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UMSL science building unveiled

Barb DePalma
reporter

A model of the proposed \$23 million UMSL science building was unveiled last Wednesday by the architectural firm of Sverdrup and Parcel and Associates.

The new five-story building would connect Benton and Stadler halls and would contain classrooms, lecture halls, research labs and offices. It would also contain an animal care facility, science library, and the University of Missouri-Rolla Graduate Engineering Center.

In the complex, the animal care facility would be expanded to better meet federal standards regarding animal care and would better serve the needs of the UMSL faculty and students. The new science library would house 38,000 science volumes which are currently stored in the Thomas Jefferson Library. This would also aid students and faculty members through better staffing and availability of scientific materials.

By housing the UMR Graduate Engineering Center in the new complex, the center could offer additional graduate level engi-

neering courses and labs which cannot presently be offered due to lack of space.

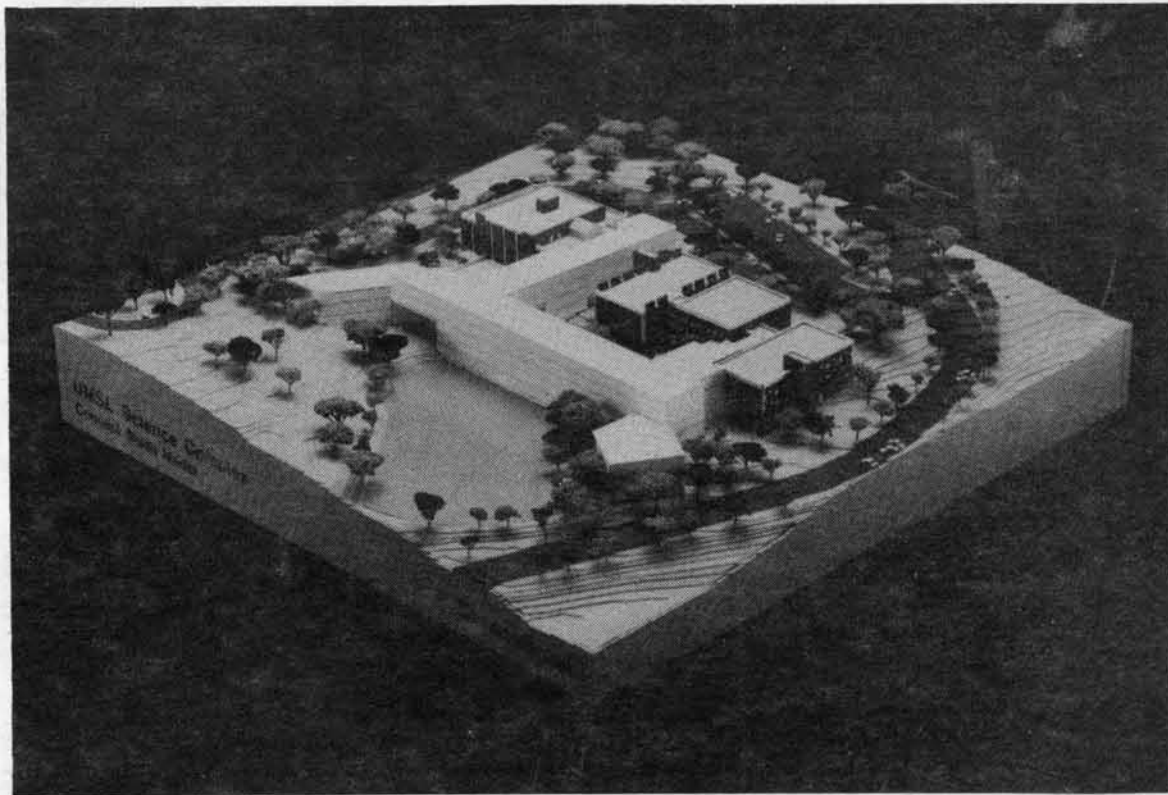
During the 1982 special session of the Missouri Legislature, UMSL received \$320,000 in planning money for the science building. UMSL is currently waiting to receive the rest of the money needed for building costs from the 1983 legislative special session presently in progress.

In his opening remarks, Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman said he is concerned about the passage of the bond issue. "If the bond issue does not pass, we are all wasting our time today," he said.

The building of a new science complex has been a top priority at UMSL since 1969. The final schematic design is scheduled to be presented to the UM Board of Curators for approval at the board's December meeting. Following approval, the construction is planned to begin in October 1984 and end in September 1986.

M. Thomas Jones, associate dean of arts and sciences, said there is a definite need for the new science complex based on

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VOILA: The UMSL science building was unveiled Nov. 9 by the architectural firm of Sverdrup and Parcel and Associates.

ASUM, escorts address Student Assembly meeting

Kevin A. Curtin
editor

The UMSL Student Association held its regular monthly meeting Nov. 13 in Room 229 J.C. Penney Building.

There are two special reports to the assembly before the meeting was called to order. Jackie McIntire and Curt Kepler, representatives of the Associated Students of the University of Missouri, spoke to the assembly about participating in a statewide coalition of UM students. The other report was given by UMSL police chief William G. Karabas and Student Escort Bill Shultz on the conditions of the student escort program.

McIntire and Kepler made their presentation a proposal to UMSL students to rejoin their Associated Students (ASUM). ASUM is a lobbying group that hopes to be able to influence the Missouri legislature's appropriations for higher education. They are composed of students from UM-Columbia and UMKC. UMSL and UM-Rolla have not yet joined.

Their proposal includes raising approximately \$15,300 using semesterly enrollment figures. McIntire and Kepler said that 60 percent of this sum would remain on the UMSL campus for programming designed specifically by UMSL students. The remaining 40 percent would be turned over to the statewide board of directors of ASUM to finance their activities in Jefferson City.

There would be both an UMSL board of directors and the state board of directors. UMSL would elect its own agent, who would receive a stipend, to represent UMSL's interest to ASUM.

"We feel that a statewide coalition would give us tremendous clout," said Kepler. "It would show the legislature that UM students care about funding and are willing to work hard to improve the economic crisis that the university is presently enduring."

ASUM's proposal must be approved by the UMSL Student Association before any foundations are laid down. ASUM was on the UMSL campus until 1981, when UMSL pulled out of the

association due to differences with the students on the other campuses.

The other special report on the escort program updated the status of the program for the assembly, who has funded the program and issued strict guidelines for its operation this year.

William G. Karabas, UMSL police chief, reinforced that he believed the program provides a necessary service to the UMSL community. He added, however, that he has received "no favorable feedback this year."

"I personally don't believe that it's running right," Karabas said. "I'd like to see the escorts patrolling all over campus for high visibility instead of sitting in buildings waiting for calls. However, the students are funding this program, and I am happy to participate in the program using their guidelines."

Bill Shultz, who is a member of the student escort program, also spoke to the assembly. Shultz asked if the escorts could be allowed to start working earlier

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Jim Pearson

RHYTHM: Oswald Moses participated in "A Caribbean Excursion to a Latin American Fiesta," part of International Week.

House boosts allocation for science building

Erik Schaffer
news editor

The amount of money earmarked for the UMSL science building from the state capital improvement bond issue has been raised to \$12.7 million.

Gov. Christopher S. Bond had originally recommended an allocation of \$4.5 million for the building. The estimated total cost is \$23 million.

The money is part of the capital improvement bond issue that is currently being considered on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives. Originally, the bond issue had called for \$250 million in bonds to be sold. The House Budget Committee voted on Nov. 9 to boost the amount to

According to Rep. Everett W. Brown, D-Maryville, the increase was approved in order to further construction of projects that are in "Phase 1" of the building process. The additional money would provide for the completion of some of these projects, Brown said.

A portion of the money allocated to the science building came from money that was intended for the Pickler Library Building on the campus of Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville. For this reason, Brown said, he voted against the change.

Northeast Missouri State has no representative on the budget committee, Brown said. "I didn't think it fair to take money away from the Pickler Building when

no one was there to speak on their behalf."

Rep. Wayne. Goode, D-Normandy, said the science building is beneficial not only for the UMSL campus but also for the St. Louis area in general. He said he urged the shift in money because the science building "is the only building in St. Louis likely to get any money out of the bond issue."

Goode said that after the matter is resolved on the House floor, it must go to the Senate committee, the Senate floor, and then a joint resolution needs to be established between the House and Senate. "It will be about another month before it's finalized," said Goode.

He also said that the extra money allocated to the science

project would make it possible to "at least build the shell of the building. Once we've spent money for the shell, there's no question it will be completed," he said.

M. Thomas Jones, assistant dean of Arts and Sciences and chairperson of the Science Building Committee, said, "We had reason to believe that something in the range of \$12 to \$13 million would be allocated by the legislature." He said the allocation is in line with the Regional Commerce and Growth Association's recommendation that the building be built in two phases. Phase 1 would be to lay the foundation and construct the shell of the building. Phase 2 would entail purchasing equipment, furnishing and finishing the inside

inside

The UMSL Writing Lab can get you around writer's block, clean up grammar, and make writing tasks easier than before. Find out how in this week's features/arts section. **page 7**

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Action taken on retention

Erik Schaffer
news editor

The problem of student retention on the UMSL campus is being tackled by faculty, administration and students.

According to Nancy Avakian, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday in which faculty and administrators will discuss the problem.

"There was a workshop that was given on black student retention on November 3," said Avakian. "Actually, the planners of the conference realized that retention is something that should be addressed campus-wide, not just for black students." Avakian said that this workshop was the first attempt in dealing with retention so it focused in on black students. She said approximately 75 faculty and administrators attended.

Recommendations that came out of the Nov. 3 workshop include the establishment of an ongoing orientation program, a call for better interpersonal relationships between faculty and students, more administrative involvement, and attempts to inform area high schools more accurately about the programs UMSL has to offer.

The Tuesday meeting will be to start a plan of action, Avakian said. "Everybody has made recommendations as to what we should do. We're going to see where we would go from here."

James Doyle, professor of

philosophy and one of the four planners of the workshop, said the idea behind an ongoing orientation program would be to provide information in the areas of academic and student affairs.

"The point is that a lot of students who need information don't get it," Doyle said. He said that many times these are the students who leave campus.

Doyle said that there might be a problem in deciding whether such a program should be mandatory or not. If it were mandatory, it might be difficult to enforce, he said.

In terms of black student retention, Associate Professor Everett Nance said he would like to see "more sessions between students and faculty relating to black student retention." He also said that he would like to see discussion between students as well as discussions within the various academic departments.

"Hopefully, with this type of dialogue, it will make people more aware of the conditions of black students," he said.

Avakian said that time faculty members spend with students is an important factor. "We have an excellent faculty," she said. "Faculty should spend more time with students and help them overcome their perception of UMSL as a cold place." She also said that students need to make an effort to establish relationships with their instructors.

According to Doyle, the College

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undergraduate programs alone in the 1960s and '70s. Jones, also chairman of the UMSL Science Building Committee, said that since the early 1970s, four master's and two doctorate degree programs have been added.

"These programs are lab-oriented," he said. "They need more space per student than programs that don't need labs."

Jones added that in 1970, there were no graduate students in the science field at UMSL. However, he said, there are 220 graduate students today.

"The labs are crowded. Some students have opted to do their work elsewhere," Jones said.

Jones added that the new science complex would also be beneficial to the St. Louis area because UMSL is a major supplier of scientific talent to the community.

"This is a very important and tangible commitment on the

part of UMSL towards higher scientific technology for the industries in St. Louis," he said. "High technology cannot function unless it receives adequate support in terms of enforcement."

Clark Davis, project manager for Sverdrup and Parcel, said he foresees one key problem in building a new complex between two existing buildings — relocating existing utility lines. However, Davis said that this problem is "not unsolvable" and needs to be done.

