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MacKinney Marks Time

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His time may be limited, but the priorities that face him appear unlimited.

As UMSL waits for the arrival of Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett on June 1, the work of Interim Chancellor Arthur C. MacKinney continues.

"We have to keep all of the ongoing functions of the university, in fact, on-going," MacKinney said.

MacKinney, who will be working with Barnett in a transitional capacity until she assumes her

duties in June, has no intention of being perceived as a lame duck.

MacKinney said it is his job to make sure things keep running between now and June.

"It is my job to see that everything that needs to be done on a daily basis in fact happens," he said.

According to MacKinney this work includes everything from the trivial to the important.

Besides proceeding with a smooth transition between chancellors, MacKinney is pushing forward on some things he feels are important.

In a report to the Senate, MacKin-

ney outlined some of the areas he will be emphasizing as interim chancellor.

MacKinney emphasized the areas of university image, development, budget and programs.

In the area of the university's image, MacKinney is looking at putting into operation a plan that would emphasize the positive side of UMSL.

"All our data indicate that our image is very variable and that it is good in some quarters and not so good in others, he said."

MacKinney said that among business school alumni, UMSL's image

is very positive.

However, he said that among St. Louis County high school seniors, UMSL's image is variable to not as good.

MacKinney said over the next few weeks, University Relations and the various deans will be working to put together a program that will clarify and correct UMSL's image in the community.

In the area of development, MacKinney is looking at increasing the university's reward system.

He said such a rewards program would be designed to motivate staff

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ARTHUR C. MACKINNEY: He hears the clock ticking on his office wall. And he says he's trying to parlay his time into productivity.



MARGUERITE ROSS BARNETTE: It's not a long time until June, the date she will arrive as UMSL's new chancellor.

Foreign TAs To Take English Tests

Foreign teaching assistants are an essential part of the teaching function at many universities, but they have drawn criticism around the country because some students have difficulty understanding teaching assistants whose English comes as a second language.

The University of Missouri is responding to the criticism leveled at its teaching assistants by strengthening efforts to ensure that foreign TAs are well-prepared for teaching classes.

A three-pronged plan to acclimate TAs to American language and culture has gone into effect after its approval this month by the University's general officers.

The policy was announced by Jay Barton, UM vice president for academic affairs, and was based on extensive discussions with administrators, faculty and student leaders from the four campuses.

The new policy requires that:

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Colleges Will Respond To Budget Bill

(CPS) — Colleges around the country still aren't sure how they will compensate for the federal funding they're about to lose because of the new Gramm-Rudman balanced budget bill.

But more schools soon may be raising tuition, increasing the amount they charge students to process student loans and intensify their fund raising efforts, various officials say.

Under the law, which requires the government to balance the federal budget by the start of the next decade, federal college funding will

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Amoco Sets Cash Award For Teachers

The AMOCO Foundation is now taking nominations for its annual AMOCO Outstanding Teacher Award, which will be awarded to a faculty member this year.

Nomination forms may be submitted by students, faculty, administrators and alumni, and can be picked up at the information desk in the University Center and at the circulation desks of all three libraries.

Last year's recipients of the award were Ronald Denowitz and Ruth Jenkins.

Since the awards must be shared by all four campuses in the UM system, UMSL will receive only one award this year. Next year UMSL will receive two once again.

Nominations for the \$1500 award

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Transition Period Nears

Steven Brawley
managing editor

The third interim chancellor in UMSL's history hears the ticking of the clock on his office wall, but is too busy fulfilling his temporary role to watch time go by.

"My job has some limits," Interim Chancellor Arthur C. MacKinney said. "I know that by June 1 Dr. Barnett will be here."

Chancellor-elect Marguerite Ross Barnett will not assume her duties at UMSL until June. However, she is working closely with MacKinney in a transitional capacity.

"We are doing quite a bit of

communicating back and forth," MacKinney said.

The chancellor's office is sending packets of information to Barnett on a regular basis to help aid in the transition.

"We'll be talking on the phone a lot and will meet in person as our schedules permit as well," MacKinney said.

Presently, Barnett is still vice chancellor for academic affairs at City University of New York. "She still has a job," MacKinney said.

He said that she and her colleagues at CUNY are now in Albany, New York, involved with their budget presentations to the state legislature.

UM Appropriations Up

Gov. John Ashcroft's recommendation for the University of Missouri 1986-87 general operating expenses represents a substantial increase over last year's appropriations, but the amount still falls short of UM's request.

Ashcroft recommended that UM receive \$227 million for the new year, which represents a 6.3 percent increase over the 1985-86 budget. The recommendation, however, falls \$29 million short of UM's request for \$256 million.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education's recommendation for \$236 million is a 10.5 percent increase over last year's appropriation.

Ashcroft's recommendation reflects almost 98 percent of the CBHE recommendation; he used the same percentage (96.75) in calculating recommendations for all of the state's four-year institutions.

The governor also recommended that UM receive, as part of the operating appropriation, \$2,030,400 for engineering equipment, not quite half the \$4,070,400 the CBHE recommended as part of the state's capital funding for UM.

"I am pleased that Gov. Ashcroft

has made a number of positive recommendations with regard to the University of Missouri," UM President C. Peter Magrath said. "If the University of Missouri is to fully meet its obligation as a major force for promoting Missouri's economic and social development, its base resources must be increased."

Magrath cited the governor's endorsement of development of research parks at UMKC and near St. Louis. He expressed appreciation of Ashcroft's support for other UM programs, including:

— The multidisciplinary Food for the 21st Century project (\$1.99 million recommended by the governor).

— The biotechnical programs (\$1 million recommended for the Columbia campus and \$550,000 recommended for the Rolla campus).

Of the nearly \$32 million the university requested to help fund programs to meet goals and objectives of the long-range plan, \$3.5 million was recommended by the governor.

"I believe the curators' request is in the best interest of the state; the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's proposed budget moves

Despite her busy schedule, Barnett is scheduled to attend all the UM Board of Curators meetings being held before she takes office at UMSL.

According to MacKinney, he and Barnett will meet at least once before March. He said that Barnett will be spending a few extra days at UMSL while she is in St. Louis for the March curators meeting.

"She has a lot to learn," MacKinney said.

As the time on both their clocks passes by, MacKinney compares the job ahead of Barnett to studying for a Ph.D. oral exam.

"She is going to have to cram like crazy," he said.

1986-87 Requests

	UM request	CBHE recommendation	Governor's recommendation
General operations	\$256,927,036	\$236,919,326	\$227,828,216
percentage increase*	19.9%	10.5%	6.3%
Higher Education Research Fund	900,000	900,000	890,000
	1.1%	1.1%	0%
Hospital and Clinics	19,907,382	19,879,100	15,277,822
	34.2%	34%	3%
Missouri Institute of Psychiatry	2,340,020	2,218,939	2,178,660
	10%	4.3%	2.4%
Missouri Kidney Program	4,102,067	4,038,556	4,032,434
	5.2%	3.6%	3.4%
State Historical Society	610,411	582,225	571,672
	14.6%	9.3%	7.4%

* increases based on 1985-86 appropriations

in that direction, though it does not step forward as fast as we would prefer," Magrath said.

"The university will continue to work for the curators' budgetary position, which outlines the state support needed for the university to be as effective as possible. I recognize there are other key participants in the appropriation process.

The governor, CBHE and the legislators must make their own judgements of what is appropriate and fiscally realistic."

House and Senate recommendations will be followed by a joint legislative appropriation and the governor's action on the appropriation.

Friend Raising

Osborn Named New Alumni Head

Craig A Martin
assoc. news editor

While most of us are struggling to get to graduation, Kathy Osborn spends most of her time with those who have already been there.

Osborn is the new manager of alumni activities for UMSL, and she couldn't be happier about it.

"I see this as a pivotal time for the University and I'm really happy to be a part of it," said Osborn.

Osborn describes her job here as "friend raising".

"My job is to make friends with the alumni of UMSL, and that is accomplished in several ways," she said.

"There is an alumni board, which oversees all of the alumni activities, but there are also alumni associations in several departments such as optometry, math, english, biology and the biggest alumni group, from the School of Business.

Osborn works closely with the members of these departmental associations and also works with other groups who might be interested in forming an alumni group.

"It will be my job to help them form, and to give them organizational support. Because in a lot of cases they want to form, but just don't know how," she said.

The purpose of these alumni

groups is varied, ranging from fund raising to lobbying.

"Since there are not a lot of social activities on the campus itself, you would expect that with the alumni, social activity is not going to be the center attraction," said Osborn.

"Due to the nature of a commuter campus, many of our alumni don't know that many people they graduated with. They may know a few from classes, but that's about it," she said.

By having the alumni groups divided into sections, they hope to draw alumni by offering them the chance to associate with people of

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Judge Clips Barber

Joseph S. Barr, who authorities say cut the hair of almost 100 men from the St. Louis area in a phony recruiting scheme, has been barred by a judge from clipping locks and ordered to undergo psychiatric testing, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Approximately 20 UMSL males fell for Barr's scheme and had their hair cut, authorities said.

St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge Bernhardt C. Drumm Jr. also ordered Barr to complete any treatment recommended after his testing, the Post-Dispatch wrote.

Barr waived his right to a lawyer and trial, choosing not to appear in court. Barr did not object to the judge's orders, which came from a request from Peter Lumaghi, assis-

tant attorney state general.

Barr was said to have promised some men as much as \$2,000 and a role in a military recruiting film for their locks, which he cut from a hotel room at the Holiday Inn in North County.

Barr, who said he was working for the advertising agency in the recruitment for the military film, did not pay the men, authorities told the Post-Dispatch.

UMSL student Chris Stolte, one of the men who allowed Barr to cut his hair, said he did not expect to receive the cash he was promised and that to have Barr undergo psychiatric testing was "satisfying."

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Daytona, Lauderdale Alter Break

(CPS) — The capitals of spring break shenanigans — Daytona Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Florida — are trying to change their images.

Both communities are sponsoring organized activities aimed at somehow moderating student drinking during the spring break invasions of March and April.

"What has gone on before was a Sodom and Gomorrah affair," says Jerry Nolan, spokesman for Daytona's National Collegiate Sports Festival, which is supposed to draw students into activities more constructive than with those with which Sodom, Gomorrah, Daytona and Fort Lauderdale generally are associated with.

"The festival demonstrates we are getting away from the tarnished image of the past," he says.

Daytona and the other vacation spots in Florida don't have much of a choice.

This is the first spring break during which the state's new 21-year-old minimum drinking age law is in

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DIVING

Joe Fortier job demands more ability to handle pressure than students undergo during midterm week. Fortier works as a high diver, in hopes of thrilling him crowd. Read about him in Features section.

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RECORDS

The UMSL swimming team set a number of pool and school records during a recent meet at Washington University. The swimmers under new coach Mary Liston have struggled past adversity en route to a promising season.

