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Curators Approve Admission Plan

Includes More Courses Needed For Entry

by Matt Forsythe
of The Current staff

High school students wanting to be admitted to the University of Missouri system will now be required to take more courses and pass higher standards in order to gain admission.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators raised admission requirements in a meeting on the UM-Columbia campus on Friday, June 19.

The new standards, gradually taking affect, will be in place by 1997. Students will be required to take four years of both English and math, three years of both science and social studies, two years of a foreign language and one year of fine art.

These new requirements raise the math, science and social studies requirements by one year. The foreign language requirement is new.

State requirements to graduate from high school lag behind the University system requirements. They remain at three years of English, two years of mathematics, science and

social studies, one year of fine arts, practical arts and physical education and ten electives.

Although St. Louis School District has higher requirements than the State, they still are less than the new University standards.

Curator Webb R. Gilmore talked about the new requirements raising the level of quality for both the University and public high schools.

"The main object is to improve the quality of the University and the quality of the student," he said. "We want to strengthen general educational requirements. The plan was worked out by a University wide committee and the State Department of Education. Both these groups are supportive of these changes."

Gilmore denied the idea that the recent increase in tuition and these higher standards would put low income students in a bind.

"Our present plans assure that we set aside ample funds for students

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Kansas City Receives Largest Percentage of UM Budget

by Thomas J. Kovach
of The Current staff

The University of Missouri-Kansas City will receive the biggest slice of the UM System's budget pie for the next fiscal year.

At their June meeting, the UM Board of Curators gave the Kansas City campus a 20.9 share of the system's state appropriations. In dollars, university officials say that amounts to \$464,000.

UM-St. Louis received a slight increase, receiving about \$28,000. The Columbia campus will see approximately \$29,000 in university state appropriations for next year. Also, the University of Missouri Extension division received an additional \$100,000 for next year.

The losers in the budget include UM-Rolla (minus \$300,000) and central administration (minus \$301,000).

UM President George Russell says the university needed a better approach to allocating funds. Those allocations are based on campuses' needs, costs and enrollments.

The Board of Curators is looking at a total income of \$491.8 million for the UM System. Gov. John Ashcroft is expected to hold about \$8.7 million of the state share in revenue. Ashcroft

already withheld \$24.1 million from this year's budget of \$466.9 million. In other matters:

• Russell dismissed reports that faculty members do not carry a heavy workload.

"There may in fact be a few, very few, faculty members who do what is charged," he said. "But I would suggest there are far more dedicated faculty members who go far beyond the minimum requirements to make this a lively and exciting place for learning and scholarship."

In April, State Auditor Margaret Kelly recommended that UM officials create a course load policy for faculty and review teaching loads to "determine the amount of time spent teaching in comparison with other duties."

She said faculty members who spend less time teaching are compensated more than those who spend more time in the classroom.

• Russell also called for approximately 20 percent of generated student fees to "stabilize financial aid."

"I believe this amount of aid will permit us to assist students who might be otherwise be excluded from attending the University of Missouri," Russell said.

In 1991, UM-St. Louis awarded more than \$15,243 to 5,973 students.

Student Accuses Officer Of Racist Comments

by Michelle McMurray
editor

A UM-St. Louis student sought to bring charges against four teenage girls and a man who she claims attacked her daughter at the Mirthday Festival on April 22.

Mazina Brown said she was in the library while her 14-year-old daughter was participating in Mirthday activities. A male attacker allegedly held the girl on the ground while one of the assailants bit her. The case was turned over to juvenile authorities and is still pending, campus police said.

Brown also alleged that UM-St. Louis Police Officer Michael Gray was rude to her when she went to file the report. A letter sent to The Current stated the charged officer made remarks such as "It's becoming like

the city around here." According to Brown's letter, Gray probably made the remark because all parties involved in the incident were black.

Brown said when the officer asked her daughter to write down what happened he said, "I assume she can write can't she?" Brown said there was a secretary and another officer present when he made those comments.

"His attitude changed when he discovered that I was a student here. I am not trying to get him fired. I just hope he learned from this and would be more considerate of people's feelings," she said.

Campus Police Chief John Pickens said he had several conversations with Brown and the situation was rectified to her satisfaction.

Let's Dance!



Photos by Alfie M. All

UM-St. Louis celebrated American Indian month with the Annual Three Rivers Pow Wow on the grounds of the Missouri Historical Society in Forest Park. The event was sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity, the Anthropology Alumni Chapter and the Missouri Historical Society.

