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Current Comment

The new year appears to have brought in a new interest and alertness in the University, especially in the person of the president, Michael Hughes. But the possibility of this new vigor making up for lost time is doubtful. Almost half the school is over and with 80 percent of the classes ended, the SGA has not generated a majority of commuter campus was not voted on or even introduced. Senate legislation has been directed toward placing coat racks and book shelves, reducing the call of bulletin boards, and cutting minutes of senate meetings, establishing a school song, speeding up of grade and eligibility processes, paved walkways, signposts, fire and air raid drills, and chaotic treatment of Bennett Lounge's purposes.

Legislation passed to join the United States National Student Association could have been labeled as most pertaining directly to degenerate into an active social club and therefore urges a more binding of senate minutes, establishing a school song, speeding up of grade and eligibility processes, paved walkways, signposts, fire and air raid drills, and chaotic treatment of Bennett Lounge's purposes.

The fact that one-third of the Senate, the students' law-making and supposedly representative body, has resigned in the first semester cannot be lightly passed. The senators were chosen from candidates elected in each class and the replacement of resigning senators with others elected by the senate itself cannot be viewed as democratic representation of these classes.

A recent amendment of the constitution provides for removal of a senator by the class in which he runs in for a position. This amendment has relieved the Senate from the drudgery of 25% of the classes and the majority of those voting in the referendum vote for removal. This could be a good plan if action can be taken quickly to remove senators who are not true representatives. The position of campus historian is responsible however the senator may be well over before the removal action is taken and then the damage of a senator taking action that may be impossible to reverse.

Still another problem plaguing the Senate is the growing list of absences at the meetings. At the last Senate meeting, January 4, only 11 senators were present at the close of the session. This is less than one-third of the senatorial body and the absence vote on the group recognition legislation which effects all organizations on campus.

Action needs to be taken immediately to insure the productive-ness and representational qualities of the Senate. It is the responsibility of the classes and their respective members, to provide the Senate with leadership. The senators need to assure that their ideas and interests are voiced through their senators. If the classes are unable to represent the majority of students, then other forms of representation must be investigated quickly. The Senate as an organization also needs to become a more productive, responsible, and representative organization. The senators need to take action immediately so that their meetings do not evolve into letter reading, bickering sessions.

The UMSL Current believes that the Senate is an invaluable means of communication between the administration, community, other students, and us. When the senators are as energetic and productive as the faculty, the Senate will become an active and ready forum for discussion and action. If the current legislators wish to use the Senate as a forum for discussion and action, they must be willing to keep up with the requirements of the classes they represent.
American opening night featured an American audience. It has been disappointing even if it is really successful commercial comedies; but publicity would have one believe, good.

The Odd Couple is the story of two very different men thrown together by an eight-room apartment formerly occupied by his family. Felix Unger is a rather prissy hypochondriac who is obsessed by cleanliness for years, asking him to stay in living in the same building.

The play has two major flaws—a lack of seriousness of purpose and shallowness of characterization. Simon's only apparent interest in a play which deals with the basically serious subject of broken marriage is to be funny. Most of the laughs come from the characters, but they are merely broad stereotypes who are funniest when they do something surprising within their too familiar frameworks. These cliche are probably unfair, however, because the Odd Couple succeeds in being one of the most consistently funny plays in the peculiarly American dramatic genre—the commercial situation comedy.

The production I saw at the American opening night featured Dana Andrews as Oscar and Robert Q. Lewis as Felix. Andrews, whose background is as a romantic physical comedy, and his facial dexterity is reminiscent of Dick Van Dyke. The most impressive of the poker players were Bob Basso and Don McArt. Basso has also left the cast since opening night. Bill Browder and Page Johnson lend able supporting performances at the card table. The girls are played by Carol Lawson and Gita Breslin. Miss Lawson is marvelous for both her beauty and her perky performance, but Miss Breslin seems mechanically exaggerated. Richard Yait's recreation of Mike Nichols' original direction on Oliver Smith's fine setting makes this funny play funnier, The Odd Couple, which will be at the American Theatre thru January 28, may not stimulate but it certainly does amuse.

The Rivermen ran into a hot-shooting Kenyon College team January 11th and wound up on the short end of a 99-81 score. Kenyon, led by 75th All-American candidate John Blanka, shot a torrid 63% from the field as they stretched their lead to thirty-six points midway through the second half. Kenyon missed out on to earlier lead in the first half as Rinka, John Danlop, and Kit Marty peppered the Rivermen from outside.

Six-eight center Terry Reiter picked up his third foul with a little over eight minutes left in the half, and the Rivermen faded to a fourteen point deficit after twenty minutes, 45-31.

