminar: Math 3:40 412 CH Colloquium: "A Simulation Model of the St. Louis SMSA Economy" Peter Grandstaff and R. E. Markland 3:30 331 BE. Tues., Oct. 29--

Film: "The Producers" 8:00 pm JCP Aud.

Pre-Retirement Program: UMSL Personnel Training 7:00 pm 225 JCP.

Seminar: Math Dept. 10:40

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Discussion: Non-Sectarian Bible Club 12:15 155 UC.

Meeting: Accounting Club "Govt. Accounting Opportunities" 12:40 218 BE.

Hockey: Women's Field Hockey UMSL vs. Lindenwood 4:00 pm UMSL.

Discussion: Young Women's Discussion Group 12:30 UMSL Women's Center.

Meeting: Mo PIRG 12:00 noon 272 UC.

Meeting: Normandy Recreation Program 7:30 pm 201 BH. Thurs., Oct. 31--

Seminar: Math Dept. 10:40 412 CH. Meeting: Christian Science

Org. 7:40 am 272 UC.
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Banquet, Geology 10:30 am 78 JCP.

Theatre: "Firesign Theatre Ceremony" \$1.50 8:00 pm JCP Aud.

Zingers

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'Playboy' probes an old theme

Suzy Macke

Once the ear had grown accustomed to the actors' various attempts at Irish accents, the Webster College Conservatory of Theatre Arts' production of Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" proved an entertaining and stimulating piece of theatre.

While the play's circumstance is a difficult one for the American - bred 1970s mind to ad, ast to, the young actors of the company carried it off with perfect and natural conviction. The story, while simple on the surface, has implications both enlightening and disturbing. Christy Mahon, week-kneed, despised of men and dominated by an overbearing father, seemingly does away with the old man in a quarrel. Surprisingly enough, society does not shun him for this despicable deed, but accepts him with loving arms, indeed championing his act. Subtly demonstrating the importance of other people's perceptions on one's perception of oneself, Christy develops himself

into the hero society believes him to be -- a true "Playboy of the Western World." He wins admiration, position and love of the beautiful and fiery publican's daughter -- all because they believe him capable of it. Reality, Synge seems to be saying, is not an objective fact, but merely what is perceived by the individual from moment to moment. Of course the whole dream of a new life crumbles when Christy's "dead" father appears on the scene. Or does it? Synge keeps his audience wondering. Does Christy truly remain the Playboy of the Western World?

The cast, as is usually the case with this troupe of fine actors, gave fine performances, with Abigail Simmons as the saloon-keeper's daughter and Mark Robbins as Christy leading the rest. Simmons particularly, who has been featured in several other of the company's productions, is developing into an extremely versatile actress. She handles roles of numerous descriptions excellently. Robbins too carried off his difficult role

with subtly, tracing the evolution of a weak man to a hero in a performance of great strength, and Victoria M. Toula as the lecherous but kind-hearted Widow Quin did an outstanding job. The supporting cast was first-rate, lending a note of individuality to even the smallest parts, and never degenerating into "types."

Praise is also in order to the costume designers for their authentic clothing taken from artwork of Irish painters of the time. Special congratulations go to the set designers who set up an Irish pub with an almost total illusion of reality. Indeed on this marvellous set, the sun rose and set and waves could be heard in the background. One almost expected to smell sea breezes and morning air, so great was the effect. Lastly, special, special applause to the production's director Brendan Burke, who put together the ingredients of this fascinating whole.

The Conservatory's next production is "The Amen Corner" by James Baldwin which will be presented Nov. 14 through 17 and 21 through 24 at 7:30 pm.

ARTS



THE VISITOR ARRIVES: The town of Gullen steps out to greet the billionairess who promises them a brighter future...and a murder...in the University Players production. [Photo by Greg Ahrens]

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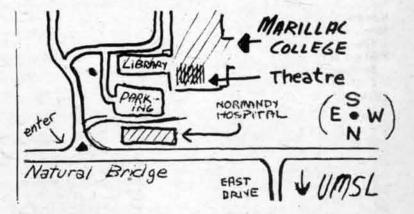
Beverly Bishop

So, you were planning to go to the University Players' first production, "The Visit," by Friedrich Duerrenmatt, and were put off by the information that it's being presented at the Marillac College Auditorium? Don't be. It's just a stone's throw down the street -- at 7800 Natural Bridge Road (see map).

