



PRELIMINARY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PLANS for a diabetes center in Columbia were one of three projects approved by the UM system Board of Curators at its meeting last week. (See projects story on back page.) The diabetes center, funded by donations to Cosmopolitan International, will be adjoining the UMC ophthalmology clinic currently under construction.

UMKC theatre director named ninth Curators' Professor

Patricia McIlrath, chairman of the theatre department and director of university theatres at UMKC, has been named a Curators' Professor by the UM system Board of Curators.

The professorship, established in 1968 to attract and retain outstanding scholars with established reputations in their professions, is the highest honor the board can bestow on a faculty member. There are currently eight Curators' Professors in the UM system. McIlrath will be the ninth, and the second UMKC faculty member to receive the honor.

A native Kansas Citian, McIlrath joined the faculty of UMKC's predecessor, the

from Northwestern University and her doctorate from Stanford University.

McIlrath, who founded the Missouri Repertory Theatre in 1965, has earned a national reputation for her pioneer work in integrating professional and academic theater. Regarded as one of the finest regional theaters in the country, Missouri Repertory Theatre is housed in the UMKC Center for the Performing Arts. Through an unusually successful training program engineered by McIlrath over the years, theater students at UMKC have the opportunity to work side by side with paid professionals. This innovation has earned McIlrath high regard within the theatrical profession nationally.

In her 19 years as producing director, McIlrath has brought Missouri Repertory Theatre from a fledgling company, offering two plays in two weeks, to what actor John Houseman has called "one of the finest regional theaters in the country," offering eight plays in 24 weeks. Houseman is one of the many distinguished actors and directors who have worked at UMKC. From the beginning, McIlrath has insisted on recruiting guest directors of national and international renown so that professional company members as well as students in training would benefit from their expertise.

McIlrath is the recipient of many local and national honors. She is listed in the World Who's Who of Women and is currently a board member of the National Theatre Conference. She recently completed a three-year term of the board of the American Theatre Association and a similar term as a member of the theater panel of the National Endowment for the Arts. She has served as vice president for the National Association of Schools of Theatre and the National Collegiate Players and as a member of the board of the University Resident Theatre Association. McIlrath has been honored by Avila College and Rockhurst College with special awards. She also holds a doctor of humane letters from William Jewell College, Park College and Grinnell College.



Patricia McIlrath

University of Kansas City, in 1954, following an eight-year stint as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois. She served as chairman of the department of speech and theatre and director of University Playhouse until 1972, at which time she became chairman of the theatre department and director of university theatres. A graduate of Grinnell College, she received her master's degree

Funds for UM buildings hinge on voters' approval June 8

UM stands to gain several new buildings and move ahead with badly needed repairs if state voters approve a \$600 million general obligation bond issue June 8.

The bonds, which passage of Constitutional Amendment No. 1 would authorize, require no tax increase. Over the next five years, the money would finance renewal for state buildings and properties, build new facilities and initiate an economic development program designed to attract new industry and jobs to Missouri.

Faced with declining state revenues over the last several years and virtual elimination of federal revenue sharing money, the General Assembly has had no choice but to turn down appropriations requests for most new buildings and limit funds for repair and renewal projects.

Backers are calling the proposed amendment the 1982 Missouri economic recovery program. They say the bond issue will create thousands of jobs for Missouri residents today and lay the groundwork for an economic renaissance to carry the state into the 21st century.

The amendment proposal sailed through the Missouri General Assembly in mid-April and Gov. Christopher Bond, a strong supporter of the proposal, set the special election date.

Responding to the economic crisis that now threatens the state's economic stability, the amendment has the backing of the state's political, civil, labor and educational leadership, including UM President James C. Olson and the UM system Board of Curators.

"The unfulfilled capital improvement needs of the University are substantial," said Olson. "The condition of our existing buildings and need for new facilities are integral parts of the educational environment."

The curators, meeting last week in Rolla, unanimously approved a resolution lending their "enthusiastic support and endorsement" to the amendment.

