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Curriculum Committee votes against language requirement

Carolyn Carter

The first vote on whether or not the foreign language requirement should be eliminated was made this month by the nine member curriculum committee of the College of Arts and Sciences. The final vote of the committee, which consists of six faculty members and three students, resulted in five in favor of eliminating the requirement; three for maintaining it; one abstained.

The abstaining vote came from Sally Jackoway of the English department. When asked why she abstained she said, "Instead of abolishing language requirements I would like to see something to replace them. I am not in favor of them

as they are, but am not in favor of abolishing them. I would like to see more options introduced to the student." The only option discussed has been a cultural alternative dealing with a specific culture or period, presented as a package of courses pertaining to a specific country. However, further discussion of a substitute has been postponed until after the final decision, to keep or abolish the requirement, has been made.

The students who voted in favor of eliminating the requirement agree with Jackoway in that a language substitute has positive possibilities, but none of the students, however, propose any definite alternatives of their own.

Steven W. Rowan, assistant professor

of history, who is chairman of the committee, likes the idea of a cultural study but refuses to exempt language as a part of the package. Rowan feels, "Language should be maintained and if anything it is too lax." Rowan is very disappointed at the outcome of the committee vote. He doesn't feel the language requirement was given a fair chance. He feels the only aim of the students on the committee was to abolish the requirement. Rowan says he will present the committee's proposal to abolish the requirement and then proceed to speak against it. Rowan does not think the college, which consists of 250 full-time faculty members, will abolish the requirement. He hopes and feels it

will be maintained. A definite date for the meeting to hear the proposal has not yet been made but it will be sometime in late March. It might be interesting to note that not a single motion of the Curriculum committee this year has been defeated.

If the committee's proposal is passed it will then go to the UMSL senate where it will take its last stand before the final decision.

The only students who will be effected by the new policy, if adopted, will be incoming freshmen starting in the fall term of '74. Those students already enrolled will have to obtain thirteen hours of a foreign language to receive a B.A. degree.



This car may not be a gas hog, but it parallels the animal in its "fondness" for mud. The driver ended up in the barren area between the parking garage and the University Center Sunday when fresh snow and ice created driving and parking difficulties.

Israeli suggests Palestinian state

Ellen Cohen

"We believed the world when they said Israel was superior, so there was an air of complacency before the October '73 war broke out," said physicist Avivi Yavin from Tel Aviv University when he spoke at UMSL on Feb. 25.

Yavin, invited by the Center for International Studies, spoke on the history of the state of Israel, the October War, the Palestinian refugees, and the political atmosphere in Israel today.

He chalked out a map of Israel, illustrating the controversial borders and landmarks, as well as the surrounding countries. A large man, Yavin stood close to the blackboard, outlining the points of his talk and some important historical dates.

Before the October War, Yavin said, "Egypt would have been willing to negotiate with Israel on two conditions; if Israel would withdraw from all occupied territories, and would restore the rights of the Palestinian refugees."

The occupied territory in question consists of the Sinai Peninsula, Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights of Syria, and the West Bank of Jordan which includes Jerusalem.

The Palestinian Arabs, of which 500,000 live in Israel, are generally dispersed among Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, and Syria. "Those who live in Israel are Israeli citizens," said Yavin, "And I think they want to be Israelis." Yavin did admit that the Palestinian refugee problem would have to be solved along with the other Middle East conflicts. He offered a suggestion of a federation between Palestine and Jordan which would include the West Bank, with strong economic ties with Israel.

Since the '67 war, it had been very quiet in Israel, Yavin said. There had been no major clashes, and the Palestinians had taken their cause to the world arena.

"We thought the Arabs wouldn't dare to attack, but they did attack," he said.

"We felt our army was the strongest and that the new frontiers supplied by the occupied territories were protective ones. We felt we were in no danger."

Politically, he explained, Israel was just sitting and waiting "until the arabs learned to live with us."

"Now we see it is wrong to just sit. You must get involved in pursuing a reasonable solution."

"We've come to a point where we, Israelis as well as Egyptians, can go no further by wars," Yavin is considered an authoritative observer of the Middle East situation.

The political system in Israel had received a shock from the October War, Yavin said. The government had been stable for 40 years, with the same party, Labor, heading all coalitions.

People are beginning to realize that the policy of waiting was not successful, and that the military did not do as well as everyone expected, he said. Why didn't the government know about the October attack, was there a breakdown in intelligence? "Israel's intelligence is its military," Yavin said, "and they did give the facts to the government. It was their assessment of the facts which was wrong."

Concerning the sensitive issue of occupied territory, Yavin described the two points of view pervading in Israel. For the hawks, the occupied territories proved themselves to be good for defense. "See how Israel proper was not touched by the war," they said.

But the doves, according to Yavin, felt that the war could have been prevented if those "far-away" borders had not been on Arab territory, adding friction to the conflict. The war could have been stopped earlier and 20,000 lives sooner.

The United States' role in the Middle East conflict was greatly appreciated, Yavin said. "I was positively surprised by the assistance the United States gave in neutralizing the Russian involvement by sending us arms. The U.S. didn't stop there, but helped both sides reach an agreement. And also the country did not knuckle under to the Arab oil embargo."

"Even Sadat's (Anwar Sadat, president of Egypt) point of view, as reported, is that the embargo will not help the Arab cause anymore, since the U.S. is not feeling threatened."

Yavin addressed the audience with Israel's dilemma in a U.S.-Russian conflict. "You ask, is America going to be dragged into this conflict between the superpowers?"

"But we, in Israel, ask is Israel going to be their new playground? We hope not."

Students' help requested by police

Walt Jaschek

The UMSL police are requesting the help of students to combat a recent increase in thefts on campus.

Police Chief James Nelson said that larcenies involving "everything from stereos to cars to purses to motorcycles" were on the rise and that he needs help from the students.

Information is what Nelson seeks most. "We'd like students to be observant of suspicious people or things, like the tampering of cars." He said that "if I had 1000 students just observing, that would be 2,000 more eyes that could cover the campus."

Nelson said he knows some students wouldn't want to get involved but argued that "all they have to do is give us a call or write us a letter."

The help, Nelson noted, would be to the advantage of "your fellow students as well as to yourself, eventually."

Purses are the most commonly stolen goods. "Unattended purses are a real problem," said Nelson. "We've got to make the girls aware that they should keep an eye on them all the time."

The reports of purse theft are numerous. "There are all types of situations like the one where a girl gets up from a table at the library for five minutes to put away a book and returns to find her purse gone."

Nelson noted that although larceny involving automobiles is

scarce, it occurs and is unavoidable. "When you have 6000 cars on a lot every day, you're just going to have some thefts."

Car pool cleared up

In another matter, Nelson wanted to point out some certain aspects of the car pool arrangement at UMSL that he felt needed clarifying.

"The letter that Chancellor Hartley sent out to students involving the car pool was good but vague in a couple of places," he said. "It is important to note that to have a recognized car pool and to have parking fees refunded, there must be three people involved."

