

## McClusky Takes Over Post

by Patricia M. Carr  
news editor

When former Vice Chancellor for University Relations Blair K. Farrell resigned in the fall of 1985 former Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman decided to let incoming chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett choose the person to fill that position. The search for a new vice chancellor took almost fifteen months.

A search committee consisting of faculty, students and staff was formed to study applications and resumes of those applying for the post. The committee also held personal interviews with all finalists.

Kevin Lacostello vice president of Student Association and a member of the search committee explained why the committee recommended John E. McClusky for the position. "His interview was a reaffirmation of his resume. He was singly most outstanding. During the interview he commanded the room's attention."

McClusky's resume is indeed

"This is a high quality public university, there is a tremendous amount for faculty students and staff to be proud of. I'm delighted to be here."

John E. McClusky

impressive. He received his M.A. in Philosophy from Cornell University in 1964. "I was very active there as a student," he remembered.

He went on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Berkeley. "I was there right in the heart of the student activity, from 1964 to 1969."

He began his career in higher education in 1969, as an instructor at the University of Iowa while still working on his dissertation. He went on to the position of assistant professor at Iowa and stayed there until 1974.

"I started as a political scientist, and as an academic and then I was

contacted by the Danforth Foundation in St. Louis in 1974. I had been a Danforth graduate fellow as a graduate student, and as faculty member I had been a consultant for the program."

McClusky was asked to interview for the position of Program Executive with the Danforth Foundation. At the time of the interview, he was on a one year research leave from his faculty assignment in order to be a fellow with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

So in 1974, he and his family moved to St. Louis. As a program executive McClusky was responsible for making grants and directing programs for faculty and adminis-

trators of colleges and universities around the country. "My responsibilities were entirely with national higher education. Working with colleges and Universities on faculty development, improvement of teaching and improving faculty student relationships."

In 1976 he moved to Lindenwood College for a position as associate professor and director of Voluntary Organization Administration. "It blended faculty and administrative responsibilities in a single job."

"It is a graduate and undergraduate degree program for practicing professionals out in the community who are managing voluntary organizations."

In 1980, he became executive director of a regional center in St. Louis for the Coro Foundation. "Coro is a non-profit educational institute devoted to leadership training. Particularly leadership training for community involvement. The fellow program is a nine

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John E. McClusky

## Administrative

### Hussey To Fill Post Vacated By Perry

by Craig A. Martin  
managing editor

The long-awaited announcement of a successor to John Perry was made Thursday when the university announced that L. Thomas Hussey got the nod.

Hussey will take over full-time as vice chancellor for administrative affairs here March 1.

"He will be on campus several times between now and then to meet with various people and start getting settled," said Perry, outgoing vice chancellor for administrative affairs.

Perry will then take a vacation and return on a part-time basis for one year to serve as an assistant to Hussey.

"He'll be the one to make all the decisions, but I will be able to help him with background information on various things," Perry said.

Perry said he thought this situation would provide for a smoother transition.

Hussey is currently vice president for administrative affairs at UM's central administrative offices in Columbia.

"The UM-St. Louis campus is on the threshold of providing an enhanced level of educational service to the community. I'm happy for the opportunity to work with chancellor



L. Thomas Hussey

Barnett and the quality personnel there so that I can help contribute to a promising future," Hussey said in a press release.

"We are especially fortunate to be able to have a person with Tom Hussey's extensive experience and expertise join our administrative staff," chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett said.

"In addition to his impressive technical qualifications, he is a thoughtful administrator with unusual sensitivity to the human problems of urban universities," she said.

"I know him and work with him now, and I think he'll be a very good addition to this university's staff," Perry said.

As vice chancellor, Hussey will



John Perry

oversee all administrative services for the campus including fiscal operations, personnel services, physical plant, capital improvements, purchasing, receiving, university police, campus mail and telephone services, and various auxiliary services.

Hussey, 52, joined the UM staff in Columbia in 1978 as assistant vice president for business services. He also served as interim vice president for administrative affairs between August, 1985 and April, 1986. He assumed his current position in May of last year.

Hussey, who received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology, will receive an annual salary of \$77,000.

## Base Funded Hearings Held

by Laura J. Hopper  
reporter

The Student Activity Budget Committee conducted hearings for eight student organizations Friday, Feb. 13. The hearings concerned the status of the groups' base funding, as well as their budget requests.

The groups included University Program Board, Student Association, Current, Horizons, University Center Advisory Board, University Players, SABC, and Forensics and Debate Club.

According to Robert Schmalfeld, SABC chairman and Director of the University Center and Student Activities, the 1983-84 SABC had decided on a provision to allow these eight groups to receive base funding—that is a certain set amount of money that the SABC would guarantee these groups every year, for a three year period.

At the hearings, representatives from each of these student groups were questioned by SABC members about base funding and the group's budget request.

The University Program Board, represented by chairman M. Gayle Wilson and Student Services Coordinator David Thomason, asked the SABC for \$75,000 in base funding.

Wilson noted that each year UPB representatives attend the

National Association for Campus Activities Conference, where entertainers and lecturers demonstrate their programs. "If we know how much money we have," she said, "it allows us to plan better when booking talent."

Thomason told the committee that base funding was the only guarantee, UPB cannot be assured of receiving more than the base funded amount.

He said because of this, "We can't go out and spend all of it, we have to reserve a portion of it for next year's group."

Wilson said, "We basically use half of it (the base funded amount) and save half of it for the next year." Both Wilson and Thomason, in their letter to the SABC requesting base funding, said the previous level of funding is "inadequate."

UPB is requesting a total allocation of \$124,634 from the SABC for the 1987-88 school year. Much of this funding increase, according to Wilson and Thomason, is due to the desire to add new programs and improve present ones.

"We want a more well-rounded offering of programs, one every day of the week," Wilson said.

UPB plans to add a lecture series on Tuesdays to their programming schedule. Thomason said, "We need to balance our entertainment with educational and cultural programs."

Student Association was represented by president Ken Meyer

and vice-president Kevin Lacostello. Meyer and Lacostello said base funding for SA was necessary for maintaining a well-equipped office and staff.

In their letter to the SABC requesting base funding, Meyer and Lacostello said, "For the organization (SA) to represent the interests and needs of UM-St. Louis students adequately, we must be able to have a centrally located office." They added that "modern communications equipment is a necessity."

At the hearing, Lacostello noted that base funding is needed to provide SA with "the security of coming back to a well-equipped office."

Meyer added that base funding money would also ensure coverage of travel costs. "We need to represent the students and the University in Jefferson City. Without a travel budget you can't adequately represent them."

The Current was represented by editor Steve Brawley and business manager Mike Luczak.

Luczak explained the Current's need for base funding. "We are a student newspaper. In years past we wrote things committee members didn't like, and were cut (in funding) because of what we wrote."

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## UMC Seems Quieter On Outside, But On The Inside...

by Patricia M. Carr  
news editor

The University of Missouri-Columbia has quieted down this week—at least on the surface.

Last week the campus made headlines with a week long anti-apartheid protest. Thirty-eight demonstrators were arrested during a rally Friday, February 6 and three additional protestors were arrested the next day.

Carla Weitzel, a UMC student and Elizabeth Jirauch, another protestor were the last of the original 38 arrested still in jail on February 11. The two women had refused to leave the jail and were engaging in a hunger strike to protest the university's South African investment. They left the jail voluntarily over the weekend.

The protests originally, were in response to the \$117 million the University has invested in companies doing business in South Africa and its refusal to divest. Since then, demonstrators have begun to voice their disapproval over new guidelines concerning protests, issued by Interim Chancellor Duane Stuckey.

According to demonstrators, the guidelines are in violation of their first amendment rights. This was stressed at another rally held Tues-

day Feb. 10. That day the protestors built a shanty to replace those shanties which had been razed by police earlier in the week.

Stuckey also drew criticism from the protestors because the guidelines had been issued without input from faculty, students, or staff. Stuckey is reported to be planning an open meeting with staff Feb. 25.

Stuckey was unavailable for comment on any of these issues.

Demonstrators and Dan Viets, attorney for the arrested protestors, are also concerned about 24 demonstrators who were subjected to a strip search and body cavity search, conducted by the Boone County Sheriff's department, after the arrests were made. According to Viets, this was in violation of Missouri State Statute 544, sections 193 and 195.

