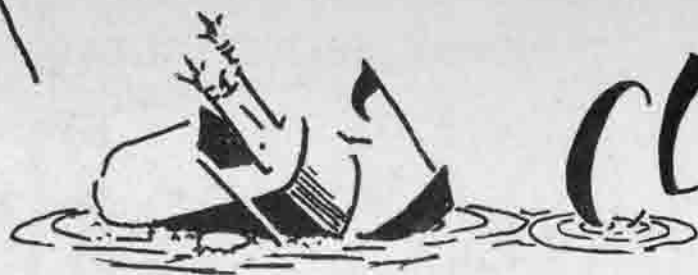


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Board Abolishes Entire Student Body at SLUM

by Ken Knarr

The Chancellor's Advisory Board, following its latest meeting, has announced the abolishment of the students. Acting under the advisement of the Chancellor that they would lose their jobs if the bill were not approved, the faculty members widely supported the proposal.

The student members of the board, although they have no vote or voice in student government on campus attempted to walk out of the meeting. However, they were blocked at the doors by the barricades hastily erected by strange little men who seemed to obey an equally strange big man called the Chief. Word came from a student-instructor that the Chief was also advised by the Chancellor.

The Dean of Students found himself at an advised loss of words when interviewed by a Current reporter. His assistant, however, ably stepped in with prepared statements stamped with the Chancellor's signature.

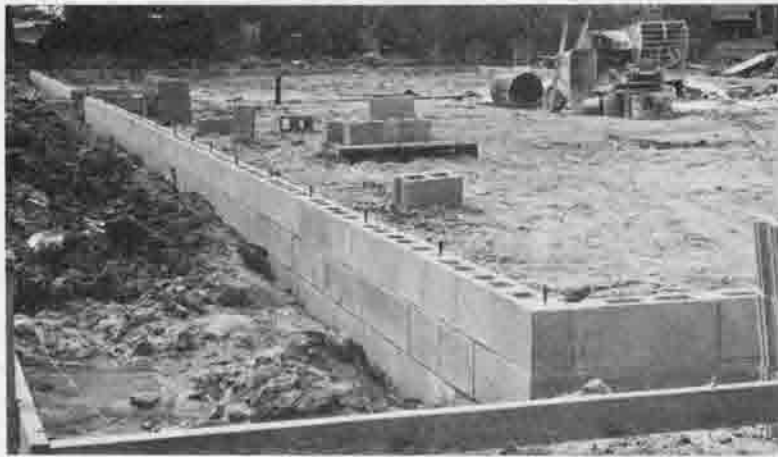
Shortly afterwards, a press release from the Office of Student Affairs declared that contrary to popular belief the office was not going to discontinue its work. Instead, it was just going to change its title to the Office of Virginia Cotton Research and concentrate on improving a high-yielding cotton plant, instead of concerning itself with the now extinct species of student.

The Chancellor, as usual, was not on campus and could not be reached for an interview by the Current. Dr. Mueller's secretary is also absent from work, as was everyone else contacted by the Current.

Burglars Steal Benton Hall

Chancellor Worried; Bel-Nor Calls It Day of Deliverance, Declares Holiday

by Chris Winter



This is all that remains of Benton Hall after cat burglars dismantled it. Image by Billy Joe Heineymann

Was Chancellor Bugg Seen on Campus?

by Rich Dagger

Rumors that Chancellor Bugg had actually been seen on campus spread through SLUM last week.

The rumors began when a sophomore named Andrew Jackson reported that a pipe-smoking man with a Southern accent stopped him on Benton Hall's second floor last Wednesday, asking for directions to the men's room.

This report rapidly circulated across the campus, and renewed the speculation that Chancellor Bugg is still at SLUM, a hope which had died out in recent months. If confirmed, this sighting of the Chancellor should end the rumors that he had resigned because

he had not been popularly elected.

The Current instantly dispatched an investigating team to the Chancellor's office two days later in an attempt to verify Jackson's claim. However, the reporters were told that the Chancellor was in an important meeting and would not be available until May.