Davis added that the new complex would have a "heat reclaim" system. This system, he said, would act as a "heat exchanger" and recycle heat that otherwise would escape from the building.

Michael Haggans, director of facilities, planning and development for the University of Mis-

souri system, was also present at the unveiling. He said the facility is long needed by UMSL, but that it should be flexible in the way it is designed to accommodate anticipated and unanticipated changes.

Grobman said he is "reasonably optimistic" that the bond issue will pass in the special session. He said that he has talked to some of his legislative contacts who have told him that there are enough votes for passage in the House and Senate. Grobman also pointed out that Gov. Christopher S. Bond has also indicated that he is in favor of the issue passing.

"I don't care if it (the bond issue passage) happens in the special or regular session," Grobman said, "just so long as it happens."

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Margie Newman

DISPLACED DUCK: A member of the UMSL Ducks' Steering Committee inspects a proposed site for the relocation of ducks during the construction of the new science building.

Subcommittee to meet

Kevin A. Curtin
editor

A subcommittee of the Student Activities Budget Committee meets today to discuss a possible increase in the student activities fees and direct funding for student organizations themselves.

Dan L. Wallace, associate dean of student affairs, said that the committee has been formed to investigate these possibilities and to assess the spending patterns of student organizations.

Wallace, who serves to staff

both the SABC and the new subcommittee, stressed that "no criteria for judgment" have yet been decided upon, and that the subcommittee will make recommendations to the parent SABC before the regular committee holds its next meeting Nov. 20.

"This subcommittee has been formed only to investigate new possibilities," Wallace said. "It is merely discussing that portion of the activities fee that goes to the Student Activities Budget Committee."

The regular budget committee is responsible for allocating around \$200,000 in funds to student organizations that have made formal requests to the committee.

Four student groups may receive direct funding if the subcommittee recommends such a move and the SABC approves. They are the University Program Board, the Student Association, the Current, and the University Center Advisory Board.

"It may not be limited to these four," Wallace said. "Our rationale was that each of these organizations have a large influence on the campus as a whole." Wallace emphasized that the subcommittee had no final approval over any changes in the present allocation system.

According to Wallace, approximately \$350,000 was requested

by the combined student organizations last year. Around \$200,000 was finally given out.

"There is a need for more money," Wallace said. "Organizations have shown such a need; that is why this subcommittee is investigating the possibility of raising the activities fee."

Of the 92 student organizations on the UMSL campus, 35 to 40 make budget requests to the SABC each year. Not all of the groups receive money. However, the four groups mentioned as possible recipients of direct funding consistently have the largest budget requests among student groups.

Direct funding would allow these groups to bypass the standard procedure of review by the SABC. They would receive their money based on a percentage of enrollment per semester.

Currently, a full-time UMSL student pays \$46.20 a semester in student activities fees. Of that, \$11.20 goes to the Student Activities Budget Committee. The remainder is divided among the University Center, the athletic department, and the Student Services Budget Committee.

The new subcommittee is composed of six students. They are Greg Barnes, Marc Lehmuth, Barbara Willis, Kahn Lau, Maurleen Corbett, and Susan Kramer. Wallace serves to staff the subcommittee and assist in the paperwork.

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Students debate foreign policy

Mary Murphy-Overmann
reporter

A recent student debate sponsored by UMSL Students for Action challenged the College Republicans, Libertarian Students, and UMSL Student Democrats to argue their views on U.S. foreign policy in Central America.

In six-minute opening statements, opinions were presented by representatives of the participating groups. Faculty members J. Martin Rochester of the political science department and Robert L. Allen of the economics department contributed as guest panelists.

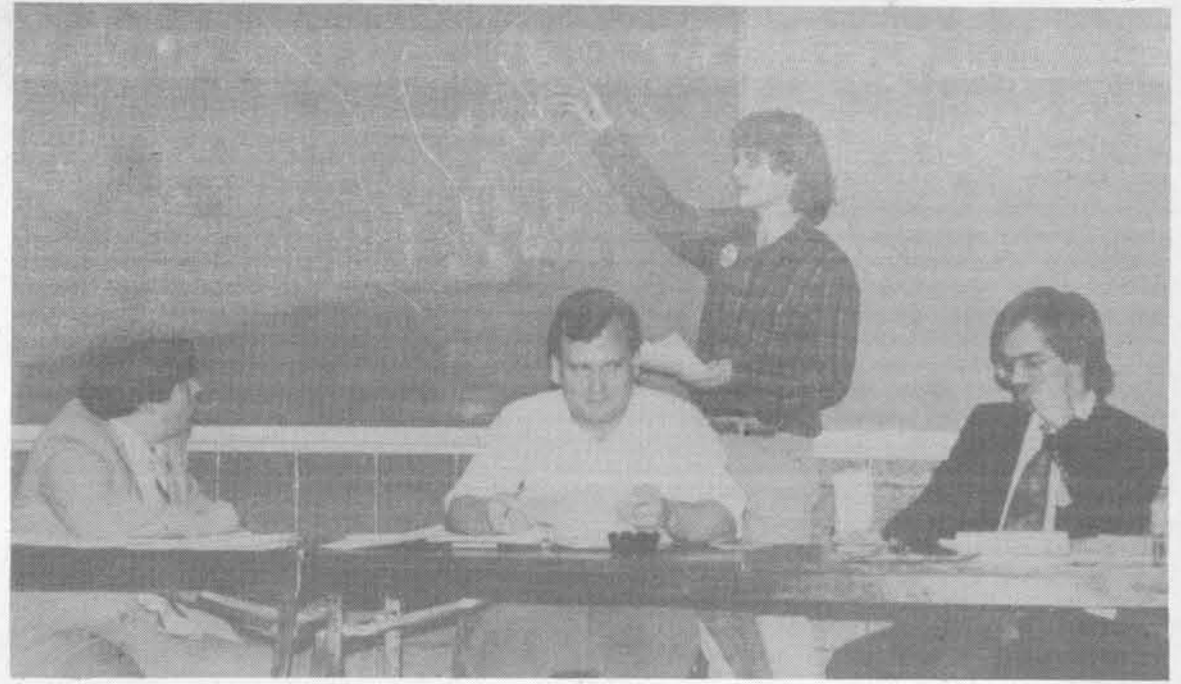
The College Republicans' representative, Joe Lamb, explained United States' import and export interests in Latin American countries and emphasized that "U.S. economic interests must be protected." Lamb cited increased Soviet activity in Central America as a threat to U.S. supply routes and supported continued economic aid in El Salvador.

Terry Inman of the Libertarian Students presented a short history of El Salvador by indicating

that in the late 19th century, land was confiscated from the native peasants of the region. Through U.S. intervention, Inman said, "We the U.S. are supporting the people who stole the land from the peasants." Inman added that U.S. aid is paid through an allocation of U.S. tax dollars. He advocated withdrawal from both El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Speaking for the UMSL Student Democrats, Tom Firasek presented the view that foreign policy should, through diplomatic means, try to guarantee rights presented in the Declaration of Independence. Firasek proposed that all military aid to El Salvador's government be eliminated. But he supported economic aid for land reform once negotiations are renewed for a democratic political process in the country. Firasek commented that El Salvador needs peace first before land reform can begin. The U.S. "cannot achieve peace by supplying arms," Firasek said.

He went on to say that the U.S. should end all aid to the rebels in Nicaragua, that trade ties should be reopened with Nicaragua, and that U.S. policy should support



Jim Pearson

MAKING HIS POINT: Terry Inman, makes a point during the student debate on Central America. Seated are (from far left) Tom Firasek, Joe Lamb and Greg Barnes.

the Contradora proposal brought forth by Mexico and other Latin American countries. Firasek explained that the proposal states if the rebels will leave El Salvador, the U.S. will leave Nicaragua.

Following their six-minute presentations, panel members were each given question and response opportunities. Some in-depth questioning revealed a conflict between College Repub-

licans' and Student Democrats' sources and dollar figures for military and economic aid in Central America.

Rochester was introduced as an expert on international affairs and was asked to comment on the debate positions. Following Rochester's close scrutiny of each position, Allen took the floor. Allen suggested that stu-

dents were no more confused or enlightened about foreign policy than the policy makers.

At the close of the debate, the audience was asked to choose a winner. In voting, the audience declared that the College Republicans had won. Only one audience member was reported to have changed his position on the issues presented.

Association

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because darkness is falling earlier now than it had been. He also suggested that signs be placed at building entrances telling students that the escort program is available.

Shultz also suggested the possibility of student escorts ticketing cars in handicapped spots and cars who are clogging traffic areas.

He said that he had been working for six weeks and had not escorted anyone yet. "We want to feel useful," Shultz said. "Right now it seems like there's not much for us to do."

Student Association President Barbara Willis said that she appreciated Shultz's recommendations, but that the assembly could not finance any expansion of the program at this time. She said though, that new signs in the buildings may be a definite possibility.

When the regular meeting commenced, Greg Barnes, the student advocate and member of the Communications committee, said that a "Town Hall" meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 22 at 12:15 p.m. Barnes has been working to collect signatures on a

petition to stop the reduction of student seats in the University Senate.

The assembly also changed a bylaw in their constitution which insures that the assembly cannot take a stand "on any non-educational issue that does not directly effect the University or the Student Association."

Another bylaw change that passed deals with student elections. If a seat is vacated by a representative, the vacancy will be filled by the candidate who most recently sought the elected seat.

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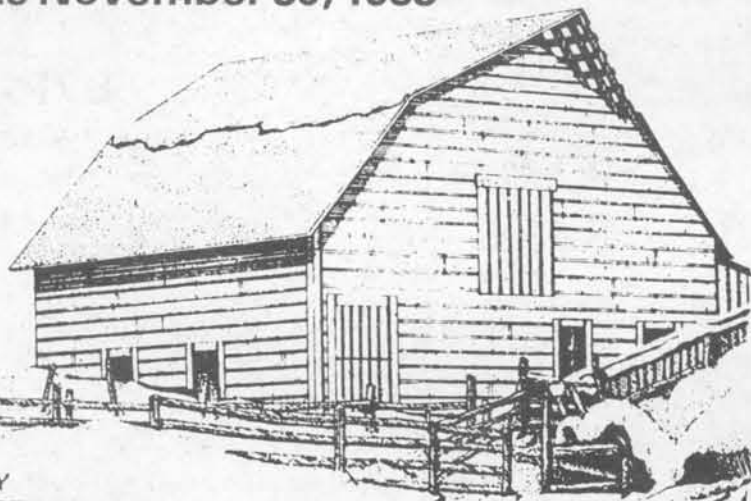
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editorials

Students should sign petition

As reported in several issues of the *Current*, there is a petition against the proposed bylaws changes in the governance of the University Senate. The petition is sponsored by the UMSL Student Association, the student government on campus.

Members of the association have been working hard to raise around 1,000 signatures to present to the University Senate before it adopts the changes. Their organization has been diligent in its methods, but it hasn't been paying off.

These concerned individuals have posted copies of the petition along with a fact sheet in all the buildings on campus. They have begun to circulate the petition in classrooms. They are stopping students in prime traffic areas asking only for signatures and student numbers necessary for verification. They have mounted a spirited campaign for only 1,000 out of over 11,000 potential signatures.

What they are fighting for is a just cause. If the proposed governance

changes go through, the students of UMSL (not surprisingly the majority of the UMSL campus population) will have their already small voice in campus affairs significantly squelched. Representation to the Senate would be greatly reduced, and student seats on important steering committees of UMSDL's future become almost nil.

We urge our readers to support the student petition against these changes. Even if you feel the need to streamline campus governance, we hope you would not desire such a drastic reduction of student representatives. If you have no opinion or regard in this matter, sign the petition anyway. You may help out a very concerned student in the future by doing so.

