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Davenport, Hughes Urge Student Action

Tell Frosh Students Can Make “Real Contribution” - 100 Attend Meeting

by Sue Langford

Dean Robert Davenport and Student Association president Michael Hughes encouraged student participation in University affairs at the freshmen class meeting Wednesday, September 28.

Speaking to some 100 freshmen in Room 105 of Benton Hall, Dean Davenport, Hughes and Student Union Board president Sue Estes all emphasized the role of the student in building the university.

"Out of the gathering that faculty, students and administration here have a "unique opportunity" to build a university. Be credited with creating this "unique opportunity" by being a major factor in drawing many faculty members to UMSL."

In Davenport's view, the role of the student body in realizing this opportunity, Dean Davenport said, "will enjoy advantages no previous class has known in UMSL's new buildings and facilities."

Dean Davenport closed with the question, "What are you going to do for this institution?"

SA president Hughes echoed the Dean's call for student participation and student obligation. Hughes asked students to devote "energy, time and thought to the Student Association" in an effort to contribute to the development of UMSL.

SA Has Power

Unlike high school student councils, he argued, the SA has real power to bring about, for instance, to expand library hours.

Other examples of SA progress and effectiveness Hughes cited were work toward an Association of St. Louis College Students with all other area colleges and development of a President's Advisory Board, a community involvement program and a Committee on International Affairs.

He also informed the freshmen of the advantages of affiliation with the National Student Association; i.e., an Information Service on campus problems, regional and national conferences, travel benefits and a special insurance program.

Hughes went on to explain the structure of the Student Association and the Legislative Assembly.

Estes Seeks Involvement

The last speaker, Student Union Board president Sue Estes, outlined the activities and goals of the SUB. She too called for student involvement in SA activity, Dean Davenport said.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Dr. Pi Chi Lecture

"Who's Crazy?" If you don't know, Dr. Leonard Ullman of the University of Illinois is prepared to enlighten you.

Dr. Ullman, professor of psychology at Illinois, will deliver a public lecture, titled "Who's Crazy?" at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, Sponsored by Pi Chi, UMSL's Psychology honorary Society, the lecture will be in room 115 of Benton Hall.

Pi Kappa Alpha

Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity will pledge its fourth class in a ceremony at the fraternity house, 6014 Bermuda Drive, Wednesday, October 4. Pike expects to pledge 30 new members.

The fraternity is also looking to furniture for use in equipping its new residence. Anyone with furniture to sell is asked to call 322-9227.

Player's Cast Set

The cast set for the production for the University Players production of "Mille, The Beautiful Woman" was unveiled at a ceremony on campus Thursday night. The production will run from October 27-30.

The melodrama, which was originally scheduled for September 29, has been rescheduled for Friday, October 8, in the S.U.B. building at 1:15 A.M.

Int'l Relations

UMSL's International Relations Committee is beginning a program of interlanguage communication in sharing travel experiences. Anyone who has been abroad, or anyone who wishes to have someone who has been abroad is asked to contact Toni Ilagan, committee chairman, at either the Student Association office or the police and fire department.

The committee plans to initiate a program of informal meetings with campus speakers and travel slides to acquaint the school with different views gathered from abroad. The talks also hopes to become active in the Foreign Exchange Program.

Later in the year there will be a series of discussions focusing on international issues.

For more Chemistry professors receive $5000 Study Grants

Four members of UMSL's chemistry department received research grants early this month from the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society. The grants, awarded on a nationally competitive basis, will provide $5,000 dollars for a two year period of study.

The chemists and their selected research are: Dr. Lawrence Barton, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, for "Recycle of Methane with Saturated Hydrocarbons." The department was particularly successful this year, according to Dr. Barton, announced "as all four applications for this category of award were approved."

"Out of the 300 applications received by the American Chemical Society, approximately 100 were approved, the University of Missouri at St. Louis having an unusually large percentage of successful applicants," Dr. Barton said the grants were for "relatively unrestricted research" and not confined solely to petroleum uses.