The Current was also unable to contact Jackson, causing some campus cynics to claim the whole affair was a fraternity hoax. "Who is this Andrew Jackson anyway?" said one. "We don't know whether he's a myth or a reality."

Others said the same thing about Chancellor Bugg.

Spurred on by the possibility of the Chancellor's presence, however remote, an intensive search is now underway. Chief Nelson of the campus security force announced the formation of a special Door-to-Door Trackers team to lead the search for the Chancellor. "The D-D-T team always gets its Bugg--er--man," said the Chief.

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What is perhaps the crime of the century occurred late last night in the sleepy little hamlet of Bel-Nor, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. Some time between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., cat burglars completely dismantled and confiscated Benton Hall, a five story classroom building, the only one of its kind, or any other kind, on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus.

Bel-Nor police, working in conjunction with campus security officers, said, "This may be a student prank, but we doubt it. Whatever's behind the theft, this will cause the City of Bel-Nor's crime rate to soar way out of proportion for the month of April. We never wanted this University here -- its existence has caused nothing but grief for the residents and work for us. In this light, due to the disappearance of Benton Hall, and hopefully the discontinuance of the University, we are declaring a general day of revelry, during which time all street signs will be reversed in Bel-Nor, along with other wild acts of merriment, such as legal parking on the streets for limited periods of time."

In addition, a campus officer reports giving a ticket at 3:15 a.m. to a lone abandoned car which was parked on the faculty lot in front of Benton Hall without displaying the proper sticker; however, he did not notice whether Benton Hall was missing or not at this time.

The Dean reported that students began arriving on campus about 7:00 a.m. However, the loss was not reported until 10:15 a.m. Explained the Dean: "We've had a little difficulty with student involvement on this campus." When the discovery was made, the majority of the students merely shrugged their shoulders and began to return to their cars.

However, the student govern-

ment flew into action immediately and resigned en masse, because they claimed the theft had not been approved by a popular student vote. The former SA president has personally sworn vengeance against the thieves in a terse 3,000 word statement in which he called the act a "crime against humanity," and in which he and his supporters intimated that the theft may have been an attempt on the part of the administration to thwart student power movements by removing the building and thus their status as students.

Students Interviewed

Several students and faculty members were interviewed to find out their reactions to the tragedy. A reporter for the campus newspaper, the Current, which did not break the story, said bitterly, "nobody ever tells us anything!"

The most frequently heard comment among the students was: "I suppose this means they are going to try to stick us with more Lutheran Church classes."

A Missouri legislator reports: "I don't know how they expect us to allocate them funds for new buildings when they don't take care of the ones they've got." In a special message, the Governor warned that if this action were in any way connected with a protest about recent budget cuts, the offenders would be expelled immediately, providing they were students. He reiterated his refusal to tolerate acts of student protest on Missouri University campuses.

Legislative Doubts

Another legislator said, "I doubt seriously if funds will be granted to replace Benton Hall, and I don't think this incident will help the University get its other requests put through either. With the space vacated by Benton Hall now available, there is no need for additional parking structures."

Faculty members seemed somewhat dismayed at first at the loss of office space; however, their spirits soon rallied when they realized this action freed them from the burden of posting grades at semester breaks.

The Chancellor, who was in Columbia at the time of the theft, wired simply, "This is a serious setback for the SLUM campus."

However, the Board of Curators of the Missouri University system took definite action. Acting in the interests of equality for all campuses, they have ordered classroom buildings on all other

Irish Power Plot Revealed

by Anne Pautler

A shocked nation learned today that the US has only narrowly escaped engulfment by the rising tide of "Irish Power" subversives.

J. Edgar Hoover disclosed the failure of a fantastic Irish plot at an early morning press conference. Only Fate and the FBI, he stated -- and not necessarily in that order of importance -- saved the nation from a St. Patrick's Day coup.

Fate played its part by causing a rift between the two leaders of the conspiracy, Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy.

McCarthy originally entered the presidential primaries in order to provide a smokescreen for the un-American activities of Senator Kennedy, said Hoover. Kennedy planned to unleash Irish Power with a sudden conquest of New York City on March 17.

