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Faculty Outlines Chancellor - Selection Procedure, Excludes Students

The defeat of a motion proposing student representation on the "search committee" for a new chancellor prompted a student walk-out at the October 29 meeting of the UMSL faculty.

Shortly after the walk-out, the faculty approved a motion instructing the search committee to solicit student opinion regarding the selection of UMSL's next chancellor.

The meeting was notable for several reasons:

1. University of Missouri President John C. Weaver recommended procedures to be followed in the selection of Chancellor James L. Bugg's successor;

2. The UMSL faculty determined the character of the search committee;

3. Faculty candidates for the committee were nominated and election procedures were outlined;

4. Students, some 20 of them, made an effort to attend the meeting, only the second effort of this nature (last year a Current reporter made such an attempt);

5. Student attendance of a faculty meeting was approved by the faculty for the first time (last year a Current reporter narrowly missed faculty approval).

Chancellor Bugg began the meeting at 3:40 in room 100, Math-Language, by asking the faculty to decide whether the students should be permitted to attend this meeting. After a brief discussion, Dr. Sioma Kagan (business) moved that the students wait outside while the faculty debated the matter. The motion passed, and the students left the room.

Dr. Kagan then asked that discussion of student attendance be postponed because "President Weaver is here for an important meeting." This motion was overwhelmingly defeated. A motion to allow students to attend the particular meeting then won approval

easily, and the students were allowed to reenter the room.

President Weaver recommended that certain procedures be followed in the selection of a new chancellor, calling the selection "an extremely important, delicate and sensitive job." He recommended:

1. A screening committee advisory to the President and composed of three UMSL faculty members elected by the faculty and two administrators. President Weaver asked that the faculty committee members be restricted to tenured faculty "because it seems to me that the tenured members of this faculty have the strongest commitment to this institution, and they are the ones this institution has the strongest commitment to."

He also asked that one of the three professors be from one of UMSL's professional schools (business or education).

The two remaining members of the committee will be Dr. Robert Bader, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. A. G. Unklesbay, University Vice-President for Administrative Affairs.

President Weaver announced that he will meet with the committee at its first conference, and, after that, only at the committee's invitation.

2. That the committee "take this search for a new leader on as wide a base as possible, and that they would feel constrained to look both within the University and without it."

3. That the members of the committee communicate with students, faculty, alumni and all interested persons.

4. That the committee work "with utmost haste," making its recommendations by early spring.

5. That they present the President with an unranked list of candidates with at least three nomi-

nations and no more than five.

6. That the committee conclude its investigations in secrecy, warning that "leaks" from a similar committee at UMKC last year had jeopardized the selection efforts.

Paul Chassy, instructor of sociology, disagreed with several of the President's recommendations, particularly the lack of "a formal commitment to students" in the form of student representation on the search committee. Mr. Chassy's counter-proposals included elimination of the tenure requirement for committee membership, a committee composed of four faculty, three students and a University administrator acting as a non-voting liaison between the committee and President Weaver, and the ranking of choices by the committee.

After debating the manner of nominating committee members, the faculty decided to take nominations from the floor and vote by mail. Nominees were: Dr. James N. Primm (history), Dr. Ivan L. Russell (education), Dr. Robert Murray (chemistry), Dr. Sioma Kagan (business), Dr. Joseph McKenna (economics), Dr. Deborah Haimo (mathematics), Dr. William Eidson (physics), Dr. James Doyle (philosophy), Dr. Robert Sullivan (political science) and Dr. Solomon Sutker (sociology-anthropology).

A motion to restrict members of the committee to tenured faculty was defeated by a substantial margin.

Dr. Murray is the only non-tenured professor nominated to the committee.

The faculty passed a motion requiring that at least one of the three committee members be from a professional school.

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Nominations Open for Who's Who

Nominations for the annual Who's Who Campaign have been officially opened. They will begin Monday November 11 through Friday November 15.

"Who's Who" is a national publication which selects the most qualified students in the country from over 1000 member universities and colleges. Each member school nominates eligible students for the national publication.

At UMSL, a student who is qualified may nominate himself or nominate another student. A faculty member may nominate a student. Also an administrator can nominate an eligible student.

In order to be eligible, a student must be registered on campus at the time of the nomination. Also he must be expected to graduate between September 1968 and June 1970. In other words, only sophomores, junior and graduate stu-

dents are eligible.

The criteria for selection of nominees are: 1) A cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher, 2) Participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities and 3) Service to the school and promise of future usefulness.

Nomination blanks may be ob-

tained in the offices of the Deans of Arts and Science, Business, Education, Student Affairs and the Evening College.

Nominees will be screened by a joint student, faculty, administration committee, which in turn will submit those nominees who are accepted to the National Headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



First and second prize awards were presented to these contestants at the Halloween Dance sponsored by Newman Club on Nov. 2.

photo by Mike Hecht

Daily Program

Forum Continues

The Noon Day Forum, a daily program, Monday through Friday starts its second week of presentations Monday, November 11. The Forum, sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, is scheduled in room 100 of the Math and Modern Languages Building at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Earl Reeves will explain the purpose and workings of the Center for Community and Metropolitan studies Monday, November

11. His talk will be followed by the presentation of slides taken in North Jefferson County, which illustrate a current center project.

"Mystery of Stonehenge"

"The Mystery of Stonehenge," a CBS documentary, courtesy of the Fine Arts Department, deals with the meaning of the famous Celtic ruin located in the British Isles: Tuesday, November 12.

The Forum will have Dr. Roy Gene Burns of the Department of History discuss, "American-Chinese Relations" Wednesday, November 13.

Dr. Ralph Potter of Princeton University will lecture Thursday, November 14, on the "Moral Discourse and the Problem of Violence."

Eickhoff Will Report

Dean Harold Eickhoff, Dean of Student Affairs, will report the developments in his department and answer student questions Friday November 15.

There is no charge for attending the Noon Day Forum. If any student has an idea for a program, or would like to take part in a Forum presentation, he should contact Dean Robert Davenport in Room 117 Administration Building as soon as possible.