According to Viets, Missouri law requires that a physician or nurse be present during the body cavity search and this was ignored by the sheriff's department. Viets also said the sheriff lacked the warrant which is necessary to carry out a body cavity search. Finally, in order to conduct a strip search the statute states that the person must be arrested for a felony. The protestors were charged with misdemeanors. Sheriff Ted Boehm said strip



Cedric R. Anderson

**CELEBRATE!** The Associated Black Collegians built a shanty for a South African Liberation Celebration as part of Black History Month. Other activities will be held throughout the month.

searches were conducted on all people arrested and brought to the Boone County Jail. It's standard operating procedure."

In response to questions about

body cavity searches, Boehm said, "No body cavity searches were done." He added, "no one has advised me of a complaint or lawsuit."

## SA Checking Prices Of Bookstore Audit

by Steven L. Brawley  
editor

Discussions between the Student Association and University officials are underway to look into the feasibility of doing a management audit of the bookstore.

The SA has met with both bookstore management and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to find out what can be done to get an audit started by the end of the semester.

"We have talked and they (SA) want to look at our operations," said Bookstore Manager Ken Langston. Langston said the SA doesn't have a lot of money to spend on the audit.

SA President Ken Meyer has suggested that the bookstore help pay for the audit.

Langston said he would discuss the possibility with the Office of Administrative Services.

"We will be happy to help look into the bookstore's operations," Langston said.

Presently, the SA is contacting auditing firms to find out how much an audit will cost.

Meyer said the audit would put to

rest any doubts concerning the bookstore and its operations.

"We are interested in looking at things such as whether they need four people to operate the cash registers over the summer," Meyer said.

The Office of Student Affairs said it was concerned over the quality of an audit.

"How can an accountant who just graduated be qualified to do a management audit?" Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy MacLean said.

MacLean said he doesn't want a witch hunt to develop over the audit.

"The only thing I ask is that you give them a fair shot," MacLean said. In a memo to MacLean, Langston suggested the SA check with other college bookstores in the area and see how they operate. He also suggested they contact area book publishers to find out how prices are determined on books.

The SA said it could spend around \$5,000 for an outside audit of the bookstore.

"Outside firms are more credible and that goes a lot further in putting questions to rest," said SA member Rob Dawes.

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**NEWMAN**

The Newman House offers spiritual, social, service and educational challenges to the campus community. The staff see themselves as mobile listening posts.

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**FINALLY**

Von Scales lead the Rivermen past Southeast Missouri during overtime last Wednesday. This is the Rivermen's first win over SEMO since the 1982-83 season.

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**FYI**

In the event that classes are cancelled due to inclement weather information will be available on university hotlines at 553-5148, 5864, 5866 or 5867.

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## Bookstore Suffers From Bad Image

It is almost certain that the University Bookstore suffers from an image problem.

However, let's face it, books are expensive. As the Student Association looks into hiring an outside agency to conduct a management audit of the bookstore, to see what makes things so expensive, it should proceed with caution.

SA President Ken Meyer was scheduled to meet with the manager of the bookstore this week, for the first time since announcing the SA was considering doing the audit.

In a memo to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, bookstore manager Ken Langston said he would be pleased to answer any questions students might have about the bookstore management and its operations.

Langston suggested that the operations of the Washington University, St. Louis University and Community College bookstores be looked into as the SA considers an audit.

There are also two major publishers in the area who could supply the SA with the information needed to analyze bookstore costs.

The problem facing the bookstore is the inability to explain its complex operation to everyone's satisfaction.

Where the SA should have started, before even considering an audit should have been a visit to the bookstore. They should, as this newspaper has done, take an hour and have bookstore officials tell their side of the story.

Bookstore officials claim publishers determine the costs of books and they must pass on the expense to students. Also, professors who choose the books to use often don't consider the costs of the books they order—or force students to fork out big bucks for.

It would be nice to know everything is above board in the bookstore.

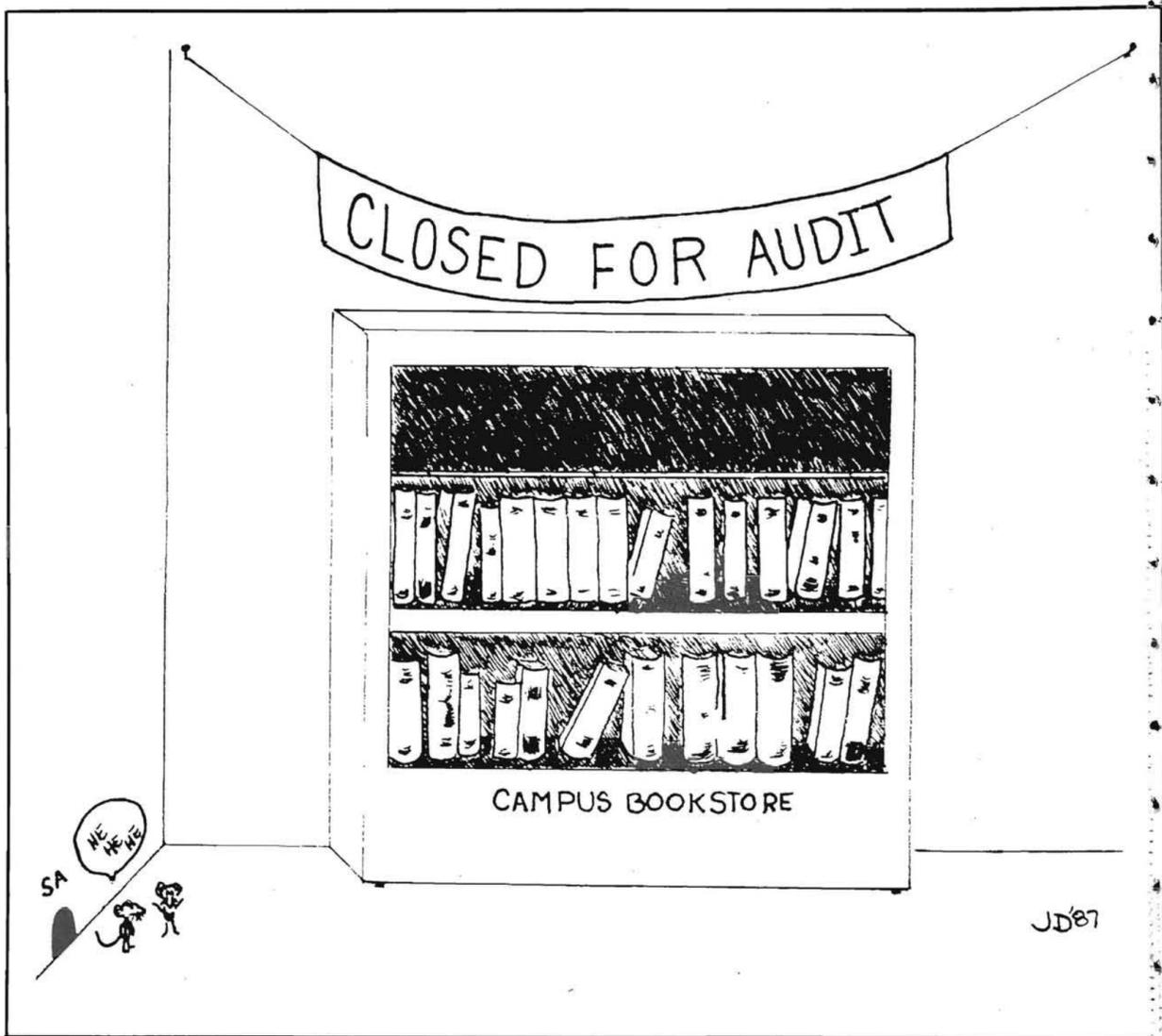
But can the SA afford a professional audit? They are looking at a cost of around \$5,000. If the Student Association has this much money to spend, maybe this year's budget allocation is a bit too much.

It is also doubtful that they can convince the bookstore to chip in a few thousand to conduct an analysis of its own operation.

However, the bookstore has said it will talk to the Office of Administrative Affairs to discuss the various funding options the SA might have.