If voters approve the amendment, the University expects to receive about \$91 million over the five-year period, says Tom Hussey, UM assistant vice president for business services. About \$71 million would be used for new construction; the rest would pay for building preservation.

The University's share of the bond issue proceeds would begin to bring the campus physical plants to the level expected of contemporary teaching facilities. A thorough survey of all buildings in the UM system used directly for educational purposes identifies total capital improvement needs of \$261 million. Of that amount, \$171 million is needed for preservation, renovation and maintenance of existing buildings; another \$90 million for new buildings is needed.

UM would submit priorities for new construction to the General Assembly, which would determine the facilities to be built. Among new construction projects the University hopes will be funded are an agricultural engineering building at UMC, a mineral engineering building at UMR, a science building at UMSL and a multi-purpose recreation building at UMKC.

Board hears testimony, takes no action on UMC program reduction proposals

The UM system Board of Curators took no action May 7 following morning-long testimony from faculty, administrators and other supporters of UMC academic programs targeted for reduction or elimination over the next three years.

Board President William T. Doak said if the proposals had been put to a vote they would not have passed.

Board members have received hundreds of letters and phone calls since UMC Provost Ronald Bunn announced April 2 his proposed target areas in reducing the campus' program base by \$7 million. A campus review committee completed its study May 6 and is submitting a report to Bunn. News accounts indicate the committee is urging a smaller reduction but generally supports Bunn's recommendations, including the elimination of the School of Library and Information Science and the College of Public and Community Services.

UM President James C. Olson reminded board members that no recommendations

have yet reached him or the board. He acknowledged that it was understandable that curators were reacting to a tremendous amount of pressure.

"I am conscious of the need to expedite the process," Olson said at the news conference following the board meeting. Doak said he hoped the administration would have a recommendation before the board at the June 18 meeting in Kansas City.

Meanwhile, the UMKC faculty senate endorsed a resolution condemning a proposal to reallocate \$3.5 million on that campus during the next three years to improve faculty and staff salaries.

Marian Peterson, senate chairwoman who conveyed the message to the curators, said UMKC faculty are opposed to increasing salaries at the cost of academic programs. The resolution says the reallocation efforts would be "detrimental to both the mission of the university and the morale of the faculty and staff."

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Land transactions approved in Wayne County, Columbia

The UM system Board of Curators has authorized the sale of land in Wayne County and the purchase of a former residence on the Columbia campus.

The land sale involves 510 acres of the former Lottes property in southeast Missouri to Newton White of St. Louis for \$153,000. All except \$38,250 will be paid over a five-year period. In 1979, J. Otto Lottes gave 3,000 acres in Wayne County to the Columbia campus to help finance construction of a UMC health sciences library. The land is being sold in parcels.

The University also has been authorized to purchase the property at 820 Hitt St. in Columbia from Dr. and Mrs. Bredelle Jesse for \$80,000 plus a pro rata share of 1982 taxes. The Jesses will continue to live on the premises for the next three years. Jesse is the son of Richard Jesse, one of the early presidents of the University. Richard Jesse and his family moved to the Hitt St. home after his retirement in 1907.

Board authorizes borrowing to insure working capital

The UM system Board of Curators has authorized the University treasurer to borrow additional operating funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

This action is being taken to insure adequate working capital during the remainder of the fiscal year. Because of the state revenue situation, UM's receipt of 1981-82 state appropriations has fluctuated, causing a shortage of operating capital.

UM will borrow \$24 million in appropriation anticipation notes on May 26 that would mature 30 days later. The board took similar action in March by borrowing \$27 million over a 60-day period and \$4 million over a 100-day period.

The board's resolution directs the offering for sale of \$24 million in appropriation anticipation notes to the highest bidder on May 18 and sold on May 26. The notes would mature on June 29, just prior to the end of the fiscal year.

UMR again leasing motels to ease housing shortage

For the fourth straight year, the UM system Board of Curators has approved off-campus lease agreements with several motels and other private units for use as UMR student housing during the next school year.