"Eugene Onegin" Film November 18

On Monday, November 18, Russian Club, in conjunction with Student Activities and the Foreign Languages department, will present the movie "Eugene Onegin" based on a novel of the same title by the Russian poet Pushkin. The feature-length film will begin at 11:40 a.m. in room 100 ML.

Editorials

Students Deserve Representation

UMSL has a history of involving students in responsible positions within the University. By seating students on University committees and by creating student advisory boards, the faculty and the administration have demonstrated their confidence in the student body's ability to participate intelligently in the progress of this institution.

The UMSL faculty turned its back on this history October 29, when it voted not to include student representatives on the search committee for Chancellor Bugg's successor. Instead, the faculty contented itself with instructing the committee to solicit student opinion, a process usually confined to hearing students' opinions at open meetings. It is true that this process is advantageous to the students in one sense, i.e. it provides for the presentation of a wide range of opinion. But it is also true that this process is disadvantageous to the students in a more important sense: no provision is included to give any weight to the opinions of students.

This is what disheartens us: after students have established both their interest in and their responsibility to UMSL, they are denied effective participation in one of the most important decisions to be made at this University.

The reasons for including students in this decision seem obvious; at least they seem obvious to us. Students are vitally interested in the quality of their education, and this quality is in a large measure dependent on the man who is chancellor. The prestige, or the lack of prestige, of his university follows the student after he receives his diploma, and this prestige is in a large measure dependent on the man who is chancellor. The selection of a chancellor is of such importance to the students that student representation in the selection is necessary. It is their right as members of this academic community.

We do not mean to imply that the faculty has adopted an attitude of disdain toward the student; the vote on the motion to give two seats on the search committee was fairly close, and an effort will be made to solicit student opinion. But the faculty has denied students any voting power in the selection. And by voting on the matter of student representation at the meeting October 29, the faculty has presented the students with a fait accompli.

We suggest that the search committee recommend to the faculty the inclusion of two students as voting members of the community, two students chosen in a general student election.

For What It's Worth

One of the more common pastimes at UMSL (besides hiking, card playing, food machine kicking, and duck feeding) is "blasting" the Current.

Nearly every student on campus has something to say (and little to do) about how the newspaper is written. The attacks are numerous, ranging from editorial stands to the errors in typing.

Criticism is not solely from the student body, however. Some members of the faculty have openly and bitterly hurled assaults at the paper, referring to it as a "joke."

Perhaps, there are two basic causes for these cynical remarks. First of all, because the student identifies with the Current as a representative of his voice on campus, he becomes enraged whenever he sees anything in print with which he disagrees. He feels that the publication is against him if it does not present brazen attacks on the Chancellor's office, or gives the administration credit for a few brains. Secondly, because all newspapers present their opinions in print, the Current is easy to criticize. A writer that has the nerve and the interest to take a stand is always "sticking his neck out." It is not hard to declare "open season" on anyone who has decided to make his views heard.

The Current would, therefore, like to present a challenge to the critics. If these people are really concerned, it would be interesting (as well as refreshing) to hear a few constructive ideas on what improvements should be made. It should be mentioned that criticism is a healthy thing. However, it becomes healthier when it is combined with practical, workable suggestions. Arriving at these suggestions is the challenge.

If, however, the people who have been making the attacks will not accept our challenge, we suggest that they shut their mouths and begin to concentrate their efforts on feeding the ducks.



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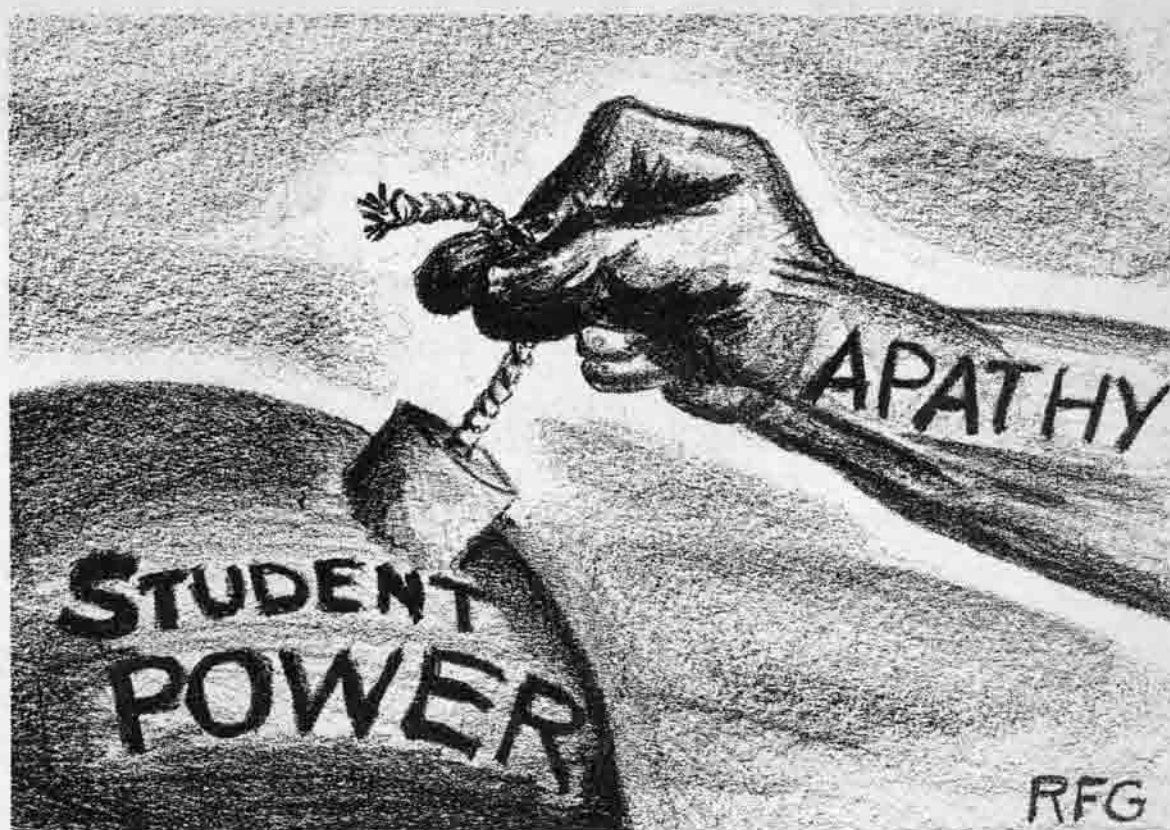
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Letters: Moushey, Fees, Registration and Library

I guess, I hope that many indignant letters are being written in response to Mr. William Moushey's letter in the October 31st issue of the Current. I'm writing this one so that if a count is taken, mine can be added to make the total one greater.