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SPINNING

The basketball Rivermen have been spinning their wheels in hopes of improving to .500 this season. Ron Porter and Dellondo Fox, however, are having banner years for Coach Rich Meckfessel. Read about them in the Sports section.

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effort, and rising insurance costs are forcing communities to find ways to minimize the wild partying that has led to injuries and even deaths in the past.

Fort Lauderdale, for one, is sponsoring and "Olympics" featuring volleyball, a tug-of-war and various dance and trivia contests.

City officials actively are discouraging excessive drinking, and have banned alcohol consumption on the strip along the beach.

Daytona Beach hopes to attract up to 20,000 students to its first National Collegiate Sports Festival.

The festival, scheduled for March 8 through April 6, will feature about

20 different sports ranging from rugby to golf.

Four national corporations — including Walt Disney — and about 30 Daytona businesses are supporting the events.

Nolan hopes the festival also will encourage more corporations to support intramural programs on campuses. Intramurals, he notes, can use some fund-raising help.

But no one pretends the activities aren't intended to moderate revelers' drinking.

"We hope the level of drinking will be lower than in the past," Daytona Chamber of Commerce representative Betty Wilson says.

Daytona also will mount a poster and radio campaign to promote sensible alcohol consumption.

"Any planned activity will be

advantageous in (controlling) how students party," maintains Beverly Sanders of Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS), a group that runs "alcohol awareness" programs on campuses around the country.

Yet the hard-partying spring break tradition is still a favorite of some local businesses.

"These kids are going to come down, party and raise hell. At least I hope so," says Tommy Fuguay, manager of The Other Place, a popular Daytona Beach club. "It's the only time of year we make money."

Fuguay says he is more worried about the new 21-year-old drinking age slowing business than the festival.

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Most of the national beer companies, as well as long-time spring break visiting corporations like Playboy, plan to return to the area, too, to promote their wares.

Coming, too, is Michigan inventor Ronald Rummell to market his new product: a vest allowing its wearer to carry six beverage containers and keep them cold.

are being accepted without regard to the area of specialization.

Although the award is for undergraduate teaching, that term is broadly defined to include advising and counseling, as well as classroom performance. Innovations and research that foster good teaching are also seen as relevant.

Those nominating must also attach a letter describing why the nominee deserves the award.

The committee will consider the faculty member's classroom performance, advising and student assistance outside the classroom.

creative and innovative teaching, interest in students including their careers and education and other personal and professional attributes worthy of recognition.

Supporting documentation will be requested from the department of the nominee.

All full-time faculty at all ranks are eligible and individuals may nominate more than one faculty member.

Faculty members who have won the award in the last seven years are not eligible. Those ineligible are listed on the nomination form.

Nominations should be submitted care of Candi Agnew, 401 Woods, no later than Monday March 3.

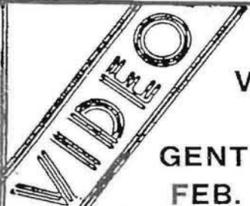
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be cut by some 4.3 percent by March 1, 1986.

Further cuts of up to 50 percent will start in August.

"There are too many unknowns. We don't know what we are up against until we see the president's budget," says Bob Aaron of the National Association of State Universities and Land grant Colleges.

Just the initial 4.3 percent cut, however, translates into a \$244 million drop in the amount of federal student aid monies available this spring.

Funding of the campus research from the departments of Energy, Defense, Education, Agriculture and Health and Human Services will drop by some \$450 million at the same time.

Making up those kinds of losses won't be easy, officials say.

Many say tuition increases are inevitable.

At Reed College in Oregon, for example, tuition rose 8.7 percent last year, and "it will probably have to go up at least that much next year," says Larry Large, vice president for development and college relations at the school.

The college depends on tuition for about 70 to 75 percent of its revenues, he says.

Reed, like many other schools in recent years, also has been using the

interest earned by its endowment to loan to students as aid.

But because of the huge size of the coming federal budget cuts, Large is not sure the school will be able to continue meeting all student needs.

"If (Gramm-Rudman) will really put pressure on endowment and tuition income," Large said.

"We do not have the capacity to pick up the shortfall in federal aid cuts," adds Jon Cosovich, vice president for development and communications at the University of Michigan.

As a result, "we are implementing plans to cut spending," he adds.

Many schools, other officials say, may have to stall filling vacancies on their staffs and on their faculties, raise housing fees, and even cut back the number of courses they offer if they're to compensate for the Gramm-Rudman cuts.

Major research schools like Michigan also will lose research funding monies it uses to maintain labs and pay staff.

Cosovich adds state funding in Michigan, for one, won't increase enough to replace what the Gramm-Rudman cuts will take away.

He sees tuition hikes as inevitable. "We think there is elasticity in tuition."

And to make it easier for people to pay higher tuition, more schools may start lending parents money to pay for it.

TAs

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Students for which English is a foreign language may not serve as graduate teaching assistants in their first semester of enrollment at UM, except with the special permission of the chancellor.

All graduate students for whom English is a foreign language will be tested for proficiency in spoken English at no cost to the student, before receiving a teaching appointment, and

All graduate students new to the United States will be given a cultural orientation before being allowed to teach.

Existing policy at all four campuses requires prospective graduate students to pass a "Test of English as a Foreign Language," administered in their home coun-

tries. The test, however, does not test oral English skills.

The new policy is designed for flexibility. While specific in its goals, it gives wide latitude to the four campuses in implementing those goals. Each campus is responsible for developing its own procedures for complying with the policy.

Foreign graduate students have become an integral part of the teaching force at UM as well as many other universities. Nancy A. Martin, UM assistant vice president for academic affairs, says 371 of the 1,821 TAs on all four campuses last year were foreign-born. This is about 20 percent of the total, but the concentration is much higher in such areas as mathematics and engineering.

Normally, more than half the doc-

total students in engineering are foreign graduate students because not enough Americans students study engineering at the graduate level, she says.

"Their presence is an asset because they also bring cultural diversity to our community," says Martin, "and they can give undergraduates a valuable perspective in foreign language and political science courses."

This new policy is a compromise, Martin says. It protects the rights of students to learn from teachers they can understand, while allowing departments that rely on foreign TAs to continue to use those who prove they are proficient in English. The policy continues to provide graduate students with the teaching

experience they need to pursue academic careers.

"We seem to be getting a lot of agreement that the new policy is the way to go," Martin says. "The cultural orientation is as important as fluency in English. For example, in some Asian countries it is considered rude behavior for a student to interrupt a teaching lecture with a question. Foreign TAs need to realize this is a common acceptable practice in this country."

The new policy is in part, a response to legislation proposed by Rep. Steve Danner of Chillicothe in the session of the General Assembly. Danner's bill would give the state the authority to establish oral testing for all foreign faculty at public universities and colleges.

NEWSBRIEFS

LeLoup Publishes Politics Textbook

Lance T. LeLoup, professor of political science at UMSL, has published a political science textbook, "Politics in America: The Ability to Govern." The book was published by West Publishing Co. The text addresses predominate political-economic concerns as well as the enduring theme of governability. Governability, the potential causes and consequences of institutional stalemate and the factors which enhance or inhibit effective policy making, is introduced in chapter one and provides a theme for the entire text.

Fellow Applications Being Accepted

The Center for International Studies is accepting applications from UMSL faculty members for appointments as Fellows in the center for the 1986-87 academic year. Normally, Fellows receive a 20 percent full-time equity, a one-year appointment, and renewals are possible. Deadline for all applications is Feb. 15. For more information call Mary Hines at 553-5755.

Student Awards Nominations Now

The Division of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the 1986 Student Life and Student Affairs Award. The Student Life Award will be presented to a member of the faculty, administration or support staff who has served UMSL with dedication through personal contributions that have enhanced the quality of student life on campus. Nominations are due Feb. 12. Each year, select students are recognized for their significant contributions to the UMSL community, particularly in the area of student services and activities. Faculty and staff are invited to nominate students for the Student Affairs Award who are deserving of such recognition. Deadline for application is Feb. 7. For more information on these awards, or to receive a nomination form, contact the Office of Student Affairs, 301 Woods Hall, or call 553-5211.

Joint Custody Discussion Planned

A "Discussion on Joint Custody" will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Hawthorn Room of the University Center. The evening is being sponsored by the UMSL Women's Center. The discussion will consist of panels presenting both the pros and cons of the joint custody issue. Speaking in favor of joint custody will be representatives of the organization "In the Child's Best Interest," and taking the opposing viewpoint will be individuals from the legal and mental health professions. Following the panel discussion, questions will be taken from the audience. Admission is free and child care will be provided. Pre-registration is required for those requesting child care. For more information call 553-5380.

Continuing Ed To Offer Program

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to bring in more outside grants to the university.

According to MacKinney, in the area of the budget there is very frequent activity.

"This will not be a year of a lot of money," he said. "It will even at best be a lean 1986-87."

MacKinney said the Governor's recommendations are lower than the House Appropriations Committee's recommendations for the UM's general operating expenses budget.

Meanwhile while the legislators debate over the budget in Jefferson City, work has started on the 1987-88 budget.

"It's hard to do this because we don't know what the 1986-87 will be yet," MacKinney said.

He said the various deans are now working on the appropriations for the 1987-88 budget.

In the area of programs, MacKinney sees the immediate priority being the finalizing of the plan that would increase cooperative efforts

with UMSL, Harris Stowe State College and the Community College District.

The specifics of this cooperative plan will be reviewed by the UM Board of Curators meeting this month in Columbia.

MacKinney also will be working on a proposal that would bring multi-campus graduate programs to the UM system.

Now under review, these plans would offer masters degrees in nursing and social work in a cooperative effort between UMSL and UM-Columbia.

Also being reviewed is a proposal that would develop a four-campus masters program in history.

He emphasized that these plans were proposals, but have reached the rough draft stage.

While all of these items on his agenda proceed, MacKinney will continue to keep in touch with Barnett and will prepare for the annual "Chancellor's Report to the Community."

"It looks like a busy semester," he said.

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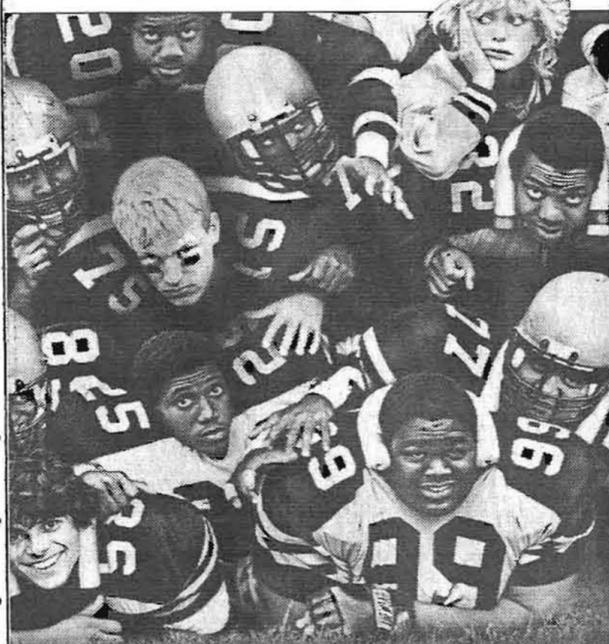
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TA English Tests Will Help Students

The complaints on this campus were beginning to be heard; not a vocal majority, but a select number of students complaining of language barriers between themselves and foreign-born teaching assistants. Due in part to a more verbose outcry at the University of Missouri and Missouri-Rolla, already UM is beginning to take steps to curb the problem.