A Kennedy army, disguised as a St. Patrick's Day parade, was to lead the assault. Simultaneous

take-overs in Massachusetts and Minnesota would have assured Kennedy of Irish strongholds to serve as military bases in subduing the entire nation.

Unfortunately for the rebels, McCarthy's surprising showing in the New Hampshire primaries went to his head. Drunk with power and Irish whiskey, McCarthy refused to back Kennedy any longer. The New York Senator had no choice but to abandon the scheme and try to break McCarthy's power in the primaries. He announced his candidacy on March 16.

Hoover emphasized, however, that the FBI was aware of the plot and in control of the situation at all times.

The FBI chief first became suspicious of Kennedy when the latter was Attorney General. The office made Kennedy titular head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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The Board of Curators immediately sprang into action when Benton Hall was stolen and erected this new ultra-modern classroom building. Photo by Kurt R. Stevens

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Paradise Ignored

BOOK I

THE VERSE: highly irregular, after the style of most minor poets.
 THE ARGUMENT: Book one proposes how one group of men, many blinded by the prejudices of rural upbringing, and the vainglorious desire not to spend the money entrusted to them by the lesser people of their districts, and the prideful and ambitious design of staying in office, refused to pass a much needed bill; offensive that this was to their almighty constituency; the council wherein it was defeated; how this refusal endangered the educational system, and engendered thereupon the bitterness of the populace; then touches on the violent flinging of these fiends from their heavenly domain.

Sing, O Jeffersonian Muse, who didst sit high and proud
 Upon the whitewashed splendor of the Missouri capitol building,
 Who alone can reveal to me all the intricacies of state politics,
 I invoke they aid in supporting my feeble attempts to show
 The deliberate failure of the capital budget bill to pass,
 A truly perverse action, deserving forever jeers and damnation
 From the all good and all wise voters of this unfortunate state.
 Say first, O enlightened guide, tell first my ageless audience
 The reason, the justifiable excuse given by those who give excuses
 That so much has been denied so many by so few. Make clear to us
 Why these men, accomplished in the noble deeds of the rugged land,
 The pushing of the plow, the presentation of misdemeanors before
 Circuit courts, St. Louis Countians many - why they were led, down
 the devious paths

Of greed and false economy and anti-intellectualism. Why they,
 Having taken on fiendish qualities from the first unnatural
 Conception of a coalition to defeat this most shining bill,
 Have waged strong battle, in their heartless cruelty, to deny
 Parking garages to those overwrought and overcharged students,
 Inhabitants of the land of UMSL, a newly created universe,
 Which by a golden chain does dangle from the great Columbian mount.
 Illogical politics, that it was, which caused their actions
 Leading thus, to their surprise and horror, to their inglorious fall
 from glory.

Herein it happened that they assembled, some weary, some bored,
 Many unaware, under the great dome and around separate desks,
 Arranged, as is the custom, so to face a noble leading speaker.
 But--no leading spirit led them on--no voice, clear and pure,
 Called men to action. They watched instead the wicked hands
 Of heedless time race to cover its own cruel face and thus end,
 Forever, so was fervently wished by all present, this session.
 But alas! What results must need have this wicked twist of fate?
 For now students, good and pure, if somewhat ignorant of the
 Dealings of their own state government, must find a way
 To commute thousands of miles of rough terrain without the aid of cars.
 They must cross the bitter raging elements of Chaos which extend
 Almost neverending, from the back lot, to the light airy climes
 Of Benton Hall, because no closer structures wouldst soon be financed.
 From need they must create crowded car pools, since the start of time,
 Known to be the greatest breeder of enmity and discontent and tardiness,
 Else admission will altogether be denied them, from necessity,
 Instead of fighting, as students, the raging elements of Chaos,
 Forced they wouldst be to fight, because of denied admission,
 The cold, cold drafts of Asian Winds.