In the past, the Players have had to utilize whatever facilities happened to be available, J.C. Penney Auditorium and more recently -- 105 Benton. Neither has proven completely satisfactory. Hence the exodus to Marillac.

Hopefully, the exile will not be for long. According to theatre director Denny Bettisworth, "work will begin next semester at making Benton 105 more stageworthy. The stage will be extended out about 28 feet and a lighting system and dressing rooms will also be added."

Once again, a reminder that the current production opens tonight and runs through Oct. 26. Curtain time is 8:30 pm and admission with an UMSL I.D. is \$1.00.



MAP TO MARILLAC: The presentation is in the theatre inside the building as shown. [Map by Denny Mattingly]

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Ilya Bolotowsky? Haven't we met somewhere before?

Barbara Burlison

Anyone who has a passing acquaintance with modern art experiences a strange sensation of traveling through familiar territory when visiting Gallery 210. The cause of this feeling of deja vu is the current exhibition of the graphic work of Ilya Bolotowsky.

Bolotowsky's silk-screen prints are compositions, perhaps they could be called etudes, in balance of form and color. The artist restricts his colors to different shades and intensities of primary red, yellow and blue, but occasionally employs orange. The colors themselves become part of the forms in his curiously ambiguous figure-ground rela-

tionship. Does the compsition end at the inner white geometric shape, does it extend across the paper to the frame, or does it continue beyond the work itself? The last possibility is not as far fetched as it sounds, for Bolotowsky's art seems to be a distillation of the essential shapes of the environment around us. His "figures" are rectangles, diamonds and lines. When the circle appears, it is the ground on which his shapes converge. Within several prints two images asymmetrically mirror each other with subtle variations. Bolotowsky's prints condense artistic elements into precise statements. They are classic in their sense of tightly structured pristine order.

Echoes of other artists are discernable in Bolotowsky's sense of color, reminiscent of Josef Albers, and his abrupt cropping of compositions, parallel to the shaped canvases of Frank Stella.

The derivative nature of Bolotowsky's work is not necessarily a pejorative judgement. Originality is not the sole criterion of artistic value. Besides, without this artistic exchange of ideas and goals these prints too easily become decorative. Bolotowsky's graphic work is a cerebral art which requires emotional detachment and a platonic appreciation of purity.

The exhibit will be open through Oct. 30.



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SPORTS

Next episode not good for UMSL

John Volpo

Another episode in the continuing battle of college soccer supremacy, matched our Rivermen against the No. 2 team in the nation, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

In last Wednesday's battle across the river, UMSL jumped out to an early lead, courtesy of Kenny Ellis who intercepted a SIU pass to the goalie, and punched the ball into the nets. This came about with the soccer contest just 40 seconds old.

The Rivermen, who wore black armbands, in memory of the late Tim Smith, their star of 73 and former All-American, who was killed in a motorcycle

mishap, were dedicating the game to Smith, and that first goal seemed to help the cause.

The Rivermen went on and outplayed the Cougars throughout the entire first half and hung onto that 1-0 lead.

In that first half, UMSL goalie Don Deason made several outstanding saves, which include a breakaway by SIU forward Tim Twellman, who was robbed of a

During half-time the Cougars must have made up their minds they were going to score on Deason, and wasted no time as halfback Dan O'Sullivan headed in SIU's first goal, with-8:58 gone in the second half.

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Rivermen winger Denny Kiely

was cashing in on a breakaway when he was taken out of the play and suffered knee ligament injuries as a result of the collision. According to coach Dallas, Kiely will miss the rest of the '74 season, perhaps creating an opening for striker Kevin Murphy who scored 3 goals against Central Methodist and has seen little action to date.