I'm not going to go through the letter and refute it piece by piece; the editorial staff of the Current has already done that well enough. Actually, the letter needed no refutation. His statements, filled with such unreasonable hate, certainly refute themselves by the self-consumption of their absurd triteness.

Well Moush, when I first read your letter it knocked me out. I thought it was a deliberate piece of fiction to exemplify the evil of prejudice by using exaggeration. I thought that surely you couldn't be for real, that you only existed (if you were serious) as a figment of my imagination.

But no! You are real. We lived on the same block. We were boy scouts together. We played football together. We cleaned our rifles in the same tent. You sold me an insurance policy and I picked you up thumbing a ride on the highway. Many times I was introduced to you and shook your hand. We worked side by side and we drank each other's beer. We registered for college together and sat in the same classes for two years. We grew up together. I know you well.

Yeah. I knew you were here, but I had hoped you would stay hidden, sulking in your dark cave. Now that you've come out however, I must say that I am glad. Now we all get to look at you. It is a real pleasure in a diabolical sort of way. Isn't it strange how we can enjoy observing the repulsive? You are a most excellent specimen of one of the diseases plaguing our world. Stick around Moush, glad to have you; be a small minority in the "world that is going to be" so that we can look at you and remember what one of the impediments was in building a new world.

I am glad that skin-color doesn't bother me, Moush. If it did... you would make me ashamed that I am a white man.

Edward James Scannell

Perhaps Mr. Moushey has difficulty ascribing humanness to blacks because he has not yet encountered it in himself.

Carol Snyder

Mr. Editor:

Mr. Moushey's limitations offend me.

Carol Beaver

To the Editor:

Dean Eickhoff's letter of last week concerning the Student Activity Fee prompts me to add a few observations on the matter in the hope of casting more light than shadow on this very sensitive issue. Last year I was a member of the Student Affairs Committee-Non-Academic appointed by the Chancellor and composed of both faculty and students. The Committee had many charges, too many perhaps to achieve any real progress in any one area. One of these responsibilities was the preparation of a recommended budget for student activities during the coming year. This proved to be a Pandora's box of sorts. Two points should be stated however. The committee voted unanimously not to authorize the payment of an \$11,640 salary for student surveys out of this fund. I remember this clearly because it was one of the few occasions on which everyone present was in firm accord. I also believe I speak accurately when I say that the allotment of money bears little resemblance to the figures which the Dean released in his letter. To give one example, the committee urged a higher expenditure for drama in order to enable improvement in an activity which had considerable student interest but little tangible support.

These few details should help to explain why there was a widespread feeling late last May that the Committee's work had been largely ignored, a sentiment that even crept into the Current. As a result the Committee proposed an amendment to the new Faculty By-laws which stated that in the future this committee "shall make budgetary recommendations." The amendment was one of a very few made to the by-laws and it was overwhelmingly accepted by the faculty. Of course, these by-laws

have not yet been approved by President Weaver and the Board of Curators. However, Dean Eickhoff's remarks indicate his eagerness to dispel the notion that the budget is a foregone conclusion or the product of personal whim: "Above all, I would welcome any advice on how to improve the apportionment of the Student Activity Budget." This is a most refreshing assurance, one that I hope will be remembered by the new committee and the student organizations on campus. For as I think all of us will agree, the realm of student activities is one in which this University must make rapid and rather perceptible improvement.

Sincerely,
John T. Onuska Jr.
Department of English

Editor's note: This letter is addressed to Dr. H.E. Mueller, UMSL Director of Admissions, and is printed here from a copy submitted to the Current. Dr. Mueller also submitted a reply to the Current, which follows the letter.

Dear Sir:

I have pre-registered for the current semester, which is the first full time day school semester I have attended. Additionally, my schedule required changes to four of the six classes I am taking. Suffice to say, I found the situation incredible. Long lines and jammed halls were the rule, long waiting periods made the situation irritating, and "line-cutting" was a common practice.

Many things contribute to the reputation of a school and the efficient registration of UMSL's Evening Division is one of these things. Unfortunately, the day school registration is also one of these things. UMSL is not characterized by a "deaf ear attitude" to the needs of the students in most areas and, therefore, this situation is incongruous. I do not believe a complete overhaul of the day school registration is necessary to effect a drastic improvement.

A more even work load distribution for the administrative staff would be most beneficial. A decrease in the frustration students currently consider an inherent part

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of registration is equally desirable. Outlined below, are some of my ideas which, I believe, would approach these goals:

1. As many students packets as possible would be routed directly to the appropriate administrative office for processing, instead of being held by the student for a "final approval" (at the end of a long line and accomplished by a mere rubber stamp).

2. In the rare cases where a final review and approval is required, each school will do so in a separate location, to preclude an Auschwitz-like jam in any single corridor.

3. At all locations, lines will be on the basis of first-come-first-served and will be established at locations minimizing the possibility of "line-cutting."

4. Registration by mail will include payment for and receipt of parking stickers. Additionally, student identification cards will be mailed on receipt of payment. Insurance is currently handled on such a basis, so surely these more necessary items could be incorporated into the system.

5. Section Change and Course Change sessions will give first options to seniors and then the remaining classmen in order of seniority. Thus, the necessity of

opening classes for seniors who "must" have a course will be minimized by precluding the possibility of "crowding" classes by transfers in of lower classmen.

6. As soon as possible, implement a system whereby the student designates the specific section he is enrolling in. Section changes would thereby be virtually eliminated. Additionally, it would appear that this would reduce course changes caused by conflicting schedules following section changes.