The Pow Wow featured traditional Native Americans who sang songs and sold arts and crafts.

Indian fry bread, tacos, buffalo burgers and wild rice were among the appetizing traditional foods served.

The Three Rivers Pow Wow has become a major St. Louis intercultural event. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for Native American students at UM-St. Louis.

UM-St. Louis Basbeball Player Signs With Cardinals

by Jack C. Wang
Current sports reporter

UM-St. Louis junior Brian Rupp isn't your average college infielder who led his team in batting with a .435 average this past season.

Last month Rupp was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals, who chose him in the 42 round.

Rupp is looking forward to the upcoming June draft and has dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player since he was eight or nine years old. "It would be a thrill," Rupp said.

He has plans to sign soon, and will likely be assigned to the Cardinals' rookie club in Hamilton, Ontario. He says the money will not be as important as to whether he will be able to advance in the minor league system of the Cardinals.

In addition to leading the Rivermen in batting average for the second straight season, Rupp hit six homers and had 43 RBIs in 50 games. He also stole 13 bases in 17 tries.

This combination of power and speed that Rupp possesses at the plate has led scouts from all 26 major league

teams to come to St. Louis for a look at him.

In fact, head coach Jim Brady compares Rupp to Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr.

When told of Brady's comment, Rupp said "I don't think I'm quite the player he is. It's nice to be compared to him. He's such a great player but he hits for more power and has more range."

But Brady believes Rupp has that potential about him.

"He is a student of the game," Brady said. "He knows the game and he gets a great jump on the ball and positions himself well."

Scouts have told Brady they like Rupp because of his great size, soft hands and a great throwing arm.

"He has a quick bat and has great opposite field power. The transition to wood bats should not be a problem for Brian," Brady said.

Rupp would like to hit for more power. He sees that part of his game as the thing he would like to improve on.

Brady agrees. He reminds people that Rupp is just 21 years old.

"He is just beginning," Brady said.

New Language Course Offered In Conjunction With Wash U.

by Krista Wesche
of The Current staff

UM-St. Louis, in a cooperative venture with Washington University, is developing Missouri's first Korean language program. This course is made available through a \$197,685 federal grant by the U.S. Department of Education and was awarded in a national competition to develop international programs.

The Korean language program will be offered in the fall of 1992. This five credit course is available to students seeking a foreign language requirement or an ambitious business student wanting to learn a valuable skill.

Joel Glassman, the newly appointed director of the Center for International Studies, said the Department of Education liked the

idea of a state and private institution working together.

UM-St. Louis is not the only school to benefit from this opportunity. The course will also be broadcast over the University of Missouri video network, reaching students on three other campuses. Eventually, all Missouri state schools will be linked together on the video system, contacting even more people. This will introduce the program in a cost effective way.

This course will be taught by Sookee Choe, a native Korean who just completed her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Hopefully the Korean language program will help lessen barriers between the U.S. and Korea. Glassman said this program should be an excellent way of promoting international relations and increasing student awareness.

New Food Service May Feed Underground And Dorms

by Matt Forsythe
of The Current staff

UM-St. Louis made a move to change food service companies this summer. The University recently signed a contract with ARA Services to provide food service to the Underground.

A recent memo from Lowe "Sandy" Maclean, vice chancellor of student affairs, said Food Service America, the company that holds the contract for the Underground's food service would be closing on June 29. Effective July 1, ARA Services will take over the contract and then the cafeteria will be officially reopened on July 6th.

Karl Beeler, assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs and director of residential life, said ARA Services might also be taking over the food service at the University Dorm. Contract negotiations are still underway, but Beeler said things look positive.

"[ARA Services] did come back with a plan and with a little

fine tuning it should work out," he said.

Beeler is taking action on a promise to the students of the Dorm about getting a new food service.

"I told them once the new lease takes effect, we'll see what we can do," he said. The students did have numerous complaints about the old food service which was under contract to Sisters of the Incarnate Word and which the University was required to accept under the old lease.

One possible advantage of the same company handling the University Dorm and the Underground is that provisions could be made so that students who live at the dorm and pay a certain amount of money for food as part of their food contract could be able to eat on campus at no additional cost. In the past this situation was impossible because two different companies handled the two locations.

Beeler said if ARA Services did get the contract for the dorm, they wouldn't start operations until at least August 24th.