Nelson stressed that if there were not three people, the fees would not be refunded. Also, the special parking area on the top and middle level of lot II would not be available to any but the recognized car pools. Nelson said there was confusion in this. "We get students up here wanting their parking fee back but they don't have three people."

"We hawk that area pretty closely," said Nelson, "and students whose cars are not regis-

tered in a car pool will be ticketed." The chief said he didn't want the Chancellor's letter misinterpreted and noted that the deadline for obtaining a car pool permit has been moved back to March 1.

Emergency phones successful

When asked about the seven emergency phones that were installed around the campus earlier this year, Nelson responded enthusiastically.

The emergency phones have been, according to Nelson, successful and beneficial. "There hasn't been any serious emergencies as of yet, thankfully," said the chief. "But we do get cases of stalled cars, needing cables or out of gas; this type of thing."

Nelson wanted to point out that someone does not have to speak on the phone. "If a victim is in danger and hasn't time to talk, it doesn't matter. Just by lifting the receiver we receive a signal in this office and will dispatch a car immediately."

The patrol car can reach any area of the campus in two minutes, Nelson said.

Senate candidates must register

March 1 is the deadline for students wishing to register as candidates in the election of the student members of the University Senate. Those wishing to participate must register in the Dean of Students Office, 206 Administration Building. Candidates must not be on academic probation and must have completed 12 hours of credit at UMSL.

The University Senate, according to the bi-laws, exercises "the functions of the faculty and student body." Elected student members of the Senate serve a term of one year and are elected by the student body every year.

FEATURES

Job discrimination persists

Women may not demand enough

Stephanie Siegel

Accounting is a profitable, growing field for men. For women it is not so good. In the St. Louis area in 1970, of over 10,000 accountants less than 3000 were female.

These general relations hold in other fields as well. Women who are married have even more problems in finding jobs. Marriage is considered an indication of stability for men, the opposite for women. The assumption that married women have a higher job turnover rate is an illegal one. An interviewer who emphasizes husband's job and family plans is violating the law.

Failure to hire is not the only common discriminatory practice. Failure to grant an interview, failure to promote, unequal wages, and different seniority systems, if based on race, creed, color, or sex, are illegal.

Unequal wages, as documented by the Census Bureau's Statistical Abstract of the United

States 1972, are the standard. Only 3 per cent of employed females made over \$10,000 in 1970 while 26.7 per cent of the males were in that income bracket. The lowest income group (under \$1000) comprised 27.6 per cent of the women and 10.4 per cent of the men. While 7.1 per cent of families with male heads were under the low-income level, that figure for families with female heads was 32.5 per cent.

Discrimination exists in the lowest- to the highest-paying jobs. The median income for female salesworkers was \$2279; for males, \$8321. Self-employed professional, technical, and kindred workers made around \$17,670 if male; \$2463 if female.

Perhaps one reason women are paid less is because they demand less. Drs. Margaret Henning and Anne Jardim, of Simmons College, believe that women learn as children to be subordinate and passive. Women who do not demand deserved raises and promotions are not filling

their new role in our male-dominated society.

No matter how true these theories of female psychology, the biggest obstacle to women trying to get ahead is prejudice. If you have evidence of discrimination, do not keep quiet. Contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Drug busts increase

Nancy Wilhelm

"People turn in everything from acorns to Ex-Lax," said Florissant alcohol and narcotics agent, Dave McClelland as he spoke of drugs and, more specifically, drug analysis.

"Everybody's doing it," said McClelland. "We've picked up people ranging in age from eleven years old to sixty." "Five years ago I'd be lucky if I got a nickel bag in a week or more and now, if I don't get a nickel bag a night, I'm hurting." McClelland and his partner made 232 drug arrests last year alone.

Possession of marijuana, the most common drug offense, is punishable by Missouri State Law in the following ways:

If, on your first arrest, you are found to possess 35 grams or

less of the drug, the crime is a misdemeanor. If you are found to possess over 35 grams, the crime is a felony. The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor is one year in jail, or a one thousand dollar fine, or both. A felony is punishable to a much greater degree, depending upon the circumstances.

Detective McClelland says that a great many of his arrests occur when people smoke marijuana while riding in cars. Other arrests occur because informants, including neighbors, friends and parents of the user, turn him in.

When a person is caught using drugs or in the possession of drugs at UMSL, according to Chief James J. Nelson, the campus police have the power to arrest the user, and he will be dealt with in St. Louis County Court.

Employers view UMSL favorably

Stephanie Siegel

Does it matter where you get your degree? Is an M.A. from St. Louis University worth more than an M.A. from UMSL? St. Louis employers voice an emphatic no. Eight employers interviewed think the St. Louis universities are equally excellent. All maintained that finding a job depends on experience, grades and other personal qualifications.

For areas of specialization such as art or journalism, the selection of a college is more important. UMSL's only area of real specialization is education, a fact recognized by school administrators. But last year teachers had a hard time finding employment. Only 59 per cent of those who filed with the University Placement Office were placed in jobs and 7 per cent of those were in non-teaching fields.

What really distinguishes UMSL is that it is work-oriented. Most of the students have part-time jobs and live at home. This may indicate to employers that students here are more stable, mature and better trained than those whose lives are strictly university-centered.

What really matters is your major. Liberal arts is out if you want a career. Most companies want people with majors in business, or with a particular skill or technical training. Fortunately, most UMSL graduates have these qualifications or teacher certification.

Some of the employment agencies seemed to consider UMSL of slightly lower status than Washington University or SLU. But for a ten-year old college, UMSL had done exceedingly well in this traditional city.

According to the UMSL Placement Office, the top accounting firms in the nation come here for recruits. Transfer students have indicated that UMSL is harder academically than either Washington U. or SLU, and the graduate business school is hard to get into. The reputation of a college is based on the quality of its graduates. Now that UMSL has had time to make a reputation, it is ranked with the best.

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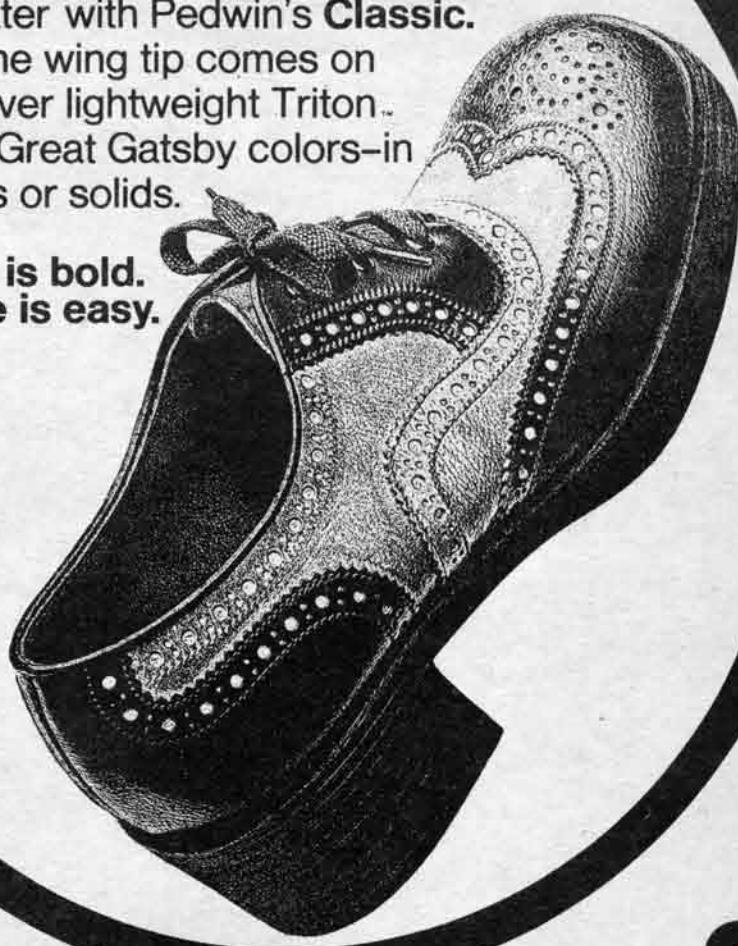
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Peace Corps, VISTA volunteers needed