It only takes a few minutes to stop and sign the petition. Find a copy in your building, or look for a student wearing a special button. They can help you help the students' future at UMSL, and that is a worthy cause indeed.

Thank you

This is a note of thanks to the administrators of the University of Missouri. They have given the students that they serve some relief by arranging a prepayment plan for tuition.

Although UMSL students may not be as relieved as other students in the UM system, such a plan helps both the university and the student cope with financial crises and will relieve some of the fiscal stress of higher education.

In approving such a plan, the administration lends a great deal of trust to the UM student and also supplies faith in the credit corporation that will eventually handle prepayments. It will alleviate the problems experienced by those students

who must live on supplemental incomes or those who wait for loan checks to come through.

With this new plan, the students should accept the responsibilities of payment, and must work to maintain a good credit rating with the loan company and the university. The lower the default rate, the better are opportunities for easing the escalating costs of college. If students can show a return of this trust, perhaps the prepayment program might be expanded in the future to accommodate even part-time students.

Thank you again, UM administrators, for giving full-time students a break in paying off their investments for the future.



letters



President prods populace to sign petition

Dear Editor:

In the last few years, students have made great strides in becoming more active and more involved on campus and in campus issues. It began about the time of the Day of Concern (for those of us who have been on campus long enough to appreciate some history). It is marked by the proposal of student members of the Fiscal Resources and Long-Range Planning Committee, which, in the end, found some additional money for the library and for the Computer Center.

Students have made contributions to the campus and to the Senate and its committees. For student seats to be taken from them, just as we are learning to be involved, is one less learning experience we students will have on this campus. Faculty have pointed out to me that stu-

dents do not attend meetings. Faculty do not always attend either. This is not our job. It is extracurricular. We don't get points for service. Tenure for us does not rely on service for us.

If meeting times and dates are set for the convenience of the chairman and the faculty, then students cannot attend, as many leave campus to go to work. And we certainly will not be in attendance if our seats are taken from us now.

As president of the Student Association, I urge all students to show their concern for student involvement on our campus by signing one of the petitions. They are on bulletin boards, in the lobbies, and are being passed around.

Please be concerned — this is your campus, too!

Sincerely,
Barbara Willis
president, Student Association

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Advocates nuking nukes with a letter

Margie Newman
reporter

During the past 100 years, man has made great technological advancements. We now have the ability to communicate over airwaves, to fly in man-made planes, to travel to the moon and to send spacecraft around the solar system. We have also gained the technology to annihilate our own species — with nuclear weapons.

More than 13,000 megatons of nuclear yield exist on this planet, ready for deployment at the push of a button. This is enough firepower to obliterate every city on the earth hundreds of times over. International tensions renew worries of an inevitable third world war.

The daily papers reminds us: Afghanistan, Lebanon, Poland. The U.S. invades Grenada; will Russia and our country clash over this incident? Could it lead to nuclear war? Or will it be the next incident, or next year? These are the questions that trouble the minds of people everywhere; not just in the U.S. and Russia, but in Western Europe, Asia and all over the world.

The fate of our civilization lies precariously in the hands of those with the power to "push the button." Even if our leaders are proved sensible, sane and trustworthy, should any individuals or group of individuals have that power? Is nuclear weaponry a subject that any humans are qualified to handle? The answer

commentary

to these questions is a resounding NO.

This is the most urgent issue facing the earth today. We must confront it, or it will face us with our own destruction. Many people resign themselves to the situation, saying that nothing can be done. This is a foolish way to handle this problem. Something can and must be done — now.

World history shows that serious problems can be remedied, but there is only one way to handle nuclear weapons: The world population must demand that all nations disarm themselves of this nuclear terror.

Right now, several potential solutions are being discussed and argued, mostly by Western European and American countries. The nuclear freeze is a popular topic, but conservative political leaders are making sure it will not be agreed upon. Another proposed solution is a "build-down," which would call for several warheads to be destroyed every time a new one is manufactured. But the new warheads could be several times as powerful as the ones they replace.

We could wait a lifetime for our governments to take this problem and solve it for us. But it seems more likely that a nuclear war will come about than that our governments will find a practical solution. So it is time for the people to demand one — the unilateral disarmament of all nuclear weapons stores. This means that all countries with nuclear weapons would have to disarm themselves because the world populations demand it.

The way to start this demand is through letter writing. Write a letter to the U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and another one to Soviet President Uri Andropov. Encourage your friends to write

letters as well. One individual letter does not wield much power, but millions of letters cannot be ignored.

A letter is a formal mode of communication; it delivers a serious message in a concrete form. We can confront our political leaders with millions of concrete, written demands for nuclear disarmament if we all write letters to them. And writing two letters only takes about 30 minutes.

What should the letters say? The message should be simple. Tell of your concern for the world's future, and ask that quick action be taken to relieve the earth of this problem. Then mail the letters and feel proud that you have helped to save humanity.

But don't stop there. Tell your friends, relatives and co-workers to write letters as well. Offer to help them write letters. Show them copies of your letter and thank them for helping.

Take a stand on the nuclear weapons issue. Don't think that the people don't have the power to force a solution. This problem demands attention from everyone who cares about the future.

Fitness trail to shape up UMSL

Nancy O'Malley
assistant news editor

Are you tired of driving miles to the nearest YMCA or fed up with stuffy, crowded gyms? Relax. A new outdoors exercise and conditioning trail is here.

The long-awaited fitness trail will be available for the UMSL community by the end of next week, according to Larry Coffin, intramural coordinator. The fitness trail, which begins and ends at the entrance to the Mark Twain Building, is an exercise program composed of 20 exercise stations located about 75 to 125 yards apart.

At the beginning of the course, three introductory signs provide a map of the trail, explanations

on how to use the trail, and instructions on how to monitor heart beat. A person then walks, jogs or runs to the next station, performing the exercises as displayed at each station.

The Fit-Trail starts off with stretching exercises and progresses into more strenuous activities ending up with "cool down" exercises.

The trail, which is 1.4 miles long, is designed for everyone. Instructions are given for two levels of exercise: for those interested in getting in shape and for the serious athlete in training.

The fitness trail emphasizes coordination, strength, endurance and flexibility, said Coffin. The time estimated to complete the trail is between 30 and 45 minutes depending on one's ability and agility. The trail is also designed with five "heartbeat check stations."

Starting from the Mark Twain Building, the trail winds through the parking lots, behind Lucas Hall, up to the Thomas Jefferson Library, back toward the Blue Metal Office Building and finally back to Mark Twain.

The facility was made possible by the efforts of Gail Greenwald,

physical education instructor, and Coffin. A movement to construct a fitness trail was put into full swing last spring by a concerted effort of several student organizations, which made requests for funds from the Student Services Fee Committee. Once the committee allocated the \$9,150, it was necessary to get approval for a suitable trail. It was not until two or three weeks ago, according to Coffin, that approval was given for the final track.

After researching several companies, Coffin finally decided to go with the Fit-Trail package, from Southroad Corp. He felt it offered the best exercise course for the money.

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recognizes Fit-Trail systems as "an ideal resource form for communities and agencies dedicated to improving health and fitness of Americans."

"The fitness trail, which is nothing more than wood beams, boards and a few metal bars, is a rigorous and challenging course because of the many hills on campus. I hope everyone will take advantage of the facility," Coffin said.

Retention

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of Arts and Sciences has made the retention problem a top priority. E. Terrance Jones, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that a committee is being formed to study the problem.

The committee, according to Jones, will review information regarding retention, and based on their review, will make recommendations. Jones said the committee will be made up of six faculty members and three students. There will also be two ex-officio members. Presently, nominations to fill these positions are being received.

Avakian said that she has not studied why UMSL has a retention problem in particular. She had, however, studied other institutions similar to UMSL.

She said that "There's a whole host of reasons a student might leave campus." Lack of finances, family or work obligations, a desire to "drop out and see what's going on," and in many cases, transfer to another university are among motives she cited.

Besides the financial effects, Avakian said the poor retention of students could also affect programs. "If there were more students and they wanted more programs, there would be a better chance of getting the programs," she said.

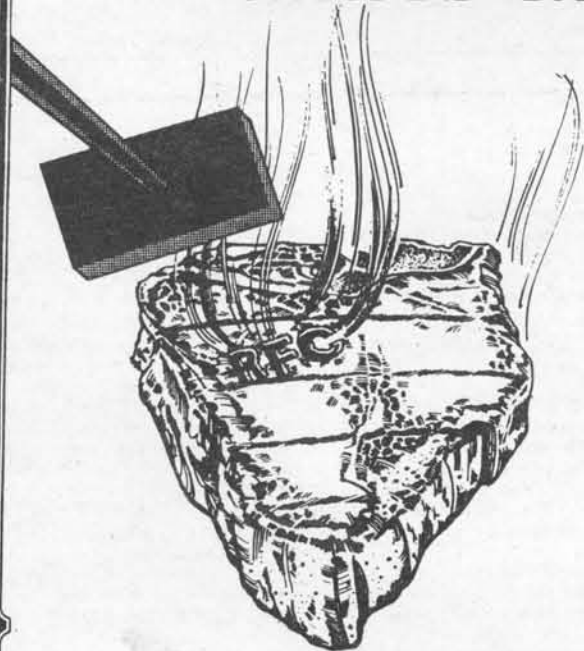
She also said it could affect the quality of life in the St. Louis area as a whole. "Since most of our students stay in the area and work in this area, if they don't get their degrees, the quality of life and the future of businesses could be hampered."

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Because of the abbreviated week, the Current will not publish an issue next week.



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Friday

● The University Program Board Film Series presents the Academy Award-winning **"Gandhi,"** starring Ben Kingsley, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 Stadler Hall. There will be no late show. Admission is \$1 for students with an UMSL ID and \$1.50 for the general public.

● Today is the last day for students to drop a class or withdraw from school.

● Joseph Elder will present **"Accounting and Computers"** at a meeting of the Accounting Club, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 413 Clark Hall.



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Saturday

● The University Program Board continues **"Gandhi"** as part of its Film Series. See Friday for information.

● **Women's basketball** vs. Culver-Stockton College at 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Gymnasium. Admission is free to students with an UMSL ID, \$1 for UMSL faculty and staff, senior citizens and children, and \$2 for non-students

and adults. For more information, call 553-5121.

● The Athletic/Physical Education Wellness Committee sponsors a free lecture on **Elderhostel** by Marilyn McGuire, from 9:45 to 11 a.m. in Room 218 Mark Twain Building. McGuire is the campus coordinator and state director of Elderhostel.

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Sunday

● The UMSL Friends of the Library Association presents **"The Book as Art and Information"** from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Summit lounge. This free program will feature numerous facets of book publication, including demonstrations of paper making, paper marbling, book designing, and binding. For more information, call 553-5053.

● KWMU (FM 91) airs **"Creative Aging"** every Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. One of this week's topics is **"Remember Thanksgiving"** with volunteers of the Retiree Staff comparing holiday experiences from childhood to retirement and previewing their plans for this year's celebration.

● Under the direction of Lazar Gosman, the **Kammergild orchestra** performs its second concert at 8 p.m. in the Saint Louis Art Museum Auditorium. Boris Bloch is the special guest pianist. Student tickets are available for \$3.50. Other tickets are \$8 for reserved seats and \$5 for open seats. For more information, call 553-5991.

● KWMU (FM 91) continues its **"Classic Holiday"** on-air membership drive. The highlight of the drive will be the performance of skits, one to 3½ minutes long, written by listeners for the station's first annual script-writing contest. The drive continues through Nov. 22.