Registration is never going to be an extremely easy task for all concerned, but I feel that a spreading of the administrative workload and a definite increase in student morale could be accomplished by implementation of the above and other procedural modifications. I would be most happy to discuss the above with you or anyone whom you consider appropriate and would welcome your comments/criticisms on my ideas, as outlined above.

Sincerely yours,
Carl J. Lacher

Dear Mr. Lacher:

I appreciate your letter of October 28, 1968, in which you outlined your ideas about the registration procedure and the procedure involved in changing courses. No doubt you are aware of the

fact that a registration procedure and a change in course procedure is a coordinative effort involving several administrative offices of the campus. In view of your letter, I have called a meeting of the personnel most closely associated with the registration of students.

This meeting has been called for November 7 at 2 p.m. in my office, Room 125, in the Administration Building to discuss your ideas; and I certainly hope that you will find it possible to attend.

Sincerely yours
H. E. Mueller
Director of Admissions and Registrar

Dear Editor:

In some of the recent issues of the Current, it has been noted that because of the lack of clubs bidding for social events, many would not be held. It should be understood that when a club bids for an event it is taking a risk which could prove financially fatal for the club. All school events should therefore receive the active support of all recognized clubs on campus and this policy should be endorsed by the office of Student Affairs.

It has been brought to our attention that a recognized club sponsored a major social event on the same night as the All School Halloween Dance, and that this organization set up a booth for the selling of tickets to it in direct com-

petition with the Halloween Dance ticket sales.

With the lack of a Student Union Board at UMSL this year, it is necessary for all students and especially the recognized clubs to work together in a spirit of cooperation if our social events are to be worthwhile. All the clubs should realize this need for cooperation and support for future all-school social events.

Mary Burton
Brian McCarthy

To the Editors, UMSL Current:

In the October 29, 1968 issue of Look Magazine, Dick Gregory said that "George Wallace is doing black folks a favor by getting the bigots in this country to stand up and be counted." How true: the mock election held on this campus prior to the November fifth national election showed the Bigot Count to include, among those voting, eight percent of the student body and three percent of the faculty.

The eight percent of the student body we can pass off (if indeed we can "pass off" this sort of thing at all) as having the mental outlook of a back-country grade-schooler. But the three percent of the faculty is another matter altogether. By the virtue of their holding a teaching position at UMSL we should confidently be able to

assume faculty members are of reasonably high intelligence.

If not due to ignorance, then why would three percent of the faculty, as Mr. Gregory said, "speak out with the hate vote on a secret ballot?" The answer to this question, which is only too clear, makes me ashamed that I am a student at this University where Instructor or Professor Bigot may teach.

Sincerely,
Mike Thatcher
Ben Gray
Linda Lindsey

Dear Editor,

After reading Mr. Moushey's demonstration of factual ignorance and ethnocentrism, I first considered a lengthy reply and later considered ignoring it ("Maybe it will all go away.") The second alternative is but another manifestation of our country's typical mode of coping with inter-racial relations in the past several decades--since the time we explicitly acknowledged that blacks are indeed human. The recognition of this fact in law clearly exceeds the recognition of this fact in our everyday lives. Mr. Moushey's letter is but an extreme manifestation of this. A detailed reply to his vilifying statements would probably serve no function either. It is likely that such a reply would at least go unheeded or not

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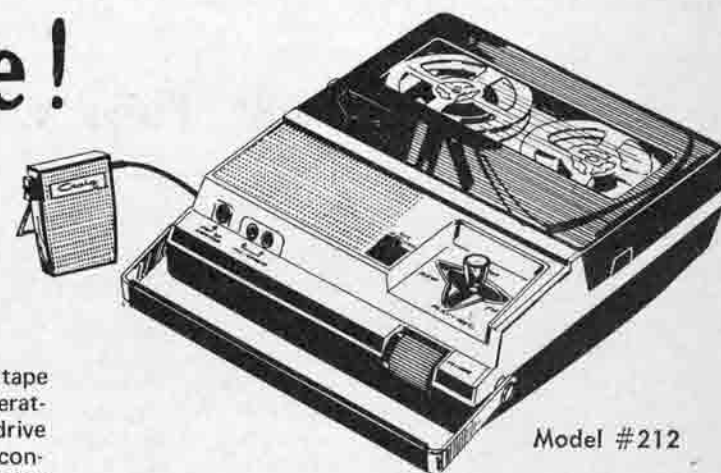


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Those attending will stay at the UN Plaza for meetings, tours, seminars, and briefings. The seminar is sponsored by CIRUNA-UMSL in conjunction with the Ecumenical Campus Ministry.

Expenses for the five-day affair will include: \$16.00 total for room; \$75.00 for plane fare; \$1.00 for the seminar; and \$40.00 for food, for a total of \$132.00 spending money not included. Chaperones will include members of the faculty.

Since UMSL is the host school, students at the university will be given priority over students at other universities which are participating in the program. Miss Smyrniotis can be contacted in Room 117 of the Administration Building.

UMSL to Conduct Real Estate Course

UMSL's School of Business Administration and The Extension Division, in cooperation with the Real Estate Board of Metropolitan St. Louis will offer a ten-session course to prospective real estate salesmen. The course is aimed to familiarize the salesmen with all aspects of the profession and to assist them in preparing for the license examination. It will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from November 4 through December 9.

Designed to give potential brokers the advantage of practical sales experience and instruction directed to the fundamentals and material covered in the state license examination, the course will be taught by UMSL faculty and qualified, experienced real estate brokers.

Fee for the ten 2-1/2 hour class sessions is \$50, text included. Further information can be obtained from the UMSL Extension Division.

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JOHN WILLIAMS

Classical guitarist John Williams will appear at 8:30 p.m. Friday, November 8, in the second program of the University of Missouri-St. Louis 1968-1969 Concert and Lecture Series.

He will perform in room 105, Benton Hall, 8001 Natural Bridge Road. General admission is \$1.00; student admission is 50 cents.