Leases were approved for Holiday Inn, Rustic Motel, Judy's Rancho Motel, Executive Hall (third floor of Phelps County Bank) and MaC Hall. The total cost of the lease agreements is \$286,237.

The leases are needed because of UMR's severe shortage of campus housing. An addition to Thomas Jefferson Residence Hall, which is under construction and will house an additional 410 students, will not be ready for occupancy until the fall of 1983.

The leased facilities, together with housing space leased at four other locations, will provide space to accommodate 417 students in off-campus housing. The other leased locations are with Plaza Inn, Little Piney Motor Lodge, Coachhouse Inn and the Thomas Building.

All properties are being leased for nine months except MaC Hall, which is being leased for 12 months so that it may be used for freshman orientation.

Curators approve projects on UMC, UMR campuses

The UM system Board of Curators approved preliminary architectural design plans for a diabetes center in Columbia and renovation and remodeling projects for UMC and UMR at its meeting May 6-7 in Rolla.

The diabetes center will be built east of the UMC hospital and next to the new ophthalmology clinic. Total cost of the project—designed by Calcara, Duffendack, Foss and Manlove architects of Kansas City—is estimated at \$800,000.

Money for the national center, an 8,000 square foot facility for high-level patient care and basic and applied research, is being donated by Cosmopolitan International, a civic organization. So far the group has raised about \$340,000 of the needed funds. The balance will be borrowed from UMC's Medical Practice Income Plan and be repaid as the club completes its fund-raising work.

Renovation projects approved by the board were:

- Awarding a \$163,187 contract to Merle N. Smarr, Inc. of Columbia for renovation and remodeling of the Loeb Residence Hall lounge and cafeteria on the Columbia campus. Approval of the contract will permit the first major renovation of Loeb facilities since the building opened in 1958.

- Approval of a \$110,775 contract with Moval Contractors, Inc. of Union, Mo., for exterior repair of the Rolla Building, UMR's oldest facility. The work will include masonry tuckpointing of the 110-year-old structure, replacement of windows and doors and other exterior repairs.

Television station authorized to enter contract with ABC

The UM system Board of Curators has authorized the University-owned commercial TV station, KOMU-TV, to enter into a contract with the ABC-TV network to be-

come a primary affiliate. The effective date for the change could be on or about July 1.

KOMU-TV serves central Missouri on Channel 8 and has been a primary affiliate of the NBC television network since 1972.

The change to the ABC affiliation would bring the station an addition of approximately \$250,000 in annual revenue, according to station manager Tom Gray. In addition, the value of local television spots is expected to increase as well as the fair market value of the station.

KOMU-TV is unique in the broadcast industry in that it serves as a practicum laboratory in news for UMC broadcast journalism students. This function will continue unchanged, Gray said, as will KOMU-TV's other locally originated programming.

Relocation payment policy to meet extraordinary costs

A policy which recognizes the extraordinary costs incurred by new or current staff who are expected, for the benefit of UM, to relocate their principal residence has been approved by UM President James C. Olson.

The policy, which primarily affects extension staff, allows the University's general officers—the president, vice presidents and chancellors—to authorize a one-time payment of up to one-third of an individual's current salary as a relocation payment.

Funds for the payment would be provided by the unit recommending the payment. Individuals receiving the relocation payment would be required to sign a contract agreeing to a repayment schedule if the individual resigns within two years of receiving the relocation payment.

The relocation payment is separate and distinct from reimbursement of moving expenses, which will continue to be handled under existing University policies.

UMKC medical school to run cancer management center

A unique cancer center opened May 1 on the UMKC campus because Kansas Citian Richard Bloch thinks everyone should have the chance to survive cancer.

The R. A. Bloch Cancer Management Center is a non-profit center that will give patients quick access to the most up-to-date cancer-fighting resources, plus the knowledge, advice and guidance of a team of specialists.

Bloch, co-founder of the worldwide H&R Bloch tax preparation service and a recovered victim of lung cancer, says he and his wife, Annette, opened the facility so "people diagnosed as having cancer can come and be told the best way to treat their type of cancer."