Kathy Schuey

A graduating senior with a desire to serve other people might consider work in the Peace Corps or VISTA before beginning a professional career. Persons with majors or job experience in most fields are encouraged to apply. Most requests by countries for help are in technical fields, but workers qualified in health and education are also needed. A college degree or practical job experience is important since the agencies do not train personnel for the work that they will be doing.

In 1971, the volunteer agencies of the government were re-organized under an umbrella

agency called ACTION. The Peace Corps, VISTA, Foster Grandparents, and many other programs are funded through ACTION.

The location and activities of a volunteer depends very much on the type of work he is doing. Many persons with a liberal arts degree teach English as a foreign language in the Peace Corps. Persons working in education, as well as health and day care would most likely live in a large city. Those helping in technical, agricultural and veterinary projects would work in the countryside.

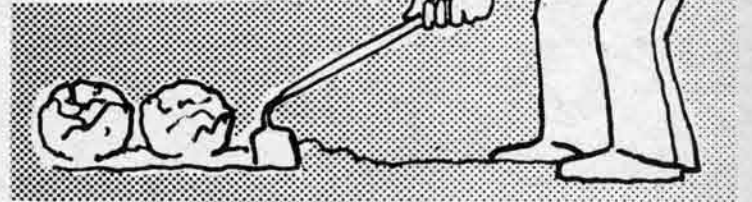
A term of service is two years in the Peace Corps and one year in VISTA. A \$75 a month

stipend is set aside for Peace Corps volunteers while in service, \$50 a month for VISTA. All medical care for volunteers are provided while they are in service. Their pay and living conditions depend on the standard of living in the area or the country that they serve, however, volunteers live comfortably in the context of the people around them. Groups of volunteers in Africa, for instance, are able to pool their money and rent mansions that were abandoned by the British as the colonies became independent.

Peace Corps serve 69 nations in Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Pacific and the Middle East. VISTA volunteers work in the

United States.

March 15 is the deadline for applying in order to get into the orientation session this summer. Later applicants will be placed in the fall orientation session. For more information, call the St. Louis Representative, Bert Rava, 721-3579, write him at 568 1/2 Delmar, or contact the UMSL Placement Office, 204 Administration Building.



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UMSL swim team at Washington University Invitational at Wash U March 1

Wrestling: NCAA Championships (Division II) at Fullerton Calif. on March 1 & 2

Basketball: Rivermen vs. SIU Edwardsville at Kiel Auditorium at 2 & 8 pm

Week-end Films

"A Separate Peace" on March 1 at 7:30 & 9:45 pm, March 2 at 8 pm in 101 Stadler Hall

Week-day Films

"Accident" at 2:40 & 8 pm on March 4, in J.C. Penney Auditorium

"Queen of Spades" at 3 & 8 pm on March 5 in J.C. Penney Auditorium

"MacBeth" at 7:30 & 10:40 am, & 2:40 & 7:30 pm in 105 Benton Hall

Lecture

Marilyn Vogt will give a lecture "Solzhenitsyn & Soviet Dissent", on Feb. 28, at 12:30 in 121 J.C. Penney Building

Music

Dance sponsored by Minority Students Coalition, at 9 pm in the Snack Bar on March 1, Admission 75 cents

Peace and Freedom party, Coffeehouse, Friday, March 1, 8:30-12:00 Live music. 126 J.C. Penney.

KWMU Student Operated Program brings you Rock, Jazz & Pop, on March 2 & 3 from 1am-6 am at 90.7 on your FM dial

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Meetings

A meeting of the Non-Sectarian Bible Club on Feb. 28, 12:15 pm in Room 155 University Center

Bakti Yoga Club will meet Feb. 28 at 7 pm, & on March 4 at 2:30 pm in Room 272 University Center

A Group Elementary Student Teaching meeting will be held on Feb. 28, at 11:20 in Room 125 J.C. Penney Building

A meeting of the Students International Meditation Society on Feb. 28 at 3 & 7 pm in Room 225 J.C. Penney Building

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UMSL cuts gas

use by 21%

The consumption of natural gas, which is used for heating at UMSL, decreased 21 per cent for the months of November and December in comparison with the same two months last year, according to the Office of Public Information. Consumption of electricity for the two-month period is down 1 per cent in comparison with last year's figures.

John Perry, UMSL business officer, attributed the substantial reduction in the use of gas to the university's energy conservation program, and he had high praise for employees of the St. Louis campus for their "splendid cooperation" with the program.

Perry said that while the reduction in the use of electricity was less than hoped for, he expected a more dramatic decrease during the next few months.

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EDITORIALS

Commentary

Day care center needed

Becky Stamps

There is an increasing demand on this campus for a Day Care Center. Child care has become a real problem for mothers who wish to continue their education but cannot afford the high cost of a full time baby sitter. Many women choose not to go to college because there is no way their children can be taken care of at a reasonable cost. Most young families don't have that kind of money. The child care problem is not only for the mothers, but for the fathers as well, so a center is badly needed by both parents. Without the constant worry of what to do if a sitter becomes ill, a center would be security for both parents.

There have been complaints that such a program couldn't be run under ten dollars a week. Statistics show that on the average, a full day only costs nine dollars and sixty two cents a week. This seems a very small

sum compared to the benefits to all those concerned.