Williams, a former pupil of Andres Segovia, has played throughout Europe, North America, Japan, and the Soviet Union. He records for Columbia Record Company and is frequently on BBC television and radio.

A native of Australia, Williams has studied at the Royal College of Music in London and has sat on the jury of the International Competition for Guitar at Orense, Spain.

His November 8 performance will include renditions of the works of Handel, Bach and Haydn.

ABC Plans African Music Night

The Association of Black Collegians has scrapped plans for its first Black Music night and is proceeding to go ahead with plans for an African music night for Tuesday, December 10.

Leo Trice of ABC said that the African program will definitely be presented, "with or without school funds." He was referring to ABC's previous failure to obtain money from the school for the Black music program scheduled for October 22, and later reset for last Tuesday, and then cancelled altogether.

Needs Student Opinion Economics Department Reviews Curriculum

Were you one of the 40-50% of the students who received a D or an F in your introductory economics courses? Or, regardless of the grade you received, could you suggest improvements that could be made in the teaching and emphasis in these courses?

The economics department here is in the process of re-evaluating its courses to insure their maximal quality and effectiveness, and it wishes to obtain students' opinions. Said Dr. John Hanlesky, associate professor and one of the teachers heading the curriculum review, "Students are given too little credit for ingenuity."

The department noted that there is definitely something wrong when 40-50% of the students taking first-year economics courses receive D's or F's. It reached two conclusions: 1) students did not have enough background in mathematics to perform competently; or 2) a change in the teaching approach of some of these courses is in order. Since math requirements already exist, the department de-

cided to study new ways of instruction.

The revamping began last Friday when Dr. Mino Lovenstein, professor of economics at the University of Ohio at Akron, came to talk to the department members concerning research in teaching economics. Two other men in the field, Dr. Rendig Fels, who holds a special chair of economics at Vanderbilt, and G. L. Bach of Stanford University, are also scheduled to consult with the economics faculty.

Dr. Hanlesky and Dr. Elizabeth Clayton are themselves engaged in research. They are constructing an economics workbook, as yet in outline form, so that the student's learning process is a discovery process as well. The authors hope to get away from the mountains of data which have plagued students in the past.

One of the more novel ideas that this research suggests is to split classes into groups and with the aid of computers construct an economic society within the classroom.

Regardless of the department's efforts, however, student opinion is still needed: Can a student direct his own work? If so, how much responsibility can be assumed? How should the courses be structured? Should there be daily lectures, or should there be a single directive given at the beginning of the

semester and tested on at the end? Answers to these questions from students who have already taken introductory courses in economics can be of great importance.

Dr. Hanlesky invites such students to submit a critique to him in room 102 of the Administration building.

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Dr. Arthur Shaffer (history) then moved that the search committee be expanded to allow two students, elected by students, to sit on the committee. Dr. Joseph McKenna (economics) objected, arguing that students should not be equal to faculty in determining the next chancellor. He also argued that the elected students would probably be juniors or seniors who would be at UMSL under the next Chancellor only one year at most.

Dr. Shaffer's motion was defeated, although the margin was not great. All the students but one then quietly got up and left the room.

A motion instructing the committee to solicit student opinion, that is, hold open meetings to hear students, passed easily.

President Weaver then said, "Mr. Chairman, just so the record is clear, I would like to point out that what you have just approved is what I recommended in the first place."

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Univ. Players Cast for 'Barefoot in the Park'

The University Players have announced the cast and director for their fall production of Neil Simon's popular comedy, *Barefoot in the Park*, which will be presented Nov. 22, 23, and 24. Bev Nolte will play Corey Bratter. She previously had leads in U.P. productions of *The Imaginary Invalid* and *Absence of a Cello*. Her husband, Paul Bratter, will be portrayed by John Nieman, who will be remembered for his outstanding performance as Jimmy Porter in the U.P. production of *Look Back in Anger* last spring.

Diane Taylor will appear as Corey's mother, Mrs. Banks. Her extensive theatrical experience includes the role of Sabrina in *The Skin of Our Teeth*. Victor Velasco will be played by Walter Huizenga. He was the hilarious veterinarian, Dr. Glass, in *Carnival* last spring. Mike Jones and Dev Hanke will play the telephone repairman and the deliveryman respectively.

Barefoot in the Park will be directed by Jack Connors. He is a highly respected professional director with New York experience. He was resident director for Gateway Theatre in Gaslight Square. In his three years with that company, he staged outstanding productions of such plays as *A View from the Bridge*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *The Rose Tattoo*, and *The Subject Was Roses*.

'Boston Strangler' Reveals Complex Crime

by Sam Hack, Features Editor

Those who search for simple solutions to the much-talked-about problems of crime and violence should be permanently disillusioned by the film, *The Boston Strangler*, which is currently showing at the Fox Theatre and the St. Ann Cinema. As Bonnie and Clyde did last year, this film makes it almost impossible to hold the comforting belief that all criminals are inherently evil. It also reveals some of the terribly complex difficulties which face the police in their attempts to find criminals.

The first half of the film is a documentary-like depiction of the police hunt for the "Boston Strangler," who strangled eleven women some of whom he sexually attacked. During the investigation, several suspects are found, and there is enough circumstantial evidence against some of them to absolutely convince any television detective of their guilt. But none of them is guilty. Practically no evidence at all exists against Albert DeSalvo, who (as the movie tells it) is guilty. The implications are obvious but important.

This section of the film benefits greatly from Richard Fleischer's taut direction (which makes good use of the multiple split screen technique), the frank, realistic dialogue written by Edward Anhalt, and excellent performances as police detectives by veteran character actors George Kennedy, Mike Kellin, and Murray Hamilton. More effectiveness would have been achieved, however, if more pity were evoked for the victims; and if nearly all the possible suspense of the investigation were not ruined by the audience's pre-knowledge that Tony Curtis would be the "Strangler."

The second half of the film



is basically a character study of Albert DeSalvo. He has (in the film) a dual personality. Two completely different personalities occupy the same body, and neither of them consciously is aware of the other's existence. One part of him is a happy family man; the other is the "strangler." His character(s) is explored through a series of interviews between him and a special investigator for the Attorney General (Henry Fonda), who is trying to get the family man to recognize and confess to the existence of the "Strangler."