The cancer center will be operated by the UMKC medical school under the direction of a board of directors comprised of one repre-

sentative from each of the 27 hospitals in the Kansas City area.

The center will depend on the one-day-a-week services of specialized physicians from the metropolitan area who will serve on treatment panels for 10 categories of cancer. The panels will provide recommendations on treatment based on detailed reviews of medical records, interviews with the patient and the referring physician and nationwide computer searches of the 2,500 proven cancer treatments and most promising experimental treatments. The center will not treat cancers, but will advise patients on where to go to get the treatment recommended.

An estimated 40 patients will be advised at the center each week. Although each patient is charged a flat fee of \$500 to defray the center's expenses, Bloch says nobody will be turned away.

"The center is a very exciting concept," says Harry Jonas, dean of the UMKC medical school and president of the center's board of directors. "It draws on the expertise of the best of Kansas City's physicians in treating cancer."

Application deadline nears for Moscow State exchange

Through the faculty exchange agreement with Moscow State University, UM will be able to send two individuals to Moscow State annually (one each semester) for lecturing and scientific research. The first exchange period will be next February through May.

Under the agreement, UM must submit the prospective participants' names and application forms several months earlier. Eugene Trani, UMKC vice chancellor for academic affairs who is coordinating the program, has asked deans and academic directors on the four UM campuses to forward applications to his office by June 1. The applications should include a complete vita, proposed research/lecture program and school endorsement.

Interested UM faculty should contact the Center for International Studies, K. Peter Etkorn, chairman of the UM International Implementation Council, will coordinate sending the UMSL applications to Trani.

Faculty on the other campuses should contact their deans or academic directors.

According to the terms of the exchange agreement, the host university pays the participant a nominal stipend and provides housing. The university sending the participant pays transportation costs to and from the host institution.

Emeritus title awarded

The UM system Board of Curators awarded the title UMR assistant professor emeritus of mathematics to George F. Luffel effective Sept. 1, 1982.

Luffel joined the UMR faculty in 1964 and was named assistant professor of mathematics in 1974.

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Jobs

The following administrative/professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of May 7. Those interested in a position should contact the appropriate department or personnel office.

UMC: asst. professors, neurology, child health (2), anatomy, accountancy, educational and counseling psychology, medicine-dermatology; asst./assoc. professors, advertising, child health; assoc. professor, medicine-nephrology; librarian II/newspaper reference librarian; post-doctoral fellow, biochemistry; dean, arts and science; clinical specialist, nursing; continuing education coordinator; student services adviser; **UMca:** computer engineer; computer programmer/analyst II (2); construction engineer;

UMC Hospital: administrative nurse I (6); asst. director, nursing; asst. manager,

pharmacy; assoc. hospital director-professional services; clinical nurse I (4); education nurse I (2); managers, cafeteria-food service, nutrition and dietetics, patient accounts, speech and hearing, financial reporting, financial planning; nurse anesthetist; nurse practitioner;

UMKC: instructors, communication studies, continuing education; sr. instructor, continuing education; instructor/asst. professor, music-trumpet; asst. professors, marketing-quantitative analysis, communication studies, psychology, education; adjunct asst. professor, administration of justice; visiting/asst. professor, sociology; asst./assoc. professors, mathematics, computer science, dental hygiene, periodontics; faculty, accounting; adjunct faculty, biology, theater; clinical faculty, dentistry; immunologist; research

assts., biology, institute for community studies; sr. research asst., institute for community studies; research assoc., family study center; chairman-assoc./full professor, oral radiology;

UMR: lecturers, psychology, engineering technology; asst. professors, philosophy, petroleum engineering; research asst. professor, physics; faculty, engineering mechanics (2), geological engineering; asst. manager, housing; reactor manager;

UMSL: asst. professors, mathematics (2), accounting, marketing, special education; instructor, asst./assoc./full professor, quantitative management; asst./assoc./full professor, accounting, management; assoc./full professor, finance; community health nursing; medical-surgical nursing; chief broadcast engineer.