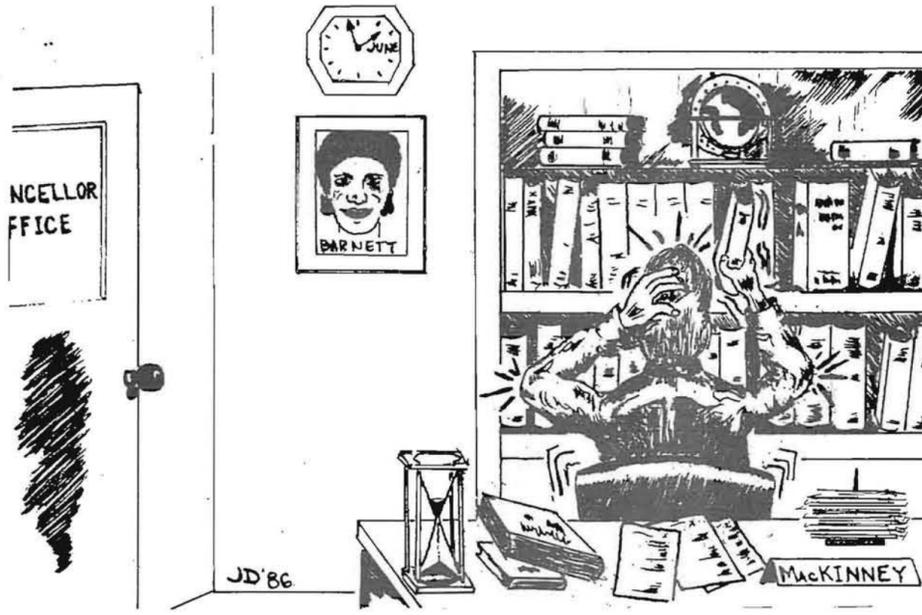
UM has adopted a policy to test all foreign-born graduate students in English before they will be allowed to act as teaching assistants. The UM Board of Curators will review the new policy today and tomorrow at their meeting in Columbia.

The policy, a positive step towards mending broken communications between TAs and students, requires: unless special permission is granted by the campus head, graduate students whose first

language is not English may not serve as TAs; that all graduate students take an English-proficiency test before serving as TAs; and that all graduate students new to the U.S. take a cultural orientation before serving as a TA.

Strengthening of the understanding between all TAs and students is an important step. Approximately 20 percent of all TAs in the UM system are foreign-born, with the percentage raised in such fields as mathematics and science.

What has not blossomed into a major problem on this campus seems to draw more complaints from students at the University of Missouri and Missouri-Rolla. For UMSL, perhaps the problem will be nipped in the bud. For the other UM campuses, perhaps what already has budded will not blossom.



Maintenance Problems Stem From Apathy

If this is the second semester of the 1985-86 school year, then this is at least the second time the students of this university have struggled to find parking spaces, cringed when what looked like a small bump in the road 20 feet back turned out to be a major-sized crater just waiting for your front tires.

If this is the second semester, then students of this university are again experiencing what many feel are exorbitant prices in the bookstore, poor food and high prices in the cafeteria.

The ifs and thens continue, continuously. All the hassles, all the pressure, all of everything that makes some students of this university feel like packing it in.

But if this is the second semester, then this is the semester for spring break. That euphoria, paradise, heaven of a week with no hassles.

But that doesn't mean things will be better when one returns. There still will be parking problems, poorly paved parking lots, complaints that students fees are too high, complaints that this is nothing more than a life of classes and outside jobs.

For what seems like an eternity, students at this school have complained. And complained. Rightly so, at times.

But, here goes, most students are apathetic when it comes time for action, when it comes time to better whatever doesn't seem good enough. What happens is that we get caught in our own world. We don't see the world of the university.

This campus offers hundreds of challenges outside of classroom work and outside jobs. If this campus is going to better itself, it will start with the students, the "grass roots" of change.

But if this is the second semester, spring break is coming, then summer, then what is expected to be a new semester, but with many of the same problems. It's a difficult decision to become motivated, to get involved with the university, its causes, its spirit, its student government, its clubs, and its problems. Procrastination may be one word to describe what students of this university do when it becomes time to get involved. Apathy may be a more decisive term.



Prices Going Down But Students Paying More

(CPS) — Students are paying about seven percent more than they did last year to go to public four-year colleges, a new accounting of state campus charges says.

The report blames inflation, state budget cuts and legislature mandates for the increase.

Education, however, is about the only American industry still raising its prices quickly. In general, prices around the country rose an average of 3.8 percent in 1985 — versus public colleges' seven percent — according to government figures also released last week.

Public college students' average tab for tuition, room and board jumped to \$4,587 for 1985-86, the report by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant colleges said.

Out-of-state residents paid almost \$2,000 more than in-state students, who spent an average of \$3,621, room and board accounts for \$2,343 of the bill.

As usual, tuition was the fastest-growing item on students' bills.

In-state student tuition rose eight percent to \$1,278, while non-residents paid an additional 11 percent that brought their average bills to \$3,210.

But the increases are actually less than last year's, says AASCU's Gail Latouf.

"This (seven percent increase) isn't at all unusual. In fact, cost

increases have been pretty stable over the few years," she says.

A number of administrators said slashes in state funding left them no choice but to raise money by charging students more to go to school.

And in some cases, Latouf adds, state legislatures mandate how much tuition students pay, leaving administrators "no choice."

Although state funding for education increased 16 percent nationally this year, "it hasn't prevented a need to raise tuition," she explains.

"More and more legislatures are targeting their appropriations to university programs that will help the state economy, and that leaves less money for the schools' general needs."

Faced with major decreases in federal aid funding, many schools raised tuition and directed the increased revenues toward their ailing financial aid coffers.

In addition to student aid, administrators also cited faculty salary raises, major new equipment purchases and new academic programs as reasons for increasing tuition.

Schools "in any state depending on oil revenue had it particularly rough" this last year, says James Mingle, executive director of the Education Commission of the States.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Current's Coverage Unfair

Dear Editor:

We, the Associated Black Collegians have found need to express our feelings on the article and editorial about the "Basketball brawl." In any situation in which people are suspect of a wrongdoing and the incident is recorded by any type of public media, that media does not have the choice whether to be factual and objective, but rather it has the obligation to present the news with as much truthfulness as possible. These standards were not fulfilled in the Jan. 30 issue article about the fight at the UMSL vs. SEMO game.

If, as Magrath assured all at the news conference for the new chancellor that racism is over with, why have these two gentlemen, Mr. Michael Harris and Mr. Chet Johnson, been presented in such an unjust light? Is it not the goal of a newspaper to avoid such slanderous, one-sidedness?

In the Jan. 30 article entitled "Two Charged With Assault In Brawl," not one quotation from either of the two gentlemen were cited. Also in your editorial, you claimed that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Harris had "... done enough damage..." and that "Hopefully both will receive full prosecution." In response to these articles, we would like to offer Mr. Harris and Mr. Johnson the same advice: prosecute to the full extent of the law.

You also stated, "You can't blame the Southeast players for using their chairs as weapons when they were attacked by the two spectators." Not only is this

statement hyperbolic, but also an overt advocacy of violence against third world people historically. These men have been condemned before getting trials. In this country, as written by the founding fathers, those who may be suspect are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty.

It is truly a sad day in UMSL history when the paper of (all?) the students willfully resorts to such rhetorical slander. The Associated Black Collegians dislike to resort to this kind of critical analysis, but the violations of personal integrity that appeared in the Jan. 30 paper was overwhelmingly biased by virtue of not representing the sides of either Mr. Johnson or Mr. Harris.

Associated Black Collegians

Astronauts' Sacrifices Remembered

Dear Editor:

Vigil I. Grissom.
Edward H. White.
Roger B. Chaffee.

Killed when fire engulfed the Apollo I module on the launch pad during a routine test, Jan. 27, 1967.

Vladimir M. Komarov.

Killed when Soyuz I crashed to the ground after re-entry, April 23, 1967.

Georgi T. Dobrovolsky.

Vladislav N. Volkov.

Victor I. Patsayev.

All died during re-entry of Soyuz II due to the loss of pressurization, June 30, 1971.

Francis R. Scobee.

Michael J. Smith.

Ronald E. McNair.

Ellison S. Onizuka.

Gregory B. Jarvis.

Christa McAuliffe.

All perished after an explosion destroyed the space shuttle Challenger shortly after the launch of the mission, Jan. 28, 1986.

These 14 men and women, Soviet and American, cosmonauts and astronauts, all sacrificed their lives in an attempt to learn more about our universe. It is in the infinite that is space that proves to us what a finite entity man really is.

John Tucci

TV Programs Cosmically Interrupted

Dear Editor:

Voyager 2 photos from Uranus have been called "mind-blowing." It seems rather strange that an incident that took place on a Saturday night, Nov. 26, 1977, the same year that Voyager 2 was launched, has never been likewise called "mind-blowing."

This incident took place in southern England and was reported by all news media in the world. To date, no explanation has ever been made as to just how it happened, nor has any denial been made that it did happen.

On the night in question, television broadcasting was interrupted for three minutes by a voice claiming to come from a galactic traveler on a planet called Asteron and it told we people on Earth that we must destroy all of our weapons of evil and live together in peace, or leave the galaxy.

Elmer N. Stuetzer

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Hair

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Stolte said there has been no motive for Barr to cut men's hair in promise of cash that he can't deliver.

Barr had told the men that he was representing Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne, a New York advertising agency, and that he was trying to land a military project worth millions. Some men received crew cuts from Barr, while others received cuts not quite so short in length.

Barr, 43, who lives in the 4300 block of Grundy Drive of Bridgeton, had given haircuts to about 30 men in 1983 and 1984, the Post-Dispatch reported. Some were promised a chance to appear in a movie with Harrison Ford and Jane Fonda. Some got paid after a period of waiting, but never appeared in a movie.

Stolte said that Barr made the deal sound almost too good to be true, but that he "didn't appear as a con man. We were looking for that."

Osborn

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the same interest and talents.