This is no glossy Hollywood leading-man role for Tony Curtis, but a role which requires skillful and perceptive acting. A mediocre performance in this role would have ruined the film, but Curtis' surprisingly brilliant performance makes it even better. He makes DeSalvo's agonizing struggle with himself pitifully believable. The "Boston Strangler" is not a horrible psychopathic monster, but a sick man who is innocent even in his guilt.

'Patch of Blue'

The Academy Award-winning film, *A Patch of Blue*, starring Sidney Poitier, Elizabeth Hartman, and Shelley Winters, will be shown Tuesday, November 12 at 8:00 p.m. in 105 Benton. It is a part of the University Players Film Series.

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Greek News

by Lainey Jaffe

First things first I always say. Therefore my apology is extended to the guys of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity for not putting anything about them in for the past two weeks. The Pi Kappa Alpha men livened things up last weekend in celebration of their colonization one year ago. A hayride, award and dinner banquet, and football game against the Sigma Pi men were the activities highlighting the weekend. At the award and dinner banquet, planned by Doug Gross, the following awards were presented. Most Improved Semester, Rod McDonald and Greg Krizling; Highest Semester Average, William Kallaos; Faculty Advisor, Dr. William Saigh; Outstanding Alumni, Bruce Buickenmiller and Man of the Year, William Kallaos.

In my first column I explained the unique way the Sigma Tau Gamma pledges answer the telephone at their fraternity's house. For those of you who thought the telephone gimmick was unusual wait till you read about the way they answer the question, "What time is it?"

"Sir, I am dreadfully sorry sir, but due to the inherent inaccuracy of my mechanical chronometer I am unable to give you the correct time. However, to the best of my knowledge it is the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty eight A.D. on this (blank) day of the month of November at approximately (blank)

minutes past (or till) the hour of (blank) a.m. (or p.m.), sir.

The officers of this unique pledge class are president, Charles Barr; vice president, Ron Lohrman; secretary, Bob Trost.

The Alpha Epsilon Pi pledge class held a breakfast for the active at the Cheshire Inn last Sunday. At this breakfast each active was given a permanent nickname. Stu Cassel was chairman of the event.

Sigma Pi pledges are beginning their various fraternity projects. Recently elected pledge officers are president, Ed Farrel; vice president, Craig Sullivan; treasurer, Jerry Gaylord; and secretary, Steve Kupp. **SPECIAL ATTENTION!** Johnny Mathis is coming to Kiel Auditorium December 1. This event is sponsored by the UMSL Sigma Pi fraternity. Contact Jim Issler, who is in charge of ticket sales. By the way, the tickets they have are for the best seats in the house.

Alpha Phi Omega's big event, Reno-Nite, is coming soon, November 15. Everyone is invited to share in the fun.

Alpha Xi Delta added 28 new pledges to their sorority. Recently elected officers are president, Terri Hungerford; vice president, Norine Stohlman; secretary, Susan Moutrie; treasurer, Diane Angermann; parliamentarian Connie Albrecht and song leader Ann Breckenridge.

More Letters: Moushey and 'I'm Sorry'

(Continued from page 3)

be seriously considered and at most not be read. To make such factual errors as abound in the letter suggests that its writer has not attended to the recent (guilt inspired?) attempts of the mass media to discuss both the contributions of black Americans to our society and the explicit as well as implicit role of whites in maintaining a subordinated black caste in our country. If television and the press can be effectively ignored or avoided, what effect can a letter have?

In your editorial, you suggest that "something is wrong, indeed, when a student at UMSL (or any other university) possesses the views of an uneducated, Southern bigot." Unless "southern" refers to south of the Canadian border, the word is inappropriate. What varies geographically is not racism but the degree of subtlety of expression. One might take solace in the fact that our institution has (potentially) four years to affect the ignorance and attitudes of Mr. Moushey and others of similar persuasion. We may affect his ignorance, but it is highly unlikely that this, or any other, University will change his attitudinal intolerance. His attitudes have a long personal and social history and are supported by many in the community and country. Indeed, one might laud Mr. Moushey's honesty and forthrightness. He makes explicit and acknowledges what is, according to the Kerner Report, only barely latent in white America as a whole. Look, for instance, at the recent press reports of the mock election results at our local high schools; Jennings High specifically stands out. Indeed, look at our campus mock election. If we assume that the election reported in the same issue

of the Current representatively sampled campus opinion (there is, however, good reason to doubt this), it appears that there is a small, but sizable, segment of our community (8% of students, 3% of faculty) which finds a minimally masked racist appeal quite consonant with their views.

Yes, Mr. Moushey "is racism personified." What is surprising is not his attitude toward blacks, but its lack of sophistication. You may well have been right in your suggestion that something is amiss when we find at a University such as ours individuals with the views of uneducated bigots. Look harder, though, and you will find here, as elsewhere, many educated bigots.

Milton E. Strauss
Assistant Professor
of Psychology

Dear Editor,

If the words "I'm sorry" cannot be incorporated into a term paper, perhaps the words "I'm lazy" can. Of the course the library situation is inconvenient, but is the UMSL library the only source of research information? Am I mistaken, or are not the libraries of Washington University, St. Louis University, St. Louis city and St. Louis county available to Mr. Knarr?

I, as a student of UMSL and a library assistant, feel fortunate that the library offers any services at all, at this time. I feel that the library should have remained closed until such time as it could give full service. The fact that it is now operating would seem to refute Mr. Knarr's belief that the library personnel "ignore the student."

Certainly, it is frustrating not to get the books you request. However, if you are unaccustomed to the library as it now functions, surely you can understand that it

also presents problems to the librarians. Because they are having difficulties operating out of boxes, in the midst of construction workers, etc., does not mean that they are not qualified personnel. This is an unjustified charge.

Given the circumstances, we are doing the best we can. This is a tried cliché, it's true. "I'm sorry," Mr. Knarr.

Carole A. Cooke

Editor's note: The Current is presently concluding an investigation of the whole matter of Student Activity Fees. The results of this study will be published in next week's Current.

