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Central Council Retains Officers, Elects Treasurer

by Matt Mattingly

In two meetings, on Friday, December 6 and Sunday, December 8, the Central Council, having approved several measures for its own regulation.

In addition, the council decided to choose new officers. The new officers were elected by secret vote, Steve Haslady defeated Bob Hauck, and Gal Goldstein and Christine Schillinger for the post of treasurer.

Budget Authorized

The Council was notified in a letter from President Weever that its budget had been authorized. In addition, the council authorized each committee chairman to request funds from monies allotted to his committee, provided he has the consent of the majority of his committee.

The Council approved formation of a Safety Committee, to be chaired by John Heithaus, designed for such purposes as an investigation of the possibility of installing a stoplight where the new road runs into Florissant Road.

Member Expulsion

The Council approved a motion by Vince Schoemehl that any member who, after once being warned by the chairman that he is out of order for disorderly conduct, is judged again to be out of order, will be expelled for the remainder of that meeting; after a member has been expelled from two meetings for disorderly conduct, his name -- and any campus organization that may have him as its accredited representative -- will be stricken from the rolls of the Central Council for at least three months, subject to appeal to the assembly body. This motion was also passed.

Executive Committee

The Council also authorized the establishment of an Executive Steering Committee to consider agenda and coordinate committee activities, but the bill to establish a Student Court to rule on traffic violations was tabled.

Koen Discusses Revolution; Predicts Trouble at UMSL

Charles Koen, Prime Minister of the National Black Liberators and the Midwest Director of the Students' Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), stated in a lecture Monday, December 9, that he foresaw the problems at Washington University. He also predicted racial trouble would arise at UMSL, "maybe not in the next few months, but it will come."

Koen's discussion centered on "the college students' search for the revolutionary movement of today." Koen defined revolution as "people moving in areas of social change." He referred to the enemies of the revolution as "the people who own Dow Chemical, Monsanto, McDonnell, the Rockefellers...about sixty-five families in all. These people control every area, particularly politics. Their main objective is to make money. They are the enemies of black folks, poor whites, middle class folks. You dig?"

The Black liberator charged that corruption was prevalent in the administration. He said the campus will offer student opinions through the next chancellor. In separate interviews the representatives showed shades of difference on their personal criteria.

Serving in an advisory capacity to three faculty and two administration members, the three student representatives to the search committee will offer student opinions concerning the criteria for choosing the next chancellor. In separate interviews the representatives showed shades of difference on their personal criteria.

Koen repeatedly emphasized the dehumanization of man, saying "man has gotten completely caught up in his own machinery, has no contact with the physical world and being an abstract form. Man is never in touch with nature but with the world and their spirit will linger on. He said the liberators have to be "unconditionally and physically prepared when dealing with"

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Schoemehl Raises Concerns; Predicts Trouble at UMSL

Vince Schoemehl, elected student body president by the student council, participated in the handling and counting of ballots during the election in which his name appeared as a candidate, the Current learned last week.

In an interview Tuesday, December 3, Schoemehl admitted that he had found volunteers and worked himself at the polling places during the election November 23, 24, and 27. As part of his duties as a member of the Election Committee of the Central Council, he had asked for volunteers to sign a list in the office of the Dean of Student Activities in the Administration Building, room 117. Schoemehl said it was not only his duty, but that of more than 100 workers is available.

When asked if he had worked at the polling places, Schoemehl answered, "I helped on all three days of the election. On Monday night I manned the poll for the evening college by myself."

According to Schoemehl, he, Jean Keittinger, Frank Rooper, Bill Heitrich, and Linda Wark counted the ballots after the polls closed Wednesday, November 23.

Schoemehl had proposed the method for voting in a Council meeting November 8. He said the method "expedited procedure" and "maximized the ten to fifteen minutes before and after classes in which most students voted."

In the election each voter signed his name next to a number corresponding to the number of his ballot. The committee checked each name with the student directory. If the student voted more than once, he was eliminated from the election.

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Letters: Language, Communication, and Education

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could be considered in the same manner as a report, not regularly, but when circumstances make it necessary. Anyone may make his report, not regularly, but when circumstances being anything that is of general interest, anyone may make his report.

The committee of the University such as Instruc­tions for Registration, et c., pro­vided they take the signs down when the event is over and clean the boards of outdated material. If any noti­ce put up must be on a 3x5 card and does not cover up any other notice.

1) One board in each building will be for want ads. In the future, what then is the true nature of America? This is a luxury that cannot be afforded because of its nature. America is a racist country, then it logically follows that one educated in America should learn how to perpetuate a system that exploits and oppresses 20% of its population and denounces and robs everyone of their true potential. The alternative is for education to become the vanguard of true revolutionary change needed if America is to survive chaos and utter destruction.

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Who's Who Picks 23 UMSLans

The National Who's Who Committee in Tuscaloosa, Alabama has announced the selection of twenty-three students from UMSL. These students were selected on the basis of scholastic ability, leadership, and potential. Of the total twenty-three, nine were men and fourteen women.