The grants are awarded only to young chemists in North America who are in their first three years of appointment as regular university and college faculty members.

This summer five chemistry instructors conducted research under the grant at a number of institutions, assisted by nine undergraduate students, Dr. S.W. Wadman, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, had a grant for the study of "Electro Switches of Sulphides." His grant, also from the Petroleum Research Fund, was for research in the petroleum field at the undergraduate level.

Dr. D. W. Larson, Associate Professor of Chemistry, worked with funds from the Office of Water Resource Research, the De-
To Change for the Sake of Change

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Has this present administration given the class system a good chance to show itself, to show what potential it may have for communion with the student body?

It would seem logical to be absolutely sure that one form of government is no good before taking such a gigantic step as establishing an entirely new system. No consideration is being given to what form of government should be established in place of the present one. Perhaps the university is not ready for a new form of government. Perhaps the present administration should concentrate on preparing student government for changes and not on totally changing it. Furthermore, it seems unfair to the students who during the past three years have worked so hard to establish a workable student government on campus. Some of the students who have supported the present system in the past but also members of the school administration who have also supported it.

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Only after it is positive that the present system is not workable and a new system has been found which we can be sure will definitely serve the university better should total changes be brought about.

A Retraction

In last week's editorial "That All Important First," there was a sentence which read, "However, when the first day arrives, they find that it actually isn't a discussion but a monologue by the professor in charge who, from time to time, asks for comments."

Since that time, it has been called to my attention and sufficiently proved that my source of information was erroneous. Therefore, I would like to retract this sentence and any other reference to it in the editorial.

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to answer your editorial evaluating Freshman Orientation, "That All Important First."

While I might agree with the writer that the first impression of the University is important, I cannot agree that the impression given was not a good impression.

I challenge your staff to present those students who were made to feel inferior as a result of your orientation program. The program was designed easily to integrate the new student into the University community academically as well as socially. For many students the change from high school to University life is a difficult transition. The student must be prepared on the first day for his role as a University student. There is little time for academic adjustment and this is one of the reasons for presenting the student with an academic atmosphere on his first day of Orientation.

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Letters to the Editor

Heart Fund Dance

A Heart Fund Dance will be given by the Sigma Epilson Fraternity of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. The dance will be held in the plaza of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel on October 14th, 1967, from 9-1 p.m. Proceeds from the dance will be given to the St. Louis Heart Association.

The highlight of the evening will be the catering of the Heart Queen. The candidates will represent each University and college in the greater St. Louis area. The queen will be chosen by the school selling the most tickets. For more information call the St. Louis Heart Association, Garfield 1-0502 or the Sigma Epilson House at 432-2991.

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Newman News
by Ray Barclay
Newman Reporter

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nerd Frenzy" and the "Pillow
Fight," highlighted Newman's nu­
merosous activities this past sum­
mer, while Newman spirit cre­
wed every Wednesday night at
the Newman House.

This summer could be classified as just a preview of what to ex­
pect at Newman this next year. With Bruce Weisley and Dave War­
brood, president and vice­
president, respectively, working
with the Newman Chap­
lain, Father Lyons, and a very
competent student executive com­
nitee, a whole new vista of ex­
citement and enthusiasm will be­
appear.

The time is now to be­
come part of Newman ' 67 New­
man membership is open to every
student. The House is located
across the street and it is open
Monday through Friday from 8:30
until 4:30.

Two Formal Events

During this past month, Newman held two formal events which
proved to be successful and very
enjoyable. Last Sunday, September
24, students and parents attended
Mass at Mt. Providence, followed
by an Open House at Newman.
Another Open House for the Uni­
versity Faculty and Administration
is planned for Monday, Oc­
tober 2.

In most clubs or organizations there is always some event, some
yearly activity which usually starts
off the year. Newman 14 make the ac­
civity year off with its annual Spaghetti Dinner this past Wed­
nesday. The large attendance could prove that this year could be the
best ever at Newman, Mary Bur­
ton and Tom Preis, social com­
munity director, handled the dinner.