UMSL's Boa On the Loose

The Biology department last Monday confirmed a rumor that one of its laboratory snakes, a rainbow boa, is missing. The loss was discovered separately by Dr. Jerry Taurman on Saturday, October 26 and by Dr. Frank Moyer the next day.

In an interview with the Current, Dr. Moyer made it clear that the boa is completely harmless. While boas in their natural state usually squeeze, this boa, said Dr. Moyer, does not, since it has been raised from birth by humans. Dr. Moyer said that the boa has become a pet of the members of the department, usually accompanying lab instructors in their coat pockets.

"The snake is three and a half feet long, has a pointy head, and has alternate blotches of chocolate and beige colors. Also, the last five or six inches of the tail will be more brightly colored, since this section grew in the past year."

There is a possibility that the snake could have been stolen. Dr. Moyer stated that a tame rainbow boa can make an excellent household pet, and this particular snake is worth at least \$15 on the market.

"The snake had been housed with a Tegu lizard and a Blanding's turtle for over a week," said Moyer, "and made no attempt to escape. So it is not impossible that the boa was stolen."

Part of a liberal education, contends Dr. Moyer, is learning to examine and evaluate old ideas and prejudices. He has found that helping students overcome their phobias concerning snakes is a "spectacular way" to offer urban students a liberal education.

Anyone finding the snake should contact Dr. Moyer at extension 211 or at his home phone, HE 2-4875; students can also contact Dr. Jerry Thurman at extension 198 or at 724-9142.

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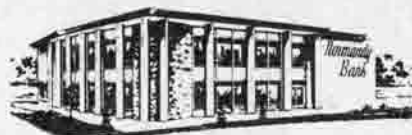
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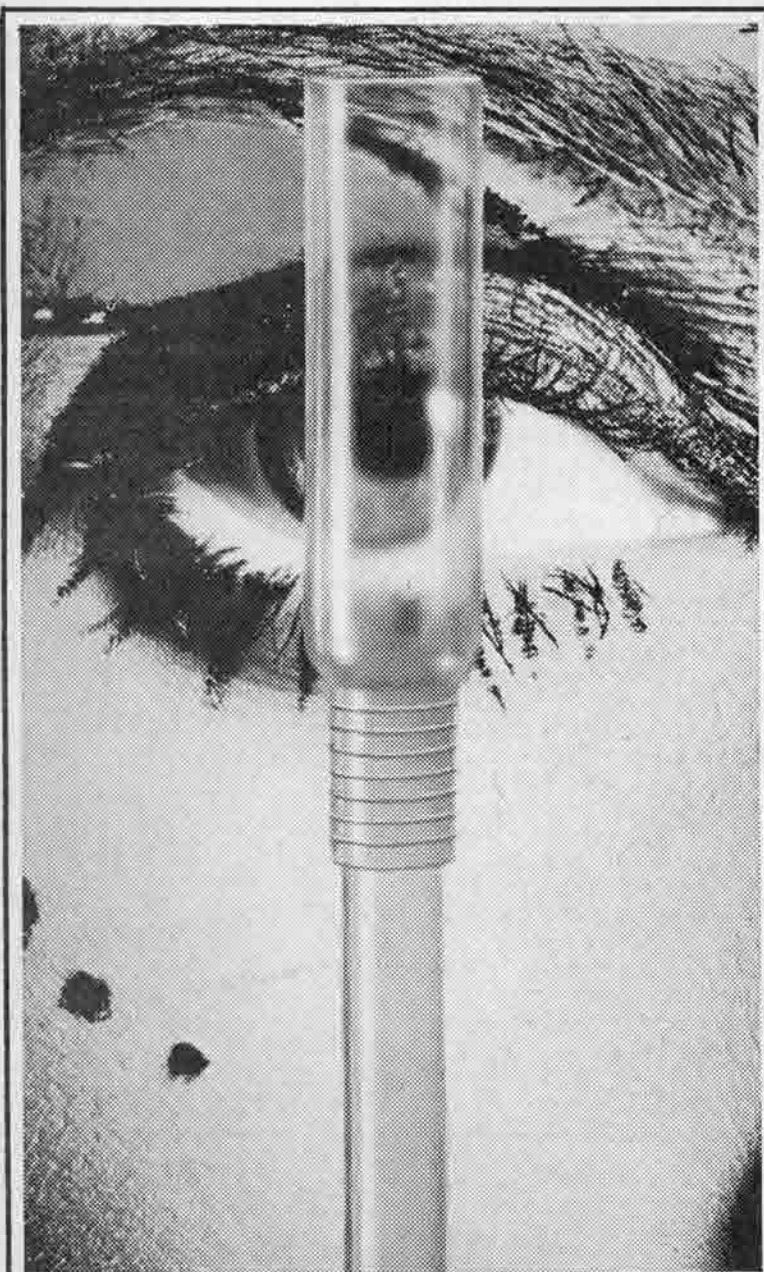
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Kickers Upset Rockhurst 3-0

The Rivermen surprised a lot of people last Thursday by defeating Rockhurst by a score of 3-0.

Rockhurst was by far the most surprised because they had planned to let their second string play half the game. The first string did not bother to get into uniform for the start of the game.

This attitude was changed when Mark McDonald scored the first goal in the first quarter with an assist from Frank McHugh. Immediately following the goal, the first string for Rockhurst entered the game and the score remained 1-0 at the half.

The second half was dominated completely by UMSL, but the score remained the same until the last 10 minutes of the game. Tim Fitzsimmons scored the second goal for UMSL and soon after, Tom Tucker made it three with an assist from Dennis Cavin.

The Rivermen never stopped running throughout the whole game. UMSL took 20 shots compared to 7 for Rockhurst. McDonald, Tucker, Todt, Fitzsimmons, and Buehler constantly pressed the Rockhurst defense. Kramer, Kruse, Ryan and Aylward continually stopped the Rockhurst offense.

SIU - Edwardsville, the Rivermen's next opponent, has lost only to St. Luke's of England in an exhibition game. Since then they have won 8 games in a row including their last victory over NAIA champions, Quincy College. The game will be Saturday, Nov. 16 at Edwardsville.