Schoemehl

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to be valid. Schoemehl called the action a "wise decision that avoided domination by any minority group."

Some Council members have questioned the advisability of Schoemehl's membership on the Election Committee. Schoemehl has voted in Council meetings at least since the November 8 meeting in which he was selected as a member of the committee. Schoemehl is an alternate representative of the Congress for Student Involvement. But representation was not granted by the Council to the CRI and other campus groups with temporary recognition until November 4 meeting. Apparently since the Council has not approved a constitution, no rules prohibit a student from voting in Council meetings or serving on a Council committee.

Bommarito, Bono Meet with Weaver, Student Leaders

Sam Bommarito, temporary chairman of the Central Council, and Joe Bono, Council delegate of the American Chemical Society, met with University President John C. Weaver and student leaders from the Rolla, Columbia, and Kansas City campuses at UMKC.

The meeting laid the framework for a council of eight students, two from each of the four University of Missouri campuses, that will regularly meet with President Weaver. Since one of the delegates should be president of the student body, Bommarito will serve as UMSL's representative until a permanent chairman is elected by the Central Council.

The group discussed a statement on student rights endorsed by the Association of American Colleges, paying particular attention to a section on the extent of university authority. The paper states "Only where the institution's interests as an academic community are distinct and clearly involved should the special authority of the institution be asserted." Bommarito said the group favored a distinction between student rights on and off campus. He said the university should "expel or suspend students only on the basis of campus activities."
Koen Discussed Revolution
(Continued from Page 1) the beast to keep on a different plateau from the beast.” Koen indicated that revolution will not come through electoral politics: “I don’t think we can make it within existing structures.” He said “The revolutionary structure is beginning to reach people, but there is a possibility of a bloody revolution because the country cannot change socially.”

The cast is halfway closed now, and the funeral is going to come if people don’t change.” Koen said this country’s prime objective is to “come up a good citizen - for whatever that’s worth.”

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Bawdy “Canterbury Tales” Dramatized with Music

Much of the musical dramatization of four of Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales, which had its American premiere at the American Theatre Monday night, is really quite good; but it is not a complete success. The book by Martin Starkie and Nevill Coghill and Starkie’s staging capture the spirit of ribald fun in the four tales (all of which are about sex, marriage, and love in order of importance) and the spirit of “game” among the Canterbury pilgrims who tell the tales.

Even better is the robust playing of some fine actors who generally justify their characters’ reputations as some of the most memorable in English literature. Most of the play’s problems result from the obvious difficulties of transmating a masterwork both in

by Sam Hack, Features Editor

game and genre) and still remaining

faithful to that work.

The play opens like Chaucer’s poem with the “Prologue.” The narrator (called Chaucer in the program) is alone on stage and begins to read the famous introduction to The Canterbury Tales. The setting soon becomes Harry Bailley’s “Tabard Inn” where the host is singing a welcome to a group of pilgrims preparing to start a journey to the Shrine of Thomas A. Becket. After jolly opening, the pilgrims agree to Halcourt’s plan for each of them to tell a tale during the pilgrimage.

Four tales which are used in the production are related by general theme, and three of them are related by their awakenesses. The first act is dominated by the Miller and the Seward (Bevee), two wonderfully conceived low comic characters. The Miller tells of an old carpenter who marries a beautiful young girl who is naturally (according to medieval beliefs) cuckolded. This tale includes some of the lowest and funniest low comedy imaginable. The Seward, who used to be a carpenter, “repays” the Miller by telling of a miller who is also cuckolded.

The second act becomes a “debate” over whether the wife or the husband should be the stronger in a marriage. The “Merchant’s Tale” is about another old man who is appropriately punished for foolishly taking a young bride. The Wife of Bath makes a case for a wife’s dominance in her tale. There is a lot of fun in the tales, but the attempt at thematic unity fails. The religious finale which emphasizes the theme “love conquers all” is an obvious and superficial attempt at a neatly tied up finish.

The total effect of this production is marred by a couple of structural flaws. In the act the second tale is the weakest leading to rather than strong endings. The lovely bawdy Wife of Bath, who is intended to be the central character in the play does not fare as well on stage as she does in print. Not only is her character not quite as strong as it was intended to be, but her tale is an anticlimax to its build-up. Her prologue (and probably the impact of her character) is weakened by spreading it throughout the play. She continually puts off telling her tale until later; and when it finally comes, it was not worth looking forward to. This problem is made worse by the fact that this tale comes at the end of an evening that is at least thirty minutes too long.

What makes Canterbury Tales especially worth a theatregoer’s time is the marvelous production it has been given. Martin Starkie’s staging bursts with vitality. While Starkie takes full advantage of the bawdy humor, he effectively softens the grossness.

The talented cast easily handles Coghill’s rhymed couplets. George Rose is no less than great. His Seward and Carpenter are wonderful, and I am sure I will remember his brilliant low-comic performance in the “Merchant’s Tale” forever.

Harmone is ingratiatingly lusty as the Wife of Bath. Roy is nearly as good as Rose as the Miller. Sandy Duncan and Ed Evans are a happily sensual pair of lovers. Martin Green’s considerable talent is wasted as Chaucer (misinterpreted).