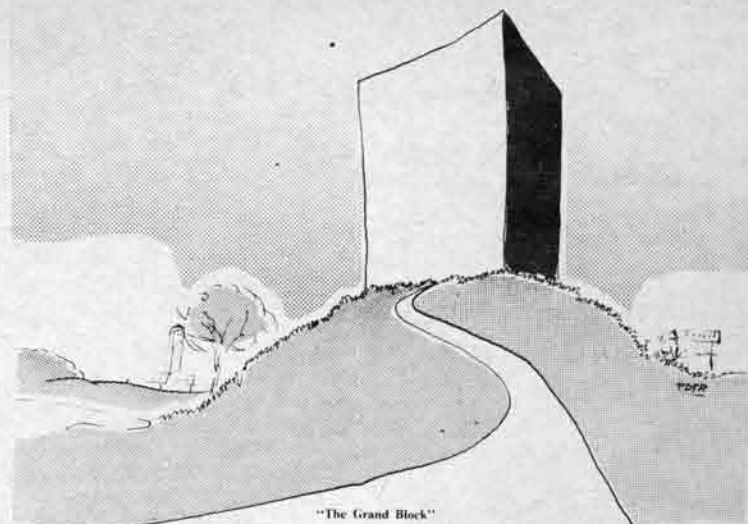
This is a large commuter campus and many of the women are mothers who have decided to return to school. I have read that the use of a Day Care Center by student parents is about five times greater on large campuses than on the smaller ones. There are several campuses in the St. Louis area smaller than this with such centers, namely, S.I.U. Edwardsville, Florissant Valley and Forest Park are among these. Forest Park has begun a morning day care center where children are cared for at twenty five cents an hour. Webster College has a self-supporting center in the summer. I don't understand why we can't follow in their steps, as it would seem we need it more than they. If we have money to build garages that will take ages to construct, why not a day care center that will be beneficial now and to all?

It has been found that the younger the student, the more

men there are in relation to women, and the older the student, the more women in relation to men. In other words, there are more older women going to college than older men. Most of these are mothers and it would be a waste if they could not go back to school because they had no one to care for their children.

If such a program is undertaken, the facilities will have to be more than adequate so there will be no necessity for long waiting lists. The cost will have to be reasonable so they can afford it. These things have to be considered for a center to be of practical value to students. Such a program should be thought through and planned very carefully for it to meet the needs of both parents and children, but it should be looked into! This is not an easy task.

The problem of child care is faced by people of all ages and there is no distinction between rich or poor. It is faced by most people at one time.



Letters to the Editor

Grand Block

Dear Editor:

Upon reading, in the issue of Feb. 7, that the masters of the University have taken it upon themselves to plan for the destruction of the present UMSL administration building, I was filled with remorse. The statements of those opposed to this course of action, as quoted in the article, were fully echoed in my own thoughts and emotions. I began at once to seek ways in which to prevent this deplorable occurrence. And yet, upon reflection, it seems to me that, indeed, the old administration building should be torn down, and a new one raised in its stead. If they consider the matter in a calm and reasonable fashion, I feel certain that my fellow students will arrive at this same conclusion.

Let us first of all, consider the functions of an administration building. Foremost in the minds of all will be the most obvious of its purposes: an administration building serves to house the various departments and personnel which are needed to maintain the vital functions of the university. It is the repository, in effect, of the heart and brains of the campus.

But, is not an administration building far more in relation to its importance to and impact upon the university? Those who attend this university, those who seek to attend, and those who have business here, whatever its nature, must, at some time, have recourse to the administration building. To visitors, an administration building is representative of the university as a whole. It is the first impression which many will carry with them forever after. Should it not, then, be a structure which may act as a summation of UMSL? A building representative of all that UMSL is, and all that it aspires to be? Obviously, the present structure is wholly unsuited to this vital task. It's stately, worn, but no less gracious elegance of style is both out of place and out of time.

With this thought in mind

then, I humbly submit for the general inspection plans, conceived and drawn up by myself, for a new administration building to be raised on the bones, as it were, of the old one, which will be the quinquessance of our campus.

I propose the raising of a massive cube—a block, cast all in one piece, of pure, inviolate concrete. It's bold, stark lines, raised some 40 - 50 feet skyward as if to meet the challenges of tomorrow, will be unmarred by any such unsightly features as doors and windows (which are but the antiquated carry-overs from the present building, which, as I have said, is wholly unsuited to its purpose.) The new building will, in fact, need no such entrances or exits, for its interior, consistent with its exterior and thus devoid of all such common hypocracies, will also be of purest, solid concrete. The gentle, graceful architecture, dear friends, must go. There is no such place upon this bastion of higher education for such outmoded relics of the past. We must raise an administration building which will be a summation of the UMSL mentality before all the world. We must raise—The Grand Block!

James A. McNeill

An art form?

Dear Editor:

I would like to urge the University bookstore to stock something they have ignored over the months. Either the store itself or the information desk should provide one of the most popular and dynamic forms of periodicals currently circulated: comic books!

Comic books are an art form, and have grown up over the years to where they now provide adult entertainment. The stories and illustrations are generally of a very high quality. All forms of fantasy, science-fiction, and drama are included.

So why isn't there any place on campus—ANY place—we can find them? St. Louis has few places where they are stocked, so maybe UMSL can increase support of the graphic arts.

Ralph Simonson

Commentary

Language alternatives, poor politics

Maggie Arbini

Lest you forgot the continuing drama of the language requirement here we are again. In our last episode, Spring '73, you will remember there was a motion before the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee to abolish the 13 hour language requirement for the Bachelor or Arts degree.

And now back to our story. On Feb. 5, 1974, it was resolved by the committee that A & S should abolish the requirement for the B.A. for all students entering for the first time in the fall of 1974 and thereafter. This resolution will go before the faculty of A & S at their March meeting. Should the faculty pass the motion, it will go on to

UMSL's senate to be voted on. If passed by the senate, it will become policy for the college.

This topic has been hashed and rehashed so often, that everyone is a little tired of the discussion. We've all heard the arguments on both sides. Those pro-abolishment contend that the teaching of a foreign language is no longer relevant (Oh that word!) Those pro-retention believe it is necessary for a complete intellectualization of the student.

However in all that has been written on the subject, no one has ever bothered to explore the alternatives. Many have either refused to take a side on the issue or voted to maintain the language requirement because they were unwilling to leave a 13

hr. void in the degree program. The committee believes it is not in their interest to present the alternatives because they feel the alternatives are not pertinent to the issue. It is bad politics, they say, to bring in the various alternatives causing a debate which may delay abolishment. But I do not believe anyone voting on the matter can make an intelligent decision either way without first seriously studying the alternative programs which are available.

Various members of the faculty have set up alternative programs and hours packages to the language requirement. Before the faculty and senate vote on abolishment or retention, I believe some of the alternatives should be presented.

More Letters

Wasting time

Dear Editor:

The Feb. 14, 1974 issue of the Current carried a letter concerning impeachment and full disclosure. May I remind the readers that impeachment by the House of Representatives is similar to the actions of a Grand Jury when it makes an indictment; and in the same respect all of the evidence need not be presented, simply enough to warrant an indictment or impeachment.

The issue then arises whether sufficient evidence is available. All one needs to do is to review the case put forth by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), Impeach: Defend the Constitution, the National Campaign to Impeach Nixon, the AFL-CIO and many newspapers and journalists (reactionary-to-radical) to see that ample reason exists to demand impeachment.

Mr. Wolff in his letter refers to the concept "innocent until proven guilty," may I remind him that the Senate is the only entity in government that can

prove him guilty. There are those of us for impeachment that feel "one year of Watergate is enough", so let us quit wasting time.

In closing, I would like to point out that Mr. Wolff acknowledges that we are calling for "the constitutional removal," we are not calling for resignation in a cloud of uncertainty, we only want to know all the facts and justice be served.