The SA should be commended for trying to keep election promises; but they should proceed with caution when getting to the bottom of the bookstore hoopla.

An outside audit would be credible. However, how much will credibility cost?



## Corrections

In the February 12, 1987 edition of the Current, the Associated Black Collegians and the KWMU Student Staff were incorrectly identified as being base funded student organizations. However, although they are not base funded they do have scheduled hearings before the SAB. The Current regrets this error.

## LETTERS POLICY

The Current welcomes all letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must be included. Non-students also must sign their letters, but only need to add their phone number. Letters should be not more than two typed pages in length.

**No unsigned letters will be published.** Names for published letters will be withheld upon request, but letters with which the writer's name is published will receive first preference.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Apartheid

Dear Editor:

The ideas of freedom of speech and expression, the equality of humankind and peaceful redress of grievances are some of those which brought into bright light in the University of Missouri versus anti-apartheid protesters struggle at Columbia Missouri. Not only are the inefable crimes against humanity in South Africa brought out by protesters at the hands of the UM system are focused.

That same party which would invest \$117 million in the racist blood bath carried out by professed racists in South Africa would both directly and indirectly violate the legal and moral basis of the existence of the United States of American—specifically its constitution, on the bi-centennial of that instrument's inception.

This is done through denying the right to protest at the quadrangle on campus, and denying divestiture and disinvestment in South Africa, at the center of the financial affairs of the University of Missouri system.

Students and observers are saying that not only does the anti-apartheid movement point out the cowardly complicity in apartheid, but challenges the powers that be to recognize the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) as the legitimate representative of the black and white peoples of South Africa, further to support militarily. Umkohonto we Sizwe, "The Spear of the Nation," as this would be in line with what the legatees of the U.S. Constitution would do.

To jail these protesters is an atrocity of political repression which rivals that carried out daily in South Africa. This repression goes

against the grain of the ideas of U.S. Constitution.

The St. Louis branch of the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression supports the anti apartheid protesters along with supporting the unconditional support of the ANC. Call our local office at 862-5735.

Sincerely,

W. E. E. Lacy.

### Eminence

Dear Editor:

The designation for eminence should be granted to the Political Science Department. Clearly, this department best fits President Magrath's guidelines for eminence. As a service to the state, it offers a Ph.D.—the highest degree awarded in the nation. It is an established mainstream academic discipline.

As a cultural and intellectual resource, the department offers a BA, BSPA (Bachelor of Science in Public Administration), MA MPPA (Masters of Public Policy Administration) and the Ph.D. Political Science is a key part of the "Managerial Excellence" component of the Partnerships for Progress under Project Advance.

The existing strength of the department is recognized locally, across the state and in established national political science publications. Designation as a center of eminence at this stage of development would allow the doctorate program to achieve eminence sooner.

The department's public policy orientation addresses a national and regional need for improved education and advanced research training in understanding, evaluat-

ing and implementing public policies—policies that affect economic development, public education and the homeless.

The Political Science Department can achieve eminence through existing programs and a faculty with solid records of accomplishments. Note that over three-fourths of the faculty have received their doctorates from the top 20 political science departments in the nation. In the past five years, members of the faculty have written 26 books, 110 articles and delivered 162 papers at conferences.

With support, the department could achieve eminence within five years by adding new faculty, visiting professors, a public policy lecture series and additional graduate assistants. As a measure of quality, the department will use objective national political science rankings to evaluate the progress toward eminence where measurement is more feasible and definite. By 1993, the Political Science Department could become one of the top 30 departments in the nation with a doctoral program ranked among the ten best.

The Political Science Department fits President Magrath's guidelines for eminence. The department has a full range of programs in place and a faculty deserving of their fine reputation. A designation for eminence is well deserved and would be a fine compliment to the mission of UM-St. Louis.

Kevin Lacostelo

### UM-St. Louis

Dear Editor:

In relation to the issue of our school's proper nomenclature—

Sincerely,

Robert F. Sutton

## Being In The Right Place At The Right Time



### INSIDE SCOOP

The journeys of a newspaper editor go far beyond the boundaries of Natural Bridge Road.

Recently, while on a road trip to cover the UM budget hearings in Jefferson City, I discovered being in the right place at the right time is not just an old cliché.

The state capital isn't the most exciting place. But, someone has to be there so the rest of us know how boring it really is.

Now, I don't believe the UM's multi-million dollar budget request is trivial. Yet, it was interesting to watch UM President C. Peter Magrath take the defensive and wiggle out of questions like, "Why doesn't UMStL have dorms?"

UMSL Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett was on with her entourage to lobby for her "Partnership" program. But, as a crowd assembled outside on of the legislative hearing rooms, I knew a really big star must have been there.

I pushed my way through the starchy eyed masses and caught a glimpse of the top of her head. It was

just as beautiful as it was on TV.

After some quick "on my feet thinking" I flashed my ever handy press card and the security guard let me into the room.

She looks about the same as she does when playing Pamela Ewing down at the Southfork Ranch every Friday evening.

Victoria Principal just happened to be at the right place at the right time, in order to meet me.

While testifying before a legislative committee about a bill that would benefit victims of arthritis, she drew more attention than the topic she was representing did.

As the chairperson for a national arthritis foundation, Principal was in Jeff. City for a good cause. Meeting me was just a sidebar to her

journey.

Okay, so she didn't invite me to go horseback riding with Bobby and J.R. down at the ranch, but she did give me on of those movie star smiles. It didn't matter that I had a 35 millimeter camera pointed at her face.

It was ironic that on that same week, Hollywood announced she would not be returning to "Dallas" next season.

I am sure that the University of Missouri could find a job for her. I probably could help finding her one. I think a weekly "UMSL Exercises with Victoria" column in the newspaper would be really interesting. Don't you? It would sure beat walking to and from parking spaces every week.

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### Gephardt To Have Support Here

When Congressman Richard A. Gephardt announces his candidacy for President next Monday, he will have an UMSL support group.

Last fall, "UMSL Students for Gephardt" was formed. The new student organization is presently involved in recruiting students interested in the Gephardt campaign.

"We are going through the birthing process," said group member Kevin Lacostelo.

Lacostelo, student association vice president, said he will be recruiting students by visiting political science courses on campus.

Gephardt, Democrat-third district, has been mustering support for his presidential campaign for the past year.

He will formally announce his candidacy at noon on February 23 at Union Station.

That evening, a gala fundraising dinner will be held at the Adam's

Mark Hotel. The dinner, along with the one the following night in Kansas City, is targeted to raise \$500,000.

Presently, Gephardt has recruited a prominent array of St. Louisans to serve as co-chairmen for his campaign gala.

August Busch III, chairman of Anheuser-Busch Inc. and William Maritz, chairman of Maritz Inc., and other area businessmen have pledged to raise \$50,000 each for the Gephardt campaign.

In all, Gephardt is seeking to raise \$5 million, along with \$2 million in federal matching funds, before next year's primaries.

Gephardt will face the other Democratic presidential hopefuls on February 8, 1988 during the Iowa Primary.

Gephardt supporters have been making frequent trips to Iowa to prepare for the 1988 race.

### SABC

The Current is requesting a total allocation of \$24,500 from the SABC. Brawley noted that if cuts were necessary, due to inadequate funding, "we would, as a last resort, raise our ad rates." He mentioned other possible results of inadequate funding, including a discontinuation of the ad discount for UMSL student groups and an elimination of free classified ads.

Laraine Yager, director of Horizons, UMSL's peer counseling service said, "We are requesting a base funding amount of \$12,000."

Yager said she feels the request for an increase over Horizons' previous base funding allocation of \$9,700 is necessary to provide "continuity."

"We need to keep up with salary increases, as well as the increasing cost of supplies," she said.

Horizons is planning to expand their services, by opening the Counseling Office in the evening. This

expansion of hours would require two more peer counselors. According to Horizons' letter to the SABC this would prompt an additional cost of \$2,380.

Yager noted that in the past, the Counseling Service, "has supported us. But we need to start paying our own way." In the base funding request letter, Horizons notes, "Because of the squeeze on the Counseling Service budget, it is no longer possible for them to continue to assist us in this way."

Horizons is requesting a total allocation of \$16,000, a \$5,000 increase over last year's allocated amount.