● The Video Film Series presents **"Redd Foxx: Live in Concert"** this week on the large-screen TV located in the Video Room (adjacent to the Summit lounge). The Video Room is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

● The Peer Counselors offer **"Catch 24: Managing Your Time"** from 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 427 SSB. The workshop

● The **Ars Nova Trio** will present a free concert of music ranging from Baroque to ragtime to avant garde at 8 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. The trio consists of Rex Matzke, assistant professor of music at UMSL on saxophone, Robert Souza on trumpet, and Susan Wells-Souza on piano.

● The modern foreign languages department presents **"The Fear of Foreign Language in American Business,"** a lecture by Robert T. Genny, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 Clark Hall. Genny, director of international operations at WJ Flavors, is fluent in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and Gamel Norsk.

● The Political Science Academy Fall Film Festival Series presents **"The Road to Interdependence,"** outlining the development of U.S. foreign policy from World War II to the 1970s, and **"Europe: Two Decades,"** depicting the development of post-World War II European history from 1945 to 1965, at 1 p.m. in Room 304 SSB.

● Peter Hanggi from the Polytechnic Institute of New York will present **"Escape from Metastability: The Use and Abuse of White Noise"** at noon at Room 301 Benton Hall. The physics department sponsors the lecture.

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Monday

is designed to teach time management techniques for successfully divided time between school, work and recreation. Preregistration is required. Call 553-5711 for further information.

● The Chemistry department sponsors **"Evidence for a Silylenium Ion in Solution,"** a lecture by Dr. William J. Shulz of the Monsanto Co., at 4 p.m. in Room 120 Benton Hall.

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Tuesday

● The Peer Counselors offer a **career exploration workshop** from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 427 SSB. Anyone who wants help in deciding on a major, career or career change is welcome. Interest testing will be offered. This free workshop will be offered for three consecutive Wednesdays. Preregistration is necessary. Call 553-5711 for information.

● The physics department sponsors **"Brownian Motion of Polymers in Solution,"** a lecture by David Cowan, a physics professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 301 Benton Hall.

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Wednesday



● **Men's basketball** vs. Rockhurst College at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Gymnasium. Admission is free to students with an UMSL ID, \$1 for UMSL faculty and staff, senior citizens and children, and \$2 for non-students and adults. For more information, call 553-5121.

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Miscellaneous

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Part time employee wanted to put up posters on campus now and during 1983-84. Two to 10 hours/month, \$4.50/hr. Send name, address, phone, class year, etc. to Ms. Nistico, 152 Temple St., #701, New Haven, CT 06510.

Are thoughts of finals getting you down? There is still hope! Come to "Catch 24: Managing Your Time" and learn how to get it all together. Contact Peer Counseling, 427 SSB, or call 553-5711 before it's too late.

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Attention all students — The Associated Black Collegians are sponsoring free group tutoring for all classes. Specify whether you want to tutor or be tutored. For more information, leave your note in the Black Culture Room, 254 University Center, with your name, phone number and subject.

For rates, call Mark Yates.

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1974 Chevy Caprice wagon, good driving condition, as is, \$550, call 427-7314.

Personals

Shawn, The City (last semester) was definitely more interesting on exam days. I just wanted to tell you I'm in love with your smile. Oh yeah, "Your clothes are too casual!"

Kim E. P.S.: If you're not married or engaged, can I buy you a soda sometime?

Congratulations, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, on 61 years of service. Happy Founder's Day.
aurora karen humphrey

Myron Jenkins:
Call Jeff, 645-6531.

To M.B.: No ad? You're sad. Mazda car? Don't travel far. Cold brew? Look for you. Racquetball? I can't play at all. No Tate? Wonder if you'd still be in my fate. Like ad a lot? Took my best shot.

From, K.S.

The UMSL Sports Car Club will be having an Autocross, Sunday, Nov. 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the parking lot by the Blue Metal Office Building. Any type of vehicle may enter and everyone is welcome. For information, call 993-6156.

To the ZTA Cricket Woman: Carnations are white, Crickets are green, Life without you, Don't mean a darn theeng!
A Not Too Distant Admirer

Business Administration Majors: Have you chosen an emphasis area? If you want to know more about the Business Administration emphasis areas, attend the Business Administration Emphasis Area Seminar on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 2:00 to 3 p.m. in Room 100 Clark Hall.

Sondra, You're a great friend and a super person! Have a super B-day on the 19th. Have fun at Formal.

Christy and Jeannie

Kathy, Looking forward to our date in the West End.

Gary

Pam, Nice meeting you. Hope you get another chance to see my bedroom.
Gary

Tracy, I hope you're not still upset. If you need to talk, call me.
James

James, Meet you at Gary's party — would like to know you better.
Pam

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To the 20-year-old: I'm a man in the mold of Clark Gable, with the wit of Alan Alda and the grace of Fred Astaire! Meet me in the Summit today between 9 and 12:15 under the news sign.
Rhett

P.S.: Wear something blue.

Kevin Good: JUST HOW GOOD? I don't believe I was under contract to answer all or any replies. I'm not insincere, just busy!
Beturabastert
P.S. I've got your number, Buddy!

Organizational officer needed for OUTBACK, an UMSL outdoor adventure student organization. Responsibilities include assisting in planning of activities and equipment care and storage. Leave message in OUTBACK mailbox, second floor, University Center.

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Lab offers students writing help

Story and photos
by Margie Newman

Do your modifiers dangle? Do your subjects disagree with your verbs? Have you ever found yourself staring at a blank page in the typewriter, wondering how you'll ever get a paper written? Never fear — the UMSL Writing Lab can help you with all of these writing problems and more.

The Writing Lab, located at 409 SSB, helps students with everything from essays to research papers to master's theses. The lab's tutors work one-on-one with students who have any kind of writing problem.

"The lab really has two purposes," said Sally Fitzgerald, an English instructor who works in the Writing Lab. "It's here for students who need developmental help with writing classes and with papers for other classes, even graduate classes. But the lab is also here for students who need remedial help with basic writing skills."

Sally Jackoway, also an English instructor, started the Writing Lab in 1974. It was originally located on the third floor of Lucas Hall, in a small room just outside of the office of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"A writing lab was needed to fill several needs," Jackoway said. "Many students had taken composition classes as freshmen, and then didn't write again until they were seniors, which caused a lot of problems for them. The lab was also needed to help people returning to college after a long time who hadn't been writing for a while."

"Composition classes are very good, but some students need help beyond those classes," she said. "And the lab was needed to help students with writing papers in other classes, like political science or history."

The Writing Lab is part of the Center for Academic Development, which also includes a reading lab and a mathematics lab. In 1978, the CAD program brought all the labs together on the fourth floor of the Social Sciences and Business Building.

"The lab offers a place for students to get help at any stage of the writing process," Jackoway said. "If a student is having trouble getting a paper started, we can offer brainstorming help. We'll also help with organization, or even with the final stages of a paper."

"What we don't do is to write the paper for them," she stressed. "We are a teaching service, and our ultimate goal is to make students independent of us. If we did it for them, they would never learn to write themselves."

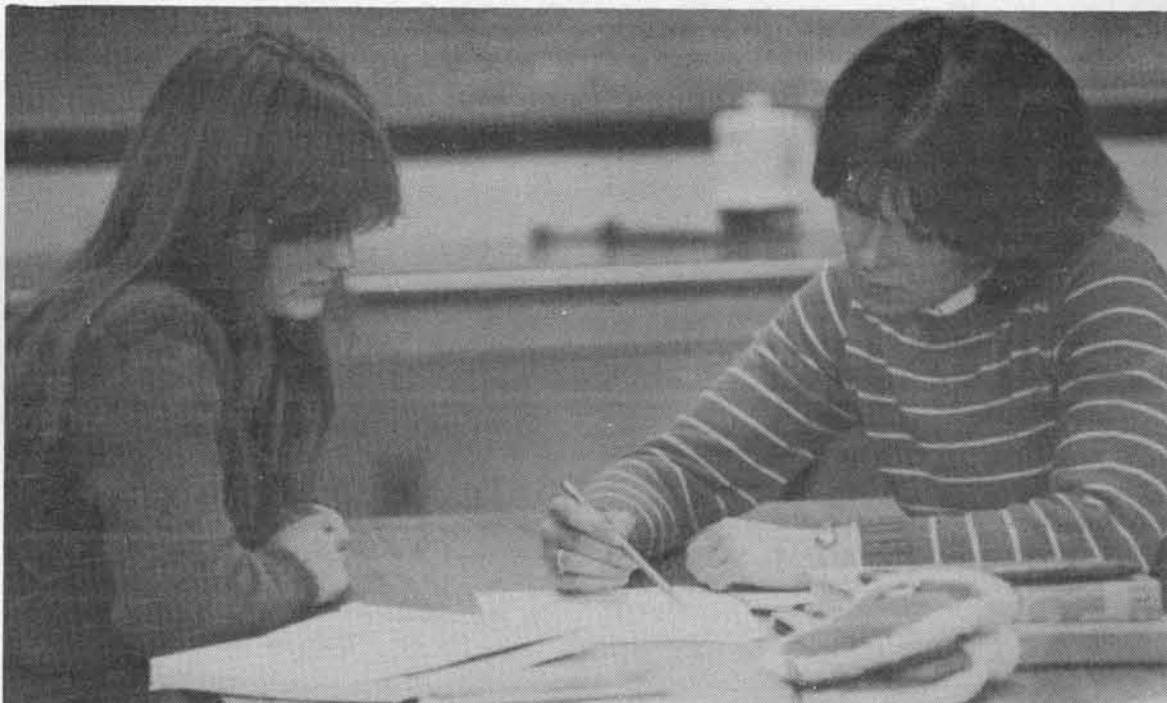
The lab staff includes Debbie Larson and Fitzgerald, both UMSL English instructors, and two student tutors. Jackoway is on leave this semester, working on programs for two new additions to the staff, two Apple IIe computers.

The computers will be used to aid students with several steps of the writing process, with programs designed for specific problem areas. Because adequate computer writing programs on the college level are not available, Jackoway is designing programs to best suit students' writing needs.

"The programs will lead students in exercises on brainstorming, writing transitions and sentence-combining. There will also be programs that students can use to take data from a class and form inferences, which is a



WILLING TO HELP: English instructors Sally Fitzgerald (left) and Debbie Larson work in the Writing Lab along with other faculty and student instructors and tutors.



HARD AT WORK: Tutor Catherine Gerwitz (right) helps senior Shirley Mudge in the Center for Academic Development's Writing Lab on the fourth floor of the Social Sciences and Business Building.

good way to start a paper," Jackoway said.

The lab will also be installing word processing facilities for tutors to use when teaching students. "Students can type several paragraphs into the terminal, and then a tutor will show them how to revise, organize and generally improve the paper," Jackoway said. "The word processing equipment will make it easier for

tutors and students to revise right there in the lab, without having to cut up or mark on a paper. Being able to watch the student write (on the terminal) will also allow the tutor to observe how a student composes, which helps in uncovering problem areas."

In addition to the Apple computers being acquired, the lab has slide/tape presentations that students can view on an individual basis, and a large collection of reference books. But according to Jackoway, the lab's most valuable asset is the one-to-one consultations it offers students.

"One big advantage of the lab is that it can tailor its services to students' needs," Jackoway said. An example of this flexibility is the lecture demonstrations that staff members give in classes. Teachers in non-writing classes often request lab staff demonstrations before essay exams or when a major paper is assigned. "Lecture demonstrations help students who are not in composi-

tion classes find out about the lab and the services it offers," Jackoway said.

"For example, if a teacher is going to give an essay exam, he or she can request that one of the staff members come and talk to the class about writing good essay answers. Teachers also ask us to explain how to write research papers, lab reports, literature reviews and other writing formats," she said.