Bob Olsen, Jr.

New art center?

Dear Editor:

I sadly read the article in the last Current concerning the new administration building. Now the state plans to tear down the only building on campus with any character, and put in its place a very modern, very fashionable and very expensive new structure.

A few days ago, UMSL was criticized on the front page of the Globe-Democrat for its academic failures. I submit that \$4,200,000 spent on a new administration building will not improve this school academically

one iota.

In the same article, I read that U M K C is to receive \$6,300,000 for a new performing arts center. I find it curious that UMSL has no such center, or even the plans for one. As a matter of fact, the fine arts department here is almost working out of a suitcase. With no theatre, no art studio and not even a permanent band shell, young artists at UMSL (of which there are many) are left with few tools with which to perfect their crafts.

I submit that for much less money the present administration building could be made serviceable and convenient. (I also submit that it has been intentionally mal-maintained in order to promote a new building.)

If the powers that be want to build, build us a theatre. More than anything else, UMSL needs culture, and you don't get culture from office buildings.

Guy L. Selbert

UMSL can be proud of its beautiful man-made waterfalls, which also serve as steps in the parking garages.

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Historic St. Louis relived

Barbara Burlison

Nostalgia is a popular sentiment these days. The remembrance of a more comprehensible, less cynical way of life has become an emotional salve to an America that has lost sight of her past. The current show in Gallery 210 provides the viewer with an opportunity to search for the roots of St. Louis and the UMSL campus.

"Historic St. Louis" is drawn from the private collection of Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman. The Newmans, amateur historians themselves, have assembled engravings, lithographs and rare books from the turn-of-the-century era. The prints show the grandiose splendour of the 1904 World's Fair and the destructive drama of a midwest tornado in a way that photography

cannot capture. Maps of the levee and the pictures of river-front activity reinforce the romantic imagery of the grandeur that was St. Louis.

More important than the fanciful artistic journalism, however, the exhibit points out the need for UMSL to establish itself as part of the St. Louis community. Without becoming part of a tradition, UMSL will find itself permanently lost in the hectic directionless rush of the late 60's.

"Historic St. Louis" is the second part of three gallery shows which commemorate UMSL's tenth anniversary. The first was the "Architect's Drawings" exhibit in September and the last will be the prints of American artist George Caleb Bingham in April.

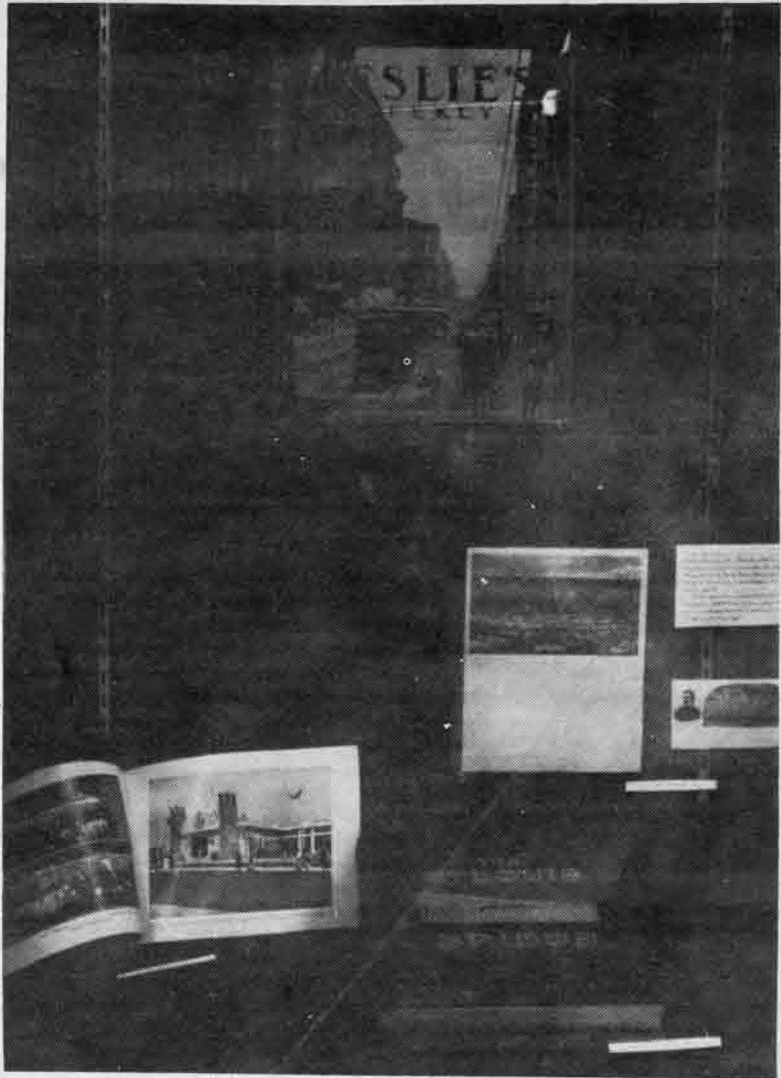
In an interview with Mrs. Jean Tucker, the gallery coordinator stressed the vitality of such

historic displays in room 210, "It is not just an art gallery, but an exhibition space for the whole campus. Shows like this should encourage other departments to share their visual material."

"Historic St. Louis" received the help and advice of Dick Miller, associate professor of history, and Ed Paytner, assistant professor of history. The total sound and sight environment of the gallery was achieved with the help of Ron Edwards who recorded the Scott Joplin piano rags.

The present exhibit goes beyond mere faddish nostalgia. It fulfills a crucial need on this young campus. The sometimes dream-like prints of old St. Louis help us gain a mental perspective on a time when there was no Metal Blue Building or Parking Lot Number 4.

"Historic St. Louis" will be open until March 13.



Newman collection on display in Room 210 Lucas Hall

photo by Mike Costello

FINE ARTS



TECHNICIANS SALVAGE 'DOLPHINS'

Gary Hoffman

It is a fairly well known fact that dolphins talk to each other. What George C. Scott tries in vain to keep secret is that he has coaxed one of the finned creatures into talking to him.

This is the premise "The Day of the Dolphin" is based upon. Naturally enough, the secret gets out, and there are a handy bunch of meanies ready and willing to misuse the poor beast. To what ends? Why, bumping off the President, of course.

It is obvious that the basic plot of "The Day of the Dolphin" leaves much to be desired. Strangely enough, if you ignore the major theme the movie comes out quite good. There is a secondary story hidden underneath the cloak-and-dagger one that is quite meaningful. It is about the relationship between man and animal, or even man and other sentient beings.

Throughout the movie the humans have much more difficulty understanding the dolphins than the dolphins have understanding humans. The humans

can't seem to accept intelligent creatures not thinking exactly like humans with human values. The dolphins, on the other hand, take humans as humans. They accept the superior intellect of man and even attribute us with more morals than we actually have. "Man is good," the leading dolphin naively remarks.