What will really highlight New­
man in the Fall of '67? Will it be a
new kind of Illuminated sign in­
vited by Brian McCarthy? Will it be
Park Petrel and Joe Som­
mer's "Stop at发挥on's Party or will it be the recreation of another '66
Convention?

All of the local commodities were spread out on the ground allowing
the early morning shoppers room to meander around the busy market
and still have the best possible view of the day's purchase. Doga,
cate, rats and children wander around and over the fresh goods.
Life in this circle of interest appears to be occupied by the fe­
male gender, both young and old, and then by a neuter gender of
scanty-eyed children.

Too, I barged into their world first as an American and then as
an adult male, I came to fill my nostrils with foreign smells; I came to
give part of my interest; and I came because they called me, I
waded the two blocks that twist through the market enjoying every
shadowed shudder, every turn of an interesting rock. My mind was
lost in accounts of fantastic tales of what might have happened here
hundreds of years ago, or even yesterday, I came to remember be­
cause I knew that this peace would not last much longer.

Those were my first impres­
sions of Truc On Village, in Tra On
District, Tra Vinh Province, in the Repub­
lic of Vietnam in the early morning hours of Septem­
ber 11, 1966. On September 12, 1966, another male intruded into
the same market world, but he was Vietnamese (light feet, five
tiny inches tall; Weight: 145 pounds;
Hair: Black; Eyes: Brown -- the average Vietnamese male). He
wore a common straw shopping bag which he left among the old
women and children who were el­
bowed-to-elbow in the market.

That morning at 8:00 forty-five
women and children were killed; and twenty-seven were critically
wounded. That was an act of ter­
rorism committed by THE ENE­
MY. Neither I nor the forty-five dead nor the twenty-seven wounded
saw the enemy that day, but he was there.

That scene is only one example of a war fought on The Street
Without Joy, as the late French
writer Bernard Fall termed this
ugly war. Who is the enemy? What
are their goals? As this series con­
tinues, I'll try to give one obser­
vator's answers to those questions.

Editor's Note:

William Church served two years in the Army as a Military Intelligence
Coordinator and spent a year and a half of that time in Vietnam.
First Home Meet Saturday

Harriers Run Past Blackburn

UMSL’s harriers will host Westminster College in the second meet of the season, here at 11:00 A.M., this Saturday.

The Rivermen, who defeated Blackburn College 25-30 last Saturday will face an experienced Westminster team, according to Coach Larry Berres. Berres said that Westminster will return at least two lettermen, one of which is Gary Schmidt, a junior. Schmidt won the Greenville Invitational Cross-country meet in 20:27 for the four-mile course.

“This will probably be the toughest course we’ll be running on all year,” Berres said. “It contains more hills than most courses, and for this reason, I think that Westminster’s top man, Gary Schmidt will have to push real hard to break 21 minutes.”

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By Marty Hendin

The National Professional Soccer League has just finished its first season and if the success of this season is an indication of future success, then the NPSL can look forward to a bright future. That is the feeling of NPSL president, Robert Herman, who is also president of the St. Louis Stars.

In an interview, Herman and league commissioner Ken Macker told this reporter that the first season was a season of education for fans and club officials alike. Herman said that he was “very pleased with the season” and cited a major reason for the league’s success, television.

“Television!” he stated, gave us an audience of between four and seven million people each week.” He stated that because of television, many people were exposed to soccer for the first time.

Before the game, Herman was presented a trophy in honor of his work for the league. In addition to the trophy, a perpetual scholarship in Mr. Herman’s name will be awarded each year to a promising college soccer player. Mr. Herman was especially proud of the scholarship because he feels that “the Future of American Soccer is with college players.”

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Current Co-ed

Marsha Barrett contributes to the scenery and to the well-being of the ducks at the same time. Marsha, a junior majoring in psychology, has some wings of her own: she is a first lieutenant and pledge trainer for UMSL’s Angel Wing.