Last semester, 231 students visited the writing lab, with an average of three visits per student. In the future, Jackoway said, the lab will be even more in demand. "Now that English 160 (Advanced Expository Writing) is a requirement, more students will be looking to the Writing Lab for help," she said.

The lab is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Evening hours are 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. Wednesday and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Anyone can learn to write well (and should)

Matthew Hall
columnist

A couple of Fridays ago, I walked into the cafeteria and greeted Harry Bash. Harry responded, "So, it turns out that you can write after all." I understood what Harry meant by this statement right away.

I said, "Well, believe it or not I owe a lot of it to you." I don't think he believed me.

I took a sociology class on social deviance from Harry during the intersession two summers ago. I wrote some pathetic garbage on his two essay exams. I would quote from them for you, but I threw them away.

Harry Bash gave me the only C that I've ever earned from a class, and it shook me up so much that I decided to get a writing certificate. This column is supposed to be on writing, and it is hereby dedicated to Harry Bash, one of the most underrated professors at UMSL.

In the aftermath of getting my first C grade, I realized that learning to write was not a one-

time experience but an ongoing experience. Just because I got an A in Advanced Expository Writing didn't mean I would be able to turn out a finely crafted essay on a Bash exam.

If we are going to become good writers — and as students it should be our goal to become good writers — we must engage ourselves in some kind of writing every week, and every class must require some kind of writing. The 10-page term paper for the sake of the 10-page term paper must be buried, for it is dead as a meaningful pedagogical technique; it promotes laziness in writing. I can crank out a good term paper in a week's time. That amounts to writing once every 15 days.

I was at a seminar on writing three years ago here at UMSL, and a writer from Iowa State University (I can't think of his name) said that writing was one of the most unnatural things in the world to do. I agree, and it is important to realize that nobody is born a writer. It's not a

natural knack that some have and others don't. It's a cop-out, clear and simple, to reject the challenge to learn how to write because there is no natural inclination to do so.



column

I read in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch last Wednesday that the dean of arts and sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia has formed a task force to design more effective writing programs and to figure out how to fund such programs. As an UMSL student, the funding part struck close to home. Is the UMSL administration serious about improving the writing of UMSL students? It doesn't appear that way.

Technically, we have a graduation requirement on the books that would, if enforced, require students to take an advanced writing course (junior level).

But this requirement has never been funded, and thus sits on a nice shelf somewhere. Of course, the administration says it doesn't have the money to add the needed classes, while advocates of the requirement contend that money has been diverted to other things instead. At any rate, I think that a university that can't fund a writing requirement for its undergraduate students should start thinking about getting out of the business of education.

But teaching students to write involves more than funding one class. For a long time, it has been assumed that the duty of teaching students to write is the sole responsibility of the English department. But I can assure you that this approach doesn't work.

The UMSL English department taught me how to write once, but I lost it in the college of arts and sciences, and subsequently, got a C in Bash's class. Read research journals in anthropology and sociology long enough and you will forget how to write an original sentence

based on an original idea in your own voice.

George Orwell wrote about the "slovenliness of our language" a long time ago in the essay titled "Politics and the English Language." That essay should be required reading for every social science major. When a writer cannot or does not use concrete images and uses fluffy prepackaged words and phrases, he or she has lost the title of writer. I know because I've been there, and unfortunately I will probably be there again some day.

This brings me to the concept of writing across the curriculum. In a program of this kind, all teachers in the university would share the duty of teaching students how to write. Of course, non-writing teachers would have to be trained in order to give students the needed corrective criticism and support.

Hmm, that sounds expensive, and I wouldn't suggest holding your breath until UMSL adopts such a program. I guess that I was just lucky that I ran into Harry Bash when I did.

Second Stray Cats album a rockabilly step back

Matt Bewig
music critic

The Stray Cats
"Rant 'n' Rave"
★½

The Stray Cats have brought back into today's pop music much of what was good about '50s rockabilly music.

That music had a driving beat, simple melodies and catchy lyrics. Above all, rockabilly was fun and danceable. The Stray Cats have preserved these qualities and re-injected them into the contemporary music scene to counter the pomposity and pretentiousness of much of '70s rock. "Rant 'n' Rave" has much that will delight the Stray Cats' fans, but the entire rockabilly revival has problems that go straight to the heart of what rock'n'roll is supposed to be.

First, it simply is not 1957 anymore. By ignoring over 20 years of rock'n'roll, the rockabilly revivalists pretend that

nothing important happened in that time. The Stray Cats, after all, are doing nothing new. None of the songs on this LP display any creativity or originality. The themes of teenage love and fast cars are unchanged from the '50s. If you really want to hear this kind of music, and there's nothing wrong with that in my book, there is no reason to listen to the Stray Cats. Just go dig out some old Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Buddy Holly or Jerry Lee Lewis records and you'll get the same essential sound, but with the original, raw content of rebelliousness.

And therein lies the more important problem. Since its birth, rock'n'roll has stood for rebellion. Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis were seen by many as immoral rebels, because the enjoy-life-now, anti-authority sensibility of their music was rebellious. It was in the 1960s, however, that middle class kids used rock'n'roll to express their social and political protests, as the rebellion of

the '50s became the revolution of the '60s. The Stray Cats ignore all that, and the rockabilly music that once was rebellious now is innocuously



music

frothy pop. The rebellious urge of rock'n'roll simply can no longer be satisfied by songs about cutting class or driving recklessly.

"Rant 'n' Rave" is basically a boring album. The songs all sound the same. They have nothing to say and don't try to hide it. This is 25-year-old music released on this year's label. The trouble is rock music has come too far to go back to its infancy and not sound juvenile. It really is true. You can't go back.

John "Cougar" Mellencamp
"Uh-huh"
★★★½

John Cougar Mellencamp's latest LP, "Uh-huh," may well be his best effort yet.

Although many dismiss Mellencamp as just another pop rock idol, I beg to differ. There is, on almost every cut on this LP, and underlying seriousness, an attempt to get at something deeper than teen-age romance and fast cars. There is rebelliousness throughout this album, but not just of the adolescent variety. In "Golden Gates," a powerful and sensitive song, Mellencamp gives voice to the frustrations of ordinary people. "In these days of uncertain futures/Who knows what the masters do/they got their big deals goin' on, goin' on/Got nothing to do with me and you."

Throughout the album, Mellencamp tries to express the feelings of powerlessness and protest, and thus taps the vein of rock music that the

Stray Cats miss — the rebellious tradition of Jerry Lee Lewis, the Rolling Stones and others.

Musically, Mellencamp is hardly innovative, yet he manages to avoid cliché. His music is hard, driving rock, but he understands something that heavy-metal morons like Def Leppard and Loverboy don't — that energy comes from musical passion and honest content — not just ear-splitting volume and laser shows.

John "Cougar" Mellencamp is no great poet-rocker ala Bob Dylan or John Lennon. The current trends and record company marketing strategies work against anyone making tough, honest rock'n'roll today, and so Mellencamp has trouble trying to be one of the few, rather than one of the many. But he does try. For that effort alone, he ought to be taken seriously. He is trying to say something about life in America today, and that's a lot more than I can say for the Stray Cats or almost any other rock entity. Here's an A for effort, John.

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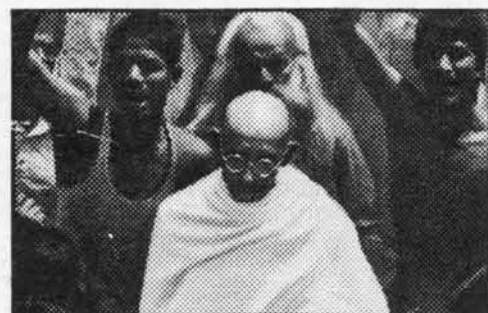
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Men down Hayward

Jim Goulden
reporter

The UMSL Rivermen successfully cleared their second hurdle in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 2 soccer playoffs. The Rivermen upended California State University-Hayward 1-0, on penalty kicks.

UMSL's first obstacle was the apparent oversight of the NCAA to originally award them a bid. Given a reprieve, the Rivermen took full advantage of the situation and moved to the finals of the Midwest-Far West regional, where they will take on the region's top seeded team, Seattle Pacific University.

Sunday's game against California State University-Hayward was played in less than favorable conditions as West Coast rains turned the field into a large puddle. The field conditions played a major role in the game as neither team could get their game plan going. UMSL coach Don Dallas was not too upset with the weather, though. "It didn't hurt us at all," he said.

The Rivermen knew, going into the game, that they would have to

stop Hayward's leading scorer, George Fernandez, the first player selected in the recent Major Indoor Soccer League draft. UMSL's John Pallett drew the tough task of marking Fernandez and played "super" according to Dallas. Fernandez was unable to take a shot during the game.

The Rivermen and Hayward battled through 90 minutes of regulation time, then two 10-minute overtime periods with neither team able to score. The two teams then moved on to penalty kicks to determine the winner.

Both teams connected on their first four shots, with UMSL's goals coming from Pallett, Lance Polette, Steve Hoover, and Mike Pieri. On UMSL's fifth shot John O'Mara put the ball past Hayward's goalie Jordy Drake, setting the stage for Hayward's fifth shooter. Tim Orchard was the final kicker, and needed a goal to keep Hayward alive. To UMSL's relief he hit the goal post to the right of UMSL goalie Greg McFetridge, who recorded his ninth shutout of the season.

McFetridge had another outstanding game in goal for the Rivermen, and, as Dallas said,

"He kept us in there with some real great saves." McFetridge kept up his stellar performance in the nets for UMSL, and is a major reason for UMSL's late season success.

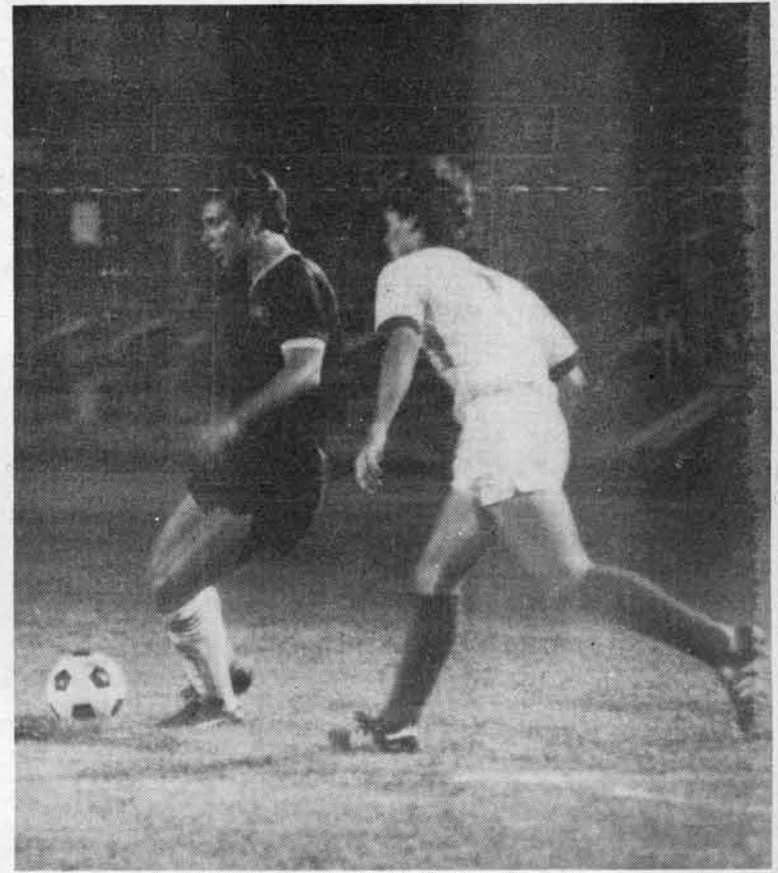
Dallas was very impressed with the way Hayward played. "They were very skilled and very improved over last year," he said. UMSL defeated Hayward last year in the first round of the tourney, 2-0.