ROTC Offers Students A Lot

A common dilemma facing most undergraduate students is the choice of an academic major. The uncertainty of where you want to be ten years down the road looms as a larger than life decision for the new student facing the hustle and bustle of registration, forms, advisors and a new environment. It's never too late to consider a career that combines a respect for tradition and responsibility for tomorrow with state of the art technology and the challenges of leadership. The Army Reserves Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) provides all of this and more, grooming the best and brightest students for careers as the future officer leaders of the United States Army and of out nation. A program of leadership and military skills, ROTC at UM-St. Louis prepares students for challenging and rewarding responsibilities in the active Army, Army Reserves and Army National Guard following graduation.

The Army ROTC four-year program consists of a basic and advanced course. The basic course is usually taken in the freshmen and sophomore year and requires no military commitment except for scholarship students. The basic course, or its equivalent credit for prior military service, is a prerequisite for entry into the advanced course. Entry into the basic course is as simple as registering for a freshmen class. Entry into the advanced course requires basic course completion or attendance at six weeks of basic camp summer training conducted at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The ROTC program involves one class and weekly leadership laboratory on campus each semester. Classroom instruction prepares students for their future leadership responsibilities and is augmented by a weekly leadership laboratory where students receive military skills training and adventurous activities such as repelling, mountaineering and orienteering. Students will also participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities including canoe trips, cross country skiing and military social functions. Additional opportunities are available to attend summer training at Army Posts and at the Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger Schools.

Army ROTC offers several opportunities for scholarships worth up to \$17,000 at UM-St. Louis. High School students may compete for a four year scholarship.

Once on campus, students may apply for three year or two year scholarships. Scholarships cover UM-St. Louis tuition, most books and fees, plus \$100 cash per school month. All cadets receive \$100 per school month during the advanced course regardless of scholarship status.

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Course descriptions are found in the UM-St. Louis catalog. ROTC cadre will be glad to assist any student with questions and can be reached at 553-5176 or on a walk-in basis at the Military Science Department, 7940 Natural Bridge, at the corner of West Drive.

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who pass these standards but are economically disadvantaged and are unable to attend the University because of that reason," he said.

The Board unanimously passed the new requirements for courses and descriptions of the courses.

In other news, University President George A. Russell released the names of five possible choices for chancellor of the Columbia Campus.

The list includes;
Robert Hemenway, 50, chancellor of the University of Kentucky's Lexington campus. He received a doctorate in English from Kent State University.

Steven M. Cahn, 49, provost and vice president of academic affairs of the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. Cahn holds a philosophy doctorate from Columbia University.

David K. Scott, 52, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Michigan State University. He has a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Oxford.

Charles A. Kiesler, 57, provost at Vanderbilt University and holder of a doctorate in social psychology from Stanford University.

Gerald T. Brouder, 49, temporarily serving as both provost and interim chancellor of UM-Columbia. Brouder has worked at the Campus for 15 years and has a doctorate in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin.

President Russell said he would make his choice by July. The new chancellor will have the responsibility of dealing with UM-Columbia's budget problems. The campus is approximately 2.1 million short of 3.2 million needed for employee raises.

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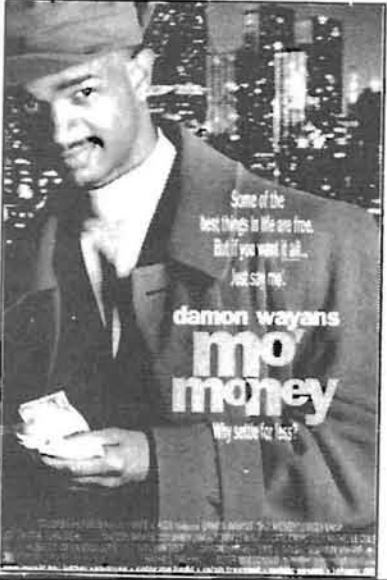
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Melissa Etheridge To Play The Fox

by Brad Touche
of The Current staff

It's been three long years since Melissa Etheridge has put out an album, but it's been worth the wait. With her third record, *Never Enough*, on the charts and Melissa on the road, rock's precious painful performer seems poised for real prominence. Not that making this album was a walk in the park.

"I best describe this project the 'difficult third album,'" Etheridge said. "With my first album I laid down pretty much who I am. With the second I proved the first wasn't a fluke. So the third is hard."