The central emotions displayed by the people were hate, suspicion and deception. The dolphins, on the other hand, are playful, loving and trusting. The dolphins are willing to do whatever the people want them to do and ask nothing in return. Obviously, the screenplay was written by a dolphin, (or at least by someone whose brother-in-law is a dolphin). Nevertheless, the typecasting is probably accurate.

The movie has an inevitable poignant ending, (and don't immediately assume Scott or the dolphin dies, endings are some-

times more complex). If nothing else, it proves that love is not a human invention.

The best acting in the movie was without a doubt that of the dolphins. Buck Henry, who wrote the screenplay, said that the dolphins were actually aware of when the film was rolling and when it wasn't. He insists that they knew who was directing, who was in charge, and even when the movie was complete. This all may seem incredible, but it's harder to be skeptical once you've seen the movie.

A lot of the secondary acting was less inspiring. Most of it was marginal and some of it was downright rotten. Small wonder, though, since all the best lines went to the dolphins. Even George C. Scott's generally excellent performing lapsed into moments of mediocrity.

They don't seem to make movies that aren't technically perfect these days. The dolphin's voice was a terrific achievement in itself. The script was a mixture of good and bad, and the acting was a mixture of bad and worse. But the technicians and the dolphins somehow managed to salvage the whole thing and turn it into a good movie.

Band Concert Sunday

Saxophonist Stanley DeRusha will be the featured soloist with the UMSL Symphonic Band in concert on Sunday, March 3. The 8 pm program opens with a suite of selections from the opera "Carmen" by Georges Bizet. "Dis Natalis" was composed by Howard Hanson for the 50th Anniversary of the Eastman School of Music. The concert will be held in the Multipurpose Building on the UMSL campus.

Gracious reception for Brass Quintet

S. Ivory Travis

Friday, February 22, 1974, the Saint Louis Brass Quintet presented a concert on the UMSL Campus in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. This concert was sponsored by the UMSL Performing Arts and Cultural Events Committee.

If you attended the Friday night performance, you probably enjoyed the program, which included brass students of UMSL, and the virtuous performance of the members of the Saint Louis Brass Quintet.

If you didn't attend this concert, then you have passed up a most exciting, musical evening—an evening that offered musical works from the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Music which included: Daniel Speer's "Three Sonatas" (from Die Bankelsangerlieder), Victor Ewald's "Symphony for Brass," Donald Erb's "Three Pieces," John Watt's "Piano for Te," Ingolf Dahl's "Music for Brass Instruments," J.S. Bach's "Contrapunctus I," and Malcolm Arnold's "Quintet."

These works vary greatly, in that some were experimenta-

tion in sound effects on brass instruments as was the "Three Pieces" by Donald Erb. Another, John Watt's "Piano for Te," used a tape recorder plus thirteen or more brass players, playing on the audience's imagination and curiosity through visual effects. Still yet, others were spirited and lyrical compositions, more readily understood by the audience. Concluding the piece was Malcolm Arnold's "Quintet" which was technically demanding of each player.

Friday night's audience was a fine one, and reflected a gracious acceptance for the music performed by the Saint Louis Brass Quintet.

Members of the Quintet were Robert Ceccarini, trumpet; Susan Slaughter, trumpet; Carl Schiebler, horn; Mel Jernigan, trombone; and John MacEnulty, tuba. Assisting on piano was Mary Mottl.

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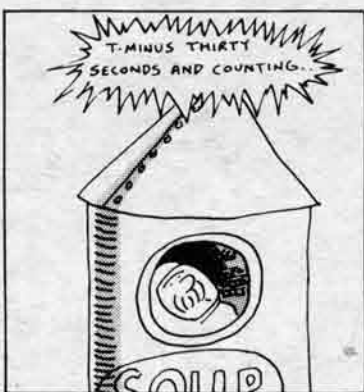
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State's Defender provides 'fair representation'

Frank Watson

A common tale of woe on the UMSL campus is to find a little pink parking ticket on the windshield of your car. Just the way to end another too-long day. The rule-breaker then has the option of paying the fine, or appealing it to the Student Court. The court will then decide whether the ticket is valid, and whether the student's rights have been violated.

"Most students don't know what courses are available to them, and what is allowable in an argument before the court," Bob Olsen, Chief Justice of the Student Court said. "The way they could know is if they're acquainted with the procedures of the court. Most students are not."

For this reason the Court has created the position of State's Attorney, also known as a Public Defender. "It became obvious after a very few court meetings that there was a need for a fair representation. Everybody should have the right to counsel."

The State's Attorney helps students before the court, giving them advice, showing them points they may have missed by themselves. The program was initiated last semester, and "was effective," Olsen said.

Started at the same time was the position of Solicitor General, or Prosecuting Attorney. His duties are to look over the various appeals before the court, and to decide which ones should be heard by full court.

Olsen said that the caseload was so great, some must be weeded out. This is one way of doing it. One estimate is that there are between 85-90 appeals waiting to be heard. The cases in which the defendant is,

obviously guilty are not heard by full court.

"This position wasn't really effective," Olsen said, "since there was no coordination between the police force and the Solicitor General. Usually there was no way to back up the tickets, to prove that a wrong had been committed."

Last semester the Solicitor General was John Greenwell, and the State's Attorney was John Homan. So far neither

position has been filled for this semester. Appointments are made by the Court. The positions are expected to be filled at the next Court meeting, the date yet to be set.

These are not official positions, Olsen explained, but were set up to expedite matters for the court. They exist outside the court.

Olsen said before the positions were set up, the judges would

argue for or against each other in a case, "not the best thing" for an "impartial" judge to be.

Besides traffic violations the court is set up to hear grievances between two student organizations, and to preside over impeachment proceedings for student government.

Olsen also pointed out that there will probably be justice positions on the court open for interested students.

CURRENT EVENTS

Women's Group meets

The UMSL Women's Group will begin having regular meetings in the Women's Center Room 107 - Benton Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 12:00 noon. The first meeting will be on March 6. Students are invited to bring their lunch and join in discussions concerning issues that affect the lives of women on the UMSL Campus.

Poll workers needed

The Central Council's Appearments and Elections Committee needs poll workers for the upcoming Central Council elections, which will be held April 4-8. Interested students should leave their names and telephone numbers in the Central Council mailbox on the second floor of the University Center, or should contact Arita Patton at the Project UNITED office in the Administration Building.

Directories still available

UMSL student directories are available at the University Cen-

ter information desk. Director-ies are free to all UMSL students who present a valid I.D.

Blood drive here

A blood drive sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega will be held on the UMSL campus March 4-5 in Room 126 J.C. Penney Building.

A table will be set up in the U Center Friday, March 1, to take pledges. A representative of APO said that they hope to get 250 pledges due to the increase of the demand for blood.

The process, he added, takes about 40 minutes and he noted that now 17-year-olds can give blood with the consent of parents.

exercise group starts

A women's exercise group is forming in the UMSL Women's Center. Leader Elaine Peer will welcome the group at the initial meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, at 12:30-1:30 in Room 107, Benton Hall.