UMSL came out cold in the second half and Rinka and company quickly shot into a twenty-five point lead. Midway through the half Kenyon hit a cold spot and the Rivermen managed to cut the lead down to twenty points. Stenner, Wahlan, and Chuck Caldwell managed to score enough to keep the score respectable as Kenyon got back on the beam, hitting seven of nine shots and stretching the lead to thirty six points. Both coaches made liberal use of substitutes and the score narrowed. Check Caldwell led UMSL with 22 points, Stenner 20 and Wahlan 13. Rinka led all scorers with thirty four, followed by Parmalee with 17, and Marty with 15. The loss dropped the Rivermen's record to seven and four.

The longest Thanksgiving Tournament in history finally came to an end on Tuesday, December 12 when the Rivermen, led by Clarence Slaughter, won their second consecutive Concordia Invitational Tournament, defeating host Concordia 87-68.

The game started off in good fashion for UMSL, as Bill Caldwell took the opening tipoff and scored, with only five seconds gone. The Rivermen held a slight lead until the Preachers moved ahead at 12:00 remaining in the first half. With 7:07 left, UMSL scored eight straight points to turn a 20-26 deficit into a 28-26 lead. The Rivermen held the lead until Concordia scored a three-point play with 24 seconds left in the half. But Jack Blennor scored with 16 seconds left to give UMSL a 35-34 half-time lead. Stenner led all scorers in the first half with sixteen points.

Concordia's Bill Wolbrecht scored a three-point play in the opening seconds of the second half to give the Preachers a 38-34 lead. That was when Clarence Slaughter took over and UMSL coasted to the Championship. The UMSL spark-plug pummeled in fourteen points in the first eight minutes of the second half, as UMSL helped itself to a 49-58 lead at 12:00 left in the game. With 6:01 to go UMSL scored 12 straight points to take their biggest lead of the game at 83-57. The Rivermen coasted from there to wrap up their championship.

Although everyone played for UMSL, only five players scored. Jack Blennor played his third consecutive outstanding game as he pumped in 39 points to lead all scorers. Clarence Slaughter scored 29 points in the second half for a total of 42. Chuck Caldwell had 19 points, including 12 in the second half, Bill Caldwell and Terry Reiter rounded out the scoring with 9 and 6 points respectively.
After 5-Game Win Streak

Cagers Lose to John Brown, Take on Concordia Saturday

By Marty Hedin, Associate Sports Editor

Coach Smith's Rivermen will cap a busy week Saturday night when they take on the Concordia Freighters at Concordia Field house at 7:30 p.m. UMSL played Kenyon College on Monday night and Harris Teachers College Wednesday night, but the current went to press before the results of those games were known.

The team lost to John Brown U. East Friday, 84-66, ending a winning spree that started December 8 with a 92-81 victory over McKeendrew. The other victories were: Concordia, 87-88, Harris Teachers, 90-60, William Jewell, 88-72, and University of Illinois Chicago Circle, 105-80.

John Brown University

The Rivermen started 1968 the wrong way on Friday, January 5, when they lost 84-66 to John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The loss marked the end of UMSL's five game winning streak.

UMSL led throughout the first half, but starting with 17:49 remaining in the half, the Eagles led only 42-39 at half-time, but played aggressively in the second half and won easily as UMSL shot only 28% from the field.

The main ingredient in the JBU victory was the outstanding performance of Jim Donnelly who scored a career-high of 38 points.

University of Illinois

Kiel Auditorium again proved to be a good home for the Rivermen on Saturday December 22 when UMSL closed out 1967 by rolling up their second largest point total of the season, when they defeated the University of Illinois Chicago Circle 105-80.

In individual statistics, the Caldwell brothers combined to score 20 points: Bill led all scorers and rebounders with 26 rebounds, and Chuck scored 24 points. Jack Stenner kept up his average by scoring 21 points. Dennis Whelan scored 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Bill Davis and Bill McRide each scored 2.

William Jewell College

"We killed them inside," That was the way Jack Stenner summed up UMSL's game on Saturday, December 16, when the Rivermen defeated William Jewell College of Liberty, Mo., 88-72 at Kiel Auditorium.

Jewell took an early 4-0 lead, but starting with 17:05 left in the first half, UMSL scored eight straight points to take the lead for good. Jack Stenner's 16 points in the first half paced the Rivermen to a 40-30 half-time lead. Jack Stenner was the game and Bill were named to the Tournament Team at the Concordia Tourney.

Chuck Caldwell (left) and his brother Bill (right) flank another Caldwell, Joe, of the St. Louis Hawks. Chuck and Bill were named to the All Tournament Team at the Cordinata Tourney. photo by Mike Olds

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Chess Club Wins

In a rematch with the Forest Park Community College Chess Club Sunday, December 17, UMSL crushed their opponents by a team score of 10 to 1. One notable win for the FFCC team was their upset victory in round three on board one where Moore defeated Zwonkin (It was Zwonkin's only loss). Gary Jacob was off to a fine start in round one but lost because he ran out of time. Ron Eller (FFCC) proved to be a real fighter on board five, but he was decisively defeated by Keefe Rayfield in the final round. Outstanding UMSL team players were Don Paco and Keefe Rayfield.

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