"Meeting people in your field is not only interesting, but can also prove helpful toward career goals," said Osborn.

Alumni groups are also active in state politics, sending groups on a regular basis to Jefferson City to lobby for favorable legislation for the entire UM system.

The funds raised by the alumni groups are channeled into their specific area of interest in the University.

"The \$15 fee collected from the alumni is divided between the alumni organization that collected it, and the department it represents," she said.

The alumni organization uses the

money to maintain the group and to pay the tab for the various functions it may have for its members.

The department uses the money for new programs, equipment and other needs as it sees fit.

Osborn noted that the largest amount of money for the alumni association comes from private donations.

But what does an alumni get for \$15?

"I suppose the biggest thing most alumni join for, especially the business alumni, is the networking. Interacting with other graduates who are in the same field as you is a great way to meet people," said Osborn.

Alumni association members will also receive UMSL magazine, which contains information about the University in general and also information about alumni, said Osborn. "Right now you also receive a discount on the use of the facilities

here on campus, including the pool, the weight room, the racquetball courts, etc.," said Osborn.

For an additional \$10 per year, alumni can use the campus libraries.

"Other benefits include movies and lectures on campus, which are available at a discount rate for alumni," she said.

Osborn, calling herself the "typical" UMSL graduate, worked her way through college, and realizes the problems that arise in that situation.

"Many of the people who graduated from UMSL worked their way through school. So now when it comes time to help those who are still in school, they remember how tough it was and they help if they can," said Osborn.

"I see the Alumni Association as a way the University can say to the alumni 'Hey, you're important to us'. I think that's great," she said.

Debate Team Takes First; Beats 25

The UMSL debate team won first place over 25 schools at the Saluki Debate Tournament held last weekend at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. UMSL won the first place sweepstakes with 105 points, 50 more than second place Oklahoma Christian College.

The field included teams from Wheaton College, Vanderbilt University, Kansas State University, Oklahoma University, Chicago Loyola, Air Force, and Washington University.

In varsity debate, the UMSL team of Darrell Farhat and Helaine Henning qualified for octafinals, where they bowed to Air Force on a 2 to 1 decision.

Meanwhile, John Hancock and Bryan Ford finished the preliminary rounds with a 6 to 0 record, qualifying for octafinals where they beat Wheaton College on a 3 to 0 decision.

In quarterfinals, Hancock and Ford lost on account of a 2 to 1 decision by Chicago Loyola. Ford finished top speaker among the 58 in his division; Hancock finished second.

In novice debate, the UMSL team of John Wright and Mark Haynes took first place honors among the 16 teams in their division. In quarterfinals, they defeated the University of Illinois 2 to 1 to advance to semifinals.

In semifinals, Wright and Haynes beat Arkansas State on another 2 to 1 decision and then advanced to finals beating Vanderbilt University by a 3 to 0 decision. Haynes was awarded second speaker among the 32 in his division.

Debate Team coach Tom Preston said he was pleased with the squads performance.

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Friday

● Last day any student may drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving grades. Also, the last day any student may place a course on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

● The UMSL Jewish Student Union will sponsor talks by Rabbi Lawrence Kosher today through Sunday at the Hillel House, 6300 Forsyth. For more information, call 726-6177.

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Saturday

● Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln at 5:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Admission is free to all UMSL students. For more information, call 553-5641.

● Men's Basketball vs. Lincoln at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building.



Match-Up: The UMSL Riverwomen will take on Lincoln University Saturday night.

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Sunday

● A "Valentine's Day Special" will be the first segment in KWMU's program, "Creative Aging," aired every Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. Ann Rezentes and Clark McMillion, lecturers in the UMSL speech department, and selected students majoring in speech communications will review their experiences with Valentine's Day.

Later in the hour, twelve volunteers from the Creative Aging retiree staff will tell stories of

how they found the valentine they married. This segment is a re-run from Feb. 13, 1983.

● The Newman House is hosting a free get-acquainted dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Newman House, 8200 Natural Bridge Rd. for any student interested in learning more about the community there. Mass will follow at 8 p.m. For more information, call Corky Kempf or Fr. Bill Lyons at 385-3455.

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Searching: An UMSL student looks through LUMiN, the library's on-line catalog system.

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Monday

● The UMSL Counseling Service will sponsor a workshop on "How to Take a Test" from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 427 SSB. Participants will learn how to raise their test grades by learning some test taking techniques. For more information, call 553-5711.

● The Thomas Jefferson Library will offer 20-minute orientations to the library's new online catalog, LUMiN, from Feb. 10 through 14 at 2 p.m. in the reference department. Anyone unable to attend at these times, contact the reference department at 553-5060 for other arrangements.

● "Allies of the Women's Movement" will be the topic of a "Monday Colloquia in Social Science Research" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the McDonnell Conference Room, 331 SSB. Susan Hartmann, an UMSL professor of history and coordinator of UMSL's Women's Studies Program, will speak on the male dominated organizations that have been working with the women's movement. Students are welcome and refreshments will be served.

● The UMSL Continuing Education-Extension will offer a course on "Economic Issues for the School Curriculum: The Farm Problem" on Mondays, Feb. 10 through March 10, 5 to 8:10 p.m. This one credit hour course is designed for elementary and secondary teachers of social studies. The course will integrate a study of economics with a study of the current status of the farming industry. The registration fee is \$26.73 for graduate students and \$22.10 for undergraduate and auditing students. For more information, call 553-5961.

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● The UMSL Baseball Team will sponsor a "Factory Outlet T-Shirt Sale" Feb. 10, 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the University Center. The shirts, marked 40% to 60% off normal retail prices, will be from different colleges, universities and professional sports teams. Hawaiian shirts will also be available.

● The UMSL Intramural Coed Volleyball League will begin today at 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Gym. For more information, call the Intramural Office at 553-5125.

● This is the last day to sign up for the UMSL Intramural One-Week Racquetball Tournament to be held Feb. 17-22 in the Mark Twain Building racquetball courts. This tournament will include the following divisions: Men's, Women's, Singles A and B, and Doubles. To enter, drop by the UMSL intramural department, 203 Mark Twain Building.

● The UMSL Associated Black Collegians will present "African History—The Struggle Continues" which will include four weeks of activities. Topics will include South Africa, the struggle of women and historical perspectives on Malcolm X.

Today at noon, the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party will present "Generations of Resistance," a film on the plight of South Africans.

On February 12 at noon, Duma Ndlovu of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania, South Africa, will speak on the African resistance struggle. For more information, call 553-5731.

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Tuesday

● Horizons will sponsor a three-part series on "Career Exploration" Feb. 11, 18 and 25 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 427 SSB. Individual interest testing, career counseling and a variety of career materials will be available. To pre-register, call 553-5711.

● The UMSL Continuing Education-Extension will offer a class on "Coping With Dif-

ficult People" on Tuesdays, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh. This course is designed to help participants improve their interaction with others. Participants will learn to deal more effectively with angry, selfish, aggressive, detached or otherwise difficult individuals. For more information, call 553-5511.

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Wednesday

● The UMSL Jewish Student Union will sponsor a wine and cheese party from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 126 University Center. The party will feature a discussion by Norman Flax, chairperson of the UMSL social work department, and Rabbi Devorah Jacobson, associate executive director of the Hillel Foundation, on "The Jewish Family." The talk will cover the psychological dynamics and sociological trends of the Jewish family in the 20th century. For more information, call 726-6177.

● "Economic Issues for the School Curriculum: The St. Louis Economy" will be the topic of an UMSL Continuing Education-Extension course on Wednesdays, Feb. 12 through April 30, from 5 to 8:10 p.m. This three credit hour course is designed for middle school and secondary teachers of social studies. Basic economic concepts will be discussed as they relate to the growth of St. Louis from a fur-trading outpost to a major metropolis. A trip to St. Louis Union Station will be included for the discussion of the economic effects of revitalization. The registration fee is \$80.19 for graduate students and \$66.29 for undergraduate or auditing students. For more information, call 553-5961.

● "Torture as Reform in Criminal Cases" will be the topic of an UMSL Philosophy Club meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 551 Lucas Hall.

● The Newman House will sponsor Ash Wednesday Masses at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon in Room 126 J.C. Penney Building. In the evening, a Penance Service will be held at 7:30 at the Newman House in preparation for the season of Lent. For more information, call 385-3455.

● "Non-Sexist Child Rearing" will be the topic of an UMSL Women's Center seminar from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 107A Benton Hall. Deb Holmes, principal of Jackson Park Elementary School, will discuss the impact of sex-role stereotyping on children. For more information, call 553-5380.

● The UMSL Women's Tennis Team will hold an organizational meeting at 3:15 p.m. in Room 219 Mark Twain Building. All full-time female students interested in trying out for the team or learning more about it are asked to attend this meeting. Contact Coach Pam Steinmetz in Room 203 Mark Twain Building for additional information or call 553-5123.

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Thursday

● The University Program Board will present the film "The Promise" today at 5 and 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in the Marillac Auditorium on the South campus. Admission is \$1 for students with a valid UMSL ID.

● A workshop on resume writing will be offered by Horizons from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 427 SSB. Participants will learn the basics of writing a successful resume. To pre-register, call 553-5711.

● The UMSL "Restoring Your Rights" group will celebrate Valentine's Day with a seminar on "The Love of God" at 12:30 p.m. in Room 75 J.C. Penney Building.

● The UMSL Women's Center will sponsor a talk on "Legal Issues in the Work Place" from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Room 107A Benton Hall. Attorney Arlene Zarentka will discuss the unique difficulties that can confront women on the job. For more information, call 553-5380.

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Pam, Congratulations on initiation! I hope you like Alpha Xi! Xi Love, your Rosebuddy, Kim

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Gary, (you tuscious hunk of male flesh), I waited and waited, but alas, my eyes were not enticed by the vision of your glorious form! I am heartbroken. Please tell me what went wrong! I eagerly await your response.

Desperately seeking gorgeous men!!

Marty, Hi, Bud! Since when did you come back to school? Give me a call sometime and we can rehash old memories.

RB and GR, (The last of the endangered species). Sorry I destroyed the film, but there are certain aspects of myself I don't want scrutinized that closely! I guess memory will have to do! (Care for a refresher course?)

"Julis" Hi, remember us from the Lake of the Ozarks last summer? We've seen your truck around campus a few times. Stop and talk to us! Look for a blue '66 Mustang or a red '67 Mustang.

SS, It's been fun riding in with you. (When you show up). We'll have to get together sometime and see the pictures of December 17th. I'll visit you sometime when you're "At Work", at the hotel.

To: The young man I see in passing on MWF. I'd really like to know your name. Why don't we get together sometime and say more than "hello". From: The Girl From General Psych.

Fast Fingers, I think if we stick together we'll make it. Hang loose and keep your hands ready at all times.

Bill, How old are you? That much?