Hard in the sense that she didn't just sit back and ride her success, but chose to challenge herself and try new things. The most obvious example of the experimenting is the new single, "2001," a decidedly funkier sound than that which most Melissa Etheridge fans are used to hearing.

"We had a real blast doing '2001,'" she said excitedly. "It comes from a whole different place in me. Actually, it's the

same place - I'm still questioning - but it's looking at a different part of what I'm feeling. Growing up, I had my Led Zeppelin and Humble Pie records, but I also had The Supremes and The Temptations. In high school, some of my favorite albums were by Earth, Wind & Fire and The Ohio Players."

As the experiment continued, Etheridge wrote a piano ballad called "The Letting Go" and recorded "Dance Without Sleeping" without rehearsing it and put the first take on the new album.

"'Dance Without Sleeping' is a different sort of melody than what I usually do," she stated. "I asked Kevin (McCormick) and Fritz (Lewak, two charter members of her band) to come up with a groove with a mid-tempo beat. They brought me back a tape and I wrote the lyrics to it. It wasn't until we were in the studio and the tape rolling that we cut it. You're hearing the first time I ever sang it. I'm just channelling the melody."

"It's very special to me," she added, "because I'll probably never sing it like that again. It's so tentative and vulnerable because I didn't know what was

happening." And what's with the piano? "It all depends on what's available to me musically. The first album was basically me with a guitar, the second was me with a live band. Now I've bought a piano, so I can have a song with a piano."

Etheridge is known for her live shows, especially due to her story of how a record exec from Island signed her on the spot after a show in L.A. in 1985. Her songs share a certain intimacy with her fans, and a lot of them write her to let her know that.

"My music touches one of my fans and they want me to know that I'm giving them something," she said. "Well, I do know, and I understand. Come to my shows, scream and holler and we'll all share a good time."

Melissa Etheridge will be at the Fox Theater on July 25.

And if you can't make it, at least check out her new album, if for no other reason than the bare-backed cover.

"Everyone turns it over to see if there's a flip side," she laughs.

Success Fell Into Laps Of Arc Angels

by Brad Touche
of The Current staff

What happens when Stevie Ray Vaughn's band Double Trouble adds two guitarists like Charlie Sexton and Doyle Bramhall II and forms a new band? Quadruple trouble? Naw, just some incredibly addictive blues rock that sounds like it's bound for greatness - but that's all. Ladies and Gentlemen, prepare to hear the Arc Angels.

The band's name came from its origin - sort of.

Chris Layton (drummer for Double Trouble and now the Arc Angels) and Charlie Sexton both had studios in the Austin Rehearsal Complex, which everyone in Austin calls "Arc." It happened that Doyle Bramhall II had just signed a developmental deal with Geffen records after a stint with the Fabulous Thunderbirds and was working on some of his own songs in ARC.

"Double Trouble was taking a break while Stevie was promoting his 'Family Style' album with his brother," said Layton. "I thought putting another band together just to stay sharp with was a good idea."

That was about the time when Vaughn's helicopter crashed and claimed his life. Every member of the Arc Angels was close to Vaughn, and according to Layton, making a go of it with this band was the only way to keep from going crazy thinking about

Vaughn's sudden death.

"We were all devastated by Stevie's death," said Layton. "But it never entered our heads to just quit. We knew we would never try to resurrect Double Trouble, but, after a point we had to get back to playing music."

"It just happened that me and Tommy (Shannon, Double Trouble's bassist) were playing out with Charlie and Doyle," he added. "And before we had really realized it, we were getting serious attention from the labels. The ironic part about this is we never intended to do anything with this band except play around in Austin."

But, faster than an SRV guitar lick, the Angels were in the studio and learning what it was like to try to record with four strong individual personalities.

"Originally there was a lot of head-butting because everyone had their own idea of how the record should sound," Layton confessed. "It almost broke the band up. But in the end, we made it through and were very happy with how the album turned out."

Recording the album was a major accomplishment by producer Little Steven, if only because both Bramhall and Sexton get equal representation for their guitar stylings. And Layton said they both like what they hear on the album.

It seems the only thing left to hold back the Arc Angels from a full blown

flight is Sexton's contractual obligation to MCA to record one more solo album. But Layton said it's not that big of a problem.

"It helps that MCA and DGC are kind of owned by the same company," Layton confided. "Sexton's third solo album will happen, but no one knows when. MCA will be much more patient since Charlie hasn't really gone anywhere."