The win was very important to the team, but Dallas doesn't think there was any extra pressure on the Rivermen. "I don't think there was any extra pressure because we were added late. Once you get in, it is up to you; you have to take it game by game," he said.

UMSL goes into the region's final on Sunday, with a 13-5 record. Again, the Rivermen will travel west, this time to Seattle to take on the fourth-ranked Seattle Pacific University team. Seattle Pacific received a first-round bye, and have been waiting for the UMSL-Hayward winner.

UMSL has a chance at winning the tourney, Dallas believes, but

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Sharon Kubatzky

GAINING CONTROL: Scott Huber and the rest of the soccer Rivermen have gained control of their destiny after early season losses and a late bid to the NCAA Division 2 men's soccer tournament.

Hockey club seeks respect, partial financing

Jim Goulden
reporter

The UMSL hockey team continues to struggle both on the ice and off. The skaters dropped a 5-2 decision to Saint Louis University, Nov. 9 at the Creve Coeur Ice Arena.

UMSL could not get untracked as SLU forced the game. SLU took the lead 1-0, only to see UMSL come back and tie it up, but that was as close as UMSL would get to the SLU skaters. SLU scored the next four goals and held off the UMSL attack until the final minute of the game.

"SLU outplayed us, they outchecked us and took the game

from us. We never got going," said UMSL goalie Mark Starr.

Jim Demos scored both of the UMSL goals in what was otherwise a very bad night for the UMSL team.

In the game against SLU the same problem that has plagued the UMSL icemen all year rose again, as the team went with only 12 skaters. "We've suffered from a lack of practice, and of not having enough people at the game," Starr said.

The problems the hockey team finds itself in, off the ice, are ones involving some kind of financial support from the university Student Activities Budget Committee. Starr, Rick Peterson (UMSL defenseman),

UMSL coach John Stewart, and their faculty adviser Everette Nance, were to go before the committee yesterday in hopes of receiving some financial aid.

Starr feels as though this is the one big stumbling block that the hockey team has run into thus far. "We need someone else to take a little responsibility because we just have too many problems supporting ourselves," Starr lamented.

Starr also mentioned that if the hockey club could get some money it would help them with ice time. "Ice time is expensive (about \$80 an hour). Some of the rinks start giving out ice time in the summer, and all we get are times no one else wants," he said.

To enter the league, UMSL paid \$1,700. This does not include practice time or uniforms, only game time and payment for the referees. UMSL policy is to charge everyone \$100 if he or she plans to play in more than half of the 17 games. If a player plays in less than half the games he is charged \$50, according to Starr.

As of now the St. Louis College Hockey League asks only that the participating teams wear matching jerseys and socks. "That

gives all the teams a break. Everyone on the team needs to have a uniform, and the socks are OK too," said Starr. If the players were asked to have matching pants, it would cost \$75 for a good pair, Starr figured.

Starr says that the team is still \$300 short of what it needs to pay the league. Plus, there is the problem of purchasing time for practice. UMSL gets one break — Peterson is able to get a discount on ice time from the Webster Groves Ice Rink.

The team is hoping that the university will buy its new uniforms, which have been ordered, and maybe its socks. "The jerseys cost about \$42, and the socks another \$10 or \$12," Starr said.

Starr's main objective is just to let the board know how much money it is costing the players to play and to make it aware that the team is not out for money, just for the heck of it.

"I can account for every penny we have spent this year," he said. "We don't expect them to pick up the whole bill. We just want someone to help us out. If they would buy the uniforms, Mr. Nance could collect them each year and then give them out the

following season," Starr added.

It has been especially difficult for the club to put out any publicity for the team, because the team has enough problems trying to afford the necessities for the games. "We're not really interested in having schedules printed for us or anything — that is all secondary, we could live without that," Starr stated. The team is just interested in a little backing that will give it the kind of help that most of the organizations on campus get.

Starr sees as the biggest problem to be asking the players to come to practice and pay \$10. "It's hardly worth it. We only get about 11 at a practice and by the time they've driven to the rink and paid for the ice, it has cost you \$10. For an hour — that is a lot of money," he said.

Starr also mentioned that by getting ice time in advance for practice, the team would be more organized. The players would know in advance when the practices would be and could make arrangements to be present that night.

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Netters fall in tournament

Kurt Jacob
reporter

The UMSL volleyball team wound up its season last weekend with an early exit from the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association post-season tournament.

The two quick losses in the tournament ended what has been a treacherous season for the Riverwomen. Youth and inexperience caused Coach Cindy Rech and her squad some problems this year and, as a result, victories were rarely easy to come by.

In the tournament, which was played at Kirksville, Mo., UMSL opened up with Northwest Missouri State University, the second seed in the tournament. Despite being ahead 9-4 in the first game, UMSL let up and allowed Northwest to come back and win 15-11. Northwest's momentum carried the team to a 15-8 win in the second game and a victory in the match.

The Riverwomen were now down to their last hope. A victory over their next opponent, Southeast Missouri State University, would keep the St. Louisans alive. But it was not to be.

SEMO came from behind in both games on Saturday to upend UMSL 15-13, 15-12.

"We were ahead again in both games," Rech said, "but we just weren't aggressive enough to put them away. We played pretty well and had the capabilities of winning at least one of those matches. That's been the story all season."

Despite the disappointing season, Rech is still pleased with the effort her team put out.

"I have to give our players credit," Rech said. "Everyone stuck it out and even though we weren't successful, everybody worked hard."

"They're a good group and they're enjoyable to work with."

The two seniors, Debbie Shores and Karen Davis, are both setters which may leave a slight void in that position. But Rech sees numbers as one of her bigger concerns.

"We just need to get some more players and have everyone we have now improve for us to start back up that ladder next year," she said. "Right now, we have a lot of young players and the makings of a fine team for the next few years."

Barb DePalma
reporter

The UMSL swim team took to the water Tuesday for its first meet of the fall semester against Washington University. The UMSL swimmers posted a 64-37 victory over Washington U., winning for the first time in two years.

The team had two double winners — John Wilson and Joe Hofer. Wilson placed first in the 200 and 500 meter freestyle while Hofer outswam his opponents to place first in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle.

"Everybody swam well," said Coach Rich Fowler. "We could have had other double winners but we just took it easy on them. I am real happy with some of the times and there were a couple of personal bests set here tonight."

Freshman Greg Merz took top

honors in the 1,000 meter freestyle with a time of 11 minutes, 18 seconds. Fowler said this was the first time Merz had ever swum in this event. "This is a good time for the 1,000 meter," Fowler added.

Bob Chitwood, a senior, placed first in his breaststroke event. However, Fowler said he was swimming Chitwood in other events besides the ones he usually participated in. Fowler said his reasoning was that he knew they didn't need Chitwood in his events and he wanted to try him in other events.

"I was very pleased on our performance," Chitwood said. "Today's win shows how hard the team's been working in practice. We are looking forward to this weekend's meet in Iowa."

Chitwood added that the UMSL swim team has two major rivals — Washington University and

Saint Louis University. He said the goals of the team are to beat these rivals and since they defeated Washington University, they are halfway there.

This semester's squad is composed of 14 swimmers — 11 men and three women. Fowler said he has enough men swimmers, but is in definite need of more women swimmers.

"The women who started last year didn't come back," Fowler said. "We are starting from scratch. We have got to have more women swimmers. However, I took this job too late to do any women's recruiting."

Fowler said he will be putting a lot of emphasis on recruiting more women swimmers. He is presently the swim coach for Mehlville High School. He said he will start recruiting there

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Inexperience plagues Larson, women cagers

Glenn Bourbon
reporter

"The attitude is better this year," assistant coach Sandy Moriarty said, after assessing the most recent edition of the Riverwomen basketball squad. And she is hoping this change in attitude, along with some hard work, will pay large dividends in the win column this year for the women cagers.

The UMSL women's basketball team opens its 1983-84 campaign Saturday against Culver-Stockton College, at home in a 7 p.m. contest. The game is billed as a tough opener for the Riverwomen after they squeaked by Culver-Stockton in last year's opener by only four points. Add to that the fact that the women are returning just three letter winners from last year's team, and just one red-shirted freshman.

Coach Mike Larson, realizing the number of young players and their lack of experience, has been, "working on their fundamentals." Two returning seniors, Deb Skerik and Kandy Cassady, are expected to provide what little experience the Riverwomen will have this season. Skerik, a 5-foot-8 guard and a tri-captain this year, is described by Larson as, "very quick, a good penetrating guard and a good outside shooter."

Last season, Skerik hit on 48 percent of her field goal attempts, 69 percent of her free throws and averaged 9.1 points per game. She also led the team in assists with 82 and contributed 40 steals. Cassady, a 5-foot-11 forward and another of the tri-captains, has been an all-around player for the Riverwomen. "She is very quick," Larson said. "She has the ability to play inside or outside and possesses a good corner shot."

Cassady hit 43 percent from the floor in 1982-83 and shot 43 percent from the line. She averaged 7.8 points per game. Larson feels Skerik and Cassady will be the backbone of this year's team. And right now, Skerik and Cassady are the only two with secure starting positions. To fill in the other three spots, Larson said, are a host of women. "There are about eight women I'm working with and they will carry the bulk of the load this year."

Two of those mentioned by Larson were Skerik and Cassady. The other six are: —Marni Schmidt, a 6-foot freshman who Larson has been very pleased with. She led her high school team, Hartley-Melvin, to a fourth-place finish in the Iowa State Tournament and averaged 27 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. —Ellie Schmink, a 5-foot-3 senior guard, is the third tri-

captain of this year's squad. Schmink is a 70 percent free throw shooter and is eighth in UMSL career scoring with 360 points. —Judy Lisch, a 5-foot-8 forward who averaged 15.3 points per game in her senior year at Belleville West High School hitting 64.9 percent from the field, and she averaged 9.7 rebounds per game.

—Dawn Schuster, a 6-foot junior center, is a transfer from East Central Junior College where she was the starting center for the past two years. —Tracy Thompson, a 5-foot-3 junior guard, is a transfer from St. Louis Community College at Forest Park where last year she averaged 15 points, 8 assists and 5 steals per game. —Gina Gregory, a 5-foot-9 sophomore, was redshirted last season due to injury. In her senior year at Montgomery High School she averaged 20.8 points a game and 10.1 rebounds.

These eight women are expected to add the speed and hustle Larson is looking for this year. Also joining this year's team are Janice Curtis, a 5-foot-7 freshman guard, Chris Mackey, a 5-foot-7 freshman guard, Paula Toczylowski, a 5-foot-10 freshman forward, Chris Bira, a 5-foot-10 freshman forward, and Maggie Komel, a 5-foot-7 junior guard. "The goal for this year's team

is to finish fourth in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and to make the playoffs," Larson said. "Even third is reasonable." With his outlook, Larson shuns the coach's preseason pick of UMSL finishing fifth. Another note on this year is that the '83 edition of the Riverwomen is the shortest in the

league, but the Riverwomen feel team speed will help overcome the handicap. Larson is aided this season by three assistant coaches, Cathy Lewis, Sandy Moriarty and Lawrence Clossum. It is Larson's hope they will help build the team, and that the students turn out to back the team this season.