The University Center Advisory Board (UCAB) were represented by chairperson Jackie Dupp and Rick Blanton, assistant director of the University Center and Student Activities.

Blanton said base funding was necessary to "assure funding of the Leadership Training and Development Program." The board spon-

sors this retreat annually for student leaders.

He added, "Base funding also allows us to guarantee we'll have a staff for the Message Board, Housing Referral, and Car Pool programs."

UCAB is requesting a total of \$15,190 for 1987-88. Blanton said this money was needed to cover, among other things, the cost of a night manager to supervise use of the campus on evenings and weekends, processing of Student Interest Surveys, and the Student Organization Revision Manual.

Blanton said, "We are in line with campus funding priorities, in that everything we do applies to the entire campus population."

University Players, was represented by business manager Jeff Pilgrim and faculty advisor Barbara Kachur. Pilgrim noted that base funding would enable the group to add a fifth show for over the summer. The University Players currently perform four shows during the year.

Mark Guenther, UMSL Student Accountant discussed the salary he receives for his position. Guenther requested \$6,200, \$6,000 of that base funding.

The final group to receive a hearing was the Forensics and Debate Club, represented by treasurer Suzan Harris. The Club is requesting \$18,500 in total funding. Harris noted that this is used mainly to cover travel costs to various tournaments.

With the conclusion of hearings for base-funded groups, organizations not receiving base funding will now be questioned. Hearings will be held on Friday, February 20, at noon in Room 75 of the J.C. Penney Building.

Schmalfeld noted that once hearings are complete, "each SABC member will fill out a form indicating the amount of money each group received last year, their 1987-88 request, the base funding recommendation, if applicable, and the recommended total allocation."

### RELATIONS

month full time program. It's mostly recent college graduates, and they go through a series of internships." McClusky points out that Coro has programs other than the just the one for fellows. St. Louis alone has four separate programs.

In this position McClusky became involved in developing new educational programs, marketing the program, raising funds and managing the staff. "A whole range of executive responsibilities."

In 1984 He became the national president of Coro, in addition to the center here in St. Louis, there are centers in New York, Kansas City, Los Angeles and San Francisco, with a total of 19 programs. "In that position I was even more heavily

involved in marketing, fundraising and public relations for the organization nationally." He held that job until he was named to the vice chancellor's post.

McClusky, although he has only been in his office three weeks, seems to have made many observations about the campus. "This is a high quality public university, there is a tremendous amount that faculty, students and staff can be proud of. Our new chancellor is elucidating a vision and direction that will enhance that quality, while increasing its public nature as an educational opportunity for a wide segment of the community. That is vital."

McClusky continued to say the campus is not as well known in the

community at large as he would like it to be. "We aren't visible enough, the vision people have is not clear. But the people who know us hold in high regard."

Commenting on the recent UMSL UM St. Louis debate, McClusky said he thought the matter of terminology is important. "UM St. Louis there's a little more dignity and clarity than in UMSL. We know from image market research that UMSL is not clear to the community."

McClusky's wife Nicki is a psychotherapist in private practice. She is also a choral director concentrating primarily on vocals. They have a 15 year old son Ben, "He's a great kid" McClusky said. The McClusky's live in Olivette.

McClusky's last comment was, "I'm delighted to be here!"



## Give Blood Each Season

Pre-Register For UMSL Blood Drive  
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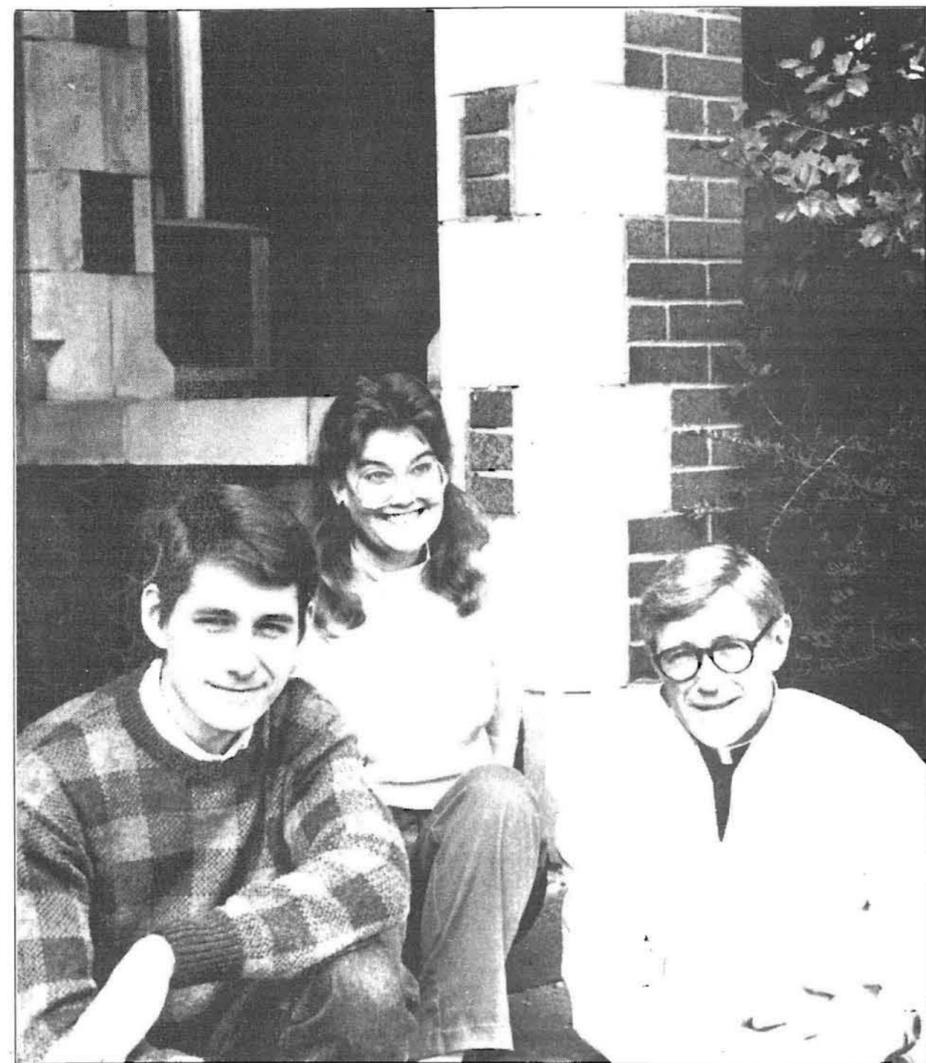


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**LISTENING POSTS:** Tom Wagner (left), Eileen Ponder and Fr. Bill Lyons are the staff of the UMSL Newman House, the Catholic student center. They work religion around a commuter campus schedule.

## Newman House A Place For Faith And Friends

by Patricia M. Carr  
news editor

If you want to reach the Newman House, just dial FUL-FILL. According to Newman "regulars", always leave a message. There is probably someone in the house, they just can't get to the phone at that time. A lot of times your call will be returned within twenty minutes.

The Newman house is the center for Catholic students on campus, although staff members stress that students of any denomination are always welcome. The house is located in Bel Nor, right across Natural Bridge from Benton Hall.

The proximity to campus helps staff members carry out their ministry, campus outreach.

Fr. Bill Lyons, the permanent resident of the house, has been a familiar face on campus for 19 years. He believes that since he lives in the house and is available during the day, he is better able to meet the needs of the campus community.

"As a commuter campus, people have very busy schedules, they can sometimes fall into the manana syndrome about religion."

Lyons has an M.A. in counseling from St. Louis University. "This helps me to help others."

Eileen Ponder, a staff member of the house, is a recent UMSL graduate with a degree in secondary education. "My job is to welcome people and give them a sense of belonging." Ponder is responsible for coordinating house activities.

"We have guest dinners, commuter retreats and other activities. We try to get in touch with the needs of the community and then come up with creative and effective ways to meet those needs."

Tom Wagner, another staff person, graduated from Cardinal Glennon College with a B.A. in philosophy and is currently working on a graduate degree in Theology.

"I'm a mobile listening post. My role is to be an outreach into the community, to create a caring presence on campus. I want to be available for people who want or need to talk about any significant part of life. Ministry is caring for people, regardless of religious denomination."