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Angie, Congrats. You are finally a Zeta. I am so proud of you. Zeta love, Mom

Jackie, Initiation is getting close! I can't wait till you become a permanent part of the AZ family & learn our small family's initiation tradition. Love ya, AZ Mom

Kathy, You did the impossible! You made 3 semesters of French bearable! Not talking to you almost makes me miss French class. Thanks for being a great friend. Merci, mon amie! Diane

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Debbie and Lisa, Are you ready for Daytona? Can I help you two use your hottub? I'll trade two massages for the privilege!

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Randi, Just wanted to wish you all the luck with initiation. Hope AZ brings you many memories. Love ya! Your AZ Genie

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High Diver Risks Life To Please Crowd

Marjorie Bauer
features/arts editor

Many UMSL day students have part-time jobs to help them support themselves. One of the more unusual is pursued by a full-time marketing student. But, if you suffer from acrophobia, the fear of heights, this profession will not attract you — the sport of high diving.

Joseph Raymond Fortier, high diver, said, "You cannot give in to the ever-present fear, although the danger is always there. If you do, you will make mistakes, fall on your back or face, with the possibility of severe or even fatal injury."

"But you never dismiss the fear either. Being aware of the danger gives you an edge and keeps you on your toes," he said.

A high diver, Fortier explained, is a performing athlete, one who either dived in school or college. "I now work for a company that puts on shows, Harbor Performance Corporation," he said. "A friend of mine from college, had been performing in shows for them, and four years ago, in 1982, I decided to give it a shot."

Fortier had always wanted to dive professionally, he said, but the opportunity had not been there in Milwaukee, Wis., his home town.

"So I came to St. Louis," he said, "where the company was putting on a show at Six Flags. We don't actually work for Six Flags, but contract through the corporation for the park."

"The company looks for amateurs (not paid) divers," he said, "those who want to continue with the sport as professionals."

"The work is part-time, in that it is seasonal. But it's not work, it's really play," he added.

Fortier said there are always risks, but not everyone needs to be a high diver, that is, a diver who dives from the ladder at heights of about 90 feet, into a pool of about nine feet of water. "The area we dive into is about 12 yards square, a bit larger than the average sized home swimming pool."

"We do take chances, but we feel we can do it safely. We don't put anyone up (on the ladder) who doesn't have the ability or skill. You start him on lower levels about 30 feet and work up till he's comfortable at that level," he said.

"We only go in from a height feet first, because it's too shallow to go in head first. It's hard to withstand the pressure on hands and neck from these heights, to make a head first entry," he said.

"A 'dive' is feet first or head first," Fortier explained. "It's one or half a revolution from the standing position," he said. "It's difficult to go in feet first because the heaviest part of your body is the head and shoulders portion, and it's tougher to go in vertically. In our show, we dive head first off the springboard."

"Most of these high dives are 'flying dives,' in which the diver lays out in a position and floats down until he's in a position about 30 feet from the water," he said. Then the diver pulls his feet down for the entry and "planes out" in the water to avoid going straight down."

Training involved in becoming a high or show diver takes place early in school, with the coach teaching the basic skills. Fortier said. But advanced diving is a matter of a team members teaching each other. "At the level we're at," he said, "many of us have been finalists in NCAA competition."

"I've coached high school diving myself, so I have the ability to coach other divers and see what they're doing wrong," Fortier said.

In response to a question, he said "You'll find that divers are not much swimmers. It's too boring for me to swim and I'm not a strong swimmer."

"I've known divers who can't swim. They know enough to push up from the bottom and get to the side," he said.

Physical training is a combination of practice between shows, with warm-ups, rope jumping, stretching out, push-ups and sit-ups and some running. Fortier said. "We do five shows a day at the park, and at the beginning of the season you're pretty winded, but at the end, you're in top shape. So that's really our conditioning."

A good dive doesn't really hurt," Fortier said. "At 70 feet, you can get away with a slight mistake, but at 90 feet, you're liable to break an arm or a leg. I'm looking to go higher than the 70 feet I now dive, because it's getting routine and boring."

Fortier said, with regard to Olympic competition that he "could not compete, because I am a professional and as such, am barred. It's not like tennis, where you can be paid and compete," he said, although the laws are being changed. Being an Olympic diver also involves diving eight hours a day, seven days a week, and Fortier said he doesn't now have that desire.

"Besides," he said, "being an Olympic diver means joining a facility, which has the equipment and coaches to work with, and that's expensive, in addition to having to make living expenses," he said.

In St. Louis, he said, Clayton is the one outdoor facility for dive training. But unless you want to dive on the team there competitively, you have too many restrictions to make it possible.

The team he works with is the U.S. High Diving Team.

High diving brings to mind the Acapulco high diving competitions, and Fortier said he participated there in March 1983. "I was really thrilled to compete there, he said.

"To look at it (on television) you'd think you could jump across the gorge. In fact, you'd be lucky to make it half way across," he said. "The waves come in from the ocean and fill up the gorge. And the depth varies from five feet to 20 feet. And you've got rocks to consider and the difficulty of getting out safely. The year I was there, the diving was cancelled several times, because of the spray coming off the 80-foot cliffs, making visibility unclear."

"We've had accidents there. One of our divers landed on the rocks, shattering his leg and he got hurt badly. It's scary, but a unique experience," he said.

The first prize is a few thousand dollars, small recompense, it seems, for the risks involved. But divers don't see it that way. Judges, said Fortier, include Mexican and American judges. Some German, Canadian and Mexican divers have competed he said. But American divers come first on the world competitive diving circuit.

Divers need a sort of "star" quality, Fortier said. They are people who like to be in the spot light. It takes a lot of concentration, too. "Most divers are extroverted," he said. "And you can learn that. You need a kinesthetic sense that lets you know where you are."

Going back to the subject of the show at Six Flags, Fortier said the hardest part of



DIVING IN: UMSL student Joseph Fortier would feel right at home standing on top of the SSB Tower. Fortier takes chances each time he high dives.

SPLASH!

SPLASH!!

SPLASH!!!

ON HIGH: One diver in mid-air shows high diving style as others wait their turns on the diving platforms in a fast-paced routine.



teaching new members is the comedy diving, "because divers have never done that before."

"The show relies heavily on comedy. We do a lot of goofy things. And it's the place where accidents occur most, because it's the fastest part of the show," he said.

"The show director is the choreographer. The comedy routine is written by the company," Fortier said. "We develop our gags and stunts. I enjoy the comedy stunts the most," he said. "I rate myself highest on that."

"People come repeatedly to see the shows and I find that rewarding. Although I was the clown at school, I found clowning on the diving board difficult. But after a while you catch on," he said.

Future career opportunities for Fortier may take him to Atlanta, Ga. he said. The company he's working for is planning to open a show there and Fortier has been asked to manage it. "It's a set up like that at the Lake of the Ozarks," he said.

Always the showman, Fortier ended the interview by inviting all to visit the diving show at Six Flags this spring and summer.



CLOWNING: Fortier and his sidekick pose in unlikely swimwear before starting their comedy diving routine at Six Flags Over America.

Says Our Food Is Good, But Shows Bad

Chris Stolte
humor columnist

We have food in this country. Food we got. Most of us aren't going to bed hungry, and this is a fortunate thing.

But folks, we are absolutely starved for entertainment. I see it everywhere. I am constantly amazed by what passes for entertainment in this day and age. I am prepared to let strangers look up my nose for a quarter, but I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to handle the crowds.

DON'T GET ME STARTED

I've sat impatiently in traffic jams, moving my car at a crawl, while drivers ahead of me strain to get a glimpse of the morbid mess of a fatal car wreck. And, I confess, when I finally approach the wreckage, I take my turn, scanning the area for some revolting memory to take home with me. And while most of us have done this, few will admit that, in some perverse way, we enjoyed it.

And last year, Barnum & Bailey, the world's foremost sleaze entrepreneurs, managed to outdo themselves in the festering arena of shameless sensationalistic sideshow schlock. They took a goat, some lumber and some Crazy Glue, and they built themselves a unicorn. Showed it to the kids with absolutely no apologies. Only in America.

The Love Boat is now in its 73rd year on prime time television. And with scripts that my four-year-old cousin calls "trite, predictable and asinine," it has done nothing in all these years but establish itself as the place where third-rate actors go to die.

The creators of Friday the 13th, after feloniously misrepresenting themselves by titling the fourth episode in their chain of celluloid trash, "Friday the 13th Part 4: The Final Chapter," betrayed our trust by foisting upon us "Friday the 13th Part 5: A New Beginning." Jason Goes to College, for all I care. And as long as there remains some hand tool that has not yet been run through a sex-obsessed teenager's head on film, these goremeisters will continue to smear their muck on America.

And Ed McMahon, a man who would appear to be totally devoid of discernible talent, can now be seen regularly on three different television shows, plus dog food and beer commercials. He is as guilty as anyone of leading the Great American Trend toward banal, inane, low-mentality entertainment for the masses. For starters, I blame him for helping to perpetuate the desperately unfunny Tonight Show, a tired old show begging to be put out of its misery. And furthermore, McMahon, just exactly what is this "Bloopers and Practical Jokes" B.S.? Are they actually compiling the on-camera screw-ups that other shows had to edit out, and passing it off as prime-time television? Can this be?

If a restaurant opened up in your neighborhood that served the garbage and spoiled food that other restaurants had thrown into their dumpsters, would you eat there? Then why are you watching this show?

It pains me to say it, so you say the words and I'll just move my lips: "Puttin' On The Hits". If you've not yet seen this conceptual masterpiece, then congratulations; you've been leading a better life than I. On this syndicated program, nobodies from across the country "perform" for a live audience, dancing and moving their lips to some popular or once-popular song, usually made up to look like the real McCoy, or Madonna, or Prince.

These pitifully lost souls, these would-be celebrities, compete with one another for prize money and the chance to humiliate their families on national television. And after their performance, they are interviewed by the host, a trendy, California-looking idiot with a strained smile, who might very well be Wink Martindale's son.

With unbelievable seriousness, he proceeds to ask questions like, "When did you first get started lip-synching?" and "Do you lip-synch at home? Let's see how the judges scored you!"

I don't know. Maybe all this will change. Perhaps there will be in our lifetime, a television renaissance, led by Bill Cosby and the rest of NBC's nearly-consummate Thursday night line-up and television will grow to be a boon to mankind and a source of national pride.

Awareness Of High Blood Pressure Examined

[The following article was submitted by Jean Wehmueller, R.N., UMSL School of Nursing, as part of the Wellness Network series.]

The American Heart Association estimates that there are over 37 million American adults, almost 1 in 4, who have high blood pressure. Approximately 25 percent of these people are not aware that their blood pressure is high.

High blood pressure was the cause of death for 32,000 Americans in 1981, and contributed to the deaths of thousands of others. Because so many people are victims of this often undetected problem, let's look at what blood pressure is, what gets high blood pressure and what can be done about it.