Distraught they were! Angry and bewildered they were!
 Like those who have placed their trust in the hands of dear
 Dear friends, and by them been sorely and cruelly deceived,
 Misery and a view of future ruin urged them to respond with letters,
 Hard and threatening, and petitions, long and carefully devised.
 But all to no avail this action wast. All for naught.
 United wast their only revenge--Together at once strong at the polls.
 And thus it happened. The almighty constituency, long outraged and
 Wrathful at so brash and such shortsighted measures by their represent-
 atives--

Happy now, flung their hapless senators down, hurling, falling, grasping,
 From the gleaming realm of Jeff City to ignominy and political limbo,
 Never to be seen or heard from again in Missouri politics. A tragic
 fate!

And so was Paradise, so easily attained, ignored by those
 Who should have had by rights the wisdom to see and the power to act.
 by Chris Winter

Chancellor Bugg Seen?

The Bel-Nor police department also joined in by offering a reward of \$10,000 (or 5% of the profit from a week's traffic fines, whichever is higher) for information leading to the discovery of Chancellor Bugg.

A Current survey of students and faculty revealed a division of opinion concerning the Chancellor's presence. Here is a percentage breakdown of replies to the question, "Is Chancellor Bugg still at SLUM?"

- Yes . . . 2%
- No . . . 23%
- There is no Chancellor Bugg . . . 6%
- Chancellor Bugg is dead . . . 3%

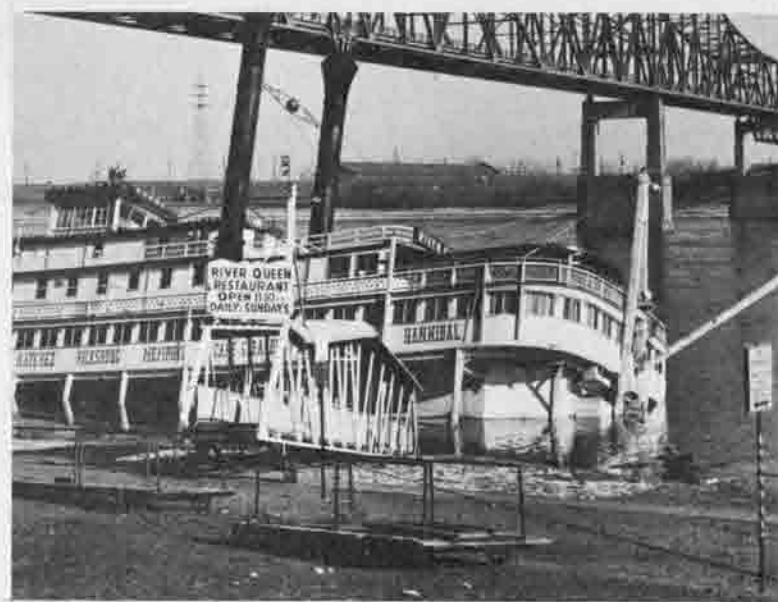
Chancellor Bugg isn't dead - he just doesn't want to get involved . . . 4%.

Chancellor Bugg is alive and well in Argentina . . . 5%
 Who's Chancellor Bugg? . . . 12%
 What's a Chancellor Bugg? . . . 18%

There's a lot of that going around lately . . . 16%
 Why don't we call in Inspector Getz? . . . 11%

One philosophy professor commented, "If we could prove the Chancellor thinks, then we could prove he exists. But we can't even test this assumption if we can't find him."

This is the first reported



The River Queen, symbol of Missouri's romantic past and SLUM's fantastic future, recently sank. Photo by "Rough" S. Little

Irish Power Plot (from page 1)

Naturally, Hoover said, he cooperated fully with his superior and showed him the respect due a man of his position.

Asked whether Kennedy's age and inexperience had bothered him, the FBI chief replied "Not at all. I believe in new blood." Hoover has headed the FBI since 1924.

Alerted by Kennedy's chance remark that the US was "Better Green than Red," Hoover kept a sharp look-out on the then-Attorney General's doings.

As further proof of the subversive character of the Irish Power clique, Hoover disclosed that the FBI had also foiled an attempt to assassinate the First Lady.

Mrs. Johnson's beautification program had long provided a blind for the activities of a group of "green thumb" Congressmen. Lady Bird, advised that her organization was being used as a cover for the traitors, decided to halt her drive to plant a tree a bush or a shrub on every US lawn.