The three stress that although most activities are carried out in a Christian tradition, that doesn't mean you can't have fun while doing it.

Lyons explains, "40 to 50 people usually come to the 8:00 p.m. liturgy on Sunday. Students do everything possible; this is a student liturgy. It's their own event, so about 50 percent participate in the mass through lecturing, or being eucharistic ministers or musicians."

Lyons continued, "Many people come early to talk with friends, and there is no rush to leave when mass is over. Often people go out for pizza and beer after mass."

Wagner adds, "Religion doesn't mean I have to speak in a foreign language. I don't have to be weird."

Community service is a priority for Newman staff and members. Each Saturday 6-12 members go out into the community and weatherize homes.

During Christmas, the house adopted two families in the Guardian Angel settlement. The name of a gift for each family member was written on an ornament. Newman members took the ornament and bought that gift. In addition to

individual gifts, food was provided for the family.

The house also sponsored Oxfam last semester, to raise money for hungry in the world. Wagner said, "It was an ecumenical project, all denominations participated in the fast. We raised \$500 to help people help themselves in starving areas of the world."

Education about spirituality, catholicism and the christian tradition are goals of the staff. Bible study groups have been formed to help achieve this goal. Lyons notes that the Bible study is based on catholic teachings rather than being a non-denominational group.

During the month of February Newman House is sponsoring discussion groups on various areas of life, for example; sexuality, war and peace, culture and the church, penance and repentance and preparation for the Lenten season.

Ponder said, "Groups gathering builds spirit and we can learn from other's life experiences."

Wagner added, "New groups are always forming. It helps because you have to build a trust level to discuss important areas of life."

The staff feels that the most campus outreach program can do is get people to think about their spiritual side. Wagner explains, "It's difficult to find time with the busy schedules people have. It's different than when you were a child, being a man or woman of faith is a work of will."

Lyons, Ponder and Wagner believe if you take time to know yourself, and see the goodness in yourself and in others, you know God.

If you need a little guidance or help to see that, just call FUL-FILL.

## Night Dean: Meeting Special Student Needs

by Laura Stephenson  
reporter

The sun has long since set. The entire campus looks deserted, but it only seems to be sleeping.

For one particular person, five p.m. is just the beginning of the day. In fact, his day begins when others' end.

This person with an unusual schedule, Dean J. Whitener, is the dean of an unusual school: the Evening College.

Dean Whitener's role at the Evening College involves several facets. First of all, he supports the faculty in various departments, and the departments provide his college with faculty for teaching at night. He also works closely with the Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, and Nursing Colleges to develop new programs for the evening students. He organizes the course schedule, and tries to offer classes at times that are most convenient for the students. As well as juggling all these duties, he acts as advocate and promoter of the Evening College, its students and programs.

Dean Whitener grew up on a family farm and attended a small-town high school. Majoring in social

studies and minoring in English and speech, he received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Southeast Missouri State University.

While earning his degree, Dean Whitener became a teacher in a rural school. He became an elementary school principal when only 24.

After spending four years in the navy, Dean Whitener attended the University of Missouri-Columbia's master's program. He became a school superintendent while doing so. After assuming several posts as superintendent, he received his doctorate from Washington University.

Dean Whitener began his career at UMSL in 1965. He said of his previous career, "It was a wonderful experience." He looks back at his college experiences and finds much to compare with the students with whom he is presently working. "I did most of my college work in the summers. I can empathize with the students here."

Early in the university's development, the administrators realized that there was a large population of working students who desired access to higher education. Implementing an evening college was the answer, and Dr. Whitener

was invited to head the Evening College. A survey of the evening students revealed they wanted traditional degree offerings and quality programs. Dean Whitener immediately responded. "UMSL does provide access to quality higher education for people

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employed in hundreds of businesses and institutions in the St. Louis area," he said.

The Evening College began with a small number of business programs. Now the College offers 25 degree programs or options in the arts and sciences, business administration, education, and nursing fields. "A fairly broad array of fully accredited programs can be completed after 5 o'clock," he said. Also these programs have the same basic requirements as the day programs. Thus, students can transfer back and forth between day and night courses with no problem.

Furthermore, the Evening

College provides advisement, support services, and a comfortable environment for its students. Dean Whitener and the faculty develop programs "appropriate for non-traditional students' fulfilling degree requirements and proving convenient for the students."

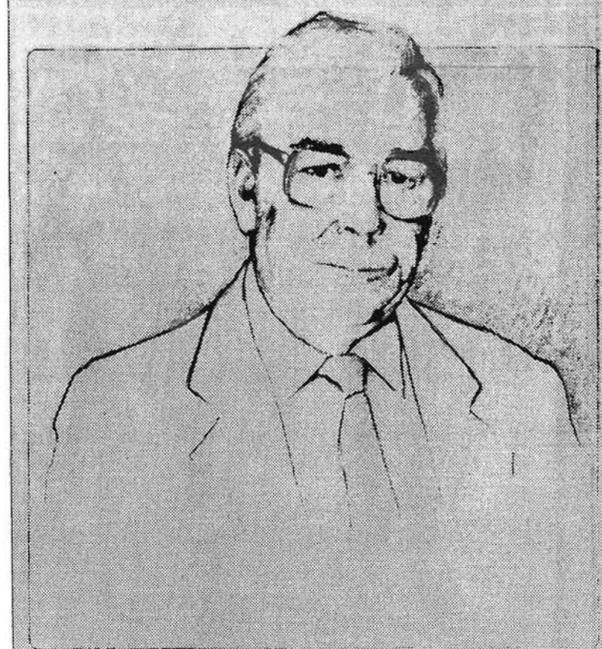
The key to all of his work is cooperation on the part of departments. "The faculty is drawn from various departments of the University. Our strength is the excellent cooperation from the departments. We have an excellent faculty."

His job does have its problems. There has been a shift in student population from freshman and sophomores to juniors and seniors. As a result, new 200-300 level courses had to be implemented.

Also, the college had monetary problems, including budget reductions which have hampered the College's course offerings in some areas. Higher student fees have decreased enrollment as well. "Higher student fees tend to reduce access to the University," he said.

However, despite these problems Dean Whitener is still optimistic about the school. He says the real

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**AFTER HOURS:** Whitener works to provide convenient quality education for evening college students.

## Audience Welcomes Poison's Debut

by Sue Fenster  
music reviewer

The overwhelming success of hard-rocking band Poison at Keil Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 13 was no surprise. They reached out to everyone in the audience and made them feel a welcome part of the concert.

Watching them move about—they're never in one place for more than a minute—and crash into each other, you can see and feel a special camaraderie that only best friends could have.

Each member of the four-man band is an individual and has his own identity. Yet they are all a single entity—Poison.

Rikki Rockett drums out a rocking, driving beat; C.C. DeVille complements it with his lead guitar; and Bobby Dall's bass playing speaks for itself. All three fit perfectly with Bret Michaels' energy-filled singing voice.

Poison appears to be a band destined to make it big.

I spoke with lead singer Bret Michaels, who told me about the band's beginnings, who they are and what they hope to achieve.

"We were determined—Poison always has been—and when we went to California, we pooled all our money to get ourselves noticed. We



**POISON:** Members of the hard-rockin' group Poison are, from left Rikki Rockett, C.C. DeVille, Bret Michaels and Bobby Dall. The group was recently in St. Louis as the opening act for the band Ratt.

hyped. Everything you could think of, we did."

He pushed back his black suede cowboy hat and continued. "We had posters, flyers, girls roller skating down the boulevard with 'POISON' written on them. We even went so far as to paint bridges with 'Poison Rocks.' At first people didn't know what it was all about, but after a while, it just started sticking like

glue."

Flipping his long blond hair out of his face, Michaels said: "What makes us different from other bands is a lot of things. Like some bands, as soon as they start playing it's like they set up a goal, and they say 'Okay, listen, if by this time I'm not making this amount of money and we don't have this many people (fans), I'm going to give up.'"

He paused to take a breath, then continued.

"Poison never set that. We just said that by this time we're gonna have this many people and this amount of money. Instead of saying if we don't have this, we're gonna quit, we said we're gonna have this and then keep going."