Blood pressure is the force exerted by the blood on the walls of the arteries and veins. This pressure is created by the heart as it contracts to push the blood to all parts of the body. Increased or high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is caused when blood vessels are narrowed, by either contraction of the vessels or by build up of fat deposits on the vessel walls, preventing the blood from moving easily through them. The heart must then pump harder to push the blood

through the arteries and veins: the heart's increased pushing results in an increased pressure inside the blood vessels.

Hypertension is divided into two categories: primary and secondary.

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Primary hypertension is not linked to a single cause. In fact, in 90 percent of the cases of high blood pressure, the cause is unknown. The other 10 percent of the cases are known as secondary hypertension. Here, the increased blood pressure is a symptom of another problem, such as a kidney disorder, a glandular disorder, or is associated with the use of oral contraceptives. Generally, treatment of the original problem will correct secondary hypertension.

Primary hypertension usually has no symptoms; a person may have the problem for years and not know it. It does, nonetheless, affect the body.

Because the heart must pump harder to get blood to all parts of the

body, it may become enlarged. While a slightly enlarged heart may function adequately, a greatly enlarged heart may not be able to keep up with the body's demands.

Blood vessels are also affected. They become scarred, harder, narrower, and less elastic. Although hardening and narrowing of the arteries naturally happens as people age, hypertension greatly accelerates this process. When blood vessels are hard and narrow, they can't deliver the amount of blood and oxygen needed by the body's tissues and organs for proper functioning.

Blood clots may also lodge in narrowed arteries, depriving part of the body of an adequate blood and oxygen supply. The brain, heart and kidneys are often damaged by such clots. The World Health Organization notes that Americans who have high blood pressure are three times more likely to have a stroke than people who do not.

Diagnosis of hypertension is made by measuring the blood pressure. This is done with a sphygmomanometer, which is a

rubber cuff that is wrapped around a person's arm and then inflated with air. The air-filled cuff squeezes against a large artery, momentarily stopping the flow of blood. The air in the cuff is slowly released while a doctor or nurse uses a stethoscope to listen to the sound of the blood pushing through the artery. A gauge is watched while the air is released, and two pressures are recorded: the systolic pressure (the pressure of blood when the heart contracts) and the diastolic pressure (the pressure of blood flow between heart beats or contractions).

The pressure is recorded in the form of a fraction, with the systolic pressure over the diastolic pres-

sure. Blood pressure is considered normal if it is under 140/90 mm Hg (millimeters of mercury), borderline if it is between 140/90 and 160/95 mm Hg, and high if it is over 160/95 mm Hg.

There is no cure for primary hypertension, but it can be treated and controlled. Many medications are available to reduce high blood pressure. Diuretics, which rid the body of excess fluid and salt, and vasodilators, which widen narrow blood vessels, are the two major

Beverly Hills Snob Center Movie Succeeds As Zany Comedy

Nick Pacino
film critic

Paul Mazursky's new film, "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," is made in the best tradition of the popular screwball comedies from the Depression Era: with doubtful plot, inane dialogue and social theme. And of course Beverly Hills is a hot location of late. You are confronted with severely contrasting lifestyles, as some bizarre characters interact while humor, satire and slapstick are effectively used to get the film's message across.

Nick Nolte is believable as a down-and-out street person trying to survive in the haven of the nouveau riche. He makes a perfect long-suffering victim of Rodeo Drive, aided, no doubt, by his extensive research which included dressing as a bum and hanging out at a mission in L.A.

After his pet dog dies, Nolte decides to kill himself in the pool of a wealthy couple, played by Richard Dreyfuss and Bette Midler. They are the essence of first-generation garishness; Rolls-Royce, Mercedes, a binging, diet-crazed daughter (Tracy Nelson), a hermaphroditic son (Evan Richards) obsessed with homemade videos and naturally, a therapist for their dog.

Dreyfuss saves Nolte from drowning and brings him into their household. Even as Nolte is exposed to the good life, he begins to inspire profound changes in his host's perception about how the "other half" exists.

Dreyfuss is excellent, as the essentially upstanding citizen who has plenty of charity deductions, but little charity; until circumstances force him to reach out and touch someone. An unsympathetic Midler is miscast as the trendy, obsessive shopper. About her character she says "I have no real empathy for matrons who don't have a lot to do with themselves. You know the type--so much time on their hands and no real imagination." This attitude shows.

Producer/director Mazursky deftly manipulates the zany characters, allowing the roles to take on the proper shade, letting the actors define their personalities.

In sharing the difficulties of a rational person attempting to deal with a flighty family of dilettantes, Mazursky continues to provide a highly personal quality about his craft. Rated R.

MOVIE REVIEW



Down But Not Out: Bette Midler and Richard Dreyfuss play the part of a wealthy couple who learn how "the other half" lives, and how they include him in their lives.

Sexual Abuse Victims' Group Formed

[Editor's note: the following column was submitted through Counseling Service, written by a guest author, "Susan," an adult survivor of child sexual molestation. She will be the leader of a new support group.]

For many years, the word "incest" brought to mind feelings of disgust, shock, denial and anger. It threatened our beliefs about the sacredness of the family, the role of an adult in a child's life, and our feelings toward sexuality. The media recently focused its attention on the sexual exploitation of our children. The attention is long overdue. We are just now letting our children know that it is OK to tell and that they are indeed innocent. But what about the adult who, as a child, had no alternative except to bury and try to forget the experience? The following article is addressed to you.

I was sexually abused as a child and I told no one until I was 29 years old! It has taken me several years to work through all the confused thoughts, the uncomfortable feelings, the fear, the anger, and the guilt. To this day, I still have "trigger points" which bring back unpleasant memories. I imagine I always will. However, I feel extremely fortunate to have had (and continue to have) a strong support system. For many, I realize, the

help is not there. For this reason the UMSL Counseling Service, Social Work Department, and Women's Center are planning to offer a self-support group for those who have been abused sexually as a child. Within this group the emotions can be handled in a very safe and accepting environment by those of us who understand and have been there. The number one rule of the group will be strict confidentiality! Its purpose is to help incest victims become survivors.

I feel there are many issues that we, as incest victims, share. The self-support group will allow us to look at these in a new way. Some of the most common issues will be:

Trust: Who do I trust and when? Maybe we trust too much, or often we are unsure and suspicious of others and don't trust at all. Remember, we have been hurt by an adult who at one time we did trust.

Touch: We may be highly sensitive to someone touching us. A simple hug may be difficult. Or else, the opposite, we may be very promiscuous, not caring who touches us, but also not feeling any warmth.

Authority: Part of us still feels like a child. We struggle with issues as to who to obey and respect, if anyone. Or we may simply have very superficial social skills and be unable to deal with any power.

Self Esteem: We may see ourselves as "damaged." We may not feel worthy of anything good. There may be shame and humiliation around having kept the secret. This issue itself may set the stage for us

to be abused again. **Sexual Problems:** We may be unable to enjoy sex and depersonalize ourselves from the sexual act. There may be flashbacks (scary and unpleasant feelings).

Relationships: We may have difficulty establishing any close relationships. If someone we trusted and loved betrayed us, we learn quickly that close relationships can hurt. A child that grows up in a "normal" way, learns there is a risk one takes in order to develop mature adult relationships. We were never given that chance to learn.

These are just a few of the issues we hope to discuss. I know they may seem difficult and uncomfortable for you. Right now, just the thought of a group and sharing your feelings may seem extremely frightening. I know, I understand. Try to remember, you are not alone.

I would like to mention a very important point. I strongly feel that each individual may respond differently to his/her abuse experience. Although we may have some issues in common, no two people are ever totally alike. Our personalities are different, and whether or not there was a strong support system there for us when we needed it, are both deciding factors on how incest affects us. These points, I feel, are more important than the type of abuse, duration of abuse, or severity of abuse. The events are not the important factors, rather your reaction to the abuse and its affect on you today are what is important.

We are hoping to start the group

Music, Mystery Videos Make Good Entertainment

Nick Pacino
film critic

Jack-the-Ripper movies have been a popular Hollywood staple for decades. Later this month United Home Video will release their version, "The Ripper," with a Jackyl and Hyde twist.

A college professor (Tom Schreir), who teaches a course on "Famous Crimes in Film," is drawn to a ring reportedly found at the scene of the last Ripper murder in 1888. When he puts the ring on, grisly murders begin occurring in the area.

Tom "King of Splatter" Savini, who starred in Stephen King's "Creepshow," portrays the metamorphosed cutthroat. There's more buckets of F/X gore than suspense or plot, but fright fans should get off on this one. Christopher Leis, director. VHS/Beta. Color. 104 min. Not Rated, but should be R for graphic and explicit violence.

The activist rock documentary, "Sun City," has recently hit the racks from Karl Lorimar Home Video. Sun City is the South African sports and entertainment complex where musicians have been invited to perform, in spite of the ongoing cultural boycott.

VIDEO NEWS

This Artists United Against Apartheid production features Miles Davis, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Pat Benatar and numerous others in rock, rhythm and blues, rap and jazz.

"Sun City" was written and conceived by Little Steven Van Zandt, following two visits to South Africa, and focuses on Sun City and the rioting that has escalated in recent months. He uses footage from recording sessions held around the world, and musically centers on the seven and one-half title song. This is more music with a message, and comes off as slick entertainment to boot. Royalties from sales will go to the non-profit Africa Fund. VHS/Beta HiFi. Color. 45 min.

A fast-moving murder mystery, "Amanda by Night" (1981) is out from Caballero Home Video. Veronica Hart stars as a high class prostitute who is used by a hardened detective (Richard Bolla) to flush out a serial killer of street walkers.

Hart and Bolla make a good acting team, and except for the gratuitous sex thrown in, the story line hangs together for some suspenseful moments. Robert McCallum, director. VHS/Beta. Color. 95 min.

My favorite quote: Paul Ford in the hit comedy "Teahouse of the August Moon" (1956): "My job is to teach these natives the meaning of democracy, and they're going to learn democracy if I have to shoot every one of them."

this semester. If you are interested, please call us. Again, confidentiality will be stressed. I know it is a difficult decision, but I also know that incest victims have tremendous survival skills. It does take time for us to learn to trust again, to be able to feel the warmth of someone's touch, and to be able to return that feeling and thus, believe in oneself. But, with help, I know that it is not an impossible task.

If you are interested in the self-support group or you have any questions, please call Sharon Biegen, UMSL Counseling Service, 553-5711. All calls are strictly confidential and involve no obligation.

F-16s Fight Terrorism

Jim Schwartz
reporter

It never ceases to amaze me how movie makers continue to depict trends of thought within America. With the recent uprising in terrorism across the globe, and America's slowness to react, the movie "Iron Eagle" fits right in and is right on time.