SIU out-shot the Rivermen 38-21 and increased their record to 8-1 while the Rivermen

their passing going in the second half, and the defense had difficulty clearing the ball,"

UMSL who was ranked 16th last week will go on the road to Northern II. Sat. Oct. 26 in a 7:30 pm night game up in

The Cougars put the icing on the cake with insurance goals by Tim Twellman and Chris

dropped theirs to 4-3. "The offense couldn't get

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KICK BALL: The soccer Rivermen continued to have problems as their record was evened 4-4 after a 3-2 loss to Illinois-Chicago Circle. [Photo by Greg Ahrens]

Harriers break into the top 20, sadly

Jim Shanahan

The Rivermen, competing against some of the top schools in the region, finished seventeenth in a field of nineteen in the Southwest Missouri State Classic in Springfield Saturday. Arkansas took the top two individual spots, but was edged in the team scoring 42-46 by Wichita State.

Randy Melancon of Arkansas turned in a record time of 23:58 on the fast five mile course. He was followed across the line by team-mate Nial O'Shaugnessy in 24:07. The top six runners broke the course record of 24:14. "The leaders first mile time was 4:34, and they came through the two mile mark in 9:37," said assistant coach Frank Neal. "That's fast for a five mile race."

All of UMSL's runners turned in personal bests in the race. Captain Steve Barylski finished 74th in a time of 26:40, Neil Rebbe, 78th in 26:53, Jim Shanahan, 94th in 27:38, Paul Wood, 95th in 27:41, Fran Hake, 108th in 28:32 and Paul Friedrich, 114th in 29:16. "We expected the times to be fast on this course," stated head coach Dan Wall. "The only two hills are long, gentle slopes.

"Every one of our runners urned in their best times ever for five miles," said assistant coach Al Schmidt. Unfortunately, they were running against

Several new sports at mid semester

As the semester nears its midpoint, intramural activities for the second half of the fall will include several different sports. Basketball, Coed Volleyball, and Coed Hoc Soc are four of the activities to be included on the intramural calendar for late October and early Novem-

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Fun Palace prove to be the real pros with 12-6 win

Phil Wolf

When the Fun Palace defeated the Pro's 12-6 for the fall Intramural football championships on Oct. 15th, if your name happened to be Joe Porter you would have been very happy. Porter threw two touchdown passes to end Joe McDonald set up by two fantastic catches by Bob David providing the offensive punch needed by the Fun Palace to beat the Pro's. The game saw a great amount of passing.

The Fun Palace, the favored team, made it to the championship by demolishing Pi Kappa Alpha 32-0 and Sigma Tau Gamma 24-12. The Pro's squeaked by Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Pi 2-0 and 6-0 respectively. In the Championship final the defense told the story as the contest boiled down to which team could shut-down the opponents passing attack. Both teams did this very well and the first half ended in a 0-0 dead-lock.

Early in the scond half Porter hit Bob David with a bomb deep in the Pro's territory setting up a short flare-in from Porter to McDonald minutes later for a 6-0 lead for the Fun Palace. But on the ensuing series the Pro's hit their receiver on a long pass and he waltzed into the end zone untouched knotting the score at 6-6.

With about four minutes left in the contest Bob David again

caught a bomb from Porter deep in the Pro's zone. Shortly thereafter McDonald again clicked with Porter making a diving shoe top catch of a rifle shot from Porter to put Fun-Palace ahead to stay.

Jim Velten, the assistant director of Intramural Activities noted that the championship took place for the first time without a fraternity team. Velten was also very positive about the game. "I was very pleased with the officiating and the good sportsmanship of the players," Velten said.

Rivermen to try, try again

Brian Flinchpaugh

As the old adage goes, "If you first don't succeed try, try again."

Illinois-Chicago Circle owes a bit of a debt to that saying as they were allowed a second chance to score on UMSL which they made good to defeat the Rivermen 3-2 in Chicago last Sunday.

Sunday.

Ken Ellis, despite 3 broken toes sustained in the SIU game,

scored and then assisted on both of UMSL's two goals. Tim Kersting also tallied and Kevin Missey picked up an assist as the Rivermen put 2 goals behind the Chika goalie in the second half to tie Illinois-Chicago Circle 2-2 before the questionable penalty kick. For the game UMSL outshot the Chikas 21 to 17 and more or less dominated the action particularly in the second

Biliniewicz, however, was the story of the game as his hat trick lead the Chikas to victory and-possible contention for an NCAA bid in the Division II tournament to be held here at UMSL on Nov. 28 through the 30th.

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