He slapped his palm on his leg each time he said "gonna" to emphasize the point.

"We're also different because we oversee everything" (slap). "Poison always" (slap) "maintains control of what we do. That way we don't have any unexpected surprises."

Again he flipped his hair out of his eyes and continued. "As for the make-up, I'm glad that we wore it for the album cover. All of us are secure enough in our masculinity that we don't think too much of it. The thing is, the make-up makes people take a second look at the album cover and whether they love us or hate us, they're not gonna forget us."

"You know," he said in a California drawl, "I think that if you stick your head above the crowd, everyone's gonna throw a rock at it, whether they love you or hate you. But if you don't stick your head up, no one's ever gonna see ya and decide. If you want to make it big in music, you have to make a reaction."

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## For The Love Of Aggravation



by Chris Johnson  
columnist

Here's the scenario: you wake up, get out of bed and do the morning routine. Go to school, forget your homework and try to keep your composure as the prof gives you a dumb stare. Get through your classes and go to work to find that either there's a guy in, with his eye on your cushy job, or that you screwed up yesterday and a new guy is imminent. Drive home from work tired, claw your way through traffic and return to the comfort of your bed after a good meal.

Question: Why in tarnation did you get out of bed to begin with?

Every Friday night and occasionally on Thursdays, I practice studying for "Couch Potato 395." It's an upper-level course, not because it requires on to be an upperclassperson, but because it takes time to sprout roots as a "potati."

The prerequisites are watching every episode of Star Trek 101, The Cosby Show 210, and owning a Cap-

tain Midnight Decoder Ring (can be substituted for by the Dick Tracy, TV watch).

### GOT A MINUTE?

So here I sit in one of two dozen positions (manual included with course), soda and chips within reach, and I veg-out on MTV.

I ask myself sometimes: "Self, if you're feeling so good right now, why leave this private comfort to be punished by the evils of society? Why go to school, or work, or why buy a car just to have it stall in traffic?"

Right about then, I slap myself before the hypothetical questions start making sense. Time to regroup and ask the Big Question, "Why do I do what I do?" "42!" No, that doesn't work.

Why do we do things that perpetually aggravate ourselves? Circling like a wagon train through a crowded parking lot, stoving through droves of people like amateur wrestlers at a discount store, arguing with a drive-thru intercom instead of choking the jerk behind the pick-up window, or braving snow and going to school for a class that's been cancelled.

I'll tell you why: if we don't, we'll die. "Hold on," you say. "That's too deep to put any thought into after a rough day of Statistics."

But it's true. Let me explain. A long time ago, in a town too far away

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and we're going for a great reaction. "You see, Poison's always been determined to be successful, so nothing's gotten in our way. Well, actually it has, but every time a barrier came up, we went around it, over it or straight through it," he said. "That's the way Poison's always been since we formed two years ago. We've cut through the shit and gotten to the point."

I asked him what the point of Poison was, and what did they want to achieve.

"We've beat a lot of bands to the punch. And Poison's starting to set a big wave in the music industry by opening a lot of doors. Like, we're a hard-rock band that's being played on Top 40 stations. Our video, 'Talk Dirty To Me' has been on the Dial MTV top ten since December, and we're a debut band."

"Most of all," he said, "we're trying to make music fun again."

When I asked him what the biggest barrier was, he bit his index finger, thought it over for a moment and said, "some of the radio stations. The music business is hurt because the people who are supposed to be open-minded, some of them are prejudiced. If they're given a song—and this is how a radio station should operate—they put the song on the air, and if the people listening don't like it, don't play it. Some DJs take one look at us and decide they don't have the balls to play us. If they let the people decide, I know that they would really like our music."

Does Michaels mean that music isn't fun?

"Well, there for a while, music was getting to a very serious technical point, where if you didn't play a million notes, forget it. Or it had to have a political message—you know, something about Ireland."

"We sing about things that you can relate to that hit home. And sometimes those little things are more important than a big issue like Ireland," he says.

Some of the songs on Poison's debut album are titled "Cry Tough," "No. 1 Bad Boy," "Look What The Cat Dragged In," "Want Some, Need Some," and "Play Dirty."

"You know, people say that rock and roll music is meaningless, and for people to say that it is bullshit. The reason to me is that rock and roll music is written around things that happen every day—with girlfriends, love affairs, feelings and it's all about things you can relate to."

"Another thing about our music: if I'm going to go see a concert, I want to go see a band like Aerosmith or Van Halen or Kiss."

"Yeah, Kiss," he said, wandering off the subject. "They have got to be my biggest influence. I was in about ninth grade when I saw their concert and I thought I was gonna go out of my mind. It felt like I left my body and got reflective. They left me leaving that concert from that moment on saying, 'I am going to be a rock and roll star, and I don't give a shit what it takes.'"

Michaels, who resembles Van Halen's David Lee Roth, continued. "I would want to go see a band like Van Halen or Aerosmith or Kiss, where I can go and have a great time and pay a lot of money. You know you're gonna pay a lot of money for any band, so I would want to go to a concert and leave with a bigger smile than what I came in with."

"Our biggest message that we're trying to get across is that you don't have to look like Poison to enjoy Poison. I mean we're the clowns in the circus, and we're on stage to entertain you, keep your attention and just give you a good time. When you come to a Poison concert, you're gonna leave feeling like you're related to the concert, and with a smile on your face."

You will. Honest.

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to catch the City Limits Express to, there were these folks. Very nice, religious folks called Shakers. Back when a Puritan was the "in" thing to be, Shakers formed their own community, practiced celibacy, had their own lil' dance (the Shake) and awaited the Second Coming.

As history would have it, Puritan is an oil, the Shake Dance was replaced by Break Dancing, we still await the Second Coming, and the Shakers are practically extinct—only eight left.

Reasons: celibacy, cloisterism,

and lack of interested converts. They obviously couldn't pass it down from generation to generation.

Get my point? In order to survive one needs interaction—be it entertaining or aggravating. So the next time you feel like hiding under the

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asset of the Evening College is not money, but the students it attracts. "They are serious, dedicated, highly motivated people who are intent on

covers alone, or packing up the family and heading in an uncharted direction, give yourself a little shake (all puns intended) and just stick it out. As David Lee Roth says, "That's life...many times I thought 'bout giving up, but my heart wouldn't buy it."

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obtaining an education." He calls it "entertaining" working with the students. "That's my reward," he said.

**Quartet To Perform On February 25**

The University's concert series "Premiere Performances" will present one of Europe's leading chamber music groups, the Fresk Quartet, in recital at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Ave., on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.

minor, opus 10; and the Serenade in C Major by the late Swedish composer Wilhelm Stenhammer.

Members of the Fresk — Lars Fresk, violin; Hans-Erik Westber, violin; Lars-Gunnar bodin, viola; Per-Goran Skytt, cello—first began to play together at the College of Music in Stockholm in the early 1960s.

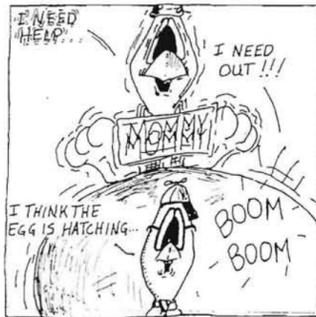
In 1965, they formed the Fresk and, since then, the group has toured Europe, the Soviet Union, the United States, Canada and Australia to increasing acclaim.

A recording of Stenhammer's six String Quartets, in which the Fresk Quartet participated, won the 1984 International Record Critic's Award, the "Nobel Prize" for recorded music.

Tickets for the performance are \$15 for the general public; \$7 for senior citizens and UMSL faculty, staff, students and alumni with valid ID. They may be purchased at any TicketMaster location. Call 421-1701 for more information.

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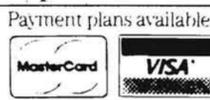
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## Rivermen Scale The Heights Against Southeast

by Dave Brown  
sports editor

The spell has been broken. After nine consecutive regular season losses to Southeast Missouri, the Rivermen finally put one in the win column against the Indians Saturday night 82-81 in overtime.

The two teams came into the game tied for second place in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association with 6-4 records. The Indians handed the Rivermen a lopsided 83-64 loss in Cape Girardeau earlier this season.