How many times have we watched on television, meaning-

less verbal rebukes in place of military reprisals, following a terrorist attack upon Americans? "Iron Eagle" is one such story that fulfills our visions of America asserting its power following an attack. Jason Gedrick portrays an Air Force brat, tortured by the recent capture of his father by a small Middle Eastern nation. He is aided in his hour of need by "Jappy" portrayed by Louis Gosset Jr. Gosset plays a veteran of the Viet Nam war, who possesses the know-how to help recover the

captured colonel. So, with a death sentence hanging over the colonel's head, and the American government doing little about it, Gosset and the colonel's son set in motion a plan to free the colonel on their own.

So, it's action! The F-16s are airborne, and the plot turns skyward. Although this film won't win any awards, the stunt flying is very, very good. Also commendable is the life-like portrayal of the red tape and bureaucratic bungling present in our own government. For as many times as we've seen our government drag its feet after an attack on military personnel, this movie is a freshly angled illusion.

But, as the movie draws to its climax, do does its believability begin to dwindle. A soundtrack by "Queen" gives the film its teenage, upbeat appeal. I give this film seven out a possible 10 stars. But for high flying stunts, "Iron Eagle" can't be beat.

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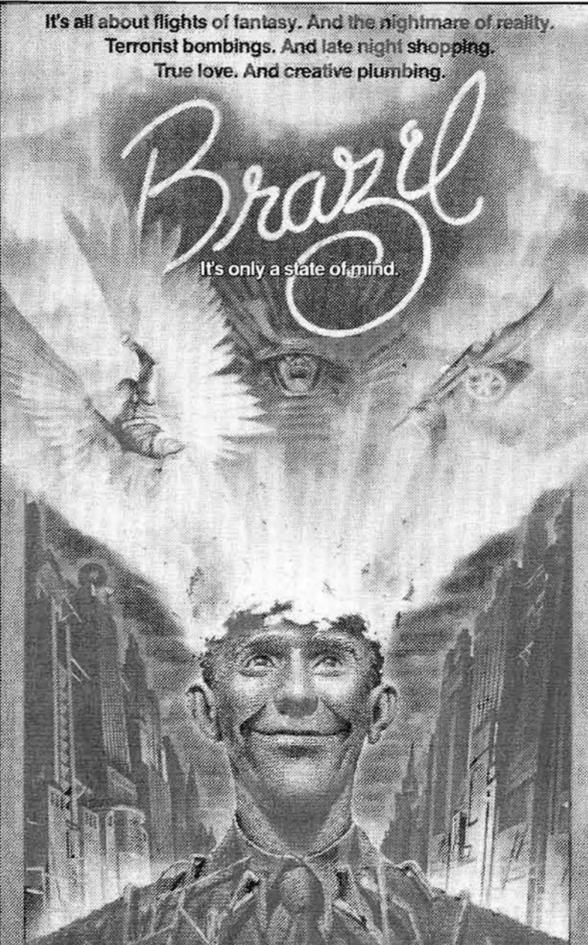
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That Was Then When Then Was Now Part I

Dan Noss
sports editor

Alex Haley's "Roots" inspired millions of Americans to search through genealogical trees to find their family's "roots". After talking with assistant athletic director Judy Berres and her husband Larry, I decided to trace UMSL's sports "roots".

TIME OUT

So, armed with information from the files of Sports Information Director Sean Johnson and clippings from the Current morgue files, I was off in search of sports roots. I am also using the recollection of the aforementioned Mr. Berres for first hand information on this subject.

Yes folks, it's nostalgia time. This week we will concentrate on the general beginnings of UMSL sports and then proceed next week to discuss some key individual players who were the stars of those early years.

The first two sports that were played under the UMSL name were basketball and tennis. They arrived along with new athletic director Chuck Smith in 1966. Smith was brought from Washington University to form an athletic department and to oversee, as a coach, the sports that he was instituting.

To become an official member of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, UMSL had four teams in competition against four MIAA sanctioned teams. To this end, UMSL began programs in cross-country in the fall of 1967 and golf in the spring of 1968.

Berres was brought from Harris Stowe College to take charge of the lowly funded cross-country team. The team not only had little monetary backing, but it also had to battle with low participation and little experience by those participating.

As Berres puts it, "The program was dead before it got under way." He cited inherent problems such as no real track to run on and no intention of building one in the near future. UMSL did not have a track team that would make such an expense feasible.

The problem with the track and the track team led to the eventual demise of the cross-country program when Berres could not recruit distance runners. Cross-country was a sport that basically provided year-round training for track athletes. Since UMSL did not have a track or a track team, track stars from local high schools were hesitant to come here.

The cross-country team had limited success through the 1980-81 season. Kerrie Robinson (Roosevelt High School) and Bobbie Hudson (East St. Louis High) were two names that came to Berres' mind immediately. Hudson made it to the NAIA nationals.

Berres coached the team for four years and then it became the assignment of the assistant basketball coach. The final coach was former runner Frank Neal, who at the time had no other association with the school.

In looking back, Berres said that the program succeeded with "more luck than senses, counting on students looking for a good education" who just happened to be long distance runners.

Golf, tennis, and basketball of course survive in varying degrees of success today. But cross-country died a quiet death after the 1980-81 season.

In 1971-72 the first UMSL wrestling team made little noise of its own when it finished its initial campaign with an 0-5 mark. They lost to Missouri Valley twice and once each to MacMurray, Southwest Missouri and Evangel. They scored just 22 points to the opposition's 213. They were shut out in three meets.

Wrestling came about along with swimming upon the completion of the Mark Twain facility. Berres said UMSL felt that with a quality facility, indoor sports were now possible at UMSL.

Berres said the sport had "died, but they just forgot to have the burial" long before it was dropped after the 1980-81 season.

Part-time coaches were all that were available to the team. That, and the fact that high school students could not afford to come to UMSL without some financial support from the school, led to the limited success of the program.

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UMSL At MIAA Crossroads

Dan Noss
sports editor

The UMSL Riverwomen and Rivermen are at the crossroads of their 1985-86 seasons. Both teams are 3-4 in Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association play and are faced with crucial conference games as they battle to make the playoffs.

Both teams will be in action at the University of Missouri-Rolla and host Lincoln University here Saturday. The women's games will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the men's games begin at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The inconsistent Riverwomen took a giant step in their playoff attempt with a 75-72 victory over the Northeast Missouri State University Lady Bulldogs last Saturday in Kirksville, Mo.

The Riverwomen split two non-conference games, losing to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, 69-65, and beating Washington University, 100-67. They are now 10-10 overall this season.

Three UMSL players made it into double figures in the scoring column, led by Gina Gregory's 20 points. Gregory has scored at least 20 points in every MIAA game this season. Center Kathy Rubach had 16 points to go along with a game-high 13 rebounds. Kris Wilmeshier had 13 points.

Deb Moreno moved closer to all-time season highs in assists (184) and steals (60) with eight assists and two steals. She now has 105 assists and 42 steals. Center Chris Andrews moved one blocked shot closer to a team record of 29. The old record was set by Sandy Moriarty during the 1982-83 season.

When Gina Gregory and Grace Gain fouled out within a minute of each other at the eight minute mark.

the Riverwomen bench came through to ensure the victory. Claudine Mitchell hit five of six free throws and Kaye Klotzer added five rebounds.

Wilmeshier had 15 points against

SIU-E, while Gain and Gregory added 14 each. Gregory led the Riverwomen with 10 rebounds.

Five players made it into double figures against Wash. U.: Gregory 24, Rubach 13, Pierce 12, Gain 11,

and Wilmeshier 10. Rubach led in rebounds with eight. Moreno had six steals and Gain had four.

The slumping Rivermen can't seem to find the secret to recover their earlier winning ways. After

winning their first three MIAA games, they have now lost four in a row.

In their other two games last week, the Rivermen were the eighth consecutive victim of SIU-E, 82-73, and they held on to defeat Wash. U., 79-77. The Rivermen are now 9-11.

Last Saturday, UMSL took a 79-63 loss to Northeast after tying the game with 4:45 left on a Dellondo Foxx jumper. The Rivermen were unable to score again until 1:05 when Foxx hit one free throw to make it 72-63.

UMSL shot only 29 percent from the field in the second half. They held a halftime lead of 41-37.

Foxx led UMSL scorers with 25 points. Ron Porter was second with 14 to go along with a game-high 12 rebounds. Mike Strater had eight rebounds.

Besides 39 points of Foxx and Porter, the five other players to make it into the scoring column managed to score only 18 points. They were a combined eight of 27 from the field for 30 percent.

Northeast got a stellar performance from forward Steve Liford. His 14 of 19 from the field was good for a game-high 28 points. Erik Hansen, with 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Eric Harris, with 12 points and seven rebounds, also made it into double figures.

Foxx had a game-high 28 points against SIU-E, with Porter collecting 19 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Against Wash. U., Porter led in both points with 27 and rebounds with nine. Foxx had 24 points and eight rebounds. Duane Young reached double figures with 10 points to go along with six assists. UMSL shot 49 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free throw line.



Cedric R. Anderson

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS: The Rivermen's leading rebounder (8.7 per game) Ron Porter skies above two opponents to grab another rebound in a recent UMSL game. Porter (16.8) and guard Dellondo Foxx (21.1) have been responsible for much of the Rivermen's offense this season.

UMSL Swimmers Make Splash Into Book

Laurie Aldy
reporter

At first glance, it looked like the Lombardo-Adams-Menke show. Tom Lombardo and Tom Adams, two each, along with Greg Menke combined for five UMSL first place finishes. The five first places were more than any other team in the Washington University Invitational.

Lombardo and Menke also took three out of four Rivermen second places. Lombardo broke UMSL records in the 500 and 1650 freestyle and 400 individual medley. Menke broke his own school record with a time of 2:16.54 in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Although Lombardo and Menke turned in excellent times, the key to success was an unselfish team effort. Mike Heep placed in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, events that he has never competed in before.

Tom Adams set Wash. U pool records in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, which were also his career best times. "It's just a step closer to my goal, which is to go faster every time, always a little faster," said Adams.

Steve Pummer also chipped in with a second place in the 200 butterfly. "This was a team win which every man swam the events that gave UMSL the maximum points," said coach Mary Liston.

The only downfall of the meet was losing to Principia. "Having a total team effort be this successful is very satisfying. Losing to Principia by one point is frustrating," said Liston. "They gave 100% in every race and a coach cannot ask for more."

The last dual meet of the season will be Saturday against Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville, Mo.



Cedric R. Anderson

DIVE INTO THE RECORD BOOK: UMSL swimmer Tom Lombardo (right) broke school records in the 500 and 1650 freestyle and in the 400 individual medley when the Rivermen participated in the Washington University Invitational. UMSL captured five first place finishes.