Peer says, "anyone looking for a new figure will be welcome

Students converge for Model U.N. this week

Roy Unnerstall, a senior at UMSL, will complete his second term as Secretary-General of the Midwest Model United Nations, at the 13th annual session to be held in the Jefferson Hotel, Feb. 27 to March 2.

Over 700 college students from across the nation will be in St. Louis for the conference acting as delegates representing member countries of the U.N. The Midwest Model U.N. is one of the largest student run model United Nations in the United States.

During the four-day session, delegates will participate in simulating meetings of the Security Council, the General Assembly and other U.N. committees as they debate such topics as South African racism, international drug laws and the Middle East Crisis.

Bernard Oxman, assistant legal advisor for ocean affairs in the Office of the Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State, will be the keynote speaker in the Gold Room of the hotel, Feb. 27 at 8 pm. Oxman is author of the U.S. position paper for the Law of the Sea Conference scheduled for May.

David Burgess, senior officer to the executive director of UNICEF will address the delegate banquet in the Gold Room, March 2 at 8 pm. Burgess was born in Peking and is the former Deputy Regional Director of UNICEF for East Asia, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The public is invited to hear both speakers and observe committee meetings during the conference. Tickets for the banquet will be available at the door for \$6. Other conference events are free.

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STUDENT ELECTIONS - UNIVERSITY SENATE

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9 AM to 5 PM daily. Student candidates must not be on academic or disciplinary probation, and have completed 12 hours academic credit at UMSL.

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SPORTS

Wrestlers end at 8-8

Brian Flinchbaugh

"You're only as good as your competition," UMSL grappling coach Von Henry on the eve of the NCAA College Division wrestling championships at Fullerton, California.

"We can whip 'em," 7th Cavalry grappling coach George Armstrong Custer on the eve of the festivities at Little Bighorn.

Hopefully Henry's choice of a cliché was better than that of the General's. While he may not have to retreat, it can't be said that Henry will be left out West without horses.

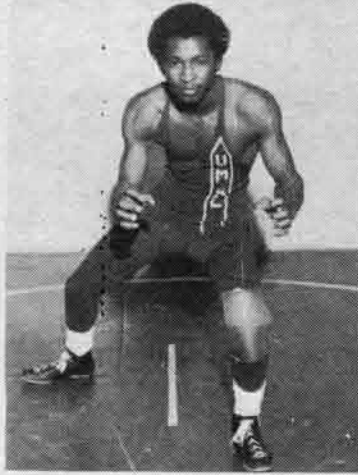
Ending their regular schedule with an 8-8 mark in dual meet competition and with a second place finish in the season finale, the Washington University Invitational, a number of wrestlers have shared in the laurels. Two or possibly three of these UMSL matmen will compete individually in the March 1st and 2nd

tourney in California.

First, and perhaps foremost, of these individuals is newcomer Greg Holmes, a former Forest Park Community College standout. Compiling a 20-0-1 record, the 118 pound Holmes is rated a strong threat. "He can go a long way in the nationals I think," Henry said.

Tom Bowden, a seasoned veteran, will also perform. "Tom is a big strong wrestler and he has a lot of maturity. This is his last year and he'll get up there and give everything he's got," Henry said. Hobbled by injuries, Mike Homfeld, a former Missouri state champion, though questionable, may also compete.

More an individual championship than a team tourney, the NCAA event is a definite Western showdown. Hopefully, the UMSL matmen will return with something more than their scalp.



wrestler Greg Holmes

Release from basketball team stemmed from 'lack of communication,' says Lewis

Former Rivermen basketball player Mike Lewis, dismissed from the squad on Jan. 21, told the Current that his release stemmed from "a lack of communication" between he and head basketball Coach Chuck Smith. Lewis, a senior this season, stated that a series of events lead to a half-time incident involving him and Coach Smith while the team was playing in Florida.

The alleged incident, according to Lewis, involved an exchange of words in the locker room between he and Smith in which Lewis objected to the coach's cursing. Smith allegedly

hurled a warm-up jacket at Lewis and Lewis responded by decking Smith with a blow to the mouth.

The Current was not able to receive either confirmation or denial of the incident from anyone associated with the team. Coach Smith had previously stated that Lewis was dropped for "personal reasons" and expressed the desire to keep the matter "in the family."

Lewis said that the breakdown in communication resulted from the coach unfairly "riding" him at practice. Lewis also stated

that shortly after the death of his mother, he was asked by Coach Dan Wall to play on the same day his mother was buried. Lewis said that Wall promised him a starting spot if he played. Lewis did play but expressed displeasure at being taken out after only playing five minutes.

Lewis, who requested that the Current not run the story until questions over his scholarship had been cleared up, stated that the matter was an individual one between him and Coach Smith and did not involve any racial prejudice.

Tankers take second in area championship

Jim Shanahan

Washington University narrowly outpointed the Rivermen to claim the first St. Louis Area Colleges Athletic Association swimming championship held at the Multi-Purpose Building last Thursday. St. Louis University finished a distant third in the three team field.

UMSL claimed the lead first with a record time 4:01.3 in the 400 yard medley relay. The team of Steve Stiffelman, Jim Wheeler, Monte Strub and Mark Kessler broke the old record of 4:04.2. Strub also broke the record in the 200 yard butterfly with a time of 2:14.6. He held the previous record of 2:18.1.

The lead changed hands seven times during the remainder of the meet. Going into the final event the Rivermen led by one point, 77-76, on the strength of first and third places in the Optional Diving by Randy Breihan and Steve Wurmb. The Bears took the final event, the 400 yard freestyle relay with a big lead held throughout the race.

UMSL looked strong in the sprints despite the loss of Bill Vordtriede, who is out with a dislocated shoulder. Coach Fred Nelson was pleased with the team's performance as everyone "really swam well." He still

contends that the loss of Vordtriede was a factor in the loss. "If Vordtriede was swimming we would have put Stiffelman in the 200 yard freestyle. That would have been the three point difference right there."

UMSL topped Westminster 65-40 in their final dual meet of the season at Westminster Saturday. The Rivermen are now 5-6 in dual meets. They will finish the season March 1 and 2 in the Washington University Invitational.



There will be a meeting for women interested in playing on the Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Team on Friday, March 1 at 12:30 in Room 103 Multipurpose.

Those interested in the Men's Intercollegiate Tennis Team contact Gene Williams in Room 225 Multipurpose. Practice begins March 1 from 3 to 4:30.