And Layton said that playing with the Arc Angels is a completely different feeling from playing with Vaughn. "It's a tough question to answer. When you were playing with Stevie, it was like playing 'keep up' half the time because he'd always be trying something new right there on stage," he said. "With the Angels, everything is much more structured and planned. There's very little room for improvisation with this band, but it's good because we are very tight and precise as to how we want to sound."

"And besides the fact that Stevie was so spontaneous, there's also the grooves, the structures, the feelings. . . it's a lot different with the Angels than it was with Double Trouble."

When asked if the Angels were more studio-oriented or live-oriented, Layton responded enthusiastically, "We love to do it all. The studio was great, and now we're ready to get out and do some live shows. Come out and see us!"

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Goal #1: Elect a pro-choice governor.

Because we can no longer rely on the courts to protect the right to choose, we must elect a governor who will veto any further restrictions on reproductive choice in Missouri. A pro-choice governor will also provide

much-needed leadership on issues that could help reduce the need for abortion, instead of concentrating on making abortion more a more difficult and dangerous choice for Missouri women.

In addition, the Missouri legislature has been heavily anti-choice. In 1986, the bill that became the basis of *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services* passed on a vote of 118-38. Although no direct vote has been taken on abortion since then, there are some indications of the growing strength of pro-choice sentiment.

In 1991, 68 legislators voted in favor of a measure that anti-choice groups tried to defeat. This year, 70 state representatives voted against an anti-choice amendment. We need 82 votes to pass a bill in the Missouri House. In the 1992 elections, we could help elect enough pro-choice candidates to reach this majority.

From the statehouse to the White House, the issue of choice will be prominent in the presidential cam-

paign. We have seen how anti-choice presidents shaped the U.S. Supreme Court, vetoed legislation overturning the gag rule and undermined *Roe v. Wade*. We need to keep these issues before Missouri voters in 1992.

Missouri NARAL will work closely with our national office to support Congressional candidates who will work for federal protection for the right to choose via the Freedom of Choice Act. Although we must work to stop further restrictions at the state level, our long-range vision is one of federal protections that would not leave women at the mercy of a patchwork of state laws regulating abortion.

Our electoral arm, the Missouri NARAL Political Action Committee, can provide the margin of victory for pro-choice candidates. Missouri

NARAL PAC is surveying all candidates and will publish a comprehensive Choice Voter's Guide before the Aug. 4 primary and again before the Nov. 3 general election.

As the largest grass-roots pro-choice organization, Missouri NARAL plays a unique role in elections. We can help provide the key ingredient of any campaign—volunteers. Many elections are won or lost by a few votes and your involvement can make the difference.

You can help by:

•Attending a political skills workshop to learn more about campaigns.

•Participate in voter identification phone banks to target Missouri's pro-choice majority.

•Sign up to get-out-the-vote through phoning and door-to-door canvassing.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases-What Are They?

STD's are infections that are transmitted from one person to another through sexual contact.

Even though sexual intercourse is the most common way to transmit STD's, other forms of intimate contact may transmit these infections. Anyone who is sexually active, especially those people who are under 25 years old or who have had more than one sexual partner who already have contracted a sexually transmi-

ted infection, are at high risk for contracting STD's. Some STD's have no apparent symptoms during their early stages even though the patient is highly contagious! Pap smears do not detect all STD's. Tests can be administered at the Women's Care Gyn.

Complications from untreated STD's may result in a diminished capacity to have children or even sterility and death. Prompt diagnosis and treatment can prevent this.

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L. Ron Hubbard Explains Mysteries Of Life In Book

According to *Dianetics*, the best selling self-help book by L. Ron Hubbard, words spoken in the environment while a child is being born may affect the child for life.

During the trauma of birth (as covered in *Dianetics*), the child's mind is making a detailed recording of the events going on around him or her. These recordings form a mental image picture, complete with smell, vision, sound and other perceptions, which is buried in the mind below conscious recall.

In later life, stress or anxiety can cause these recordings to be "reactivated," at which point they have the power to dictate behavior without the individual realizing it. In *Dianetics*, counselling these unconscious recordings have been found to be the cause of irrational fears, compulsions, other unexplainable behavior and even psychosomatic illness.

The removal of such mental recordings through *Dianetics*

counselling has resulted in increased intelligence, better health, improved success in life and a higher state of general well-being.