Meckfessel Approaching 300th

Dan Noss
sports editor

It probably is fitting to present a feature article on most coaches on the brink of 300 career victories after they have attained such a milestone.

Most coaches. UMSL's Rick Meckfessel, a tall scholarly-looking gentleman, is not most coaches. He is singular in the fact that it is not where he is going, but where he is at that drives him. He is unique because he sets no goals and similarly sets no limitations.

"I love sports and the competition. One of the ways to be involved in sports is through coaching," he said. "I love the challenge, the excitement and the uncertainty." The latter sentence provided Meckfessel's motivation 26 years ago when he took his first assistant's job. It remains true today for the graduate of St. Louis' Beaumont High School and Washington University.

Although admitting his parents would have preferred him to be an engineer, a lawyer or a doctor, Meckfessel says, "I have been fortunate to do in my adult life what I really enjoy."

It is not that Meckfessel does not deserve the praise and accolades of his peers following a 300th win. It's just that the circumstances and the coach's attitude toward the game gives one a different angle to focus on.

"Right now," Meckfessel said as the Rivermen are mired in a four-

game Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association losing streak, "the importance will be that we have won a game. It will just be a game won by one of my teams. A win this team really needs."

Perhaps Meckfessel has not lost sight of the personal achievement of such an accomplishment. But he chooses to concentrate on the longevity of his endeavors.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to coach long enough to win that many games," he said. "If you don't have some success, I guess you won't have the opportunity."

"That many games" amounts to 299 at this point, a fact that Meckfessel is too frequently reminded of. His career began in 1965 when he left his assistant's position under current UMSL athletic director Chuck Smith at Wash. U. to accept both the athletic director's and the head basketball coach's position at Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) in Charleston, W. Va.

Ten of the 14 years brought above .500 records as his teams won 250 games against 168 losses and advanced to the NAIA national tournament three times. Former Detroit and Atlanta National Basketball Association player Henry Dickerson was on Meckfessel's 1966-67 that went to the NAIA semifinals.

Challenges for Meckfessel came in the way of scheduling at Morris Harvey. It was not unusual for his teams to take on five Division I opponents in a season. His last team (1978-79) went up against Larry

Bird and Indiana State, a team that played in the NCAA championship game.

After 14 seasons with dual responsibility, Meckfessel opted to become a full-time athletic director in 1979.

"At first, I enjoyed not being involved in coaching. I didn't miss it at all. It gave me a chance to do normal things, like being out at five on most nights."

But time away from coaching began to wear on Meckfessel. Suggestions from friends at Division I schools about assistant coach's openings and various openings on the head coach's level at Division II schools picqued his interest in returning to the bench.

Not looking very hard, and with nothing particular catching his eye, Meckfessel was approached by his old mentor, Smith, now at UMSL. Smith was looking for a replacement for Tom Bartow. Bartow had replaced Smith after he relinquished his coaching duties to become a full-time athletic director two seasons earlier.

UMSL appealed to Meckfessel because it was good opportunity and because it was a good place to go.

Not having any preconceived ideas of how things would transpire in that first season (1982-83), UMSL finished 15-13 and in the MIAA playoffs. Meckfessel won the MIAA's and the NCAA South Central Region's "Coach of the Year" awards.

Meckfessel put off any rumors that he is the eventual replacement for Smith as UMSL's athletic director by saying, "My guess is that I will



Cedric R. Anderson

VETERAN AT THE HELM: Rivermen head basketball coach Rick Meckfessel has been guiding the fortunes of college teams for 18 seasons and is approaching his 300th career victory. The coach is hoping his Rivermen do a turnaround in order to make it into the MIAA playoffs for a second straight season.

(be an athletic director somewhere) at some point in the future. But right now, I have no real desire."

In dealing with the media, Meckfessel looks upon it as something associated with a job that is in the public eye. He wants to be as cooperative as he can, for he feels that good coverage can help put fans in the stands. Besides, he says, they are just doing their jobs.

Also, Meckfessel feels that "if a person can satisfy himself that his decision was correct, it doesn't matter" what is written or said.

While the national scope of college athletics is focusing on drugs, criminal action and poor academic progress by athletes, Meckfessel sees three problems of a local and more important concern for UMSL.

The first is the academic standards of UMSL. Of the teams scheduled to play UMSL, only UMSL and Wash. U. have higher academic standards. This results in many good, but below average students, ending up at other MIAA

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Moreno And Pierce Find Familiarity In New Surroundings

Diane Schlueter
reporter

Like all new recruits, Deb Moreno and Alicia Pierce had to make adjustments when they transferred from junior college to UMSL. After joining the Riverwomen, many things were new to them, but they did have one advantage: Moreno and Pierce knew each other before the start of the season. In fact, they were teammates for two years at Mineral Area Junior College in Flat River, Mo.

"We originally met through some mutual friends the summer after (high school) graduation," said Moreno, a 5-foot-7 guard.

Even before they met, Pierce had made plans to attend Mineral Area. "I was signed when I met Deb," said Pierce, a 5-foot-9 forward.

"The coach was the reason I went to that junior college," said Moreno of Mineral Area's Bill Bradley. "He came to see me when I was a junior (in high school). He thought he'd never get me because I lived near Jefferson Junior College."

"He followed me everywhere from my junior year on," said Pierce of the recruiting of herself by Bradley. She claimed, though, that he never begged her to go to Mineral Area and that she knew she was going there in her junior year.

"He taught me so much about life," continued Pierce. "He had a story for every situation."

"Name it, he knows it," is how Moreno put it.

"He's the kind of guy you can't get mad at," added Moreno.

"We have so much respect for him," said Pierce. "He never had to yell at us."

Both juniors agree that transferring to UMSL at the same time made their transition easier.

"It has made me feel more comfortable," Moreno said. "We just know each other so well."

"We know (when) something is wrong with each other," said Pierce.

Mike Larson, coach of the Riverwomen, also believes that their transfer together made it a little easier for them.

"It has affected their college life academically, socially and everything," he said. "Since they made the transition together, they don't feel so alone. They already knew someone when they got here."

Moreno and Pierce feel that their friendship helps their play.

"We already know each other's style," Pierce said. "I can just look at Deb when she is coming down the court and I know what she is going to do."

"Playing with Alicia helps to pick me up," Moreno said. "We have played together for three years now. I know when she is going to cut just by looking at her."

Pierce is a starting forward alongside Gina Gregory. She realizes that having Gregory there makes it easier for her.



Cedric R. Anderson

RIVERWOMEN TANDEM: UMSL basketball players Alicia Pierce and Deb Moreno are helping the Riverwomen to a possible MIAA playoff berth. The two junior college transfers were a part of Mineral Area Junior College's capturing of the conference title in 1984-85.

"It's good to know she (Gregory) is there to score. It relieves some of the pressure from previous years."

An all-region selection in 1984-85, Pierce averaged 22 points and nine rebounds a game when Mineral Area

won the conference title. She was also a unanimous selection as an all-conference performer as a freshman, averaging 17.2 points per game.

"One reason we recruited her was because she was a high scorer," said Larson. "She is expected to score points." The graduate of Viburnum (Mo.) High School is currently fourth in team scoring, averaging 6.6 points per game.

Moreno, who earned a starting guard spot on the 1985-86 Riverwomen squad, believes that it is important for her to be in control when beginning offensive plays.

"Basically, I'm the quarterback," she said. "I set up the offensive plays. I listen to what the coaches are saying and I relay it to the team."

"Her being a point guard, she has to be a leader," Larson said of Moreno, who leads the team in assists with 89 and steals with 32. "She has to have common sense in getting things in order - on and off the court."

A graduate of Hillsboro (Mo.) High School, Moreno averaged 12 points and four assists in her final junior college season.

Each feels there is a difference between junior college basketball and Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association play.

"There wasn't as much competition as there is playing here," Moreno said.

But, Moreno and Pierce both agree that junior college was a good experience, and both would do it again.

"I would recommend junior college first for anyone straight out of high school," Pierce said.

"My junior college experience has made me mature - both on and off the court," Moreno said.

Moreno and Pierce each have their separate reasons for choosing to attend UMSL.

"There were a couple of reasons why I chose UMSL," Moreno said. "One was because I wanted to play ball with Alicia. Also, UMSL has a good academic program in Administration of Justice."

"I want to go on to law school and someday become a lawyer," said Moreno, who is an AOJ major.

"I knew they had a losing record," Pierce said. "I wanted the challenge to see if I could help."

Pierce, who is majoring in physical education, is planning a career in coaching.

"I want to coach," she said. "But first, I want to go through physical therapy school."

Moreno and Pierce both appear happy with their choice of St. Louis and UMSL as the place where they continued their education.

"We love this city and the large campus atmosphere," Moreno said of the dual decision.

Time Out

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Von Henry had the most success with the wrestling team with an unusual assortment of players. Henry had previous experience in wrestling-rich Oklahoma and

drew ex-military personnel and athletes who had been out of school awhile.

Berres said that it was not unusual for a wrestler to be a full-time student and to hold down a full-time job.

UMSL Tennis Tryouts Scheduled

Both the new men's tennis coach Jeff Zoellner and returning women's coach Pam Steinmetz have announced open tryouts for their squads. The tryouts are open to experienced full-time students.

The men's tryouts will tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Room 218 of the Mark Twain Building. Players should be prepared to practice, weather permitting. Indoor practice facilities may be available, though.

Women's tryouts will be on Wed-

nesday, Feb. 12 at 3:15 in Room 219 of the Mark Twain Building. Further information may be obtained by calling Steinmetz at 553-5123 or seeing her in Room 203. The meeting will be of an organizational manner.

The 1986 tennis schedule will feature more home matches on the newly resurfaced UMSL tennis courts. Also, the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference tournament will be held at UMSL this year.

Meckfessel

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schools with lower entrance requirements.

The need for a full-time assistant is necessary, Meckfessel feels. This position would allow a coach to have a full-time scout and/or recruiter during the season. The only other school in the MIAA that does not have a full-time assistant is Lincoln University. Meckfessel feels that their poor record of late speaks for itself.

The last problem is that of playing before a commuter campus of fans - or the lack of fans on a commuter campus. In a recent trip to Northeast Missouri State University, the team bus passed dormitories filled with 5,000 students. Meckfessel would estimate that half of those students attended the game.

"It really means something to the

team" he said. "It is an obstacle (for the visiting team) to overcome."

Success has come to Rich Meckfessel through the pursuit of a game that he has always loved and by some sturdy basic principles.

"If a person works hard and does well with what he has, he will succeed," he said. "I've never had any long range goals. I've just wanted to do the best I can and see what happens."

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MEN'S	MIAA
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Southeast Missouri State	5-2
Northwest Missouri State	3-3
UM-St. Louis	3-4
Northeast Missouri State	3-4
Lincoln University	2-5
UM-Rolla	1-6
WOMEN'S	MIAA
Central Missouri State	7-0
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