The Indians brought a boisterous throng of supporters to the contest, but the Rivermen were not fazed by the crowd.

The Rivermen controlled the tip and grabbed the lead, but quickly got into foul trouble. Junior forward Derek Thomas earned a quick trip to the bench as he picked up three fouls in the first minute and 6 seconds of the game.

Kevin Morganfield, who has been brilliant off the bench, came in for Thomas and threw in a three-pointer.

The Rivermen went into the locker room with a 31-30 halftime lead despite shooting only 34 percent from the field and hitting on only 3 of 12 from three-point range. The Indians shot only 33 percent from the field for the half.

The Rivermen silenced the chants of the SEMO crowd as they put in six consecutive points to open up their biggest lead of the game.

"It was a great win. We didn't play great, but we played hard. The fact that we hadn't beaten them was not a big deal."

-- Rich Meckfessel

The Indians battled back to grab the lead at 54-53 with 9:36 left as Cleo Conley grabbed an offensive rebound on a missed free throw by Malcolm Henry.

The Rivermen led 72-70 with 1:14 on the clock and missed a chance to go up by four with 50 seconds left as Eric Love missed a jumper.

Derick Turner, SEMO's leading scorer with a 17.5 points per game average, knotted the score at 72-72 with 25 seconds to play. Neither team could score in the final seconds as regulation time expired.

The odds favored SEMO as the overtime began. Thomas and Kevin Brooks were both sidelined with five fouls. Jim Gregory, who had not played in the game, came into the game at center.

Freshman Von Scales put the Rivermen on top with a shot off the glass, but Dwayne Rutherford hit two free throws to even the score.

The teams then exchanged buckets, but the Rivermen went up by three as Love hit a three-pointer. Michael Morris answered with a

three-pointer of his own to tie the score at 79-79. Conley then hit a 15-footer to give SEMO the lead.

Morganfield had a chance to tie the game with 1:11 left, but missed the back end of a one and one.

Following a SEMO timeout with 25 seconds left, the Rivermen worked the ball into Scales on the baseline. With one second left and in traffic, he put up a five-footer that dropped through to give the Rivermen an 82-81 victory.

As the crowd exploded, the team mobbed Scales at midcourt and lifted the freshman up on their shoulders.

"I didn't expect to get the shot," Scales said. "I was going to toss it back out to Mike Strater, but they closed the passing lane."

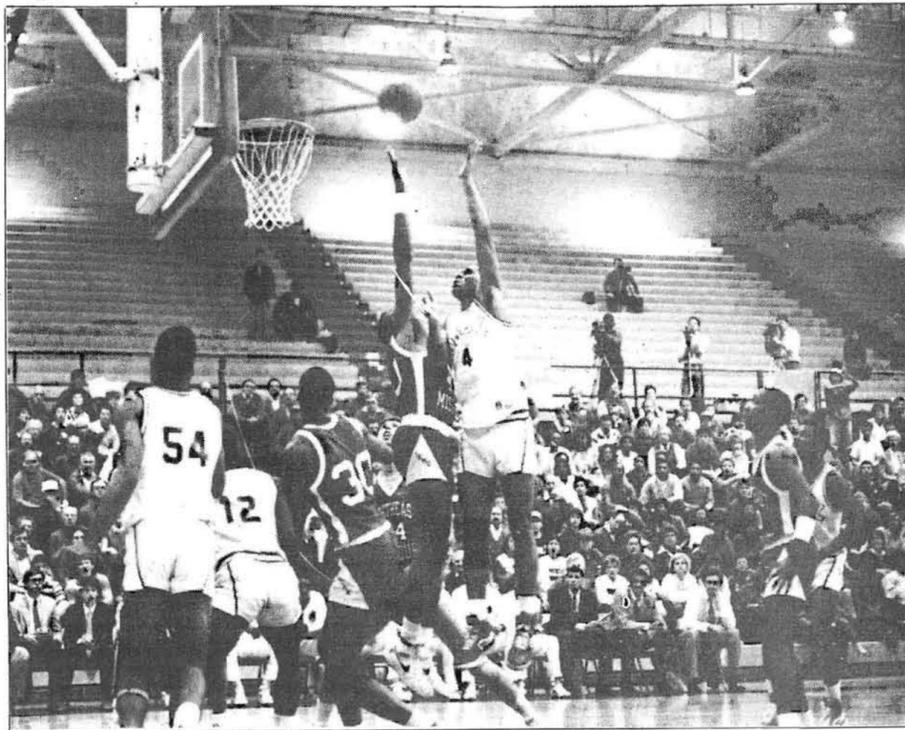
Senior guard Duane Young was pleased to see Scales get the winning basket.

"I like to see it," Young said. "I think Von's got a lot of potential. Anything that can help his confidence is great."

Scales, who had only three points in the first half, finished the contest with a team high 19 points, 7 rebounds and was 5 of 6 from the free throw line.

Scales never felt the pressure at the free throw line he said, despite the significance of the game.

"I try to tell myself that I've been shooting free throws since I was 12," he said, "and this isn't any different."



Cedric R. Anderson

**HOOKIN':** Kevin Morganfield (4) goes up over a Southeast Missouri player in the Rivermen's 82-81 overtime victory. Morganfield had 10 points and 9 rebounds in the game. The victory against Southeast Missouri State was the first for coach Rich Meckfessel since coming to UMSL. The Rivermen are now 7-5 in the conference and can clinch a playoff berth in this season's home finale Saturday night against Central Missouri State in the Mark Twain Gym. Tip-off time is set for 7:45 p.m.

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### Rivermen Could Clinch Playoff Spot Saturday

The Rivermen will face Central Missouri State University at 7:45 in the Mark Twain Building Saturday night in a game that will have an important effect on the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association playoff race.

The game is crucial, according to UMSL coach Rich Meckfessel. "It's critical," he said. "If we win, we're in (the playoffs)."

The Mules handed the Rivermen a tough 72-60 loss in Warrensburg earlier in the year. Meckfessel expects this game to be different from the first contest.

"We're better than we were," he said. "Even though we lost the game, we led with six minutes left. We let it slip away. We've gotten over that tendency. However, Central has been a good road team."

The four available playoff spots are still up in the air as five of the eight conference teams are still in contention.

Northwest Missouri, who have beaten UMSL twice by one point, lead the conference with a 9-3 record and can clinch first place by beating either Missouri-Rolla (played last night) or by defeating Lincoln at home Saturday night.

Lincoln University has a hold on second place at 8-4, but still has to face Northwest Missouri and Central Missouri.

The Rivermen are tied for third with a 7-5 record with Southwest Baptist. Southwest Baptist, however, is not eligible for the MIAA playoffs because it is their first year in the conference. The Rivermen face Southwest Baptist and Central Missouri in their final

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### Klotzer Shines Despite UMSL Losses

by Diane Schlueter  
associate sports editor

Southeast Missouri State brought a No. 3 ranking among Division II schools and a 12-game winning streak into the Mark Twain Gym last Wednesday when the Otahkians faced the UMSL Riverwomen.

After losing earlier this season to Southeast 75-50, the Riverwomen again had troubles with their tough Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association competitor, falling 72-55.

"They walk into our gym, and it's like they already have a lead," UMSL assistant coach Ed Harris said. "They win the game not because of something that they do, but because we give them the game. We just have a mental block when it comes to playing them."

SEMO jumped out to an early 17-4 lead with 14:27 left in the first half. Otahkian forward Vicki Lohman scored eight of her game high 19 points during the first minutes of the game.

UMSL head coach Mike Larson thought that the Riverwomen's play was more consistent in the second half.

"In the second half, we played them pretty evenly," he said. "We just got down early and couldn't come back."

"There were two things going against us and that was their height and a team coming in here ranked third in the nation," he said.

Senior Kaye Klotzer led UMSL with 16 points and nine rebounds.

The Riverwomen traveled to Maryville, Mo., to play the Northwest Missouri State Bearkittens Saturday.

With 5:28 remaining in the first half, UMSL trailed Northwest by 19



Kaye Klotzer

"I decided that before this season started ... I was going to give it my best and play my hardest."