The findings in *Dianetics* have been echoed by numerous doctors and pediatricians since its release in 1950. As sales of the book near 15 million this year, we can expect an increasing number of doctors and pediatricians to be following Hubbard's advice in *Dianetics*: "Maintain silence in the presence of birth to save the sanity of the mother and the child and safeguard the home to which they will go."

The full explanation of why a quiet birth is so essential to the child's future health and happiness is given in L. Ron Hubbard's book, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health* or for a free booklet titled *Silent Birth*, call 1-800-367-8788 (locally for more information you can call 314-427-4977).

Who Decides? You Do, With Your Vote!

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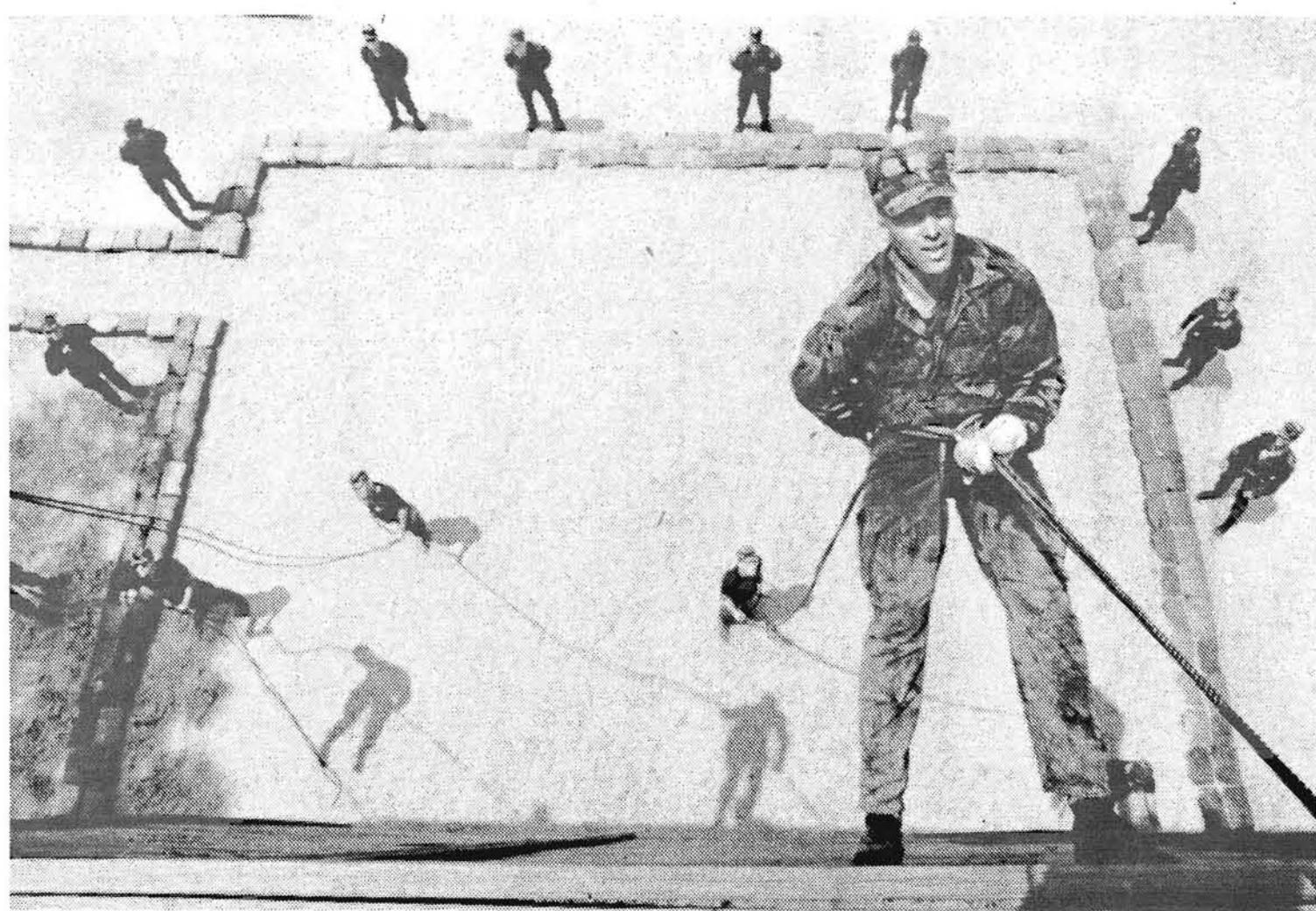


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