The music by Richard Hill and John Hawkins is not memorable, but it is effective. Derek Counsell’s set and Leonard Sainthill’s costumes enhance the production.

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Rivermen Defeat SIU; Lose to Millikin Now 2-1

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SIU - Edwardsville

Those people who thought that UMSL's 109-48 victory over SIU-Edwardsville last year was a fluke had second thoughts on December 9, when the Rivermen romped 94-90. Second thoughts came close to two school scoring records on one night when the Rivermen romped with one of their high game score of 109 and Jack Stenner's 36 points left the game only two points away from the record of 111. Stenner is four shy of his single-game mark of 36 points led a well-balanced Rivermen scoring attack. Clarence Slaughter and Chuck Stenner's 36 points led a well-balanced Rivermen scoring attack. Two members of the Group 13-18, contributing 12 points between them. While the Rivermen thought that the Cougars had second thoughts on December 9, the Rivermen now have a season's record of 9-6 following a 94-90 loss to Millikin University.

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Hendin's Headlines
by Marty Hendin, Sports Editor

Although slightly out-yelled by Millikin's 1000 fans, UMSL's six-man cheering section managed to make itself heard. Such yells as "You're a blockhead, ref," "C'mon Stemmer," and "Quit fouling, Chuck," came from Dean Eickhoff, Mrs. Jack Stemmer and Mrs. Chuck Henson, while Mrs. Eickhoff, Coach Berres' mother, and I contributed to the cheering as we sat surrounded by hostile Millikin fans. One particularly hostile fan was a slightly inebriated former referee who objected to Dr. Eickhoff's criticism of the officiating.

Trouble was averted when Millikin continued its lead and our referee friend shut up.

I am happy to report that Denny Whelan is now at home recovering from his knee injury and operation. Last Friday he began learning to walk with the thirty-five pound cast on his left leg, and he left the hospital Saturday.

The UMSL coaching staff has named center Greg Daust as the offensive and defensive star of the SEMO game, and Dust and Jack Henson as defensive stars, and Jack Henson defensive standout in the Millikin game.

All sports fans are invited to attend the noonday forum Friday, December 13 when a hockey film will be presented. Hopefully last year's Stanley Cup highlights will be available, but if they are not, highlights of another year's Stanley Cup play-offs will be shown. The program will start at 11:45 in Room 100 of the Math-Language Building.

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Two Home Games Upcoming

The basketball Rivermen will be back in action Saturday night when they will take on the Antelopes of Kearney State College. The game will begin at 8:30 at Florissant Valley Jr. College. The Antelopes will have eleven returnees from last year's 5-15 squad. An interesting match-up will take place between Greg Daust and Kearney's 6'7" center Barry Sandstrom. The game will be preceded by a JV game against Florissant Valley, beginning at 6:30.

UMSL will also be at home on Wednesday December 18 when they will face the Concordia Preachers at 8:00 at Florissant Valley. The Rivermen will be hoping to continue their hex over Concordia as they have a 5-0 record against the Preachers in two years of competition.

December 21 the Rivermen will travel to Liberty, Missouri, to take on William Jewell College, a team they defeated last year 88-72. The Cardinals finished last year with a 16-10 record for a second place finish in their MCAA conference. They are bolstered by the return of all-District 16 (NALA) selection Tom Sponcil, and second team pick Tom Dunn. Sponcil, a 6-3 forward, averaged 20.2 points per game last year, while 6-1 guard Dunn hit the nets for a 15 point per game average.

The Rivermen will end the 1968 part of their schedule on December 27-28 when they will take part in the Kearney Invitational at Kearney, Nebraska. The winners of the two games on the 27th will meet for the championship on the 28th while the first game losers will play for third place. Other teams in the tourney are Kearney State, Sioux Falls College and Southwestern of Kansas.

JV Wins Second Game

by Jerry Visby

The UMSL JV beat SIU-Edwardsville by a score of 90-70. The game, played at Edwardsville Wednesday, December 4, exemplifies the JV's ability to score, Coach Copeland said, "the team looked pretty good but I would like a better defense. The referees and our fast breaks were good."

The JV shot .404 from the field and .516 from the free throw line. High scorers were "Doody" Rohn with 22 pts., Mark Bernsen with 21, Ben Phillips with 21, Dave Krieger with 11 and Jim Rohr with 10. Bernsen and Phillips are guards and score primarily on the fast break.

The next two games for the Rivermen will be against tough Junior College teams. Of the two teams, Fort Scott is the team to beat. Fort Scott has a very definite height advantage. The two top players are Wade and Timley, Wade is Forest Park's 6'7" starting center. Timley is a 6'6" forward from England. In order to win Coach Copeland stated that the JV will have to "bite deep and hard -- like termites". The game will be played tonight, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Normandy Jr. High.

The other tough Junior College team is Florissant Valley. The leading scorers for Flo. Valley are Glenn and Runyon. The game will be played at 6:30 p.m. December 14 at Florissant Valley.