Kandy Cassady
forward



Deb Skerik
guard



Larson's pick hits mark

Daniel A. Kimack
sports editor

Coach Mike Larson doesn't relish in premonitions, but when he predicted a third- or fourth-place finish for his basketball Riverwomen, he wasn't speaking alone. In early November, coaches from all seven teams in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic association — Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Northeast Missouri State University, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Lincoln University, and the University of Missouri-Rolla — pooled their thoughts on the upcoming season to foresee the future of the 1983-84 season. And what they came up with, not surprising to Larson, was a fifth-place finish. Not exactly third or fourth, but close enough. Points were awarded on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis, from a first

place pick to a last place pick. Central Missouri won over all MIAA coaches and gained 49 points as it was picked to finish first this season. Second with 37 points is Northwest, which received two second-place picks and five third-place picks. Just behind is Southeast who gained 36 points. But don't put too much stock on this one. Southeast had five second-place votes, one third-place vote, and a last place pick by an MIAA head mentor who wished to remain anonymous. Northeast (23 points), UMSL (22 points), and Lincoln (21 points) all bunched up together. UMSL was picked to finish fourth by two coaches, fifth by three others and sixth by the remaining coach. Rolla fills the bottom rung, winning only eight points. And only one vote (for sixth place) kept it from finishing with one less point.



1983-84 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Back row — Janice Curtis, Gina Gregory, Paula Toczylowski, Kandy Cassady, Marni Schmidt, Dawn Schuster, Jody Lisch, Manager Chris Andrews. Front row — Toni Baker, Ellie Schmink, Deb Skerik, Chris Mackey, Maggie Komel, Tracy Thompson.

Gina Gregory
forward



Marni Schmidt
forward



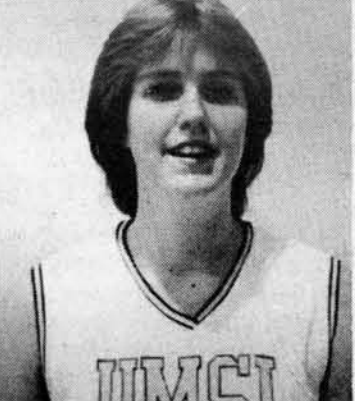
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guard



Jody Lisch
forward



Dawn Schuster
center



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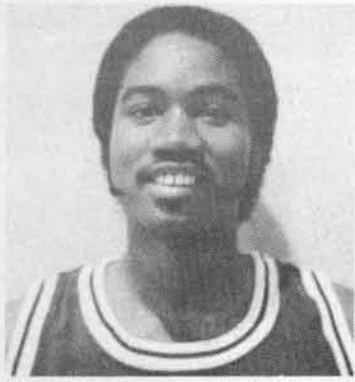


Women's 1983-84 slate

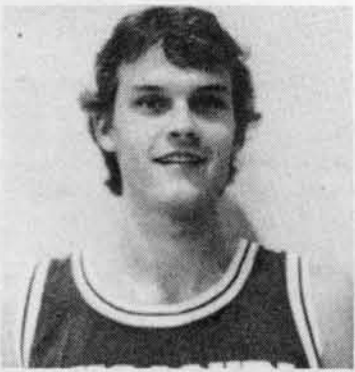
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Nov. 19	Culver-Stockton	Home	7 p.m.
Nov. 25-26	UMSL Thanksgiving Classic	Home	
Nov. 25	—East Central Junior College (Mo.) vs. Granite City Junior College		4 p.m.
	—Lincoln U vs. Southwest Mo. State U.		6 p.m.
	—UMSL vs. Indiana State U.-Evansville		8 p.m.
Nov. 26	—Indiana State U.-Evansville vs. Lincoln U.		6 p.m.
	—UMSL vs Southwest Mo. State U.		8 p.m.
Nov. 29	Southern Ill. U.-Edwardsville	Home	7 p.m.
Dec. 3	UMSL 20th Anniversary Classic —St. Francis College vs. Harris-Stowe	Home	2 p.m.
	—UMSL vs Saint Louis U.		5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	School of the Ozarks	Away	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	William Woods College	Away	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	Northeastern Ill. U.	Home	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	U. of Tampa (Fla.)	Away	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 5	Florida Southern	Away	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	Rollins College (Fla.)	Away	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	West Georgia	Away	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Southeast Missouri State U.	Away	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Central Missouri State U.	Away	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 18	U. of Missouri-Rolla	Home	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	McKendree College	Away	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Lincoln U.	Away	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Northwest Missouri State U.	Home	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Northeast Missouri State U.	Away	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Central Missouri State U.	Home	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Quincy College	Away	5 p.m.
Feb. 8	U. of Missouri-Rolla	Away	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Saint Louis U.	Away	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Lincoln U.	Home	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Northwest Missouri State U.	Away	6 p.m.
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Meckfessel questions defense, rebounding

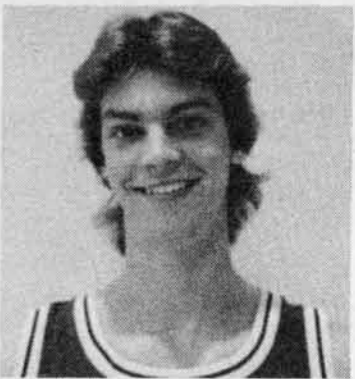
Carlos Smith
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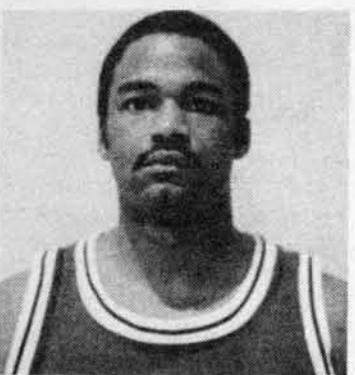
Kurt Berg
forward



Kurt Jacob
forward



Vic Jordan
guard



Daniel A. Kimack
sports editor

Maybe it's the sophomore jitters, but second-year coach Rich Meckfessel isn't overconfident with the 1983-84 version of the basketball Rivermen.

Not to say the men cagers are a poor team, but Meckfessel sees just as many weak spots as he does strong points in this year's squad.

After putting together a 15-13 season in his first year as head coach in '82-'83, Meckfessel says this year's team is stronger than the former, but he refuses to predict a banner season for UMSL basketball.

"All the players back from last year are improved," he said. "Several of them are a lot better. And the new players have lived up to our expectations, but we're not able to get a consistent effort from them.

"It's not that they're loafing or dogging it," he added. "We're just not capable of keeping our concentration long enough. Consequently, we're not as efficient as we need to be."

Meckfessel, who led the Rivermen to the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association playoffs last season, knows that this team needs to be more than just an improvement over his first team.

Not only is the MIAA predicted strong this season (six of the seven teams return three or more starters), but the overall UMSL schedule is tougher. The Rivermen will compete against four Division 1 teams — University of South Carolina, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, the University of Mississippi, and Saint Louis University.

"With the tougher schedule," Meckfessel said, "we need to be

much better than last year. We're hoping we can learn from the Division 1 schools."

Meckfessel will look to four returning starters from the '82-'83 team to bolster the handful of other returners and transfers.

Carlos Smith, a 5-foot-8 senior guard, will return as last season's leading scorer (459 points), leading assist man (82) and leading ball stealer (53). Smith is billed as a likely All-American candidate if he keeps improving, Meckfessel said.

"Smith can do it all," Meckfessel boasted. "He had a good year last season, but it wasn't an All-America year. If he improves again this year, we'll push him for the honors.

"If Smith has any weakness," Meckfessel added, "it's his size. He can score, handle the ball and play good defense."

Unfortunately for the Rivermen, Smith will be unable to answer the bell when they kick off their season this Saturday night against the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Smith reinjured a hamstring pull last week and isn't expected back until the Rivermen travel to South Carolina for a pair of games after Thanksgiving break.

Three other starters from last year will be in the starting lineup, though. Ron Porter, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, will start at one forward position, alongside of Kurt Jacob, a 6-foot-5 junior forward who saw partial time in '82-'83.

Last year's two other starters, 6-foot-6 center Kurt Berg, and 6-foot-2 forward Vic Jordan are "unsung heroes who do the dirty work," Meckfessel said.

Jordan will team up with Bob McCormack, a 6-foot guard, this season in the backcourt. McCormack will split time with 6-foot senior guard Frank Cusumano,

depending on the defense, Meckfessel said.

The starting five for the Rivermen's opener will be Porter, Jacob, Berg, Jordan and McCormack, but when Smith is healthy, he will take over for McCormack.

Porter and Berg are expected to control the boards for the Rivermen, but rebounding isn't an UMSL strong point, Meckfessel said.

"We don't have a really dominating rebounder," he said. "All five of our players will have to do the job. Rebounding is one of our two major weaknesses.

"Last year we were out-rebounded by two or three a game," Meckfessel added. "And we lost three or four games by two points because of those two or so rebounds. It's something we'll have to live with."

Meckfessel said the other weakness glaring the Rivermen this year is the defense. He said the defense wasn't too bad, but it's not as strong as last year's.

"Last year we had a better defense than offense," Meckfessel offered. "This season it's the other way around."

Jacob is expected to provide UMSL's scoring punch in the '83-'84 campaign, along with Smith and McCormack, both of whom have the needed touch from the outside, Meckfessel said.

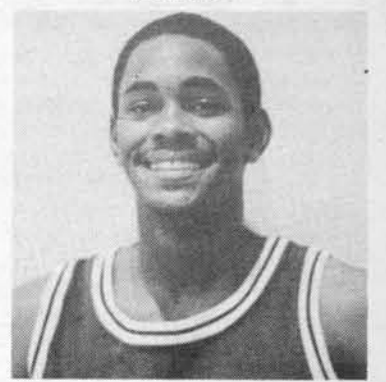
Cusumano will also work into the offensive plans of Meckfessel seeing time against man-to-man defenses, and Ted Meier, a 6-foot-7 junior forward who transferred from St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley is next in line.

"We have a good bench," Meckfessel said. "We can play eight or nine people and not get hurt."

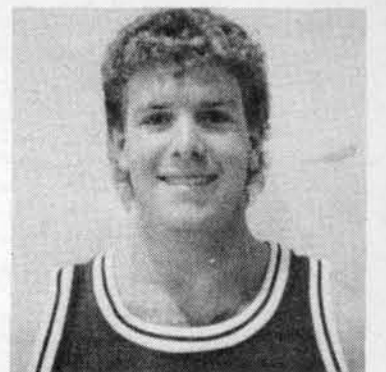
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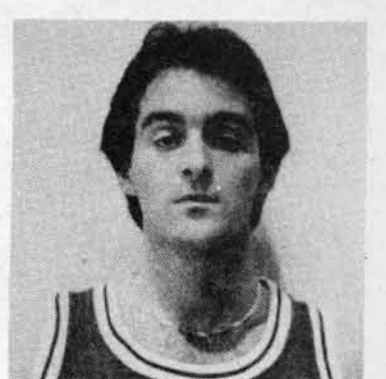
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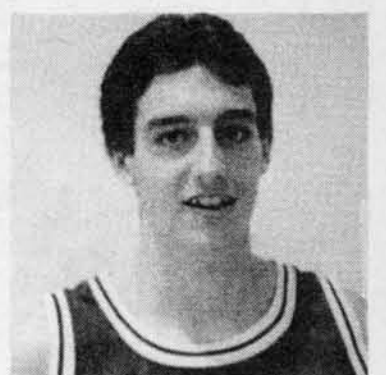
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Rivermen finish fourth in coaches poll

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sports editor

Apparently, Coach Rich Meckfessel didn't raise too many eyebrows in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association last year when he put together a 15-13 season in his first year as head mentor.

At least that was the consensus when the coaches from all seven MIAA schools met in Kansas City for the pre-season coaches' poll. Meckfessel and friends were picked to finish fourth in the seven-team race.

Meckfessel, however, isn't complaining about the predic-

tions, and envisions a finish to what the others expect.

Central Missouri State University was picked to lead the MIAA this season, gaining 46 points. Southeast Missouri State University was next in line with 42 points.