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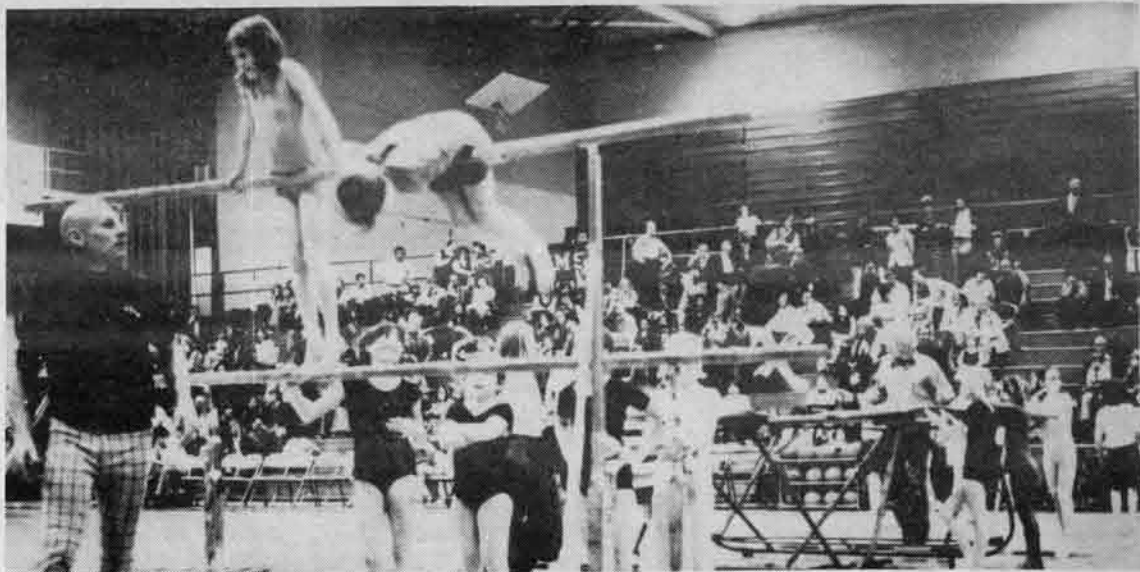
The big crowds of the championship seasons are gone from the Multi-Purpose Building, but just being home is good enough for UMSL's basketball Rivermen. "We win our games at home," remarked freshman-starter Dale Wills, "but on the road..." Yes, the away games have proved to be disastrous for the Rivermen as their road record slumped to 1-10 after dropping Friday night's contest to Milliken 128-96. Milliken was lead by their standout center, Leon Gobcynski, who scored record breaking 62 points in the contest.

But as stated before, the Rivermen home record is another matter entirely. The Cagers raised their home mark to 9-2 by defeating Louisiana College on Monday and by downing the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Saturday by the score of

84-77. The Rivermen have one game left to play here, next Thursday night against McKendree College.

UMSL's Bob Bone once again lead the way for the Rivermen, tallying 33 points, followed by Dale Wills, who collected all of his 12 points in the first half. Asked if he thought the season was turning around in favor of the Rivermen, Bone replied that he didn't think so. "We're just not playing as well as we should," he said. Bone has been a big factor in UMSL's ten victories this season as he leads the team with a 20.6 scoring average.

Saturday's game was marked by its rough action, especially on the part of the Marines John Nuhnenkanp, who looked as though he was trying to collect a few heads to go along with his team high point total of 24. Nuhnenkanp's play evoked numerous complaints to the referee



Joe Lotter instructs girls from the Youth Sports Program at Saturday nights basketball game.

Photo by Jeff Earl

from both fans and coaches.

For the Rivermen, it was Rick Schmidt who supplied the muscle as he gathered 10 points, coming off the bench in the

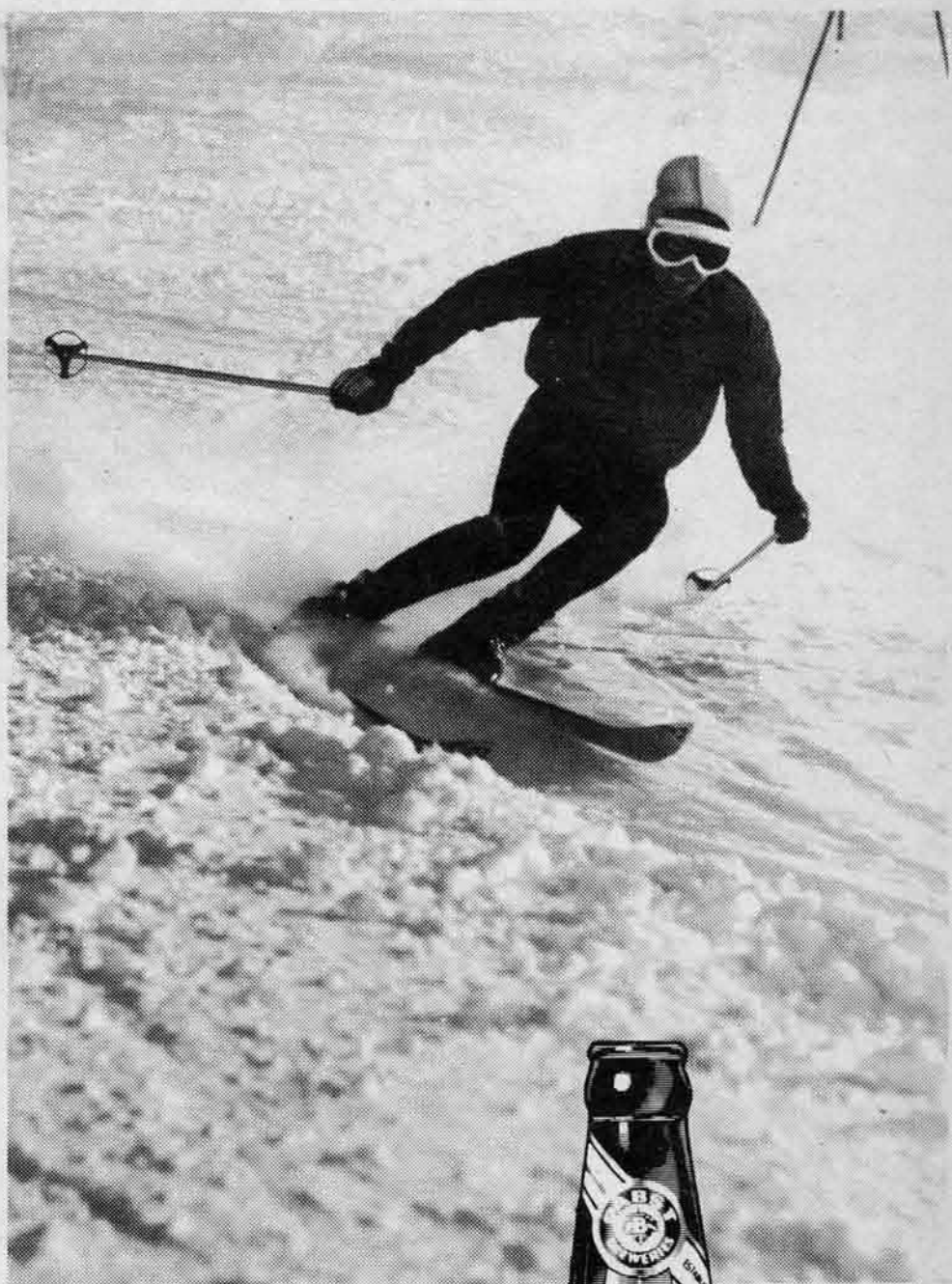
second half. Schmidt scored four of his points on tip-ins and commented that the team had practiced them but said it was mostly luck.

The Rivermen will end their 1973-74 season on Saturday night against SIU-Edwardsville. The contest is scheduled for 8 pm at Kiel Auditorium.

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