The conspirators planned to revenge themselves by poisoning the First Lady with bug spray. A gardener named O'Brien was apprehended with the bug spray in his possession when a alert Secret Service agent overheard him muttering "It's about time we clean out this lousy WASP's next."

More of the bug spray was discovered in a greenhouse believed to be the group's meeting place.

Strong anti-Irish reaction is in evidence today throughout the nation.

The "Green Peril" can no longer be ignored, a national spokesman for the John Birch Society de-

clared.

In Washington, LBJ announced that he would explore the feasibility of a return to the gold standard. "It is painfully obvious," he told reporters, "that the move to greenbacks was the result of an Irish plot to undermine the economy."

Several members of the House of Representatives have asked for a full investigation of the hippie movement centered in Greenwich Village. Police chiefs throughout the country have announced their decision to abandon the green light as a go signal and replace existing traffic standards with red, white and blue lights.

Classified

WANTED: Space to print trash, smut and pornography. Contact: Editors of Green Insert.

FOR SALE: One soapbox. Also one used copy of book entitled "The Prince" by Machiavelli. Contact Michael Hughes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: To Post Dispatch. Contact Mary Killenberg. SITUATIONS WANTED: Young Virginian aristocrat seeks work as small college president. Willing to do anything to get job. Contact Chancellor Bugg.

FOUND: One Angel Flight Uniform in vicinity of tree shaded area near Benton Harbor. Contact John Walls.

RESIGNATIONS AND CONSTITUTIONS written by professionals for professionals. Volume discount. Contact any SA member.

LOST: One silver bullet and black mask. Contact Campus Security Chief.

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The Benchsitter

by Marty Hendin

Hi there sports fans. It's time for our weekly quiz. This week we have a challenge to your knowledge of nicknames. Can you identify the following collegiate basketball stars by their nicknames? Chaos, Bruster, Wheels, Seed, Clarkbar, Stench, Rita, Pearl, Mouth, and Nasty-Pak. The answers will be printed at the end of the column.

League For SLUM

SLUM Athletic Director Chuck Jones recently announced the formation of SWEAT--the St. Louis Association of Weak Athletic Teams. Members of SWEAT, in addition to SLUM, are Concordia Seminary, Harris Teachers College, Parks College, Incarnate Word, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Sanford Brown, Normandy Junior High, and SIU-Edwardsville. The winner of the Conference will face UCLA in the NCAA Tournament.

Golf Practice

Starting next week, SLUM students will not be allowed to park on Lot Five due to golf practice. Commented Golf Coach Cherry Berries, "We thought the lot would be good for practice because of the many holes."

SLUM Receives Award

The Riverrats recently received an award from the NAIA (National Association of Intelligent Athletes). The award recognizes SLUM as the independent team with the highest grade point average within a one-mile radius of Bel-Nor. The Riverrats finished the first semester with a team grade point average of 0.05 barely edging out the SLUM ducks in scholastic excellence.

Seed Named SF

SLUM's Jim Seed was recently named "Sweatiest Fox of 1967-68" in a vote by his team-mates. Running a close second was Ron Milkyway. Among the gifts that Seed will receive are a year's supply of Angel Flight Donuts and an autographed picture of Jim Healey.

Answers to Quiz

Following are the names of the collegiate stars--Clarence Slaughter, Ron Armbruster, Denny Whelan, Jim Goff, Ron Clark, Jack Stenner, Terry Reiter, Verle Sutton, Loy Allen and John Pasternak.

NEEDED URGENTLY: Good, dependable and cheap libel lawyer. Contact Current office.

WANTED: Dissected fetal pigs, mold specimens and assorted other goodies. Contact CANTEEN Food Service.

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sighting of Chancellor Bugg since last November. However, the last confirmed sighting was at graduation last year.

Benton Stolen

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Missouri U. campuses demolished or removed.

Officials report that the loss was complete. The only trace of Benton Hall remaining are several small piles of trash, where the student lounge used to be.

APRIL FOOLS!

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