Points were awarded on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis, and Southeast bowed to Central in the voting only because one coach picked them to finish sixth in the league. All other coaches foresee Southeast as either the first or second finisher.

Northwest Missouri State University came in at third with 37 points, followed by UMSL with

25. The Rivermen received four fourth-place votes and three third-place nods.

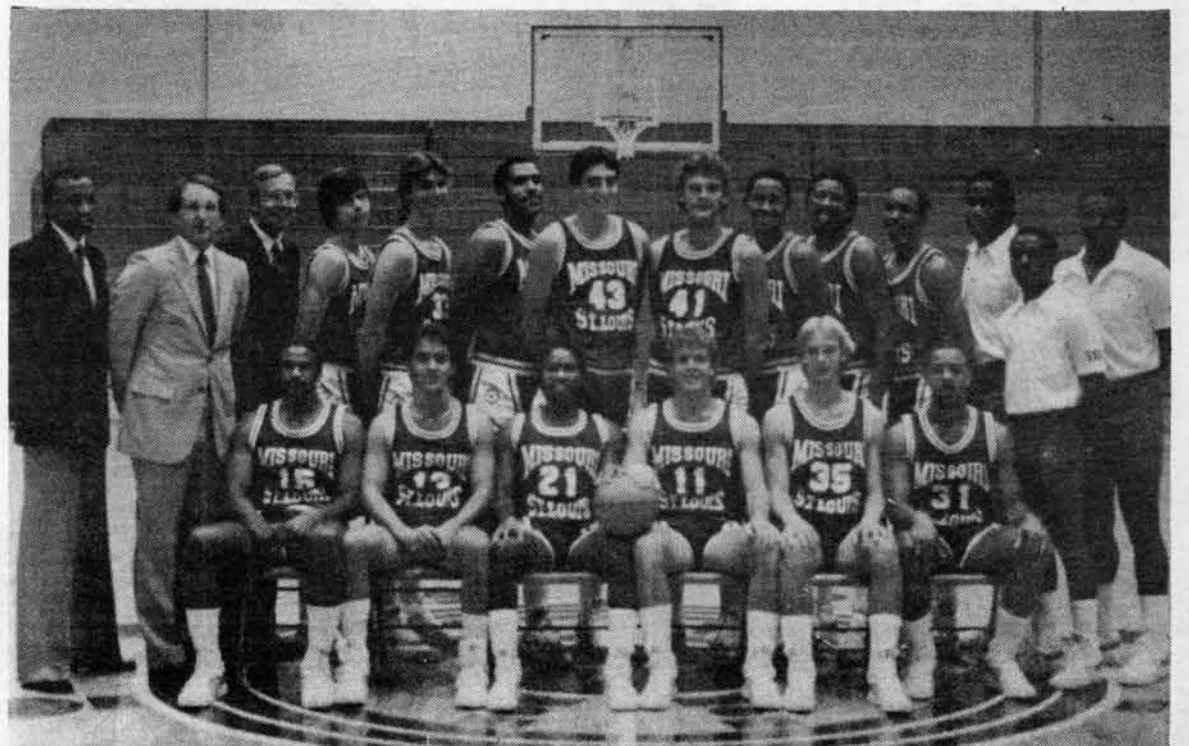
The University of Missouri-Rolla came in behind Meckfessel's squad with 22 points, and Lincoln University and Northeast vied for the cellar with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Central and Southeast each battled in the MIAA championship last year coaxing the coaches to pick them as the favorites again this season. The league, however, is supposedly at its strongest this year with most of the teams returning the bulk of their 1982-83 players.

Men's 1983-84 schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Station
Nov. 19	U. of Missouri-Kansas City	Away	WGNU
Nov. 23	Rockhurst	Home	WGNU
Nov. 29	South Carolina	Away	WGNU
Nov. 30	U. of North Carolina-Charlotte	Away	WGNU
Dec. 3	Missouri Baptist	Home	WGNU
Dec. 7	Quincy	Home	KATZ
Dec. 9-10	Missouri Southern Tournament	Away	KATZ
Dec. 21	Mississippi	Away	WGNU
Jan. 5	Lindenwood	Home	WGNU
Jan. 11	Southeast Missouri State	Away	WGNU
Jan. 14	Central Missouri State	Away	KATZ
Jan. 16	Rockhurst	Away	KATZ
Jan. 18	U. of Missouri-Rolla	Home	WGNU
Jan. 21	Washington University	Away	KATZ
Jan. 25	Lincoln	Away	WGNU
Jan. 28	Northeast Missouri State	Home	KATZ
Jan. 30	Saint Louis U.	Home	KATZ
Feb. 1	Northeast Missouri State	Away	WGNU
Feb. 4	Central Missouri State	Home	KATZ
Feb. 8	U. of Missouri-Rolla	Away	WGNU
Feb. 11	Harris-Stowe	Home	KATZ
Feb. 13	Quincy	Away	KATZ
Feb. 15	Lincoln	Home	WGNU
Feb. 18	Northwest Missouri State	Away	KATZ
Feb. 22	Northeast Missouri State	Home	WGNU
Feb. 25	Southeast Missouri State	Home	KATZ

ALL HOME GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30 p.m.



1983-84 MEN'S BASKETBALL: First row — Victor Jordan, Frank Cusumano, Carlos Smith, Bob McCormack, Jeff Zoellner, Joey King. Second row — Assistant Coach Chico Jones, Assistant Coach Jerry Zykan, Head Coach Rich Meckfessel, Dennis Ford (no longer on team), Kurt Jacob, Brad Perry, Ted Meier, Kurt Berg, Ron Porter, Joe Edwards, Clarence Ward, Student Assistant Richard Hamilton, Team Manager Martin Harris, Student Assistant Reggie Clabon.

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men's cause is 6-foot-6 junior center Brad Perry, but he has run into problem early on.

"If he'll work at it and do it," Meckfessel said, "he can help us with his size and bulk. We don't have a single 200-pounder other than Perry. But so far he hasn't been mentally consistent. He shows promise every night at practice, but we can't get the effort we're looking for."

So what Meckfessel has working against him is a weaker defense, small size in his starters, a squad that's not very quick, and five starters who don't possess great leaping ability.

"But," Meckfessel offered, "we have good speed, good shooting ability, and we play well together. I'm anxious to see what all this will equate to in wins and losses."

UMSL notes: All home games are free to UMSL students with a valid identification card. Season tickets for faculty and staff are \$20, and season tickets for non-UMSL adults are \$50. Center reserved seats are \$3 per game, with general admission at \$2. Children 12 and under pay \$1.

All UMSL basketball games will be broadcast on the radio on either WGNU or KATZ.

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because they have one of the best high school swim teams in the state.

Another area in which Fowler is looking for more help is diving. He said this semester's team is weak in spring diving. "We gave up 10 points in diving in this meet," he said. "However, that didn't matter because we were so much better than this team." But the lack of diving skill will weigh heavily on the UMSL swimmers this weekend as they go to Iowa for a relay meet. Fowler said there are two diving events in the meet that UMSL will have to forfeit.

"Relay meets are tough," he said. "It is going to be hard to bring home a first or second place. It is going to be awfully hard without divers. Our diving coach, Jim Hancock, knows what he's doing. We just need someone for him to work with."

The fall squad consists of six new men swimmers and five returnees. Three of the returnees are seniors — Mike Cole, Hofer and Chitwood. Fowler said that because these three experienced swimmers will be graduating soon, the need is present for the team to build. However, Fowler is optimistic at this point that the team will have a good season.

In order to increase interest in swimming at UMSL, Fowler said more emphasis needs to be put on the program. "We have a wonderful facility — one of the best in the area," he said. "We also have a good location to draw from."

"It's nice to go out and win the first meet easily," Fowler added. "We just outclassed this team. With this meet we have half as many wins as we had last year."

The team takes its 1-0 record to Iowa this weekend. It will also face its other swimming rival, Saint Louis University, next Wednesday.

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Starr has done his homework. He has kept the receipts for all the bills this season to prove to the board that this is a serious club and that it is willing to pay the bulk of the bills, but that help would be appreciated.

So the problems continue for the UMSL hockey club. The club's record now stands at 4-5,

and it is still having problems getting a full team at its games.

"We can still win; we just have to get it going," Starr said.

So, as the team takes off a few weeks until Nov. 30, it will try to reorganize and get back on the winning track. Team members also hope that they will receive some help from the university in defraying some of their mounting bills.

Women loosen St. Louis grip

Jeff Kuchno
sports columnist

It seems like just yesterday that the UMSL women's soccer team was easily the most dominant in the area and one of the best in the nation. But, as Coach Ken Hudson discovered, things can change in a hurry.

Not only has UMSL fallen from the nation's elite, having been blitzed by George Mason University 6-2 in a first-round game at the national tournament recently, but the women kickers are in danger of relinquishing the area's throne to up-and-coming rivals Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and the University of Missouri-Rolla.

UMSL outscored by a 15-0 margin in two previous contests before this season, took the Riverwomen into overtime twice this year before succumbing, 3-1 and 2-1. And SIU, while suffering a losing season, gave UMSL all it could handle in 2-1 and 4-1 losses this year.

At the national tournament, UMSL was simply outmatched, not to mention embarrassed. George Mason was bigger and

both newcomers were pressed into starting duty against teams that featured some of the nation's top players, even though neither Smallwood nor Guelker were ready to step in right away and start against the best.

In last year's recruiting harvest, both SIU and Rolla came away with better pickings than UMSL. SIU landed highly-touted Sue Bell and Sue Balota, while Rolla nabbed freshman standout Sue Schrum and promising forward Janet Stones.

This year, Hudson realizes he must collect a few blue-chippers in order to return his team to national prominence. Since UMSL's goal production dropped from 79 in 1982 to 47 this year, Hudson has logically decided to zero in on forwards. And there are plenty who could fill the bill, beginning with Oakville Senior High School's Laurie Aldy, a high-scoring striker who has excellent speed and is extremely quick off the mark. Other possibilities include Julie Dalton of the St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, Cheryl Vartels of Mehlville High, Kathy Guinner of Riverview Gardens Senior High School and Kathy Roche of Rosary High School. Any of the aforementioned would help.

SIU and Rolla have built-in recruiting advantages over UMSL. SIU's soccer program has received more notoriety than UMSL's, while Rolla has a top-drawer engineering school that has proven to be excellent bait for acquiring high school athletes. Plus, the coaches worked hard to recruit quality players last year.

Hudson promises better results this time around. If he doesn't follow through, UMSL will be hard-pressed to maintain the area bragging rights it has held the past few years.



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quicker than the Riverwomen, and its physical style of play gave the finesse-minded UMSL squad fits all afternoon. Teams that favor an aggressive style of play have had considerable success against UMSL in the past, and since most of the nation's top teams are "physical," the Riverwomen must eliminate their timidity if they ever expect to compete for a national title.

The bottom line, though, is UMSL has slipped a bit while others have improved tremendously. As is the case in most sports, the finger is usually pointed at the coach when things go sour. For Hudson, his Fax Paus this year occurred before the season when he failed to recruit any of the area's top players.

The unexpected loss of Sue Richert, Patty Kelley and Karen Lombardo undoubtedly hurt, but Hudson's recruiting efforts still would have been inadequate even if those three had returned. His top recruits, Mallary Smallwood and Karen Guelker, were certainly decent prospects, but they were not the best. Because of thin troops,

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he is cautious to say how good. "Every game is a real key one, and you have to play good in all of them," he said.

A victory by the Rivermen over Seattle Pacific will send them to

the Division 2 semifinals. Seattle Pacific will be one of the toughest teams that the Rivermen have faced this year.

The game starts at 3 St. Louis time, Saturday. The winner will then head to the final four.

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