-- Kaye Klotzer

points as the Riverwomen defense got off to a slow start. UMSL then turned their play around, scoring 15 of the last 17 points of the half.

"During the first 10 minutes, we played defense poorly," Harris said. "But the second 10 minutes and the middle of the game, we played tremendous defensively. We were all over them."

"We were doing the fundamental things right and we were tough, but then we got a little tired."

The Riverwomen played Northwest evenly in rebounding

with both teams pulling down 42. The difference in the game was the shooting as UMSL's offense hit only 39 percent from the field while the Bearkittens shot 50 percent.

"It didn't seem like we got a lot of shots off," Klotzer said. "They're a good shooting team, and our offense wasn't running very smoothly."

"Everything was pretty even—the rebounding was the same, the turnovers were about the same," Larson said. "The shooting was the difference. We just started out cold."

Behind 18 points with 3:27 left to play, the Riverwomen again put it in high gear, scoring 12 of the games last 14 points. UMSL could not take the lead though with Northwest defeating the Riverwomen 74-66.

Senior forward Gina Gregory led UMSL with 21 points while sophomore Claudine Mitchell pulled down a team high eight rebounds.

Kaye Klotzer again displayed the consistent play that she has shown all season as she added 17 points and six rebounds.

When the 1986-87 season began, sophomore Kathy Rubach was penciled in as the Riverwomen's starting center. But when Rubach went down in the first game of the season with a knee injury, Klotzer found herself with the starting role.

"I decided that before this season began," Klotzer said, "whether I got a lot of playing time or a little, I was going to give it my best and play my hardest."

Klotzer has done exactly that as she is leading the nation for Division II schools in free-throw percentage with an .885 mark. She is also

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### Bearcats Slip Past Rivermen

by Dave Brown  
sports editor

With first place on the line Saturday night the Rivermen went confidently into Lamkin Arena to face the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats, but were dealt a crushing loss 80-77.

It was the second time this season that the Rivermen fell to the Bearcats. The Bearcats beat the Rivermen 78-76 at UMSL earlier this season on a last second shot after the Rivermen had built a 21-point second-half lead.

The Rivermen had a chance to win the game in regulation time, but they allowed reserve Jon Clark to get a three-pointer off an offensive rebound with one second left to tie the score at 69-69.

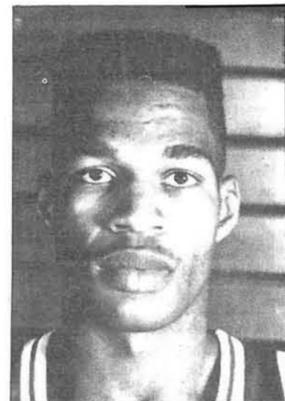
The Rivermen could not contain high-scoring All-MIAA forward Glenn Phillips who scored seven points in the overtime to lead the Bearcats to the 80-77 victory. Phillips led all scorers with 27 points for the game.

The Rivermen are now 12-12 overall and 7-5 in the MIAA.

A bright spot for the UMSL squad was the play of junior center Kevin Brooks. The 6-foot-5 junior college transfer scored 26 points and ripped down 12 rebounds.

"He played a great game," UMSL coach Rich Meckfessel said. "They couldn't stop him. He gets his points and he gets his rebounds. He's been consistent."

Meckfessel said that the rest of the team needs to carry some of the rebounding load.



Kevin Brooks

"One of the problems all year is that we haven't gotten him any help on the boards," Meckfessel said. "We defended well, but they got 14 offensive rebounds."

Jeff Wilson chipped in 15 points and 7 rebounds to the Rivermen attack.

The loss was hard to swallow for Meckfessel.

"It's probably the toughest loss I've ever had," he said. "If we'd have won that game I think we would've won the conference."

The Rivermen are the best team in the conference right now, Meckfessel said.

"We have played and should have beaten the No. 1 team twice. We didn't take advantage of the situation," he said. "We can go out and play with anybody."

### Scales Learning The Ropes For UMSL

by Steve Cassell  
reporter

Who is Von Scales? He has not become a household name yet, but the 6-foot-5 freshman from DeSmet Jesuit High School is working on it.

As a high school senior he shot 68 percent from the field as he averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game. His impressive play earned him a spot on the All-Metro squad at the end of the season.

Scales received all of the attention that All-Metro picks get.

"From Division I, the University of Miami, Florida, offered me a walk-on tryout and so did the University of Dayton and Central Florida," Scales said. "There were also quite a few Division II schools including Central Missouri."

However, Scales chose to stay at home and become a Riverman.

"Before my senior season, Coach Meckfessel contacted me and began talking to me," he said. "He was very honest. I found that out after talking to him and then talking to his players."

Scales found out how important honesty could be after talking to other coaches.

"I talked to a coach from Central Missouri and then to one of his players," Scales said. "I found out the coach was feeding me a bunch



Cedric R. Anderson

**OVER HERE:** Forward Von Scales waits for the pass.

of lies."

After choosing UMSL, Scales had to face one of the drawbacks, an early season seat on the bench.

"I had to learn the ropes," he said. "At the beginning of the season

Coach Meckfessel told me that he didn't expect much from me. That kind of shocked me."

The adjustment to coming off the bench has not been an entirely easy one.

"I have had to adjust to college style," Scales said, "and to playing only two or three minutes per game. I have raised my work level and I plan to do whatever it takes to get better."

Meckfessel sees Scales' recruitment as an important step in the UMSL basketball program.

"It was a big breakthrough for us to get an All-Metro player," he said. "He came from one of the best high school basketball programs in the state."

Scales has had his ups and downs this season.

"Von is having a typical freshman season," Meckfessel said. "He's had some quiet games and he's had some big games."

His biggest game without a doubt came against MIAA rival Southeast Missouri. Scales had 19 points, including 16 in the second half, and hit the winning shot with one second left to give the Rivermen an 82-81 overtime victory.

"It's another step in my progress as well as for the team," Scales said of his performance. "I feel more comfortable now. I'm not as tentative as I was."

"He has great potential," Meckfessel said. Little by little he will develop the consistency."

When that consistency does develop, Von Scales will be a household word, at least for opposing coaches.

#### Intramural Basketball League Standings

| Night League   |     |      |                |     |      |
|----------------|-----|------|----------------|-----|------|
| North Division | Won | Lost | South Division | Won | Lost |
| Run-N-Gun      | 1   | 0    | Spurs          | 1   | 0    |
| Sig Tau        | 1   | 0    | Run Gun Cust   | 1   | 0    |
| TKE            | 0   | 1    | Projectives    | 0   | 1    |
| Leftovers      | 0   | 1    | The Gunners    | 0   | 1    |
| Indy's         | 0   | 1    | Hoyas          | 0   | 0    |

#### AT A GLANCE

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| <b>Last Week's Results</b>        | Kiel Auditorium, 2/19, 7:30                                |
| <b>Men's Basketball</b>           | Central Missouri at UMSL; 2/21, 7:45                       |
| UMSL 82, SEMO 81 (OT)             |  |
| UMSL high scorer - Scales, 19     |  |
| UMSL high rebounder - Brooks, 11  | UMSL at Southwest Baptist; 2/23, 7:45                      |
| <b>Northwest Mo. 80, UMSL 77</b>  |  |
| UMSL high scorer - Brooks, 26     |  |
| UMSL high rebounder - Brooks, 12  | <b>Women's Basketball</b>                                  |
|                                   | Central Missouri at UMSL; 2/21, 5:30                       |
| <b>Women's Basketball</b>         |  |
| SEMO 72, UMSL 55                  |  |
| UMSL high scorer - Klotzer, 16    | <b>Swimming</b>  |
| UMSL high rebounder - Klotzer, 9  | Midwest Invitational at Kirksville, Mo.; 2/18-21, 1 p.m.   |
| <b>Northwest Mo. 74, UMSL 66</b>  |  |
| UMSL high scorer - Gregory, 21    | <b>Intramurals</b>   |
| UMSL high rebounder - Mitchell, 8 | Horse Basketball Tournaments; no deadline, begins 3/2      |
| <b>Next Week's Schedule</b>       |  |
| <b>Men's Basketball</b>           | One-Night Volleyball Tournament; deadline 3/5, begins 3/11 |
| UMSL at St. Louis University; at  |  |