Hendin's Headlines

by Marty Hendin, Sports Editor

Rockhurst College's soccer coach thought that he could start his second string against UMSL and get away with it. Well, he started his second string, but he certainly didn't get away with it as the Rivermen came through with a sparkling 3-0 win. As soon as UMSL scored in the first quarter some of the Hawks' first team entered the game. The rest of the starting team got dressed at half-time and entered the game in the third quarter. Rockhurst would have done better with the second string as the Rivermen scored two goals in the fourth period against the Rockhurst starters.

The soccer Rivermen now have a 4-0-1 record with one game remaining in their first season, at SIU-Edwardsville on Saturday November 16. If they can upset the undefeated Cougars, the Rivermen will have a great chance to be District Sixteen's representative in the NAIA national soccer tournament. As in basketball however, UMSL might have to face Rockhurst

in a play-off because Rockhurst plays a tougher schedule and because the Hawks finished second in last year's national NAIA soccer tourney. Rockhurst's loss to UMSL gave them a 6-2 mark with their only other loss against NCAA co-champion St. Louis U.

Speaking of upset victories, how about the cross-country team's victory in the Urban Alliance Meet in Chicago last Saturday? The Rivermen finished first over such established teams as the University of Chicago and Wayne State University. Judging from the soccer and cross-country successes and the good basketball team that we should have, this could be the best sports year in UMSL history.

Don't forget to buy your basketball season tickets for only \$3.75 at the Cashier's office.

Be sure to read the Current next week when we will present our second annual special basketball edition.

Sports Calendar

Fri. Nov. 8	cross country	at Evangel	4:00
Sat. Nov. 9	cross country	at Southwest Mo. State	11:00
Fri. Nov. 14	basketball	Meet the Rivermen Nite	7:30
Sat. Nov. 16	soccer	at SIU-Edwardsville	1:30
Sat. Nov. 30	basketball	JV vs. Alumni	6:00
Sat. Nov. 30	basketball	vs. Southeast Mo. State	8:00

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Members of the 1968 Cross-Country Team are left-to-right, first row: Randy Davis, Bob Hudson, Bill Joiner, and Kerry Robinson; second row: Jeff Davis, Ted McQueary, Mike Guenther and Larry Johnson.

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Harriers Win Urban Meet

by Pat Freeman

"I was very amazed but happy we won! The times were very good -- each runner improved one minute or more on his times," exclaimed Coach Berres. UMSL traveled to Chicago to compete in the Urban Alliance Meet last Saturday, and returned home as meet Champions. In a field of 6 schools, scoring went as follows: UMSL 51, University of Chicago 61, Wayne State and University of Wisconsin (tie) 68, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle 97, and Ferris State 163.

"I was very pleased that our five top runners finished with times under 22 minutes. There were only 24 seconds between the second place and fifth place time, which shows great team work," Coach Berres believes the big time difference was the fact that the course was a flat surface when the Rivermen were accustomed to a rough, hilly terrain.

Randy Davis paced the Rivermen finishing fifth in a field of 56 runners with a swift 21:17. Bob Hudson came up next with a ninth place time of 21:22 while Ted McQueary closely followed with a 21:33 for a tenth place position. Jeff Davis and Kerry Robinson completed the scoring for UMSL by capturing the thirteenth and fourteenth places with 21:53 and 21:57 respectively. Other UMSL runners competing were: L. Johnson 22:58, M. Guenther 23:30 and Dennis Joiner 25:06. First place went to Arthur Bogdonovitch with a 20:40 for University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

Coach Berres added, "I believe that this win just goes to show

how much experience the boys have gained in the previous ten meets and just how much they have matured since the opening of the season. I'm very proud of them."

Seeking for revenge from their previous defeat by Principia, the Rivermen traveled to Elsah, Illinois, on October 30, to try and even the score. But evidently Principia had different ideas as they handed UMSL a 17-42 defeat.

With the absence of Bob Hudson,

who was ill, the Rivermen were led by Randy Davis who finished fifth. Ted McQueary came in sixth and Kerry Robinson captured ninth place.

The Rivermen now sport a 5-4 record while they competed in two meets this week. Today they travel to Springfield, Missouri, to challenge Evangel College and tomorrow they will complete the 1968 schedule by meeting with Southwest Missouri State, in Springfield.

Rivermen Review

Harriers' Leading Runner

"I believe we have had a wonderful season! We are an enthusiastic bunch of fellows with good team work. Being a team of freshmen and sophomores, we have a great team for the future." These are the comments of Robert Hudson, a freshman who so far has been the '68 cross country team's leading runner.

Robert, who stands 5'6" and weighs 128 pounds, believes running is the most appropriate sport for him in regard to his size. When he was a freshman in high school he went out for the track team and has been devoted to it ever since. Robert graduated from East St. Louis High where he was named "Best in Cross Country" of his class. He received six East Side Major letters and represented the 1967 team as captain.

"Basically, the main difference in high school and college running that I have noticed is the distance. Physically, I haven't quite adjusted to the distance but mentally I've had better results." Robert, who has led the UMSL team this season, won a trophy in the Greenville Invitational and brought home a medal from the Culver-Stockton Invitational. His best time on the UMSL course was a 22:33, just one second short of the school record.

"Westminster would have to be my favorite opponent this season. I believe I have done my best this season against them and I feel this was the team's best meet for this year." Westminster was

downed by the Rivermen 25-34 as Robert led the way for UMSL.

When asked what he is thinking as he nears the finish line, Bob said, "At that time I try to relax my mind, so I can sprint to the finish -- so I try to think of something nice, maybe girls!" But Robert believes that the most important thing is to remember that "you must want to win!"

Coach Berres who has piloted a successful team this season had this to say about him, "Robert is a very consistent runner and is one of the best freshman runners in any of the competing schools. He has exceptionally good endurance and we have a lot to look forward to in the future years from him."



Bob Hudson, UMSL's leading cross country runner.

IM Standings

Following are the final standings in the intramural three-man basketball league:

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